

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled **Water Treatment Plant Filter Upgrades** will be received by the **City of Hickory** until **2:00 p.m.** local time **May 4, 2021** in the **Conference Room** on the **First Floor of Water Treatment Plant located at 1560 Old Lenoir Rd, Hickory, NC 28601**. At said place and time, all Bids that have been duly received, will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:30 a.m.** local time **April 23, 2021** in the Conference Room on the First Floor of Water Treatment Plant located at 1560 Old Lenoir Rd, Hickory, NC 28601. Interested parties should attend this meeting to receive bidding information, ask questions, and to visit the project site.

The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of four (4) filters. The filter upgrades include the installation of an air backwash system, removal of the filter surface sweeps, inspection and repair of the existing underdrains as necessary, and placement of new filter media.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer is required for this project prior to the bid opening.

Bidder qualifications, as described in Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders, are required to be submitted with the Bid. Bidders are encouraged to inquire about minimum qualifications before purchasing Bidding Documents.

The Bidding Documents may be examined at McGill Associates, PA (Hickory, NC) during normal business hours.

Prospective bidders must register and obtain an official set of the Bidding Documents. Digital copies of Bidding Documents are available for purchase for a fee of \$100.00 per set through Quest by visiting www.mcgillbidline.com. These documents may be downloaded by selecting the project and finding the appropriate Quest Project Number. **Bids received from Bidders who are not registered planholders with the Engineer will not be accepted or opened.** For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any source other than the Engineer and their representative plan provider, QuestCDN. Each Bidder shall be responsible for the review of all addenda for the project and shall acknowledge the addenda on the bid form.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of the State of North Carolina and be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

Each bid shall be accompanied with a cash deposit or certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC or a Bid Bond prepared on the form of Bid Bond contained in the Bidding Documents or a Surety Company's standard form and properly executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The amount of the bid bond shall be equal to **five (5) percent** of the total of the bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner

if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after the proper notice of award of the contract.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and time.

The City of Hickory has adopted a “Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan” (MBPOP). The goal in adopting its Plan is for the expansion of participation by historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in construction projects as defined in GS 143-128.2 (g). Equal access and opportunity to participate in all aspects of construction projects shall be provided to HUB. It is the City’s policy to award public building contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disabling condition. Each bidder shall make a good faith effort and shall document such efforts to utilize minority businesses and comply with the plan.

Contractors submitting a Bid on this project must solicit bids from minority subcontractors and provide documentation of any outreach efforts as required by the Special Conditions Packages.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and 40 CFR 33.1016, and 40 CFR 60-4.

This Advertisement is issued by:
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