

**SECTION 00 10 00  
SOLICITATION**

**INVITATION TO BID**

The South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) invites sealed bids by electronic submission only for the construction of the **Water Meter Installation Project - Phase 3**.

**Electronic Bids will be received until 2 p.m., Friday, May 12, 2017.** Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted by the electronic bidding system. All bids that have been timely received will be publicly opened and the content read aloud at the STPUD offices, Board Room, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids shall be valid for 60 calendar days after the bid opening date, as required in the Bid Form.

The site of the work is located in multiple residential areas of the City of South Lake Tahoe, California.

The work to be performed consists of the installation of up to 1421 residential water meters including 3/4" and 1" meters, radio read units, meter pits, insulation pads, extensions, metal frames, concrete collars, lids, connections to existing water services, valve boxes, service valve replacements, paving restoration, site restoration, and other related work. Water meters, meter antenna units, water meter pit lids and frames, and water service valve boxes to be installed will be provided by STPUD.

A copy of the Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the South Tahoe Public Utility District Offices, 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

In order to download Contract Documents and receive addendums and notifications when issued Bidders must register as a vendor at:

<http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21516>

Electronic bids will also be submitted through this website. Paper bids will not be accepted.

Contract Documents are available for free download on the South Tahoe Public Utility District website Construction Bids page, "<http://www.stpud.us/constructionbids.html>", or at "<http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21516>". For assistance in downloading these documents or registering as a vendor contact Heidi Baugh, Contracts Administrator at (530) 543-6205.

All bids are to be submitted electronically as required in Section 00 20 00 Instructions to Bid. After electronic bidding, each bidder shall submit their original Bid Forms to South Tahoe Public Utility District at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Questions or comments regarding this project must be submitted electronically via our electronic bidding system and must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017. Questions received after the date indicated will not be accepted. Phone Calls, Emails

and faxes will not be accepted. Responses from the District will be communicated via the electronic bidding system.

This project is being funded, in part, by the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The Contractor will be required to comply with State and federal contract rules and regulations including requirements for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and American Iron and Steel (AIS) as detailed in Sections 00 74 00 and 00 75 00 of the Specifications. The prime contractor is required to provide documentation that the local U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce were notified of the contracting opportunity at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the bid opening date. A bid will be considered non-responsive unless it includes the forms required in Section 00 75 00 to be completed and submitted with the Bid.

**A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the South Tahoe Public Utility District, Board Room, 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California on April 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Any bidder absent from the Pre-Bid Conference shall have their bid disqualified as non-responsive. A tour of the site of work will be conducted as part of the Pre-Bid Conference.** The tour will include site visits to typical water meter installations.

In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code section 3300, the South Tahoe Public Utility District has determined that the bidder shall possess a valid class A contractor license at the time of bid opening, the Contract is awarded and for the duration of the Contract. Failure to possess the specified license shall render the bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to awarding the contract to any bidder not possessing said license at the time of award.

This project is subject to prevailing wage requirements. As a federally-funded project, the work is subject to both California labor standards and federal labor standards including the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3142). The general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work must be paid for the locality in which the work will be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed. The **higher** of either state of California or federal prevailing wages must be paid. The prevailing wages for the work are on file at the District's office. The federal prevailing wages for this project are included as an attachment to the bid documents.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code, and Section 10164 and 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the Bidder's and its subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations. Bidder shall certify that Bidder and all listed subcontractors are currently and validly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and shall include its registration number on its bid. Each Bidder shall provide the registration number for each listed subcontractor in the space provided. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors of every tier shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. It shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements.

Notice is hereby given that the project is subject to federal requirements for Equal Employment

Opportunity, set forth in 41 CFR Part 60 and defined in Section 00 74 00 of these Specifications, including the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and Standard Federal Equal Employment Specifications".

Pursuant to the provisions in Section 6707 of the California Labor Code, each Bid submitted in response to Section 00 10 00, Solicitation - Invitation to Bid, shall contain adequate sheeting, shoring, and bracing, or equivalent method, for the protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation, which shall conform to applicable safety orders for the State of California.

All electronic bids shall be accompanied by a bid security amounting to ten percent (10%) of the bid or as detailed in Section 00 20 00, Instructions for Procurement, Part 2.05. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the District with a Performance Bond equal to 100% of the successful bid, and a Payment Bond equal to 100% of the successful bid, prior to execution of the Contract. All bonds are to be secured from a surety that meets all of the State of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and is admitted by the State of California. Notice is further given that, pursuant to Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor is permitted to substitute securities for any moneys withheld by the District to ensure performance under a contract as specified in Section 00 20 00.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code §3400(b), if the District has made any findings designating certain materials products, things, or services by specific brand or trade name without alternative, such findings and the materials, products, things, or services and their specific brand or trade names will be set forth in Section 01 60 00, Product Requirements, of the Contract Documents.

The South Tahoe Public Utility District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, and to make awards to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the best interest of the District. If multiple bid schedules are called for in the Contract Documents, the lowest bid will be determined on the basis of the total bid amount, which is the sum of all bid schedules.



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