

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of **WWTP Improvements - Phase III** will be received until **June 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM local time**. Bids must be submitted electronically through QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be accepted. **Any bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner.** No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State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. Base bid cost of all Bids submitted will be published to the QuestCDN website approximately 30 minutes after the closing time and can be viewed by the Bidder.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all materials and equipment and to perform all labor necessary to modify the existing wastewater treatment plant as shown in the drawings and as specified herein, including but not limited to: removal and replacement of the mechanical screen, grit concentrator, and associated piping; addition of a new septage receiving station, chemical feed system, and electrical building; removal and replacement of Orbal basin aeration system and sludge dewatering equipment; improvements to the two existing clarifiers and the existing digesters including removal and replacement of all submerged mechanisms, and brush blasting and coating of the interior and exterior of existing basins; and replacement of digester, aeration, mixing, and decant system in existing basins. Work also includes electrical, process instrumentation, SCADA, addition of SCADA to the City's 18 sewage pump stations, addition of a new emergency backup generator for the WWTP, repairs and upgrades to the existing laboratory, yard piping, concrete and asphalt paving, valves, coatings, earthwork, fencing, soil erosion and sediment control, NPDES monitoring, mobilization/demobilization, bonds, insurance, and all appurtenances necessary for completion of the work as shown on the Drawings and as specified in the Contract Documents.

Time allotted for completion of work is **480 calendar days**. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE

An optional Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be held on June 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM local time at Thomson City Hall located at 210 Railroad Street, Thomson, GA 30824 followed by a site visit to the WWTP located at 507 Southside Drive, Thomson, GA 30824. The purpose is to allow Bidders access to the jobsite and discuss any other questions the Bidders may have. Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of Record such

addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the meeting. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available at <http://cartersloope.com/outforbid>. Bidders may view the digital plan documents for free by entering the Quest project number 8534095 on the website's project search page. Bidders may download the digital documents for a fee of \$250 payable through the website. Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. There will be an additional \$30.00 submittal fee. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. All other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Watkinsville, GA at 706-769-4119 or achinouth@cartersloope.com.

1.5 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders must complete the Qualifications of Bidders (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of the Contract. Refer to the specific requirements outlined in the referenced Section.

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 utility work. Therefore, the Contractor submitting a bid must list the license number of the Contractor performing the utility contracting on the bid form and provide proof of a valid license. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.7 BONDS

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 PERMITS

The Status of Federal, State, and/or Local permits for this project are as follows:

Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan	Submitted
Local Land Disturbance Permit	To be submitted by Contractor
NPDES GAR 100001 (Stormwater)	N/A
GA EPD DDR Concurrence	Approved
GA EPD Plan and Spec Concurrence	Submitted

1.9 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the City of Thomson 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.

1.10 EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

None required.

1.11 FUNDING SOURCES

Funding is to be provided by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. This project will be subject to the Davis-Bacon Labor Standards, DBE Subcontract requirements, and the American Iron and Steel Act.

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.

CITY OF THOMSON

OWNER

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