

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for **US Hwy 27 Water Main Relocation** will be received until **1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023** at the **Harris County Board of Commissioners' Office, 104 North College Street, Hamilton, Georgia 31811** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. **Bids 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 No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

1.2 PREBID MEETING

A prebid meeting will NOT be required for this project.

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

Under this project, the Contractor must furnish the labor and materials necessary to install $\pm 1,500$ L.F. of 16" D.I. Water Main, $\pm 20,600$ L.F. of 12" D.I. Water Main, ± 700 L.F. of 8" D.I. Water Main, $\pm 2,200$ L.F. of 6" D.I. Water Main, $\pm 1,100$ L.F. of Steel Casing, and ± 500 L.F. of HDD bores. There will also be ± 99 service transfers, ± 32 hydrants, and all associated valves, fittings, and other appurtenances.

Time allotted for completion of work is **450** 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 is a utility relocation as part of a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project. The water main installation will be coordinated with the road contractor. The new main will be installed and tested, services and branch lines transferred, then the existing main will be abandoned. 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.

Activity	Anticipated Date
GDOT Letting Road Project	December 16, 2022
County Awards This Project	February 2023
GDOT Awards Road Project	February 2023
GDOT Issues Notice to Proceed (including water line installation w/in the project limits)	End of March 2023
County Issues NTP	April 2023
Contractor Orders Materials	April 2023
Water Line Installation to Begin	January 2024
Project Completion & Punchlist	July 2024

1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital specifications and contract documents are available at www.QuestCDN.com. You may view the digital documents for free by entering the Quest project number **8353906** on the website's project search page. The fee to download the digital documents is **\$250** payable through the website. A bidder's proposal will not be considered by the Owner unless the Bidder is on record with Carter & Sloope, Inc. as having purchased and received complete Bidding Documents. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. Any other questions can be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Canton, GA, 770-479-8782.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined for public viewing at the following locations:

Harris County Board of Commissioners Office

104 North College Street
Hamilton, GA 31811
(706) 628-4958

Carter & Sloope, Inc.

115 Woodland Way, Suite 120
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-8782

1.5 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.

1.6 PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Prequalification 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.

1.7 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 licensed 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.

1.8 PERMITS

All anticipated federal, state, or local permits required for the project shall be obtained by the Engineer. NOI shall be submitted by Contractor prior to construction.

1.9 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.

1.10 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 responsive 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

Andrea Dzioba, County Clerk

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