

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for a unit price contract will be received by the **Ottawa County Board of Commissioners**, until 10:00 a.m. local time on September 14, 2010 for the project known as:

### **OTTAWA COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRIBUTION PHASE II HYDRANT & VALVE BOLT REPLACEMENT AND CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT**

The bids are to be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "**OTTAWA COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRIBUTION, PHASE II HYDRANT AND VALVE BOLT REPLACEMENT AND CATHODIC PROTECTION PROJECT PROPOSAL**" to the **Ottawa County Commissioners, 315 Madison Street, Room 103, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452**. All bids received will then be opened and read at a public bid-opening meeting. All bids received after this time will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Installation of magnesium anodes and cathodic protection test stations on the existing ductile iron hydrant assemblies, valves, and fittings on PVC water mains in multiple locations in Ottawa County (approx. 500 total hydrants, fittings, and valves to be protected). Installation of magnesium anodes and cathodic protection test stations on existing ductile iron pipe (approx. 270 LF). Replacement of bolts (approx. 500), blow-off assemblies (approx. 12), and taping saddles (approx. 22) damaged by corrosion.

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS:** The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners, Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department, Dodge Reports, and the Engineer – AECOM, 1375 E Ninth Street, Suite 2801, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. The documents may be secured through eBlueprint by contacting John Lowery (216-281-1234), by going to any eBlueprint location, or by logging onto [www.eblueprint.com](http://www.eblueprint.com). The cost of each set of documents is \$100.00. (Add \$10.00 if mailed by first class mail.) Checks must be made payable to AECOM and shall be given to eBlueprint. The deposit for the first set of documents obtained will be refunded if all documents are returned to the Engineer in good, reusable condition within ten days after the bid opening. Additional copies of the contract documents may be purchased at \$100.00. No refund will be allowed for the return of additional copies.

**PREBID MEETING:** A Prebid meeting will be held at the Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison Street, Room 109, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452, at 10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. The Prebid meeting is not mandatory.

**BID SECURITY:** The bid must be accompanied by a bid guaranty. The bid guaranty may be of two forms: 1) A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents. (The amount of the bid does NOT have to appear on this form.) 2) A certified check, cashier's check or letter of credit in favor of Ottawa County, Ohio, in the amount of 10% of the bid. If the contract is awarded, a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond. The bid guaranty must meet all requirements of Section 153.54 of the ORC and the Instructions to Bidders.

**COMPLETION TIME:** The contractor will have 300 consecutive calendar days to complete the work, including all restoration, after receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

**PREVAILING WAGES:** The successful bidder will be required to pay not less than the minimum prevailing wage rates established by the Department of Industrial Relations and conform to all provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Sections 4115.16 related requirements.

**COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS:** All work shall be carried out in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations that apply to the work. Any project specification item in conflict with a federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation, shall be void.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Bidders must submit an acceptable Affirmative Action Plan with the bid submission. No contract will be awarded unless an acceptable Affirmative Action Plan is reviewed by Ottawa County, approved and incorporated into the contract. Each bidder must complete and sign the form that is included with the specifications.

**SMALL BUSINESS:** This procurement is subject to the EPA policy of encouraging the participation of small businesses in rural areas (SBRAs).

**PROPOSAL FORMS:** No proposal will be considered unless it is made on the blanks furnished by the County. No bidder shall take any exception to any requirement of the specifications. Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein.

During the Contract Time, the Contractor and each Subcontractor shall be enrolled in and in good standing in the Drug-Free Workplace (DFWP) Program or a similar program approved by the Bureau of Workers Compensation. Contractors must enroll in a certified program and provide verification within ten days of the bid opening or its bid will be deemed non-responsive.

Each bidder shall complete a "Non-Collusion" Affidavit and include it with his proposal. Bids received after the scheduled bid opening date and time, or not accompanied by a satisfactory bid bond or check or "Non-Collusion" Affidavit, will neither be read or considered. Bidders with unresolved Finding for Recovery on the State Auditor's web site will be disqualified.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The County reserves the right to waive any technicalities or informalities, to reject any or all bids received, and to determine the lowest and best bid with any combination of alternates which is deemed most favorable to Ottawa County, Ohio at the time and under the conditions stipulated in the project documents.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 307.87 this shall serve as notification that this notice is available on Ottawa County's internet web site on the world wide web by logging onto [www.co.ottawa.oh.us](http://www.co.ottawa.oh.us) and going to the legal notices/bids link - click on main page and you will be able to view the notice in PDF format.

This project is being funded with Regional Water Operations Funds, and an OPWC Grant. The estimated cost of construction is \$616,504.00.

By Order of Ottawa County Commissioners

Rhonda Slauterbeck, Clerk/Assistant Administrator

Advertise: August 13, 2010

Furnish Affidavit