

July 5, 2021

TO: All Bidders under Invitation to Bid No. 21-101333

FROM: Department of Purchasing and Contracting, DeKalb County, Georgia

ADDENDUM NO. 4

Invitation to Bid (ITB) 21-101333 Reindeer Drive Water Main Replacement (Multiyear Contract) is hereby amended as follows:

- A.** It is **Mandatory** that bidders acknowledge Addendum No 4.
- B. Modification to the bid.**
1. Deadline for Submission of Bids has been extended to August 4, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. EST.
 2. Submission of Questions period has been reopened. Deadline for Submission of Questions revised to July 12, 2021, 5:00 P.M. EST.
 3. **ATTACHMENT A, SCOPE OF WORK.** Delete in its entirety. Replace with (Revised July 5, 2021) **ATTACHMENT A, SCOPE OF WORK.**
 4. **ATTACHMENT B, BIDDER'S UNIT PRICE FORM.** Delete in its entirety. Replace with (Revised July 5, 2021) **ATTACHMENT B, BIDDER'S UNIT PRICE FORM.**
 5. **EXHIBIT 1 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, SECTION 01210 - MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.** Delete in its entirety. Replace with (Revised July 5, 2021) **EXHIBIT 1 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, SECTION 01210 - MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT.**
- C.** We have received questions pertaining to this Invitation to Bid. The questions and their resulting answers appear below:
1. Question: Can the deadline for questions be extended?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to the above listed Modification to the Bid, No. 2
 2. Question: Can you please post a list of the attendees at the mandatory pre-bid?

Answer: Yes. The Pre-Bid Attendance can be downloaded from the County's website at: <http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/formalbids>

3. Question: Please confirm that none of the GEFA forms are required to be submitted with the bid.

Answer: GEFA forms are not required to be submitted with the bid.

4. Question: GDOT – Please confirm that North Druid Hills Road is NOT a GDOT route in this area.

Answer: Correct, it is not. This section of N Druid Hills on the pdf is not on the State Route System. The section of N Druid Hills that intersects Briarcliff Rd and extends to the west and crosses I-85 is on the SRS. It is SR 42.

5. Question: Site office - Please confirm that an office trailer will be required for this project.

Answer: The office trailer is not required.

6. Question: Easements (Section 01010, 1.02). Is the Contractor or the County responsible for obtaining easements?

Answer: Yes, easements where required will be provided by the County. The Contractor shall also coordinate the Work with owners of private and public property where access is required for the performance of the work, by obtaining all necessary Rights of Entry.

7. Question: Permits (Section 1010, 3.01) States that “The Contractor shall obtain, maintain and pay for required permits”. Please confirm that:

- a. The Contractor will not be charged for permits from Dekalb County.

Answer: Permits shall be secured by the Contractor, and inspections will be required, but the County will not charge the Contractor for permits and inspections obtained from the County.

- b. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining and paying for permits from any other governmental agency, if required.

Answer: Yes, that is correct. The Contractor shall secure and pay for any permits and inspection fees required by any other governmental entity or agency.

8. Question: Material Costs. There is currently significant increases in material costs.
- Is there a deadline for the County to award the project?

Answer: No.

- Is there an estimated start date for the project?

Answer: The Contractor shall commence the Work under this Contract within ten (10) calendar days from the acknowledgement of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed (Commencement Date).

- Will the County consider an adjustment to the submitted bid pricing based solely on material price increases? For example, plywood has more than doubled in the last few months. This could occur with water materials as well.

Answer: No.

9. Question: Material Delivery. Currently there are significant delays in obtaining materials. Will the County accept requests for time extension to the contract due to the unavailability of the materials to build the project?

Answer: No.

10. Question: Weather Days. I didn't see a section clarifying the expected number of non-working days due to weather.

- Will the County accept requests for time extension to the contract due to unusual or extreme weather conditions?

Answer: Performance Time
Substantial Completion – 335 Days after NTP
Final Completion – 30 Days after Substation Completion

No, the time for the completion of the Work as described is a reasonable time for the completion of the same, taking into consideration the average climate range and usual industrial conditions prevailing in this locality.

- If so, please clarify the circumstances that would apply

Answer: If extraordinary adverse weather conditions are the basis for a claim for additional time, such claim shall be supported by the attachment of records of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

showing meaningful variances from historic trends thereby substantiating the fact that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated and had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction activities. The Contractor shall be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time only for extraordinary adverse weather conditions that unavoidably delay activities scheduled at that time, and then only for the number of days of delay which are due solely to such extraordinary adverse weather conditions. The Contractor is not entitled to any costs associated with extraordinary adverse weather conditions.

The County shall not be liable to the Contractor or any Subcontractor for claims or damages of any nature caused by or arising out of delays, regardless of cause. The sole remedy against the County for delays shall be the allowance of additional time for completion of the Work, the amount of which shall be based on actual and unavoidable delay.

11. Question: Utility Relocations (Section 2665, 3.01 and 2665T,3.01) states that “The Contractor shall arrange to have the utility, main or service relocated”.

- a. This statement appears to indicate that the Contractor will be responsible for the Cost of relocating gas, electric, cable or other existing utilities that are in conflict with the proposed water main. Please confirm that the Contractor should carry this cost in his bid.

Answer: “The Contractor is responsible for locating all utilities, whether shown on the plans or not, prior to construction activity. Should there be utilities that are in conflict with the proposed main, the water main may need to be relocated to avoid conflicts, or other utilities may need to be relocated to avoid conflict with the water main, either way which must be approved by the County. If the other utilities are to be relocated, the Contractor shall arrange with the other utility to have their utility, main or service relocated. Upon prior approval by the County, if this is an expense by the other utility to the Contractor, this will be paid through the Owner’s Allowance line item.”

12. Questions: Open Cut and Bore (Section 01210, #25) There is a significant cost difference between jack and bore installation and open cut installation. Would the County consider making two bid items – one for jack and bore and one for open cut?

Answer: Yes. Items 25A and 25B are now Jack ad Bore line items only. Open cut install of water mains will be paid through line items 21B through 21E. Please refer to the above listed Modification to the Bid, No. 4.

13. Question: Water service connections (Section 01210, #31 and #33) Both of these sections state that the work shall be performed by a licensed plumber. This is not normal practice. Will this be a project requirement?

Answer: Yes.

14. Question: Replace meter and box (Section 01210, #32). Should the cost of the meter be included in the Contractor's bid, or will the County supply the meters?

Answer: No, the contractor does not have to carry the cost. The county will supply the meter and meter box.

15. Question: Is there a Geotechnical report for the site?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to Exhibit 3 – Geotechnical Engineering Report.

16. Question: Were samples taken to indicate the areas most likely to encounter rock?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to Exhibit 3 – Geotechnical Engineering Report.

17. Question: Who will decide if permanent seeding will be used versus sod on the project?

Answer: Like kind replacement is typically what is required on restoration. Ultimately the Project Manager or Construction Manager will have final decision.

18. Question: Will contractor be required to discuss restoration of lawns, shrubs, etc. or will the county handle this?

Answer: Yes, the contractor will be required to restore all sites to pre-construction conditions.

19. Why does the title of project say “multi-year contract” if the work shall be fully complete within 365 days from acknowledgement date?

Answer: “Contract Time” shall mean the number of days stated in the Contract for the completion of the Work. “Contract Term” shall mean the length of time the Contract shall remain in effect.

The work may cross over two different years. For example, if the work starts in 2021 and finishes in 2022 then each year is counted.

Please also refer to ITB No. 21-101333, Sample Contract for Construction, Attachment A - General Requirements, GR-1. Definitions of Terms.

- D.** It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that he is aware of all addenda issued under this ITB. It is **MANDATORY** that this addendum be signed and returned. You may call Willie Moon, Senior Procurement Agent, at (404) 371-7021 or send an email to wmoon@dekalbcountyga.gov before the bids are due to confirm the number of addenda issued.
- E.** All other conditions remain in full force and effect.

Willie Moon, CPPB
Procurement Agent Senior
Department of Purchasing and Contracting

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Date: _____

The above Addendum No. 4 is hereby acknowledged:

(NAME OF PROPOSAL)

(Signature)

(Title)