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ADDENDA 1

To: All Interested Vendors
From: Claudia Parra, Procurement Data Analyst
Date: October 09, 2020
Subject: Bid 20-043 Tornillo Detention Pond Improvements for the County of El Paso

This Addenda has been issued to notify vendors for the following:

- Due to the current COVID19 disaster declaration, **no in person or courier** submittals are allowed. Vendors **must** mail via USPS, FEDEX or third-party carrier **(i.e. UPS/Fed Ex)**. The County of El Paso is not responsible for late deliveries of any kind or any reason.
 - **See revised "Bid Form (Lump Sum Contract)" attached.**
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QUESTIONS RECEIVED:

1. Is the County providing the CAD file for this project?

Response: CAD file will only be provided to awarded contractor.

2. Will the County provide the cut/fill volume quantities needed or required?

Response: No, contractor is responsible for their own bid quantities.

3. According to Alternative I, the contractor should purchase a 320GC small caterpillar excavator. Could the County clarify if the purchase of a new excavator is necessary or if it can be used?

Response: With regards to Alternate 1, the County is requesting a bid for a new excavator with a 5-year warranty as described in the specifications.

4. Regarding an Alternative I- Purchase of a Caterpillar Model: 320GC Small Excavator. Could the County clarify if one is just able to bid on the purchase of this small excavator?

Response: No.

5. Will the Geotech Report be posted and made available online for download?

Response: A preliminary Geotech Report has been added as an attachment on the County's website. Note that the report is for informational purposes only. Contractors will still be responsible for verifying soils conditions in the area.

6. Will bid items be provided with quantities and units of measure for bid comparison?

Response: No, refer to Price and Payment Procedures Amendment on Section 02 20 00 of Technical Specifications. It has been added as an attachment on the County's website. This is a lump sum project.

7. Will a more detailed specification sheet be provided regarding the new CAT 320 Small Excavator?

Response: No.

8. Will the County/Owner accept other manufactures for the small excavator that are equivalent?

Response: Yes, pre-approved vendors would be accepted.

9. Could the County clarify what type of bucket, capacity/size bucket or attachments are desired?

Response: A 48" bucket.

10. How many years of warranty does the County/Owner require, if any?

Response: The warranty will be provided from the manufacturer and not the contractor. Typically, there is a one-year warranty on large equipment. The County is requesting a 5-year warranty, which is a separate option that can be purchased through the vendor.

11. How many years of preventative maintenance does the County/Owner require, if any?

Response: Preventative maintenance will not be provided. It will only be a 5-year regular warranty.

12. Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

Response: No.

13. What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?

Response: All available information pertaining to this bid can be found on the specifications, attachments, and addenda's. They have been placed on the website: www.epcounty.com ; Purchasing; County of El Paso Texas- Purchasing Department; list of bids; under 20-043.

14. Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com/free?

Response: No this bid was not posted on www.mygovwatch.com/free.

15. Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

Response: The bid was posted on the El Paso County website and advertised on El Paso Inc.

16. Will the County provide a bid items list with individual quantities matching the Technical Specs Price & Payment Procedures for the items described?

Response: Refer to Price and Payment Procedures Amendment on Section 01 20 00 of Technical Specification. It has been added as an attachment on the County's website. This is a lump sum project.

17. Can the County clarify where the cut/excavated material is planning or needing to be disposed of?

Response: Contractor must be responsible for excavation and properly disposal of unclassified material.

18. Is the County expecting to have import material?

Response: Contractor must be responsible for embankment material.

19. According to the Geotech report the native material is not a good fit for the 8-Inch backfill for the slopes on the ponds and for the select fill area according to the technical specs. Does the County want to backfill the slopes with base course instead?

Response: The County anticipates that the on-site soils may be suitable to form pond slopes, however, must be susceptible to erosion. All imported fill soil materials must be Pond Select Backfill and meet with the requirements of Section XVI of the soils report. Native Fill soils are not considered suitable Select Fill or Pond Slope Select Backfill soils unless they meet the requirements of the Eeotechnical Report Section XVI.

20. Is the County aware of the quantity of import material needed to fill that requirement?

Response: Contractor must be responsible for embankment material.

21. Will the County pay for density tests?

Response: A 3rd party laboratory will be provided to perform density tests, however, the County will not be responsible for fail tests.

22. What is the project completion time on the bid form?

Response: A modification has been made on the BID FORM (LUMP SUM CONTRACT) which has been added on Addenda 1.

23. What are the liquidated damages on the bid form?

Response: A modification has been made on the BID FORM (LUMP SUM CONTRACT) which has been added on Addenda 1.

24. Is it possible to get a copy of the AutoCAD file so we can get excavation quantities?

Response: CAD file will only be provided to awarded contractor.

25. Could the County confirm the TXDOT Item 247 Type A Grade 3 Base Course per Bid Item #1, as there is not specification for base course material?

Response: Flexible base course must be crushed stone base course Type A, Grade 1-2 conforming to TxDOT Standard Specifications 2014, Item 247 – Flexible Base. See Amendment.

VIRTUAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE RECAP:

1. Is a Geotech Report going to be provided to inform what the ground consists of, for bidding purposes?

Revised Response: A preliminary Geotech Report has been added as an attachment on the County's website. Note that the report is for informational purposes only. Contractors will still be responsible for verifying soils conditions in the area.

2. Does the County own any land where the excess material can be wasted on or is that up to the contractor to find a location?

Response: Disposal of waste will be up to the contractor's discretion. We do have a site available, but it is very limited in size so at this point we are requesting that the contractor dispose of the excess material off site.

3. Can the preliminary Geotech be posted as an Addenda?

Response: It will be posted as an attachment.

4. With regards to the warranty and preventative maintenance related to the 320-excavator identified as an alternate, is the County expecting the contractor to get that from their dealers based on what they provide? Can there be more information provided as to what is expected from the contractor, once it is turned over to the County?

Response: Yes, the warranty will be provided from the manufacturer and not the contractor. Typically, there is a one-year warranty on large equipment. The County is requesting a 5-year warranty, which is a separate option that can be purchased through the vendor. Preventative maintenance will not be provided, it will only be regular warranty.

5. In regard to the specifications related to the rod iron fencing, can the County clarify if the fencing has to be galvanized or not?

Response: No, it should not be galvanized. It should be a steel rod iron material, shop painted to allow for field touch ups during installation.

6. Can the County clarify the amount and type of warranty required on equipment?

Response: The equipment should have a five-year warranty. No preventative maintenance is required for this project.

BID FORM (LUMP SUM CONTRACT)

Place County of El Paso Purchasing Department

Date _____

Project No. 20-043 Tornillo Detention Pond Improvements for the County of El Paso

Proposal of _____ (hereinafter called Bidder), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of ____/a partnership/an individual doing business as _____ (strike out inapplicable references) and authorized to do business in Texas.

To the County of El Paso (hereinafter called Owner).

Gentlemen:

The Bidder, in compliance with your invitation for bids for the construction of the Tornillo Detention Pond Improvements for the County of El Paso that consists of the following:

The project consists of but is not limited to the following:

having examined the plans and specifications with related documents and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, and supplies: and to construct the project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. These prices are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the Contract Documents, of which this proposal is a part.

Bidder hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed: of the Owner and to complete the project within **210** consecutive calendar days to achieve substantial completion from Notice to Proceed date and **30** consecutive calendar days to achieve final acceptance from substantial completion date thereafter as stipulated in the specifications. Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$1,600.00** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in the GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Date

Addendum Number

