

DOCUMENT 00100

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

- 1. **NOTICE.** The SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY (“Owner”), a public agency of the State of California, hereby gives notice that it will accept Bids for construction of the following public work:

**Contract Number 60-4-7 #14
Water Transmission System
Air Valve Upgrade - Phase 1**

- 2. **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF THE WORK.** The Work consists of upgrading up to 43 of Owner’s combination air/vacuum relief valve (ARV) stations along the Santa Rosa, Russian River-Cotati, Petaluma, Sonoma, and North Marin aqueducts in Sonoma County, California. The Work includes, but is not limited to, the modification of ARV vent piping such that it is vented above grade. At each station, replace existing air valve(s) with a new ARV(s) with minimum diameter of two inches. Work at each ARV station varies, but may include excavation down to aqueduct, providing riser piping, vent piping, concrete vault with aluminum cover, precast concrete boxes, ball valve, and corp stop, and hot tapping water transmission system piping and manways with working pressures up to 250 psi. Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work.

- 3. **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST RANGE:** \$400,000 to \$600,000.

- 4. **REQUIRED CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE(S).** A California “A” contractor’s license is required to Bid this Contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract.

- 5. **CONTACT INFORMATION.**

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- 6. **PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS.** Bidders may examine Bidding Documents at Owner’s Office. Bidders may obtain copies of Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$30 for each copy. Owner will accept cash or checks payable to “Sonoma County Water Agency.” Bidding Documents need not be returned to Owner. Bidding Documents contain a reduced set of Drawings. Bidders may arrange to obtain full-size Drawings from Digital Prints and Imaging (DPI), 375 Tesconi Circle, Santa Rosa, CA for an additional charge to be paid directly to DPI.

7. **MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT.** Owner will conduct a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Owner's office, as shown in Document 00201 (Bid Submittal Vicinity Map), to consider such matters as Bidders may request and a Pre-Bid Site Visit immediately following at the Russian River-Cotati Air Valve Station 020+90 and 021+00 adjacent to Owner's Mirabel Collector 5, 10290 Westside Road, Forestville, California, as shown on Drawing C-2. Bidders must attend Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit and sign an attendance roster as a condition to bidding. The Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will last approximately 2 hours.
- Owner will issue Minutes of the Pre-Bid conference, which shall constitute the sole and exclusive record and statement of the results of the Pre-Bid Conference. The Minutes issued by Owner are not Contract Documents.
- Bidders will be provided the opportunity to investigate conditions or otherwise conduct invasive investigations, explorations, tests, or studies at the Pre-Bid Site Visit, subject to delivering an executed Document 00210 (Indemnity and Release Agreement) and providing an insurance certificate as described therein by noon of the Day prior to the Pre-Bid Site Visit. This will be the Bidders' only opportunity to investigate conditions at the Site. Bidders who intend only to observe Site conditions and not conduct such examinations are not required to provide an executed Document 00210 (Indemnity and Release Agreement) or an insurance certificate for the Pre-Bid Site Visit. The Pre-Bid Site Visit is merely a showing of the Site and existing conditions and will not provide an opportunity for Bidders to have questions answered. Bidders are encouraged, however, to submit written questions. Owner will transmit to all parties recorded as having received Bidding Documents such Addenda as Owner in its discretion considers necessary in response to written questions or questions arising at the Pre-Bid Conference. Bidding Documents will not be available at the Pre-Bid Site Visit. Bidders shall not rely on oral statements. Oral statements will not be binding or legally effective.
8. **RESTRICTIONS ON SUBSTITUTIONS.** As a limitation on Bidder's privilege to substitute "or equal" items, Owner has found that certain items are designated as Owner standards and certain items are designated to match existing items in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion or are available from one source. As to such items, Owner will not permit substitution. Such items are: air valves.
9. **INSTRUCTIONS.** Bidders shall refer to Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders) for required documents and items to be submitted in sealed envelopes for deposit into the Bid boxes, located at Owner's Office, and applicable times for submission.
10. **STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS.** Each Bidder shall be required to submit, in accordance with Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders) and Document 00450 (Statement of Qualifications for Construction Work), a Statement of Qualifications.
11. **BID SUBMISSION.** Sealed Bids will be received by the Board's representative at Owner's Office (see paragraph 5) until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 10, 2008. Owner's staff will determine official time and will call out the designated time in the Bid reception area of Owner's Office, stating that the period for accepting Bids is closed. The Bid opening will be in accordance with procedures set forth in Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders).
12. **BID PREPARATION COST.** Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

13. **CONTRACT TIME.** Work shall be completed within 180 Days from the date when Contract Time commences to run.
14. **PAYMENT BONDS.** In accordance with California Civil Code Section 3247, payment bonds as set forth in Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders) will be required from the successful Bidder.
15. **PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.** The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.
16. **SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES.** Owner will permit successful Bidder to substitute securities for retention monies withheld to ensure performance of Contract, as set forth in Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention), in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300. By this reference, Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention) is incorporated in full in this Document 00100.
17. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** Owner specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, or re-bid, or to waive inconsequential deviations from Bid requirements not involving time, price, or quality of the Work.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Clerk of the Board of Directors

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