

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of **FY 2020 CDBG Water System Improvements** will be received until 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at the Heard County Commissioner's Office, **201 Park Avenue, Room #200, Franklin, GA 30217**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The work shall include the installation of ± 5,540 LF of new 6" PVC water main, ± 46 new metered services, ± 7,475 LF of ¾" service tubing and all associated valves, fittings, hydrants, and other appurtenances.

Time allotted for completion of work is **150** consecutive calendar days. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are on file for public viewing at the CARTER & SLOOPE, INC Canton office and at the Heard County Commissioner's Office, 201 Park Avenue, Room #200, Franklin, GA 30217, Copies **MUST** be obtained from CARTER & SLOOPE, INC., 115 Woodland Way, Suite 120, Canton, GA 30115, Phone: (770) 479-8782, Fax: (770) 479-1884, upon payment of \$250.00 for each set (non-refundable). **A Bidder's Proposal will not be considered by the Owner unless the Bidder is on record with Carter & Sloope, Inc. as having purchased and received complete Bidding Documents.**

1.4 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held.

1.5 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a "Utility Contractor" and must employ a "Utility Manager" certification holder who will have oversight on all the work. **Therefore, the Contractor submitting a bid must list the license number of the Contractor performing the utility contracting on the face of the bid envelope and on the bid form and provide proof of a valid license with the bid. No bid will be opened unless it contains the**

Contractor's Utility License Number on the envelope. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.6 PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Prequalification may be required of Bidders prior to the award of contract. At the Owner's request, detailed written evidence such as financial data, bonding capacity, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data as may be necessary to assist Owner in determining Contractor's qualifications shall be provided per the Instructions to Bidders contained in the contract documents.

1.7 BONDS

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.8 FUNDING

Any Contract awarded under this Advertisement will be primarily funded by a grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

1.9 SECTION 3 COVERED CONTRACT

This is a Section 3 Covered Project under the HUD Act of 1968 and Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. The County is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age.

All Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to insure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4, as applicable to the area of the project. Bidders must also comply with OCGA-13-10-91, and utilize the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify.

1.10 WAGE RATES

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements regarding as to conditions of employment to be observed and wage rates to be paid under the contract documents on

this project must be paid as per the WAGE RATES in the CDBG Contract Clauses included in the Contract Documents on this project, and that the contractor, subcontractor must also comply with all Federal, State, and local requirements. Minority and female owned firms are encouraged to participate in this Federally-funded project. Procurement will be in compliance with the Common Rule, 24 CFR 84.36. Potential respondents are particularly called to the requirements of Title VI; of Civil Rights Act of 1964 and CFR 570.602; and Executive Order 11246-Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to greatest extent feasible, be directed to Section 3 residents and businesses in the area especially low- and very-low income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. Neither the United States nor any of the departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party of any contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid.

1.11 PERMITS

All anticipated federal, state, or local permits required for the project have been obtained or will be obtained prior to the start of construction.

1.12 RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS

All anticipated rights of way and easements required for the project have been obtained.

1.13 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner. Owner reserves the right to waive informalities, and to re-advertise.

HEARD COUNTY

Represented By: Lee Boone, Chairman
Heard County Board of Commissioners

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