

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Richland County, South Carolina is soliciting sealed and competitive bids for the Hopkins School Community Utility System Improvements Project; **Division I** Water Distribution Lines and **Division II** Elevated Water Storage Tank, project Identification Number **RC-CN-486-0910**, until **2:00 p.m.** local prevailing time on **Tuesday, January 26, 2009**. Bids will be accepted at the Richland County Administrative Building, by and opened by the Office of Procurement in the 4th Floor Conference Room, 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Bids received after the stated date and time listed above will not be accepted.

SCOPE OF WORK

Division I consist of water approximately 19.8 miles of water distribution line ranging in size from 24" inch diameter to 2" diameter. Miscellaneous work includes valves, fittings, service connections, directional bore, and appurtenances. Division II consists of a 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, tank foundation, altitude valve, fencing, and appurtenances.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, December 17, 2009** at the Richland County Administrative Building, in the 4th Floor Conference Room, at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29204. Bidders are **REQUIRED** to attend the Pre-Bid Conference in order to submit bids on this project. The purpose of the conference is to highlight the Project and explain pertinent regulations and requirements of the Rural Development Administration and Richland County Government.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Bid security in the form of a bid bond equal to 5% of the total bid is required. Contract security in the form of 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required. Bids shall remain valid for **90** calendar days after the bid opening date. No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of proposals until this date. A Notice-of-Award for the Contract will be issued once a successful bidder has been determined and adequate funding has been secured by the Owner.

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations:

Office of the Engineer:

Joel E. Wood & Associates, LLC
P.O. Box 296
Clover, SC 29710
(803) 684-3390
joelwood@comporium.net

Office of the Owner:

RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Office of Procurement, 3rd Floor,
2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3064,
Columbia, South Carolina 29204

F.W. Dodge Office:

Columbia, SC

AGC Offices:

Columbia, SC

HCAC/isqft Plan Room

Columbia, SC

Bidding and Contract Documents may be purchased directly from Joel E. Wood & Associates, P.O. Box 296, Clover SC 29710 (803-684-3390) upon a **Non-refundable** payment of \$175.00 for Division I and a **Non-refundable** payment of \$150.00 for Division II. Please provide the engineer with your Company name, street address, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and Fax number when requesting Bidding and Contract Documents,. **No partial sets will be issued.** Questions of a technical nature may be directed to the Office of the Engineer.

This project is funded by the USDA Rural Development Administration. Certain mandatory federal requirements apply to this solicitation and will be made a part of any contract awarded:

- (a) Presidents Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by 29 CFR Part 30 and 41 CFR Part 60.
- (b) David Bacon and Related Acts, 29 CFR Parts 1, 3 and 5.
- (c) Copeland Act, 29 CFR Part 3.
- (d) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
- (e) Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- (f) Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) participation will be required as described in 49 CFR Part 26, and all pertinent amendments.

Bids will not be considered unless the bidder is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law (South Carolina Code of Laws as amended on April 1, 1999, Chapter 11, Section 40-11-5 through 40-11-430)

The selected bidder is required to make a good faith effort to aid the county in accomplishing its goals. The attainment of goals established for this solicitation is to be measured as a percentage of the total dollar value of the contract. The goal the Owner has established for this contract is as follows:

15% for the Base Offer of the solicitation to be performed by DBE firms, and

20% for the Base Offer of the solicitation to be performed by Local Business,

Richland County, South Carolina (the "Owner") reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, to negotiate certain or all contract bid items with the Bidder(s), to reject any or all bids or to award or refrain from awarding the contract for the work, to request additional information, and to interview, whichever is deemed to be in the Owner's best interests. All submittals shall become the property of the Owner and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations.

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Director