

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the construction of the **Big Hill Water System Improvements – West Big Hill Water Distribution Improvements** project addressed to the Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, California 95370, will be received at the office of the District until **2:00** p.m., local time, on **September 15, 2009** and then will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the project will consist of the installation of approximately 33,420 linear feet of new 4-inch through 8-inch diameter potable water main and necessary appurtenances in the Big Hill area east of Columbia in Tuolumne County, California. The Contract for the work will be awarded upon the basis of the total base bid price of the Bid Schedule.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined in the office of the Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, California 95370. A copy of the Documents may be obtained at the District's office upon payment of **\$75.00** non-refundable deposit.

A mandatory pre-bid site review will be held at 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, California at 10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2009. Proposals will only be accepted from contractors represented at the pre-bid site review.

This is a public works project and the contractor's and all subcontractor's employees must be provided certain benefits in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, including the payment of prevailing wage rates. The Owner has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the prevailing wage rates applicable to the work. Copies are on file at the Owner's principal office, and are available to interested persons upon request. Prospective bidders are responsible for determining the applicable wage classifications for this project. Information regarding the Davis-Bacon Act requirements is included in PART 2 of these Contract Documents.

To purchase Drawings and Specifications, or to obtain a Planholders' List or an Engineer's Estimate, contact Mrs. Sharon Norris, x512 Tuolumne Utilities District (209) 532-5536. For information concerning the proposed work contact Mr. Erik Johnson, Associate Civil Engineer, x520.

Payment for the work accomplished will be made monthly, but part of the amount earned will be withheld to ensure performance under the Contract. Substitution of securities for the monies withheld is permitted by the Contract Documents as an option open to the Contractor, pursuant to the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contracts Code.

Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents, on the forms therein or copies thereof, and shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than 10% of the amount bid. Upon being awarded the contract, Contractor shall provide a 100% Public Works Payment Bond and a 100% Performance Bond.

This project is being funded with monies made available by the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). There are specific bidding, contract, and reporting requirements under the ARRA program. Please refer to PART 2 of these Contract Documents for information regarding these requirements.

Proposals shall include a Good Faith Effort to conform with applicable Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) provisions as described in PART 2, Pages ARRA-31 to ARRA-34 of these Contract Documents. Interested bidders are advised that fair share objectives have been established for this project. Fulfillment of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirement is based on documented completion of the Good Faith Effort Requirements, not level of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation proposed/achieved. There are six (6) Good Faith Effort Requirements the Contractor must complete prior to the Bid Opening. In addition, there is additional documentation that must be provided prior to Award of Contract.

No Proposal will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the laws of this State to perform the work herein described and who does not possess a Class A license or its equivalent for the type of work called for under this project.

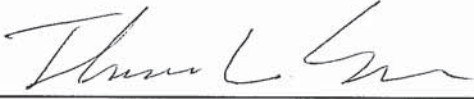
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, or any Proposal not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which, however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

The Contract time for performance is **360 calendar days** from the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed. **The District anticipates issuing a Notice to Proceed sometime in October or November, 2009.**

As used in the Contract Documents, "District", "TUD", and "Owner" all refer to the Tuolumne Utilities District.

Date: 8.12.09

Tuolumne Utilities District

By 
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