

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 installation of **AWTP Filter Underdrain Replacement** (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, **October 27, 2026**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. All bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting on-site at the Amerson Water Treatment Plant, Second Floor Conference Room at **10:00 A.M.** on **October 13, 2026**. All bid questions must be submitted to the Owner by **10:00 A.M.** on **October 20, 2026**. **The Bidder should attend the pre-bid meeting in its entirety.**

The Project consists of replacing four (4) underdrains per specifications for the GAC filter system at the Amerson Water Treatment Plant.

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 [or "*by base bid plus selected alternates*"] on a lump sum basis for the performance and completion of all Work required by the Contract Documents.

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:

Engineering Department
Macon Water Authority
537 Hemlock Street
Macon, GA 31201

Copies of Contract Documents may be obtained at the Engineering Department, Macon Water Authority, 537 Hemlock Street, Macon, GA 31201, by contacting Heather Veal, Telephone 478-464-5642, hveal@maconwater.org upon a non-refundable payment of **\$150.00** 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.** Bid documents on the MWA website are for informational purposes only.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% 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
Michel Wanna
Interim Executive Director & President

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