

INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for **Simmons Water Storage Tank No. 1 Improvements** will be received by Highway 71 Water District No. 1 Public Water Authority at the offices of Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc., 110 South 7th Street, Van Buren, Arkansas 72956 until 10 a.m. (local time), on September 26, 2023, at which time and location bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids shall be addressed "Highway 71 Water District No. 1 Public Water Authority, 8014 N. Highway 71, Alma, Arkansas 72921" and shall be labeled "Bid for Simmons Water Storage Tank No. 1 Improvements, HWEI Project No. 2023081". Any bid received after the scheduled opening time will be returned unopened.

The project consists of interior and exterior coatings removal and disposal, cleaning, and recoating of a 250,000-gallon welded steel water storage tank with a "lead containing coating", and installation of a new 8-inch overflow pipe and concrete splash pad. The water storage tank is located on Simmons Circle, just south of Mountainburg, Arkansas.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following location:

Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc.
110 South 7th Street,
Van Buren, Arkansas 72956
479-474-1227

A complete set of Bid Documents includes one (1) set of construction drawings and one (1) set of project specifications, which may be purchased from the Engineer located at the address above upon payment of \$75.00 for each set. The payment shall not be refundable.

Bidders will be required to inform themselves of all Addenda duly issued in accordance with the requirements provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Information regarding the number of Addenda that have been duly issued can be obtained from Hawkins-Weir Engineers.

Each Bidder must deposit with their Bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

All Bidders must be licensed in conformance with the Arkansas State Licensing Law for Commercial Contractors as defined in Arkansas Code 17-25-101 and related statutes.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any and all Bids. Bids shall remain firm for a period not to exceed 60 days from the Bid opening date.

The Owner hereby notifies all Bidders that, in regard to any agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement; small, minority and women owned business enterprises will be afforded equal opportunities to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, religion, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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s/ Randy Milam, President