Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received at this office until Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM Meeting ID: 839 1582 3620;

Passcode: 24173 for furnishing:

Bid Item #24-173 Augusta Corporate Park Utility Extension for Augusta, GA – Utilities Department

Bids will be received by Augusta, GA Commission hereinafter referred to as the OWNER at the offices of:

Geri A. Sams, Director Augusta Procurement Department 535 Telfair Street - Room 605 Augusta, Georgia 30901

Bid documents may be examined at the office of the Augusta, GA Procurement Department, 535 Telfair Street – Room 605, Augusta, GA 30901 (706-821-2422). Plans and specifications for the project shall be obtained by all prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers exclusively from ARC Southern. The fees for the plans and specifications which are non-refundable are \$175.00.

It is the wish of the Owner that all businesses are given the opportunity to submit on this project. To facilitate this policy the Owner is providing the opportunity to view plans online (www.e-arc.com) at no charge through ARC Southern (706 821-0405) beginning Thursday, February 29, 2024. Bidders are cautioned that submitting a package without Procurement of a complete set are likely to overlook issues of construction phasing, delivery of goods or services, or coordination with other work that is material to the successful completion of the project. Bidders are cautioned that acquisition of documents through any other source is not advisable. Acquisition of documents from unauthorized sources places the bidder at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base his qualifications.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. Via Zoom – Meeting ID: 849 0708 6168; Passcode: 24173. Optional site visit on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. Please contact Tate Horton at (762) 685-8504 if you plan to attend.

All questions must be submitted in writing by fax to 706 821-2811 or by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department by Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M. No bid will be accepted by fax or email, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after BIDs have been opened, pending the execution of contract with the successful vendor. A 10% Bid bond is required to be submitted along with the bidders' qualifications. A 100% performance bond and a 100% payment bond will be required for award.

Invitation for bids and specifications. An invitation for bids shall be issued by the Procurement Office and shall include specifications prepared in accordance with Article 4 (Product Specifications), and all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. All specific requirements contained in the invitation to bid including, but not limited to, the number of copies needed, the timing of the submission, the required financial data, and any other requirements designated by the Procurement Department are considered material conditions of the bid which are not waiveable or modifiable by the Procurement Director. All requests to waive or modify any such material condition shall be submitted through the Procurement Director to the appropriate committee of the Augusta, Georgia Commission for approval by the Augusta, Georgia Commission. Please mark the BID number on the outside of the envelope.

GEORGIA E-Verify and Public Contracts: The Georgia E-Verify law requires contractors and all sub-contractors on Georgia public contract (contracts with a government agency) for the physical performance of services over \$2,499 in value to enroll in E-Verify, **regardless of the number of employees.** They may be exempt from this requirement if they have no employees and do not plan to hire employees for the purpose of completing any part of the public contract. Certain professions are also exempt. All requests for proposals issued by a city must include the <u>contractor affidavit</u> as part of the requirement for their bid to be considered.

Bidders are cautioned that acquisition of BID documents through any source other than the office of the Procurement Department is not advisable. Acquisition of BID documents from unauthorized sources placed the bidder at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base his qualifications.

Correspondence must be submitted via mail, fax or email as follows:

Augusta Procurement Department Attn: Geri A. Sams, Director of Procurement 535 Telfair Street, Room 605 Augusta, GA 30901

Fax: 706-821-2811 or Email: procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov

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GERI A. SAMS, Procurement Director

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