INVITATION TO BID

TOWN OF CARY Cary, North Carolina

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m. on Thursday**, **September 7, 2023** to the Town of Cary at the office of the Utilities Department, Conference Room 11130, 1st floor of Cary Town Hall, 316 North Academy Street, Cary, North Carolina. Bids will be opened and read publicly for the furnishing of materials, labor, and equipment for the construction of the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility Drain Pump Station Improvements, Cary Project No. SW1346. A summary of the approximate quantities involved are as follows:

Base Bid

- \pm Demolition of existing pump station wetwell piping, valving, and miscellaneous items.
- \pm Installation of a concrete valve vault
- \pm Installation of ductile iron piping, fittings, and valves in yard and valve vault
- \pm Installation of miscellaneous metals including handrail, stairs, and grating
- \pm All associated grading, paving, erosion control, and construction operations

Plans, Specifications and Contract documents may be viewed electronically at <u>http://townofcary.contractorsplanroom.com</u> upon registering online after **Monday**, **August 7, 2023**. Hard copies of Plans, Specifications and Contract documents may be viewed at the office of the Utilities Department, Cary Town Hall, 316 North Academy Street, Cary, NC 27513 after **Monday, August 7, 2023**. The following agencies have been notified of the project: the Associated General Contractors – Raleigh office, McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development – Durham office, and the CDC News – Cary office after **Monday, August 7, 2023**.

The Town of Cary is not responsible for bidders relying on incomplete bid documents.

Copies of Plans, Specifications and Contract documents may be obtained after **Monday, August 7, 2023** online at <u>http://townofcary.contractorsplanroom.com</u> at vendor pricing. These documents may also be obtained at the office of the Utilities Department, 2nd Floor of Cary Town Hall, 316 North Academy Street, Cary, North Carolina upon receipt of non-refundable payment of \$30 per set in cash or check. A postage and handling charge of \$10 will be added for any items which are mailed.

Bidders are encouraged to attend a **non-mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference at **10:00 A.M., local time, on Tuesday, August 22, 2023** at the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility, 4900 West Lake Road, Apex, North Carolina 27539.

Contractors offering a proposal on this project must be licensed to do the specified type of contracting in the State of North Carolina. All bids must include a non-collusive affidavit. Contractors offering a proposal on this project must comply, and must ensure that their subcontractors comply, with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes, "Verification of Work Authorization," and must provide documentation or sign affidavits or any other documents requested by the Town of Cary demonstrating such compliance.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instruction to Bidders.

The Town of Cary reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Jamie Revels, P.E. Director of Utilities

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, upon blank forms provided in the Project Manual. These proposals shall be plainly marked:

"SOUTH CARY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY DRAIN PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS, Cary Project No. SW1346"

The envelope shall also be marked with the Bidder's name, address, North Carolina contractor license number, and name and phone number of a contact person.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond payable to the Town of Cary for an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid; or in lieu of the Bid Bond, the bidder may offer the bid deposit in the form of a cashier's check, or a certified check on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC. The bid bond must be executed by a corporate surety licensed in North Carolina. The bid deposit may be held for a period of sixty (60) days pending award of the contract. Notification of award of contract shall be evidence of intent to contract and shall extend time for holding the contractor's bid surety for a time mutually agreed between the Town of Cary and the bidder.

The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder whose qualifications indicate the award will be in the best interest of the Town of Cary (Owner). The Town of Cary reserves the right to waive technicalities and/or reject any or all proposals.

A Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, with a corporate surety approved by the Town of Cary, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. Bidders shall provide certification that performance and payment bond sureties are licensed in North Carolina.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference will be held at **10:00 am on Tuesday**, **August 22, 2023** at the South Cary Water Reclamation Facility, 4900 West Lake Road, Apex, North Carolina, 27539. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. The Engineer will respond to all questions arising at the pre-Bid conference and those received in writing at least five days prior to the bid opening via Addendum. Oral statements may not be relied upon and shall not be binding or legally effective.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract documents shall be submitted in writing to Jarrod Buchanan, P.E., Manager South Cary WRF, at Town of Cary Utilities Department, P.O. Box 8005, Cary, NC 27512-8005. You may contact Mr. Buchanan by phone at (919) 462-3836, and by e-mail at jarrod.buchanan@townofcary.org. Replies will be issued by Addenda, mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the Engineer as having received the Bidding Documents. Questions received less than five days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only questions answered by written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

Addenda, when issued, will be on file at the offices of the Owner and Engineer at least twenty-four hours before bids are opened. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to the Addenda issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents and all Bidders shall be bound by such Addenda, whether or not received by the Bidders.

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