

## INVITATION TO BID

**Sealed Bids.** Harris County is accepting sealed bids for Water Main Upgrades for GA Hwy 219 until 11:00 AM on Friday, September 7, 2018, at the Harris County Board of Commissioners' Office, 104 North College Street, Hamilton, GA 31811 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid are to be sent to the attention of County Clerk. Any bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

**Pre-Bid Meeting.** A pre-bid meeting will not be required.

**Scope of Work.** Under this project, the Contractor must furnish the labor and materials necessary to install ±23,300 L.F. of 8" D.I. water main, which includes ±1,200 L.F. of 8" D.I. with restrained joints installed by horizontal directional drilling. The longest HDD bore is ±814 L.F. There will also be ±450 L.F. of 6" PVC water main, ±57 service transfers, and all associated valves, hydrants, fittings, and other appurtenances. Time allotted for completion of work is **270** consecutive calendar days. All work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The work will be awarded in one (1) contract.

This project includes areas that are within a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project to construct passing lanes. The water main installation will be coordinated with the road contractor and these sections of the project will be completed fully before beginning work on the areas outside the project limits, unless instructed to do so by the Engineer. For each section, the new main will be installed and tested, services and branch lines transferred, then abandoning the existing main prior to moving to the next section. The following schedule is not official and subject to change and is only to give potential bidders an idea of the timing of the project.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Anticipated Date</b>
GDOT Letting Road Project	July 20, 2018
GDOT Awards Road Project	August 2018
GDOT Issues Notice to Proceed (including water line installation w/in the project limits)	End of September 2018
Water Line Installation to Begin	October 2018
Water Line Installation Completed within GDOT Project Limits (including Testing, Services & Tie-Ins)	March 2019
Remaining Water Line Installation Completed (including Testing, Services & Tie-Ins)	May 2019
Project Completion & Punchlist	June 2019

**Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents.** The plans, specifications and contract documents will be available for public viewing at the Harris County Board of Commissioners' office. Bid copies **MUST** be obtained from CARTER & SLOOPE, INC., 115 Woodland Way, Suite 120, Canton, GA 30014 (phone 770-479-8782, fax 770-479-1884) upon payment of \$250.00 (non-refundable). **A bidders proposal will not be considered by Owner unless the Bidder is on record with Carter & Sloope, Inc., as having purchased and received a complete set of bidding documents.**

**Contractor License.** Any contractor submitting a bid must be licensed by the State of Georgia as a Utility Contractor. **License numbers are requested to be written on the face of the bid envelope, but not required.** See Instructions to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

**Pre-Qualification of Bidders.** Pre-qualification may be required of bidders prior to the award of contract. At the Owner's request, detailed written evidence such as financial data, bonding capacity, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data that may be necessary to assist Owner in determining contractor's qualifications.

**Bonds.** Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licenses in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of

performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of “Best’s Key Rating Guide Property Liability”. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

Permits. All anticipated federal, state, or local permits required for the project shall be obtained by the Engineer.

Right-of-Way and Easements. All anticipated rights of way and easements required for the project will be obtained prior to the Notice to Proceed date.

Reservation of Rights. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the project to make an award to that bidder, whether because the bid is not responsible or the bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

**Harris County, Georgia**  
Nancy McMichael, County Clerk