BID ADVERTISEMENT

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of Lead Service Line Inventory Field Investigation will be received until <u>Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM</u> Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be allowed. Any Bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No Bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of Bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State Law.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The project consists of, but is not limited to, the following major elements:

The Baldwin County Board of Commissioners is developing a service line inventory as mandated by the Lead and Copper Rule. The County is requesting the service of a qualified contractor to investigate and record service line materials using vacuum excavation. Bidder agrees to furnish all materials and equipment and to perform all labor necessary to pothole and identify the existing service line material on $\pm 6,250$ metered services. Contractor will be required to enter the data into ESRI's Arc GIS Online (AGOL) GIS platform using a license provided by the Owner and Engineer with an iOS or Android mobile device.

Time allotted for completion of work is **240 calendar days** from the date of a written "Notice to Proceed" from Owner. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract.**

1.3 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available at <u>www.QuestCDN.com</u>. You may view the digital documents for free by entering the Quest project number 9504881 on the website's project search page. The fee to download the digital documents is \$50 payable through the website. There will be a \$50.00 fee to submit the bid online. Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or <u>info@questcdn.com</u> for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. Any other questions can be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Canton, GA, 770-479-8782.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined for public viewing at the following locations:

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners 1601 N. Columbia St., Suite 230

Milledgeville, GA 31061

Carter & Sloope, Inc.

115 Woodland Way, Suite 120 Canton, GA 30114 (770) 479-8782

1.4 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders <u>must</u> complete the Qualifications of Bidders (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of the Contract. Refer to the specific requirements outlined in the referenced Section.

1.5 BONDS

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.6 PERMITS

Not Applicable.

1.7 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the Baldwin County Board of Commissioners must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.8 EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Not Applicable.

1.9 FUNDING SOURCES

Funding is to be provided by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. This project will be subject to the Davis-Bacon Labor Standards, DBE Subcontract requirements, the American Iron and Steel Act, and the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act.

1.10 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

BALDWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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