

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the construction of Barber Manor Area Water Main Upgrades 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, Florida 32514, until **2:00 p.m., CT, Tuesday, February 6, 2024**,

A. Hard Copy Submittal – In a sealed envelope (or other packaging) containing Technical and Fee Proposal, provide one (1) original (so identified), one (1) paper copy, and one (1) electronic copy (USB flash drive); or

B. Electronic Submittal – One (1) electronic copy through www.bidnetdirect.com/florida/emeraldcoastutilitiesauthority;

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., CT, Tuesday, February 6, 2024**, will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory 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, Florida 32514, at 10:00 a.m., CT, on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Attendance at a non-mandatory pre-bid conference is strongly encouraged.

The principal features of the work to be known as:

**Barber Manor Area Water Main Upgrades
ECUA Project Number RW0054
Bid Number CC2024-03**

will consist of the construction of approximately 3,500 linear feet of 6-inch and 4-inch water main to replace existing aging water main.

The Official Plans, Project Manual, and Addenda can be obtained through BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/florida/emeraldcoastutilitiesauthority. The BidNet Direct service will also alert registrants about updates and/or addenda when tracking of this Project is selected. Each potential bidder shall be responsible for selecting tracking in BidNet Direct, as ECUA assumes no responsibility for same. Absent specific request, potential bidders will only be advised of updates and/or addenda when tracking is established by the potential bidder in BidNet Direct. ECUA advises potential bidders, suppliers, and sub-contractors to only rely on information personally obtained from BidNet Direct and not from third parties.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the bidding documents are to be submitted to Engineer Mark Evan Robertson II, P.E. in writing via email at mark.robertson@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 BidNet Direct 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.

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, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

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.

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, re-advertise a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a bid 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 which 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.

ECUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, creed/religion, age, marital status, disability/handicapped status, veteran status, or any other legally protected status in employment or provision of service.

If submitting a Hard Copy Submittal, the Bid project name and bid number must be clearly marked on the envelope as follows:

BID:	Barber Manor Area Water Main Upgrades
BID NUMBER:	CC2024-03