

## 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 **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021**, at the Chattooga County Commissioner's Office, 10102 Commerce Street Summerville, GA 30747 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 No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.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

Under this project, the Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment and materials necessary to construct the proposed water system improvements as shown on the construction drawings. More specifically, the work shall consist of +/- 8,900 L.F. of 6" PVC Water Main, +/- 1,000 L.F. of 8" PVC Water Main, the transfer of approximately 61 services, and the replacement of all service tubing from the meter to the home at 55 of those services. Work will also include the installation of valves, fittings, fire hydrants, pavement patch, erosion and sediment control, grassing and all other appurtenances necessary for a complete installation.

Time allotted for completion of work is **180** 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 Chattooga County Commissioner's Office, 10102 Commerce Street, Summerville, GA 30747. Copies **MUST** be obtained from CARTER & SLOOPE, INC., 115 Woodland Way, Suite 120, Canton, GA 30114, 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 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.** See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

#### 1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 CONTRACT AND SUB-CONTRACT PROVISIONS

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.

SECTION 3

This project is subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). **Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.** Section 3 is to ensure local labor and economic opportunities are locally available to Section 3 residents, contractors, very-low income persons, and recipients of HUD-assisted housing. To the greatest extent possible, all labor and sub-contract opportunities MUST be publicly solicited as per the Section 3 Action Plan. **If a bidder wishes to claim Section 3 preference, properly signed Section 3 documents MUST be submitted with the bid.** (See CDBG Contract Provisions)

MINORITY & FEMALE OWNED BUSINESSES

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.

OCGA 31-10-91/E-Verify

Bidders must also comply with OCGA-13-10-91 and utilize the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify.

1.9 WAGE RATES

Attention is particularly called to employment conditions and Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements as per the WAGE RATES in the contract documents (See CDBG Contract

Clauses). All contracts and subcontracts \$2,000 or more must comply with Davis-Bacon wage, payroll and all other Federal, State, and local requirements.

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 bid invitation.

1.10 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.

1.11 RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS

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

1.12 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.

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY**

Blake Elsberry, Chattooga County, Georgia

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