## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed bids for Bid Number CC2022-09 Water Service Renewals 2022 will be received in the office of the Purchasing and Stores Division, 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, Tuesday, March 29, 2022 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, Tuesday, March 29, 2022 will be returned unopened. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held in the ECUA Regional Services Conference Room, located on the 1st floor of the Systems Operations & Maintenance Building at 9300 Sturdevant Street, Pensacola, FL 32514, at 10:00 a.m. local time, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory, but attendance is strongly encouraged. The principal features of the work will consist installation of approximately 970 water services and the associated work/repairs. The work will take place in various rights-of-way in Escambia County with various conditions.

The Official Plans and Project Manual can only be obtained by visiting the ECUA website, <a href="www.ecua.fl.gov">www.ecua.fl.gov</a>, 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 subcontractors 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, PE, Manager of Regional Services) in writing via email (**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: February 24, 2022

Bid proposal must be clearly marked on the envelope:

**BID: WATER SERVICE RENEWALS 2022-ANNUAL CONTRACT** 

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