

July 22, 2021

TO: All Bidders under Invitation to Bid No. 21-101411

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

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 21-101411, Small Diameter Sewer Cleaning (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract) is hereby modified as follows:

1. We have received questions pertaining to this ITB. The questions and the responses are below:
 - a. Question: If the LSBE subcontractor is in the process of obtaining their certification from the County can they still be used by the prime contractor on the bid as an LSBE?

Answer: Pursuant to the DeKalb First LSBE Ordinance, according to Sec. 2-204. Benchmarks and Incentives. (a) To qualify for incentives under the DeKalb First ordinance, a prime contractor shall be a certified LSBE or submit written documentation showing that at least twenty percent (20%) of the total contract award will be performed by a LSBE(s) unless the prime contractor can demonstrate sufficient good faith efforts as set forth in this article.

Note: The LSBE Certification Application process does not guarantee LSBE certification.

- b. Question: Does this contract require a bid bond and a performance bond?

Answer: No.

- c. Question: Why would the county waste taxpayers' dollars with increased prices for lower qty for including locate and expose manholes and steel traffic plate installation and maintenance in the bid? If would be more cost effective for the taxpayers to hire a company that can provide this service overall vs piecing it to many contractors.?

Answer: The County is charged with maintaining the entire sanitary sewer collection system. The pay item for Locate & Expose MH will serve to 1) advise the owner that there is a manhole in the system which through the inability to be found or the inability to access prevents maintenance of the system. 2) This pay item will allow the cleaning contractor payment to find the manhole, expose it for access, and plate it if necessary, to protect the public, and continue with the cleaning operation. In doing so, the County does not end up with pipe segments scattered throughout that were not cleaned and thereby possibly contributing to a sanitary sewer overflow.

- d. Question: Since the LSBE Ordinance does not require an LSBE that bids as a Prime to include an LSBE, how can the Mentor/Protégé provision apply?

Answer: Pursuant to the DeKalb First LSBE Ordinance, according to Sec. 2-214. Mentor-Protege Initiative (a) In an effort to develop local small business talent and provide technical, administrative, and other assistance as required for contracting with DeKalb County, all projects valued over \$5,000,000.00 are required to be performed by entities who have engaged in a mentor-protege partnership. (b) Prime Contractors must agree to become mentors and take on an LSBE protege in an effort to enhance the potential of future LSBEs. These proteges will include all LSBEs on the certified LSBE list maintained by the County. (c) If participation in the mentor-protege initiative is required to submit a bid or proposal, prime contractors must also comply with all other applicable sections of this Article including §2-204 and §2-206.

- e. Question: Do we complete the First Source Jobs – Exhibit 3 now or after award?

Answer: It should be completed and submitted with the bid.

- f. Question: Will the locate and expose buried manholes be required as they are encountered, or will the county allow this to occur in batches/groups?

Answer: The Contractor will be given a work order for line segments to be cleaned. The work order assumes that the system is available for maintenance. Should the contractor determine that the manhole cannot be located and/or that the manhole is buried, paved over or otherwise can't be accessed, the Contractor will report that structure to the Inspector. The inspector will then write the appropriate work order necessary to allow the cleaning contractor to continue working. If the manhole is paved over, the pay item is there for the cleaning contractor to expose the manhole, do the cleaning assigned, plate the manhole, and maintain the plate until another contractor can raise the manhole to grade.

- g. Question: It is unreasonable for the county to require the contractor to maintain steel plates indefinitely because of the risks and possibility of loss of property, injury and loss of life. Can the county provide a reasonable time frame for plates to be placed and removed?

Answer: The County does not desire plates in the street. The County will work within its means to expedite the adjustment of the structure to grade and remedy the need for plates.

- h. Question: Please explain the “Emergency Powers” claimed by DWM and how this applies to the Contractor?

Answer: Some cleaning assignments may be associated with a sanitary sewer overflow. This means that other crews will precede the cleaning contractor and will have contacted landowners through the notification process. Those spill related line segments can be cleaned without notification by working under the emergency notification.

- i. Question: In an effort to have an apples to apples comparison, will the county consider providing the same allowance for all contractors as it does on other contracts? Asking for an arbitrary allowance of unknown items based on absolutely no information would not make the bid fair.

Answer: The allowance will be 10% of the total bid price.

2. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that he is aware of all addenda issued under this ITB. Please sign and return this addendum. You may email Angel Frazier at amfrazier@dekalbcountya.gov before the bids are due to confirm the number of addenda issued.
3. All other conditions remain in full force and effect.

Angel Frazier
Procurement Agent
Department of Purchasing and Contracting

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Date _____

The above Addendum is hereby acknowledged:

(Name of Bidder)

(Signature)

(Title)

CC/AF