

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

THE MACON WATER AUTHORITY
MACON, GEORGIA

Sealed Bids for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment and appurtenances necessary for the Water Main Relocation SR 87/ Riverside Drive at Arkwright Road, GDOT PI 0015692 (the “Project”) will be received by the Macon Water Authority (the “Owner”), at the Macon Water Authority, 537 Hemlock Street, Human Resources Training Room, Macon, Georgia 31201 until 2:00 P. M., local time, April 6, 2023, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. All bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting at the same location at 10:00 A.M. on March 23, 2023. All bid questions must be submitted to the Owner by 10:00 A.M. on March 30, 2023. The Bidder should attend the pre-bid meeting in its entirety.

The Project will be awarded in one Contract. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the Work under the Contract Documents must be self-performed by the General Contractor. The Project will be awarded by base bid on a lump sum basis for the performance and completion of all Work required by the Contract Documents.

The Project consists of installing approximately 1700 Linear Feet of 8” Class 350 Ductile Iron Watermain and approximately 140 linear feet of 6” Class 350 ductile iron water main.

The Contract Documents include, but may not be limited to, the Instructions to Bidders, the Contract Agreement, the General Conditions, the Drawings, the Specifications (Divisions 01 through 46, inclusive, where applicable), and the forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Payment Bond. These and any other Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

Carter Engineering Group, LLC
6310 Peake Road, Suite 200
Macon, GA 31210

Copies of Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, (Carter Engineering Group, LLC, 6310 Peake Road, Suite 200, Macon, GA 31210, 478-219-2600) upon a non-refundable payment of **\$200.00** for each set. A street address must be provided to ensure prompt delivery. No partial sets of bidding documents shall be issued. Bidders must purchase the Contract Documents in order to be eligible to submit a bid.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the Bid, prepared on the form of Bid Bond that is part of the Contract Documents, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570.

Bidders must comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Requirements specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Bidder shall affix to the outside of its Bid envelope the Bidder's Georgia Utility Contractor License Number. A license number of a Utility Manager or a subcontractor is insufficient, and any Bid that fails to affix to the outside of its Bid envelope the Bidder's Georgia Utility Contractor License Number may be rejected.

The successful Bidder for this Project shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, satisfactory to the Owner, each in the amount of 100 % of the Contract Price.

Employment of Local Businesses and Contractors: It is the desire of the Owner that local businesses--including disadvantaged, minority, and women enterprise subcontractors-- be given the opportunity to participate on the various parts of the Work.

The Owner's encouragement of participation of disadvantaged, minority, and women enterprises and of locally owned businesses and contractors is not intended to restrict or limit competitive bidding or to increase the cost of the Work. The Owner supports a healthy, free market system that seeks to include responsible local businesses and provide ample opportunities for local business growth and development.

In an effort to assist minority-owned businesses, Georgia law permits an income tax adjustment on the state tax return of any company that subcontracts with a certified minority-owned firm to furnish goods, property or services to the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-7-38. Suppliers should consult with their tax advisors to find out how to take advantage of these tax credits.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and technicalities.

The Macon Water Authority
Ron Shipman
Interim Executive Director & President

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