

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for Bid Number CC2020 07 West Pensacola Well Electrical Elevation will be received in the office of the Purchasing and Stores Manager, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, located in the Emergency Operations & Support Addition, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Ellyson Industrial Park, Pensacola, FL 32514, until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, February 6, 2020, at which time bids submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud in the adjacent Room 2202, Finance Conference Room. Bids received after 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, February 6, 2020, will be returned unopened. A pre-bid Conference will be held in the ECUA Engineering Department Conference Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Customer Service Building at 9255 Sturdevant Street, Room 205, Pensacola, FL 32514, at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Attendance at the Pre-bid conference is not mandatory, but attendance is strongly encouraged. The principal features of the work will consist of flood proofing the West Pensacola Well located at 4019 Lillian Highway, Pensacola, Florida 32506. Work shall include all labor and materials necessary to elevate all major electrical components of the West Pensacola Well.

The Official Plans and Project Manual can only be obtained by visiting the ECUA website, www.ecua.fl.gov, selecting the "Doing Business with ECUA" header, followed by selecting "Bid Opportunities" under the drop down menu, at which time a complete list of advertised ECUA projects can be seen. Click the link to the project's Plans and Project Manual, register and/or log into ECUA's file sharing service and view or download the Plans and Project Manual in pdf file format as desired. The file sharing service will also alert registrants about updates and/or addenda. ECUA advises potential bidders, suppliers and sub-contractors to rely only on information personally obtained from ECUA's file sharing service and not from third parties.

Plans and specifications may also be examined free of charge at the following locations:

Small Business Administration, Jacksonville District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B, Jacksonville, FL 32256, 904-443-1900; <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3108/about-us>

Department of Management Services, Office of the Secretary, 4050 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950, 850-488-2786 [FAX: (850)922-6149]; http://www.dms.myflorida.com/support/contact_dms nancylee@fmsdc.org

Minority Business Development Agency, US Department of Commerce, 8251 President's Drive Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32809, 407-251-7021, [FAX: (407)251-7026]; Kimberly Rosier Jean-Louis-Kimberly@mbdaorlandocenter.com, Krysten Deidrick-krysten@fmsdc.org, Marie Hyppolite-marie@mbdamiamicenter.com; <http://www.mbdaorlandocenter.com>

All questions about the meaning or intent of the bidding documents are to be submitted to Engineer (Paul A. Battle, P.E., Rebol-Battle & Associates) in writing via email at paulb@rebol-battle.com up to seven (7) days prior to the bid opening. Interpretations or

clarification considered necessary by the Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by addenda to the ECUA website to all parties registered to receive documents about this bid via the website. Questions received less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date for the opening of bids will not be answered. Only questions answered by addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of at least 90 days from date of opening. Complete insurance coverage will be required from the successful bidder prior to signing the contract.

After the issuance of any solicitation, all bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from lobbying as defined herein or otherwise attempting to persuade or influence any elected ECUA officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant selection committee at any time during the blackout period as defined herein; provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf from communicating with the purchasing staff concerning a pending solicitation unless otherwise provided in the solicitation or unless otherwise directed by the purchasing manager.

Blackout period means the period between the time the bids/proposals for invitation to bid or the request for proposal, or qualifications, or information, or requests for letters of interest, or the invitation to negotiate, as applicable, are advertised and the time the ECUA board awards the contract and any resulting bid protest is resolved or the solicitation is otherwise cancelled. Conduct inconsistent with this section may be grounds for disqualifying the offending proposer from consideration or any future proposal for a period of 36 months.

Lobbying means the attempt to influence the thinking of elected ECUA officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant selection committee for or against a specific cause related to a pending solicitation for goods or services, in person, by mail, by facsimile, by telephone, by electronic mail, or by any other means of communication.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, for category two (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; rebid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, ECUA may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates that ECUA selects, with all decisions being made based upon what ECUA believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the

reasonable exercise of its discretion. ECUA further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of ECUA at the unit price which was bid. The ECUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, and disability/handicapped status, veteran status, or any other legally protected status in employment or provision of service.

Proposed Advertising Date: January 2, 2020.