

SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of West Columbia, South Carolina will receive Sealed Bids for the Saluda Gardens Water System Improvements Project – Division II until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 in the New Brookland Room at West Columbia City Hall, 200 North 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29169 at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, the 6th day of March 2024 at 2:00 PM in the New Brookland Room at the West Columbia City Hall, 200 North 12th Street, West Columbia, SC 29169.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

Construction of approximately 14,940 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch, 78 LF of 4-inch and 3,105 LF of 2-inch water line; bore 45 LF of 2-inch water line; installation of gate valves, fire hydrant assemblies, restrained joint fittings and air release valves; connections to existing water lines; installation of new service lines to existing water meters; abandonment of existing water lines and valves; removal and replacement of asphalt roadway, asphalt and concrete driveways, and concrete sidewalks; and all other necessary appurtenances as specified and depicted in the Contract Documents.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the following locations:

American Engineering Consultants, Inc.
PO Box 2299
1300 Twelfth Street, Suite A
Cayce, SC 29171 (29033 street)
American Engineering Consultants Project Number: 19-044

ConstructConnect Plan Room (ConstructConnect.com)
Available In Online Plan Rooms Only

Dodge Data & Analytics/Dodge Construction Network Plan Room (Construction.com)
Available In Online Plan Rooms Only

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$150.00 with the Engineer for each set of documents so obtained. The deposit is non-refundable. All Prime Bidders must obtain a set of Documents.

This project is being funded by a grant from the “South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program” (SCIIP) which is administered by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA). Bidders must be aware of and must comply with all applicable state and federal requirements identified in the bid documents. The low bidder will be required to complete all required

documentation and submit to the engineer within ten (10) days of the bid opening. RIA must review the information and approve the contractor prior to issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Reference is made to the information included in Section 00818 Supplementary Conditions.

No bid shall be considered unless the bidder is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law and has a classification of General Contractor-Public Utilities and a subclassification of Water and Sewer Lines with a License Group Limitation level appropriate with bid amount. No bidder may withdraw his Bid within 90 consecutive days after the actual date of opening.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U. S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. The low bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond and payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the bid amount. All Bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the Contract Documents except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in the current list of Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies, as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Audit Staff, Bureau of Government Financial Operations, U.S. Treasury Department. All Bonds signed by an agent must be accompanied by a certified copy of such agent's authority to act for the surety at the time of the signing of the bond.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any and/or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding. Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

Owner: **City of West Columbia, SC**

By: **Andrew J. Zaengle, P.E.**

Title: **Director of Engineering & Water Plants**

Date: **February 12th, 2024**

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