

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for Bid Number CC2021-13 Annual Service Contract For Utility Construction 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, August 12, 2021, 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, August 12, 2021, will be returned unopened. A pre-bid Conference will be held in the ECUA Engineering Department Conference Room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Customer Service Building at 9255 Sturdevant Street, Room 205, Pensacola, FL 32514, at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Attendance at the Pre-bid conference is not mandatory, but attendance is strongly encouraged. The principal features of the work will consist of an annual contract to perform repairs, maintenance tasks, and basic construction work on an “as-needed” basis. The contractor will be utilized, as-needed, to supplement ECUA Departments (i.e. – Regional Services, Wastewater Infrastructure, etc.) in repairing ECUA infrastructure. Utility work involves, but is not limited to, piping, valves, fire hydrants, service tubing, meters, water mains, sewer force mains, gravity mains, laterals, manholes, lift stations, incidental storm water piping, etc. The work may involve some emergency response time on nights, weekends, and holidays.

The Official Plans and Project Manual can only be obtained by visiting the ECUA website, [www.ecua.fl.gov](http://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.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the bidding documents are to be submitted to Engineer (Brandon Knight, P.E., Manager of Regional Services) in writing via email at [brandon.knight@ecua.fl.gov](mailto:brandon.knight@ecua.fl.gov) 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.

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: July 22, 2021

Bid proposal must be clearly marked on the envelope:

**BID: Annual Service Contract for Utility Construction**

**BID NUMBER: CC2021-13**