

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of **Sanitary Sewer Sanitary Sewer Improvements to Serve the Banks County High School** will be received until Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM Bids must be submitted electronically at www.QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be allowed. Any Bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No Bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of Bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State Law.

1.2 PREBID MEETING

A **mandatory** prebid meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Wilson Shoals Meeting Room in the Banks County Courthouse Annex. **This meeting is required for all contractors that would like to submit a bid for this project. No exceptions will be allowed.**

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

Under this project, the Contractor must furnish the labor and materials necessary to install approximately $\pm 17,250$ LF of 8" PVC sanitary sewer force main, $\pm 1,450$ LF of 10" PVC gravity sewer main, and a duplex lift station with 60 HP pumps. Installation shall include all work shown in the construction plans, including valves, manholes, and other appurtenances.

Time allotted for completion of work is 365 consecutive calendar days. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available at www.QuestCDN.com. You may view the digital documents for free by entering the Quest project number 8926114 on the website's project search page. The fee to download the digital documents is \$150.00 payable through the website. There will be a \$45.00 fee to submit the bid online. Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. Any other questions can be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Canton, GA, 770-479-8782.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined for public viewing at the following locations:

Banks County, Courthouse Annex
150 Hudson Valley Dr,
Homer, GA 30547
(706) 632-2091

Carter & Sloope, Inc.
115 Woodland Way, Suite 120
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-8782

1.5 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders MUST complete the Qualifications of Bidder (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of Contract. See Qualifications of Bidder for additional requirements.

1.6 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as “utility contracting” in accordance with O.C.G.A 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a “Utility Contractor” and must also employ a “Utility Manager” certification holder who will have oversight of all the work. Therefore, the Contractor submitting a bid must list the license number of the Contractor performing the utility contracting on the Proposal form and provide proof of a valid license. See Instruction to Bidders for additional requirements.

1.7 BONDS AND INSURANCE

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier’s check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an “A” minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of “Best’s Key Rating Guide Property Liability”. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.8 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with Banks County must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.9 PERMITS

All anticipated federal, state, or local permits required for the project shall be obtained by the Engineer.

1.10 RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS

All anticipated rights of way and easements required for the project are expected to be obtained, prior to the start of construction.

1.11 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

This project will be subject to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) Contract conditions see ARPA conditions located after the Supplementary Conditions Section.

1.12 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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