

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR BIDS

Flat Rock Pump Station Replacement

OJRSA PROJECT #2024-03

KCI PROJECT #962205803

SCIIP PROJECT # A-23-C153



RFB SUBMITTAL DUE DATE / TIME: July 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME

Advertisement Date	June 8, 2023 by 4:00 pm Local Time
Pre-Bid Conference - Attendance Encouraged	June 27, 2023 at 2:00 pm Local Time
Deadline for Inquiries	July 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time
Submittal Deadline	July 18, 2023 at 2:00 pm Local Time
Bid Opening	July 18, 2023 at 2:00 pm Local Time
Project Award	August 7, 2023 OJRSA Board Meeting
Review of Contract Documents and <i>Notice to Proceed</i> Issued	By August 18 2023 (tentative)
Begin Project	Upon notification of <i>Notice to Proceed</i> by OJRSA

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Purpose

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA” or “Owner”) is requesting bids from contractors, hereafter referred to as “Offerors,” “Contractors,” or “Firms” interested in the replacement of the existing Flat Rock Pump Station located near Walhalla, South Carolina.

OJRSA will select one (1) Contractor to complete the project. The contract method will be a standard services contract as provided by the OJRSA and/or its consulting engineer.

Scope

The Project generally consists of the following Work:

- Demolition of existing wetwell and portions of the existing pump structure.
- Demolition of existing radio antenna, fuel storage tanks, and other site features.
- Demolition and removal of existing electrical components and controls.
- Providing and installing new pumps, control panel, standby power generator, and other items as shown on the plans.
- Providing and installing new electrical wiring, panels, conduit, etc.
- Providing and installing new piping, valves, and precast concrete structures as shown on the plans.
- Installation of new gravity sewer and forcemain connections as shown on the plans.
- Bypass pumping during project construction.
- Site work as shown on project plans including, but not limited to, grading, paving, and retaining wall installation.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract and shall be on a unit price basis.

Pre-Bid Conference

A Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be held on June 27, 2023 at 2:00 pm Local Time at the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority’s Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility located at 623 Return Church Road, Seneca, South Carolina. Representatives of the Owner and engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Attendance at the conference is encouraged but not required.

Contractor Qualifications

No bid will be considered unless the bidder is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law (South Carolina Code of Laws as amended on April 1, 1999, Chapter 11, Sections 40-11-10 through 40-11-428). Contractors shall have a classification of WP or WL.

Obtaining Bid Documents

Bidding Documents can be downloaded under QuestCDN Project #8552195 at www.questcdn.com OR www.kci.com (Project Bid Information link on bottom of KCI home page) for a non-refundable charge of \$20.00. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in viewing or downloading this digital project information. Any other project related questions or requests for information (RFI) shall be directed to Kara Hrkach (kara.hrkach@kci.com).

Bidding Documents also may be examined online at www.questcdn.com or the office of the Engineer, KCI Technologies, Inc., 106 Clair Drive, Piedmont, SC 29673, 864-269-0890, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Only those contract drawings, specifications, and bid documents obtained from the Engineer (or from QuestCDN) are official. Bidders cannot rely on the accuracy of copies of the aforementioned documents, drawings, specifications, etc. obtained from any other source. Bidder's must be on the Engineer's official plan holders list for the bids to be accepted by the Owner.

Deadline for Inquires

Any questions regarding this Request for Bids (RFB) should be submitted by way of email to kara.hrkach@kci.com no later than July 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm Local Time . Answers will be submitted as an addendum to this RFB and made available to all Offerors on the OJRSA website (www.ojrsa.org/resources) and on QuestCDN.

By submitting a bid, the Offeror represents that submitter has read and understood the Solicitation and that the Offer is made in compliance with the Solicitation. Offerors are expected to examine the Solicitation thoroughly and should request an explanation of any ambiguities, discrepancies, errors, omissions, or conflicting statements in the Solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's risk.

Bid Submittal

Offerors must submit their competitive sealed bid using the attached bid form. **BIDS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** All submittals must be complete. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check for calculation errors and completeness prior to submittal.

Bidders must deposit security with all bids. Security shall be in the form of a certified check or bid bond made payable to the Owner and shall be for an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. Provisions of the security shall be as described in the Information for Bidders.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON July 18, 2023 AT THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY'S CONERROSS CREEK WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY LOCATED AT 623 RETURN CHURCH ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA. LATE SUBMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Bids will be publicly opened and read soon after the bid deadline.

SCIIP Funding Requirements

Funding for the project shall be provided via a SCIIP grant from the SC RIA and local match funding provided by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority. As a result, contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the applicable contract provisions required by the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements (also referred to as Uniform Guidance) found in 2 CFR 200 Appendix II.

Federal requirements will apply to the contract. All contractors and subcontractors are required to be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) prior to the contract award. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 & Order No. 11375 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 Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours (40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act), Safety Standards Act, and 40 CFR 33.240, the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Drug-Free Workplace set forth in 31 CFR Part 20, the Clean Air Act, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Bidders must also make positive efforts to use small and minority-owned business and to offer employment, training and contracting opportunities.

Selection Process

The OJRSA shall open all sealed bids no sooner than 2:00 pm Local Time on July 18, 2023. Following approval by SC RIA and the OJRSA Board of Commissioners, the contract shall be awarded to the lowest total base bid, plus selected alternates, submitted by the Offeror that meets the minimum criteria contained within this RFB.

South Carolina Domicile Requirement

The OJRSA shall not require a domicile obligation for this project.

Safety and Traffic Control

THE SAFETY OF ALL CONTRACTORS OF OJRSA IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE! Contractors shall comply with applicable requirements established by OSHA, SCDOT, Oconee County, and other entities when working on OJRSA property, along roadways, on private property, etc.

Insurance

Contractor agrees to maintain and keep in force during the life of this project, with a company or companies authorized to do business in South Carolina, Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. Certificates for such policies shall be provided by the firm's insurance agent or broker to OJRSA within fifteen (15) working days from the date of award with the OJRSA listed as additional insured. Contractor will provide OJRSA a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice in the event of the insurance policies or insurance policy is canceled.

Proprietary/Confidential Information

The Offerors are asked for any restrictions on the use of data contained in their responses and told that proprietary information will be handled in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and policy of the government and the OJRSA. All proprietary/confidential information must be clearly marked as "Proprietary/Confidential." If information is deemed to not contain such information by OJRSA legal counsel as it relates to privacy laws, then it may be made available to the public upon request.

Background Check

OJRSA reserves the right to conduct a background inquiry of each Offeror which may include the collection of appropriate criminal history information, contractual business associates and practices, employment histories, and reputation in the business community. By submitting qualifications to the OJRSA, the Offeror consents to such an inquiry and agrees to make available to the OJRSA such books and records as the OJRSA deems necessary to conduct the inquiry.

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The OJRSA reserves the right to reject any or all submittals; to waive any informality or irregularity not affected by law; and to evaluate, in its absolute discretion, the qualification statements submitted. Qualifications should be complete as initially submitted.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids.

Other Information

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.