

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Blue Ridge Highway Water System Improvements
For the City of Blairsville, Georgia**

Sealed bid-proposals will be received by the City of Blairsville for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and any other miscellaneous items necessary for the construction of the Blue Ridge Highway Water System Improvements Project for the City of Blairsville.

The award of this bid proposal, if awarded, will be based on several criteria, including prices bid, experience in the work proposed, and references. Refer to Article 14 of Section 00100 for criteria and award method.

For the purposes of this advertisement, bid proposal process, contract documents, and technical specifications, the terms bidder) and/or bid proposal and/or proposal shall be synonymous.

Bid-proposals will be received at the City Hall, 33 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, Georgia 30512 until 2:00 p.m., December 17th, 2009. Any bid received after said time and date of bid opening will not be considered by OWNER. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and location. All bids will be evaluated by OWNER and the project will be awarded, if it is awarded, within sixty (60) days of the bid opening. If a bidder is not selected within sixty (60) days of the bid opening, any bidder that is determined by the OWNER to be unlikely of being selected for contract award shall be released from their bid.

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

Construction of approximately 6,196 L.F. of 12-inch DIP waterline, 140 L.F. jack and bore, 190 L.F. freebore, 6 each 12-inch gate valves, 5 each fire hydrant assemblies, and associated appurtenances.

Time of completion for all work associated with the Blue Ridge Highway Water System Improvements Project shall be ninety (90) consecutive calendar days from the date of a written "Notice to Proceed" from OWNER.
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Copies of Contract Documents, Specifications, and Construction Drawings may be obtained at the office of Engineering Management, Inc., 303 Swanson Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, upon payment of a non-refundable cost of \$200.00. Checks shall be made payable to Engineering Management, Inc.

For general information regarding this project, you may call Juanita Clark at (770) 962-1387. For technical questions, you may call Zack Bryan at (770) 962-1387, extension 111.

The Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal Form, Form of Agreement, Drawings, Specifications, and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Bidders Qualification Forms, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

OWNER:
City of Blairsville
33 Blue Ridge Street
Blairsville, GA 30512
(706) 745-2000

Engineering Management, Inc.
303 Swanson Drive
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
(770) 962-1387

McGraw Hill Construction Dodge
1750 Enterprise Way
Suite 103
Marietta, Georgia 30067
(770)-953-2442

A list of persons who purchased Contract Documents from Engineering Management, Inc. will be available from the Engineer ONLY through facsimile transmission, U.S. Mail, or from their website at www.eminc.biz.

OWNER requires a bid bond* or a certified cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid to be enclosed with the bid at the time of bid opening. Cashier's check will be made payable the City of Blairsville.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish OWNER with Insurance, Workman's Compensation Insurance, and Performance and Payment Bonds* in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the total bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE, addressed to the OWNER. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as, "Bid for the **Blue Ridge Highway Water System Improvements Project** – for the City of Blairsville", **and be labeled with the BIDDER'S State of Georgia Utility Contractor License Number**. If bid is forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope to the attention of the OWNER at the address previously given.

All Bids must be made out on the bid form of the type bound in the Contract Documents, in accordance with the instructions in the Information for Bidders. No interlineations, additions, or deletions shall be made in the proposal form by the BIDDER.

Any and all Bids received without the aforementioned qualification criteria enclosed, will be returned to the BIDDER.

CONTRACTORS and SUBCONTRACTORS bidding on this Project will be required to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids, to evaluate Bids, and to accept any Bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the OWNER. No Bid will be rejected without just cause.

The OWNER has obtained all required permits and approvals required for construction of this project

The OWNER has obtained all rights-of-way and easements required for construction of this project except for approximately 300 L.F. or 5.0%. The OWNER expects to have all the remaining easements acquired not later than the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

No BIDDER may withdraw his bid within the time limit specified in the Instruction to Bidders (Section 00100).

*** Surety and insurance companies must have an AM Best rating of A-6 or greater, be listed in the Federal Registry of Companies holding Certificates of Authority and Acceptable Sureties on Federal**

Bonds, be licensed by the Georgia Insurance Department and the Georgia Secretary of State to do business in the State of Georgia. In lieu of a Payment Bond, a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Cash may be submitted in an amount not less than the total amount payable by the terms of the CONTRACT.

Jim Conley, Mayor
City of Blairsville

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