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ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL NOTICE

1.01 The **Laguna Madre Water District** (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

LMWD Water System Improvements - Water Plant 2/Reservoir No. 3 - Raw Water Transfer Pump Station

Bid No. WP-24-12-01

TWDB PROJECT NON-EQ DWSRF NO. 62963 CID 01

This contract is to be funded through a loan obtained from the Texas Water Development Board as part of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. There are a number of special provisions for this funding that bidders, by submitting a bid, acknowledge understanding, including the following: A contract is contingent upon release of funds from the TWDB. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Notice to Bidders are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

1.02 Description of the Work

- A. The scope of the project includes the installation of a new Raw Water Transfer Pump Station at Water Plant 2/Reservoir No. 3 (located adjacent to Water Plant 2) - including, but not limited to, the following:
1. Site improvements
 2. New raw water transfer structure and intake pumps
 3. Demolition of existing pump station discharge piping, valves, and appurtenances
 4. Yard piping and associated valves, structures, and appurtenances
 5. Associated electrical, instrumentation, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) improvements

1.03 The Project is to be substantially complete and ready for operation on or before **300** days after the Notice to Proceed. The Project is to be complete and eligible for final payment 30 days after the date for Substantial Completion.

ARTICLE 2 – EXAMINATION AND PURCHASE OF DOCUMENTS

2.01 Advertisement and bidding information for the Project can be found at the following procurement website: <https://www.civcastusa.com/>

- 2.02 Prospective Offerors must register with the procurement website as a plan holder, even if the Contract Documents are obtained from a plan room or other site. All official notifications, Addenda, and other documents will be offered only through the procurement website.
- 2.03 The Contract Documents may be downloaded from the procurement website by prospective Offerors registered as plan holders. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that a complete set of documents, as defined in Section 00 52 13 “Agreement,” are used in the preparation of their Bids. The documents are made available for the sole purpose of obtaining Bids for completion of the Project and permission to download does not confer a license or grant permission or authorization for any other use. Authorization to download documents includes the right for Offerors to print documents for their sole use, provided they pay all costs associated with printing or reproduction. Printed documents may not be re-sold under any circumstances.
- 2.04 The procurement website will be updated periodically with Addenda, lists of interested parties, reports, or other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project.

ARTICLE 3 – PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- 3.01 A non-mandatory pre-bid video conference for the Project will be held at **2:00 pm**, local time, on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**. Access instructions for the pre-bid video conference will be posted on the procurement website.

ARTICLE 4 – SITE TOUR

- 4.01 A tour of the Site may be coordinated with:

Charles Ortiz, P.E.
Laguna Madre Water District
cortiz@lmwd.org
Phone: (956) 943-2626 Ext 130

ARTICLE 5 – QUESTIONS REGARDING BIDDING PROCESS OR SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

- 5.01 Questions are to be submitted using the question and answer process on the procurement website. Responses to questions posted on the procurement website will be posted for the benefit of all Offerors. A response will be posted for questions received no later than **5:00 pm** on **Friday, November 29, 2024**.
- 5.02 A response to a question posted on the procurement website that requires modification of the Contract Documents will be made by Addenda. Modifications to the Contract Documents prior to the award of the Contract can only be made by Addenda. Only answers in Addenda posted on the procurement website will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

ARTICLE 6 – BID SECURITY

- 6.01 Offerors must submit an acceptable Bid Security with their Bids as a guarantee that the Successful Offeror will enter into a contract for the Project with the Owner within 15 days of Notice of Award of the Contract. The Bid Security must be payable to Laguna Madre Water District in the amount of 5 percent of the proposed Contract Price. The Successful Offeror must

execute the Contract and bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents and provide evidence of insurance as required by the Contract Documents.

- 6.02 Bid Security may be in the form of a bid bond, a cashier's check, or certified check. Checks must be made out to Laguna Madre Water District. The bid bond may be submitted on the form provided in Section 00 43 13 "Bid Bond" or Offerors may provide their surety's standard penal sum bid bond form. The bid bond must reference the Owner and Project by name as identified in this Section.

ARTICLE 7 – DELIVERY OF BIDS

- 7.01 Sealed Bids must be delivered to the Owner at the address below no later than **2:00 pm** on **Thursday, December 19, 2024** to be accepted. The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place including the names of the Offerors and their Bids. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Address Bids to the Owner as follows:

Laguna Madre Water District

Attn: Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent

Re: LMWD Water System Improvements – Water Plant 2/Reservoir No. 3 - Raw Water Transfer Pump Station (Bid No. WP-24-12-01)

105 Port Road

Port Isabel, TX 78578

- 7.02 The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, including the names of the Offerors and their Bids. The bid opening will be conducted immediately after the bid deadline on **Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm**, local time.

ARTICLE 8 – AWARD OF CONTRACT

- 8.01 It is the intent of the Owner to award this Contract to the lowest responsible Offeror. The Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous interpretation of the Bids submitted in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating bid prices, to reject any or all Bids, and/or waive formalities. Bids will remain subject to acceptance and may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the date on which Bids are opened.

ARTICLE 9 – OTHER CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- 9.01 Selected Contractor will be required to pay the Davis Bacon (DB) prevailing wage rates established for this Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2258. For additional requirements, refer to DB-0156 Appendix 1 (for Governmental Entities).
- 9.02 Performance and payment bonds will be required for this Project.
- 9.03 Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- 9.04 Any contract(s) awarded under this Invitation for Bids is/are subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of federal law, including federal appropriation acts and Section 1452(a)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300j-12(a)(4)), as applicable.

END OF SECTION