

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**West Side Water System Improvements – Royston Connection
for the
Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority**

Sealed bids will be received by the Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and any other miscellaneous items necessary for the construction of the West Side Water System Improvements – Royston Connection in Hart County, Georgia.

This project is funded through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This Project must comply with the ARRA requirements including but not limited to the Buy American Clause, Davis-Bacon Act, the Section 3 Clause, and EEO. These requirements can be found in detail in the appropriate sections of the contract documents.

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

Bids will be received at the Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority, 200 Arthur Street, Hartwell, Georgia, 30643 until 12:00 noon local time, December 3rd, 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 fourteen (14) days of the bid opening. If a bidder is not selected within fourteen (14) 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.

Base Bid for West Side Water System Improvements – Royston Connection consists of, but is not limited to, the following major elements:

Approximately 46,392 L.F. of 12-inch PVC waterline, 6,080 L.F. of 8-inch PVC waterline, 130 L.F. of 6-inch PVC waterline, 330 LF of 12-inch Ball Joint DIP, 820 LF of Freebore, 925 L.F. of Jack and Bore, 56 each fire hydrants, 36 gate valves, 6-inch master meter with vault and bypass, booster pump station with vault and bypass, service connections and related appurtenances.

Time of completion for all work associated with the Project shall be two-hundred-forty (240) consecutive calendar days from the date of a written "Notice to Proceed" from OWNER.

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 \$300.00. 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:

Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority
200 Arthur Street
Hartwell, Georgia 30643
(706) 377-4387

Engineering Management, Inc.
303 Swanson Drive
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
(770) 962-1397

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

McGraw Hill Construction Dodge
109 Woodruff Industrial Lane
Greenville, SC 29607
(864) 297-4330

A list of persons who purchased Contract Documents from Engineering Management, Inc. will be available from the Engineer ONLY through facsimile transmission and/or U.S. Mail.

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 to the Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish OWNER with Insurance, Workers 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 should be plainly marked on the outside as, "Bid for the **West Side Water System Improvements – Royston Connection** for the Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority", **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 1,715 L.F. or 3.11%. 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).

***For Performance Bonds less than \$300,000 an irrevocable Letter of Credit from a bank as defined in O.C.G.A. Code Section 7-1-4 may be submitted in lieu of a bond. 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.**

*** 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.**

Wade Carlton, Chairman
Hart County Water & Sewer Utility Authority

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