

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR BIDS

Consent Order Work Plan Corrective Repairs WKD Task Order #09 (2022)

OJRSA PROJECT #2024-02
WK DICKSON PROJECT #20230009.00.GV



RFB SUBMITTAL DUE DATE/ TIME: July 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME

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| Advertisement Date | June 12, 2023 by 4:00 pm Local Time |
| Pre-Bid Conference (not mandatory but encouraged) | June 22, 2023 at 9:00 am Local Time |
| Deadline for Inquiries | July 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time |
| Response to Inquiries | By July 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time |
| Submittal Deadline | July 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm Local Time |
| Bid Opening | July 21, 2023 at 2:10 pm Local Time |
| Project Award (Anticipated) | August 7, 2023 OJRSA Board Meeting |
| Notice to Proceed Issued | August 8, 2023 (tentative, upon authorization by OJRSA Board of Commissioners) |
| Begin Project | Upon notification of <i>Notice to Proceed</i> by OJRSA |
| Project Completion | Base Bid to be completed 45 calendar days upon notification of <i>Notice to Proceed</i> . Any executed Alternatives will follow additional time provided on the Bid Form. |

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Purpose

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA” or “Owner”) is requesting bids from contractors, hereafter referred to as “Offerors,” “Contractors,” or “Firms” interested in the repair and replacement of select portions of the OJRSA gravity system in Oconee County, South Carolina.

OJRSA will select one (1) Contractor to complete the project. The contract method will be a the contract vehicle provided in the Bid Documents.

Scope

The Project generally consists of the following Work:

- Base Bid: Replacement of approx. 340 LF of 15” sanitary sewer connecting into existing manholes.
- Additive Alternatives: Installation of 10” and 30” diameter point repairs at various locations.
- Coordination with Owner and other agencies, as necessary.
- Acquire necessary permits to complete the work.
- Bypass pumping during project construction and/or coordination with OJRSA

Bids will be received for a single prime contract and shall be on a unit price basis.

Pre-Submittal Conference

A Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be held on June 22, 2023 at 9:00 am Local Time at the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority’s Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility located at 623 Return Church Road, Seneca, South Carolina. Representatives of the Owner will be present to discuss the Project. Attendance at the conference is encouraged but not required.

Familiarity with Project

By bidding on project, Contractor represents that it has:

1. Visited and examined the Sites(s),
2. Taken into account local conditions and observed conditions that affect the Project, the Work, or the cost thereof,
3. Investigated the labor situation related to the Project,
4. Examined the superintendence of the Project, the Work, the time of completion, and other relevant matters, and
5. Has taken these into consideration in submitting a bid.

Contractor Qualifications

No bid will be considered unless the bidder is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law (South Carolina Code of Laws as amended on April 1, 1999, Chapter 11, Sections 40-11-10 through 40-11-428). Contractors shall have a classification of WP or WL.

Obtaining Plans and Bid Documents

Plans, Bidding Documents, and other items can be downloaded by selecting the appropriate link name located beneath the Consent Order Work Plan Corrective Repairs (RFB Project #2024-02) heading at www.ojrsa.org/opportunities.

Only those contract drawings, specifications, and bid documents obtained from the mentioned OJRSA website are official. Bidders cannot rely on the accuracy of copies of the aforementioned documents, drawings, specifications, etc. obtained from any other source.

Deadline for Inquires

Any questions regarding this Request for Bids (RFB) should be submitted by way of email to info@ojrsa.org no later than July 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time. Answers will be submitted as an addendum to this RFB and made available to all Offerors on the OJRSA website (www.ojrsa.org/opportunities) by July 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time.

By submitting a bid, the Offeror represents that submitter has read and understood the Solicitation and that the Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk.

Bid Submittal

Offerors must submit their competitive sealed bid using the attached bid form. **BIDS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** All submittals must be complete. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check for calculation errors and completeness prior to submittal.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON JULY 21, 2023. LATE SUBMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bids will be publicly opened and read soon after the bid deadline.

Selection Process

The OJRSA shall open all sealed bids no sooner than 2:10 pm Local Time on July 21, 2023. Following OJRSA Board of Commissioner approval, the contract shall be awarded to the lowest total base bid submitted by the Offeror that meets the minimum criteria contained within this RFB.

The OJRSA may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of a Contractor to provide full performance as outlined in the RFB. The Contractor will furnish to the OJRSA all such information and data for this purpose upon request. The OJRSA reserves the right to reject any Contractor if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such Applicant fails to satisfy the OJRSA that such Applicant is properly qualified to carry out the obligations as stated herein.

South Carolina Domicile Requirement

The OJRSA shall not require a domicile obligation for this project.

Safety and Traffic Control

THE SAFETY OF ALL CONTRACTORS OF OJRSA IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE! Contractors shall comply with applicable requirements established by OSHA, SCDOT, Oconee County, and other entities when working on OJRSA property, along roadways, on private property, etc.

Insurance

Contractor agrees to maintain and keep in force during the life of this project, with a company or companies authorized to do business in South Carolina, Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance in the amount in accordance to Section 00 72 15 (Standard General Conditions) Article 5.2 of the Contract

Documents. Certificates for such policies shall be provided by the firm's insurance agent or broker to OJRSA within fifteen (15) working days from the date of award with the OJRSA listed as additional insured. Contractor will provide OJRSA a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice in the event of the insurance policies or insurance policy is canceled.

Proprietary/Confidential Information

The Offerors are asked for any restrictions on the use of data contained in their responses and told that proprietary information will be handled in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and policy of the government and the OJRSA. All proprietary/confidential information must be clearly marked as "Proprietary/Confidential." If information is deemed to not contain such information by OJRSA legal counsel as it relates to privacy laws, then it may be made available to the public upon request.

Background Check

OJRSA reserves the right to conduct a background inquiry of each Offeror which may include the collection of appropriate criminal history information, contractual business associates and practices, employment histories, and reputation in the business community. By submitting qualifications to the OJRSA, the Offeror consents to such an inquiry and agrees to make available to the OJRSA such books and records as the OJRSA deems necessary to conduct the inquiry.

Rights Reserved by OJRSA

The OJRSA reserves the right to reject any or all submittals; to waive any informality or irregularity not affected by law; and to evaluate, in its absolute discretion, the qualification statements submitted. Qualifications should be complete as initially submitted.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids.

Other Information

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.