## SECTION 00020

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

INVITATION TO BID

FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Date: August 16, 2021

BID NO. NFP11; Reclaimed Water and Wastewater Force Main Replacement, Phase 2

Sealed proposals for NFP11 - Reclaimed Water and Wastewater Force Main Replacement, Phase 2 addressed to the Florida Governmental Utility Authority at 9841 Bernwood Place Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33966 will be received until 2:00 pm Local Time, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.

A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference and project site tour shall be held at 2:00 p.m Local Time, on the 14th day of September, 2021 in the offices of Florida Governmental Utility Authority, 9841 Bernwood Place Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33966 at which time all prospective Bidders may have questions answered regarding the Bidding Documents for this Project. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not mandatory.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be marked or endorsed "Proposal for Florida Governmental Utility Authority, Bid No. NFP11 and Bid Date September 28, 2021." No bid shall be considered unless it is made on the Bid Form which is included in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Form (Section 00300) shall be removed from the Bidding Documents prior to submittal.

One contract will be awarded for all work to be performed pursuant to this invitation to bid. Bidding Documents may be examined in the office of:

Florida Governmental Utility Authority Operations Office, 280 Wekiva Springs Road, Suite 2070, Longwood, Fl 32779-6026, Telephone (407) 629-6900 Or

Florida Governmental Utility Authority Customer Service Office, 9841 Bernwood Place Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33966, Telephone (239) 368-1615.

Prospective bidders may obtain the Bidding Documents free of charge, in downloadable PDF file format, from the FGUA website at <a href="https://bids.fgua.com">https://bids.fgua.com</a>. Bid documents will be made available by the close of business on Monday, August 30, 2021.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total Bid to be retained as liquidated damages in the event the successful Bidder fails to execute the Agreement and file the required bonds and insurance within ten (10) calendar days after the receipt of the Notice of Award.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish the necessary Performance and Payment Bonds, as prescribed in the General Conditions of the Contract Documents. All Bid Bonds, Performance and Payment Bonds, Insurance Contracts and Certificates of Insurance shall be either executed by or countersigned by a Florida licensed agent of the surety or insurance company doing business in the State of Florida. Further, the said surety or insurance company shall be duly licensed and qualified to do business in the State of Florida. Attorneys-in-fact that sign Bid Bonds or Performance and Payment Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their Power of Attorney.

In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall, as applicable, hold or obtain such contractor's and business licenses, certifications and registrations as required by State statutes and local ordinances.

Before a contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the FGUA shall conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low Bidder to perform the size and type of work specified in the Bidding Documents. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the FGUA to evaluate the Bidder's qualifications.

The Successful Bidder shall be required to fully complete all Work to be performed pursuant to this invitation to bid within 210 calendar days from and after the Commencement Date specified in the Notice to Proceed.

The FGUA reserves the right to reject all Bids or any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Bidding Documents, and to postpone the award of the contract for a period of time which, however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

Dated this 16 day of August, 2021.

FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY Tallahassee, Florida

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