ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Water Plant Improvements For Hiawassee, Georgia

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Hiawassee, Georgia (OWNER), for furnishing all materials, labor, tools, equipment, and any other miscellaneous items necessary for Water Plant Improvements in Hiawassee, Georgia.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10 a.m. local time on August 30, 2013, at City Hall, 50 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia, 30546. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the Conference in order to be eligible to submit a bid. 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 the City of Hiawassee, City Hall, 50 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia, 30546 until 10:00 a.m. on September 13, 2013. 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:

Installation of a new floating raw water intake into Lake Chatuge and removal and disposal of the old floating intake.

Time of completion for all work associated with this project shall be two hundred and forty (240) 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 \$100.00. Checks shall be made payable to Engineering Management, Inc.

For general information and purchasing documents regarding this project, you may call Juanita Clark at (770) 962-1387. For technical questions regarding this project, you may call Donald Baker at (770) 962-1387, extension 104.

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 Hiawassee City Hall 50 River Street Hiawassee, GA 30546 706-896-2202 (T) 706-896-4991 (F) 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 facsimile transmission, U.S. Mail, or from their website at www.eminc.biz.

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 Hiawassee.

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.

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, "Water Plant Improvements for City of Hiawassee, Towns County, Georgia" **and be labeled with the BIDDER'S State of Georgia Utility Contractor License Number.** 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 contract value.

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

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

* Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia

Barbara Mathis, Mayor Hiawassee, Georgia

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