

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids addressed to the Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission acting by and through Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority, will be received at the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority Clearwater Administration Building Board Room, ATTN: Tonya Wallace, Program Supervisor, 11 Clearwater Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204, until 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, December 19, 2018, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately after specified closing time, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all Work required to construct the Diversions Structures Improvement. Sealed envelopes or packages containing bids shall be marked or endorsed "Diversions Structures Improvement, OWNERS Project No. 4170300" and the Contractor's Arkansas License Number shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Bids received later than the specified time and date will be returned to the bidder unopened. Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority will not be held responsible for late, lost or misdirected bids. The opened bids will then be officially reviewed, evaluated, and recommended for award to the Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission thereafter.

The Project provides for the construction of improvements at five (5) existing sewer diversion structures located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The project consists of: demolition, existing concrete structure rehabilitation, construction of new diversion structures, installation of slide gates, temporary bypass pumping, electrical improvements, site restoration and grading; and other miscellaneous work thereto at the existing diversion structure sites.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on December 4, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the LRWRA Clearwater Administration Building Training Room, 11 Clearwater Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204. A guided site tour to each of the diversion structure sites will immediately follow. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids will be subject to the requirements of the Arkansas Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs as administered by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and as described in the contract documents.

All bid proposals, as well as the Bid Bond, must be made on the printed document forms included in the specifications. The submitted bid shall not be altered, withdrawn, or resubmitted within sixty (60) calendar days from and after the date of the bid opening. Bid Bond Documents submitted with contract must be on the forms provided in the bid packets.

Contractor's Bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total maximum Bid Price, payable without recourse to the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority, or a Bid Bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a Contract and execute Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after Notice of Award of Contract. The Notice of Award of Contract shall be given by the Owner within sixty (60) days following the opening of Bids.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance and Payment Bond upon the forms provided in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract Price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Arkansas to act as surety, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Form,

Bid Bond, Contractor's Act of Assurance, Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Supplemental General Conditions, General Conditions, Wage Rates, Drawings, Specifications, and Addenda may be examined at the following locations:

Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc.
211 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
501-374-4846

LR Water Reclamation Auth.
11 Clearwater Drive
Little Rock, AR 72204
501-376-2903

Printed Copies of the Contract Documents (Bid Sets) may be obtained from Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. at a purchase price of \$350.00 for each set, which includes the cost of express shipping. This payment is non-refundable and must be received prior to shipment of Bid Sets. Bid sets will include printed drawings, specifications, addendums, and one electronic (pdf) copy of the same. All Bidders must purchase at least one printed set of the Contract Documents from Engineer. Electronic (pdf) copies of the Contract Documents are available to non-bidders on CD for a non-refundable payment of \$75.00. Addendums will not be provided with the purchase of electronic only copies of the Contract Documents. No partial sets will be issued. Purchasers of both printed copies and electronic only copies will be named on the plan holders list.

Bidders will be required to inform themselves of all addenda duly issued. Information regarding the number of Addenda, which have been issued, can be obtained from Hawkins-Weir Engineers, 211 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, 501-374-4846.

Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in bids.

Minority and small business vendors or contractors are encouraged to bid on any and all Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority projects.

Each Bidder must comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Business Enterprise (DBE/MBE/WBE) requirements, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-76) including the "American Iron and Steel (AIS)" requirement, Labor Standards and Equal Employment Opportunity provisions during the performance of this contract. The Bidder commits itself to the requirements for the participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed Bid. Each requirement listed above for the RLF programs are in the Supplemental Conditions in the Contract Documents.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wages to be paid under the Contract as incorporated in these Specifications. Attention is also called to the requirements of the DBE/MBE/WBE requirements of the contract documents. The Contractor is required to take the affirmative steps to assure that disadvantaged, minority, and woman business enterprises (DBE/MBE/WBE) are used when possible as sources of materials, supplies, equipment, construction activities, and professional services. The apparent low bidder will, as a condition of contract award, be required to document to the Owner and to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission that affirmative steps were taken in the preparation of bids to obtain DBE/MBE/WBE participation.

Bidders are cautioned that Bids for this Project are subject to compliance with Arkansas Law for construction of Public Works as found in Arkansas Code Annotated 22-9-101, etc. The Bidder shall thoroughly acquaint himself and comply with the provisions of these Acts.

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any or all Bids and to waive any formalities in Bids received. Bidders must be licensed in compliance with Arkansas Contractor's Licensing Law found in Arkansas Code 17-25-101, etc. Bids must comply with Arkansas Act 150 of 1965.

All parties to this contract shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, political opinions or affiliation, military status, or other status protected by applicable law.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order 11246, as amended. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.