

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements – Grit Removal System
for the
City of Blairsville, Georgia

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Blairsville, Georgia (OWNER), for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and any other miscellaneous items necessary for the construction of Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements – Grit Removal System in Blairsville, Georgia.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on September 18, 2019, at the Blairsville WWTF located at 145 Scott Drive, Blairsville, GA 30512. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend. ENGINEER will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as ENGINEER considers necessary in response to questions arising at the Conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

Bids will be received at Blairsville City Hall at 62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512 until 2:00 p.m. on October 10, 2019. Any bid received after said time and date of bid opening will not be considered by OWNER. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and location. All bids will be evaluated by OWNER and the project will be awarded, if it is awarded, within sixty (60) days of the bid opening. If a bidder is not selected within sixty (60) days of the bid opening, any bidder that is determined by the OWNER to be unlikely of being selected for contract award shall be released from their bid.

The award of this bid proposal, if awarded, shall be based on several criteria, including prices bid, experience in the work proposed, and references. Refer to Article 14 of Section 00100 for criteria and award method.

The Project consists of, but is not limited to the following major elements:

Construction of a new vortex style grit removal system. Major components shall include grit removal equipment, grit classifier, concrete structures, piping, sluice gates, electrical, site grading, etc.

Time of completion for all work associated with this project shall be one hundred eighty (180) consecutive calendar days from the date of a written "Notice to Proceed" from OWNER.

Copies of Contract Documents, Specifications, and Construction Drawings may be obtained at the office of Engineering Management, Inc., 303 Swanson Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, upon payment of a non-refundable cost of \$250.00. Checks shall be made payable Engineering Management, Inc.

For purchasing documents regarding this project, you may contact Renee Stewart at 770- 962-1387 or rstewart@eminc.biz. For technical questions regarding this project, you may contact Chip McGaughey at 770-962-1387, extension 102 or chipm@eminc.biz.

The Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal Form, Form of Agreement, Drawings, Specifications, and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Bidders Qualification Forms, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

OWNER:

City of Blairsville
62 Blue Ridge Street
Blairsville, GA 30512
706-745-2000 (T)

ENGINEER:

Engineering Management, Inc.
303 Swanson Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
770-962-1387 (T)
770-962-8010 (F)

A list of persons who purchased Contract Documents from Engineering Management, Inc. will be available from the Engineer ONLY through their website at www.eminc.biz, email, facsimile transmission or U.S. Mail.

OWNER requires a bid bond* or a certified cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid to be enclosed with the bid at the time of bid opening. Cashier's check will be made payable to the City of Blairsville.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish OWNER with Insurance, Workman's Compensation Insurance, and Performance and Payment Bonds* in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the total bid. Also required from successful bidder will be Form W-9 and Contractor E-Verify Affidavit which can be obtained from OWNERS Finance Clerk.

Each bid must be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE, addressed to the OWNER. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as, "Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements – Grit Removal System City of Blairsville, Georgia". If bid is forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope to the attention of the OWNER at the address previously given.

All Bids must be made out on the bid form of the type bound in the Contract Documents, in accordance with the instructions in the Information for Bidders. No interlineation, additions, or deletions shall be made in the proposal form by the BIDDER.

Any and all Bids received without the aforementioned qualification criteria enclosed, will be returned to the BIDDER.

CONTRACTORS and SUBCONTRACTORS bidding on this Project will be required to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all Bids, to evaluate Bids, and to accept any Bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the OWNER. No Bid will be rejected without just cause.

Successful Bidder will be required to perform WORK as the Prime Contractor. WORK performed by Prime Contractor shall be at a minimum 30% of the contract value.

No BIDDER may withdraw his bid within the time limit specified in the Instruction to Bidders (Section 00100).

This project is being financed by The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority.

The BIDDER's attention is called to the fact that this project is being funded with Federally Assisted EPA revolving loan funds through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). Successful BIDDER's will be required to document specific compliance with participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), EEO, Davis- Bacon Wage Rates and all other federal Requirements. The BIDDER's attention is also called to the requirements of Public Law 113-76 which includes the requirement of using American Iron and Steel (AIS) in connection with this project.

The OWNER has acquired all necessary State and Federal permits in connection with this project. The OWNER has acquired all of the easements and rights of way in connection with this project.

*** Surety and insurance companies must have an AM Best rating of A-6 or greater, be listed in the Federal Registry of Companies holding Certificates of Authority and Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds, be licensed by the Georgia Insurance Department and the Georgia Secretary of State to do business in the State of Georgia. Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) For Performance Bonds less than \$300,000 an irrevocable Letter of Credit from a bank as defined in O.C.G.A. Code Section 7-1-4 may be submitted in lieu of a bond. In lieu of a Payment Bond, a Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Cash may be submitted in an amount not less than the total amount payable by the terms of the CONTRACT.**

Mayor Jim Conley
City of Blairsville, Georgia

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