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ADDENDA 2

To: All Interested Vendors
From: Oscar Avila, Procurement Data Analyst
Date: July 22, 2019
Subject: Bid 19-028 Vista Del Este Water Distribution System

The Purchasing Department has received the following questions:

- 1) Regarding item #9- Purchase of new ¾" water meters from EPWater, Coordination with EPWater for the installation of the water meters. Will the El Paso Water Utilities be providing the unit price cost, prior to the bid for the water meters? If not, will the County provide an allowance for this line item?

RESPONSE: Contractor shall purchase the water meters from EPWater at the price set by EPWater. Contractor will be responsible for coordinating with EPWater all necessary item in order to have EPWater install functional meters.

- 2) Bid Item #9: This item suggests that the contractor will purchase the meter from El Paso Water. This bid item seems unnecessary as El Paso Water will be installing the meter that the contractor purchased from them? Please clarify. If the contractor is required to purchase this, would this be an allowance item as El Paso Water knows the price of the meter and would subsequently know the final approximate cost?

RESPONSE: Contractor shall purchase the water meters from EPWater at the price set by EPWater. Contractor will be responsible for coordinating with EPWater all necessary item in order to have EPWater install functional meters.

- 3) Can millings from the removals (item 15) be used towards the millings for item 18?

RESPONSE: The Contractor shall bid as shown in the Contract Documents.

- 4) Bid Item #13 Is for concrete driveway replacements. During a site visit it was noticed that some residents have concrete inside the property line that may need to be removed and replaced during the service line installation. Will this bid item cover customer side concrete as well? If not, can a separate bid item be added for that?

RESPONSE: No this item is only for concrete driveways located within County ROW. The location of the service lines will need to be verified when placing them inside the property so there is no certainty if concrete will need to be replaced within private properties. Contractor shall provide associated costs within the corresponding bid line item.

- 5) Will the County charge for pave cut permits per each road crossing or per each road cut or will one pave cut permit cover the entire project? What is the pave cut fee?

RESPONSE: The pavement cut permits will be waived for this project. Contractor will need to submit the documentation needed for the permits but the fees will not be charged.

- 6) At the prebid meeting it was mentioned that the entire system would need to be installed and tested before any services were installed. Can this requirement and the sequencing be clarified?

RESPONSE: This system is the only water source for residents. Contractor will be required to fully install new line system before transferring the metered services. The system will need to be fully operation before Contractor begins to switch connections and abandon existing mains. Contractor shall submit a work plan indicating approach for review prior to commencing work.

- 7) The pipeline profile calls out a 4' min bury but the bottom ribbon calls out pipe invert elevations. Please clarify the pipe is to be installed with 4' min bury or if the line should be installed to grade to the elevations called out in the plans.

RESPONSE: The pipe shall be installed with 4-ft of cover. That is 4-ft minimum from the top of the pipe to the ground/pavement elevation.

- 8) Follow up to a question asked at the pre-bid conference – please provide EPW rate for meter costs.

RESPONSE: Not currently available. Contractor shall purchase the water meters from EPWater at the price set by EPWater. Contractor will be responsible for coordinating with EPWater all necessary item in order to have EPWater install functional meters.

- 9) What are the minimum project specific criteria requirements for this project?

RESPONSE: Refer to the Technical Specifications on Section 01010 -General, Page 1 for the Minimum Project Specific Requirements.

10) Sheet 7 of 31 "Typical Service Trench"- The detail shows the 2" HDPE sleeve to extend from the main line to edge of the ROW. This would put the pit to install the sleeve in private property. Is it safe to assume the 2" HDPE sleeve only needs to extend under the existing paving and the remaining portions can be cut? The depth of the 2" HDPE sleeve as shown will not allow to install the water service as per the detail shown. Please clarify.

RESPONSE: The 2" HDPE Pipe shall extend from the water main under the existing paving to 5-ft past the existing paving.

11) The fire hydrant detail calls out a 4" steel bollard, the bollard detail calls out a 6" steel bollard. Please clarify which is correct.

RESPONSE: Contractors shall use 6-inch steel bollards per the Bollard Detail.

12) Regarding item #9 "Purchase of new ¾ inch water meters from El Paso Water, coordination with water for the installation of the water meters" Will it be necessary to contemplate the acquisition price for the 366 meters together with the labor price, or will the meters be provided by PSB and vendors only have to consider the price of labor?

RESPONSE: Contractor shall purchase the water meters from EPWater at the price set by EPWater.

The following is a recap of the pre-bid conference held on Thursday, July 11, 2019:

1) What is the fee for the water meters?

RESPONSE: Not currently available. Contractor shall purchase the water meters from EPWater at the price set by EPWater. Contractor will be responsible for coordinating with EPWater all necessary item in order to have EPWater install functional meters.

2) Will the existing main be abandoned?

RESPONSE: Yes, the existing water main shall be abandoned in place.

3) Was there a GeoTech report conducted?

RESPONSE: No GeoTech report was conducted.

4) Will a master plumber be required on-site?

RESPONSE: Yes, master plumber will be required.

5) What are the construction limits?

RESPONSE: As shown on plans.

6) Will re-seeding of turf be required?

RESPONSE: Re-seeding or re-sodding will be required were existing sod is damaged.

7) No connections can be made until the entire system has been certified?

RESPONSE: Exceptions, may be made, but the Contractor shall be responsible for maintained both systems active at all times as to not affect/interrupt water service to any resident(s). Decision will be made on the Contractors installation plan.

8) Is the removal and replacement of light poles expected during the project?

RESPONSE: The Contractor shall be responsible for the removal and replacement of any light poles as required for the installation of the new water main.

9) Regarding fire hydrants; is Davidson atv valve required?

RESPONSE: Contractors shall follow the Fire Hydrant Detail on Sheet 7 of 31.

10) Is the '80% of unit bid paid until lines are tested' required?

RESPONSE: Exceptions, may be made, but the Contractor shall be responsible for maintained both systems active at all times as to not affect/interrupt water service to any resident(s). Decision will be made on the Contractors installation plan.

11) Reciprocity to out of state vendors?

RESPONSE: Reciprocity shall be as mentioned in the Contract Documents.

12) Will construction water be provided?

RESPONSE: It shall be the Contractors responsibility to obtain a fire hydrant construction water meter from EPWater.

13) What is the anticipated notice to proceed with the project?

RESPONSE: The County is expected to award within 90 days.