



City of Alcoa Purchasing

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REQUEST FOR BID

The City of Alcoa will be accepting Requests for Bids for the Topside Road Force Main Rehabilitation until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 23rd, 2022 at the office of the Alcoa Purchasing Agent, 223 Associates Blvd., Alcoa, Tennessee, 37701.

Bids may be submitted via U.S. Mail / UPS / FedEx, etc., hand delivered, or e-mailed to coasealedbid@cityofalcoa-tn.gov. Regardless of the mode, the BIDDER shall be responsible for the early delivery of their bid. Mailed or hand-delivered bids should be in a sealed envelope and labeled "Topside Road Force Main Rehabilitation, RFB 11836, Bid Enclosed, August 23rd, 2021, 10:00 a.m." The subject line of e-mailed bids shall state the same. Bids received after the deadline will be unopened and discarded.

Bids shall be addressed to:

City of Alcoa
Attn. Laurance Harper, Purchasing Agent
223 Associates Bld.
Alcoa, TN 37701

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to accept a bid containing variations from these specifications if the bid so merits, to negotiate with the lowest BIDDER prior to acceptance, and to accept partial bids. Bids must be submitted on the form issued by the City and must be completed (in ink) and signed accordingly.

The City of Alcoa reserves the right to waive any formality in any solicitation, to reject any or all bids, and to accept the best bid for the City as determined by City Officials. The City also reserves the right not to enter into any contract as a result of this RFB.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to Laurance Harper, Purchasing Agent, via telephone (865) 380-4822 or e-mail lharper@cityofalcoa-tn.gov. Any questions regarding this RFB shall be submitted no later than 48 hours prior to the deadline.

This solicitation has been developed in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, sex, age, national origin, or disabling condition, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Thank you in advance for your interest in doing business with the City of Alcoa.

Sincerely,

Purchasing Agent

CITY OF ALCOA

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Bid Evaluation

In addition to the bid amount, additional factors will be considered as an integral part of the evaluation process, including, but not limited to:

- A. The BIDDER's experience, reputation, efficiency, judgment, and integrity.
- B. The quality, availability and adaptability of the requested products or services.
- C. The BIDDER's ability to provide future maintenance and/or services.
- D. Any other applicable factors as the City determines necessary and appropriate (which may be requested by the city prior to award).

Award of Contract

The City holds the right, in its judgment, to award the contract to the BIDDER(s) which it feels is in the best interest of the City. If a contract is to be awarded, the Contractor/BIDDER selection shall be based in whole or in part on the evaluation noted above. No submittal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the City of Alcoa.

Laws, Permits and Regulations

The Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, regulations, and requirements applicable to work hereunder. If the Contractor ascertains at any time that any requirement of this Contract is at variance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or other requirements, she/he shall promptly notify the City of Alcoa in writing.

Cancellation of Award

The City reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before/during the execution of such contract by all parties without any liability against the City. The BIDDER is advised that if in the event appropriated funds are legitimately unavailable for this product in successive fiscal years, such purchase orders resulting from this RFB are null and void.

Cooperative Purchasing

Unless stated otherwise, BIDDER agrees that it shall be permissible for other governments in Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges may be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs.

Delivery

The successful BIDDER shall contact the Purchasing Agent for delivery / installation instructions. The approved product shall not be shipped / installed under any circumstances without prior instructions.

Request for Bids

Topside Road Force Main Rehabilitation

August 23rd, 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

- (a) This Request for Bid (RFB) is being extended by the City of Alcoa (COA) to obtain submissions to install approximately 1,710 LF of 6-inch C-900 sanitary sewer force main (including all necessary bypassing, as well as related fittings and appurtenances), one (1) air-release valve (ARV), and one (1) 4-foot manhole with frame and cover.
- (b) The new force main will replace an existing 4-inch force main, which will be abandoned in place. The new force main will re-use existing 12-inch steel casing pipes under the Pellissippi Parkway on- and off-ramps at Topside Road. The existing 4-inch force main currently passes through these casing pipes.
- (c) The City will provide the 6-inch C-900 PVC pipe for the job. The BIDDER will provide all related fittings and appurtenances, the ARV, and the 4-foot manhole with frame and cover.
- (d) All interested parties are directed, prior to bidding, to conduct on-site investigations and data collection in order to evaluate existing conditions, and to understand any constraints which will affect the bid.
- (e) The COA is not liable for incurred costs or expenses in the development of the proposed RFB.
- (f) The original 1998 design plans and specifications for the existing 4-inch force main and adjacent gravity sewer line are available upon request as a guide to existing conditions for preparation of the bids.
- (g) Additional questions may be directed to David Marcum, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer, at (865) 380-4806.

2. GENERAL/BACKGROUND

A 4-inch force main was constructed in 1998, running from the McBath Pump Station (at McBath Road and Topside Road), northeast along Topside Road, underneath the Pellissippi Parkway bridge, and to a discharge manhole at Hawks Landing. At that time, the casing pipes under the Pellissippi Parkway on- and off-ramps were oversized (at 12-inches) for future force main upsizing.

Due to new development in the area around the McBath Pump Station, the station is being relocated west to pick up more flow from adjacent properties. This separate project involves construction of a new 6-inch force main, requiring that the existing force main be upsized from 4-inches to 6-inches.

The existing force main will remain in operation throughout construction, and will be abandoned upon completion of the new force main. This will require sewage bypass when the old 4-inch force main is removed from the existing 12-inch casing pipes and the new 6-inch pipe is installed through these pipes. This and other possible sewage bypass will require coordination with the City of Alcoa.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The selected BIDDER will provide the COA with telephone numbers and other contact information of the person(s) to be employed and/or contracted for administrative and field related inquiries.

7. COST, PAYMENT, AND INVOICING

The bid will include cost for complete installation of the new 6-inch force main, as designed, fully installed and tested, and completely connected to the existing pump station and discharge manhole..

8. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BIDDER

All bids will include supporting information regarding the qualifications of the bidding company, as well as information regarding any notable programs or services that bidder is managing or has managed. The supporting information should also include a description of the number of personnel, vehicles, testing equipment, and other necessary equipment available for providing services. Such information will be used to determine the qualifications and experience of each company submitting a bid.

9. WITHDRAWAL

Bids may be withdrawn on written request received from the bidder prior to the scheduled time for opening.

10. NEGOTIATIONS / CONTRACT

The COA reserves the right to enter into a contract with the selected firm. If the COA and the selected firm cannot negotiate a successful contract, then the COA may terminate said negotiations and begin negotiations with the next highest-ranking fully qualified bidder. The selected bidder understands this Request for Bids does not constitute an agreement or a contract between the COA and the bidder. An official and legal contract or agreement will not exist until a contract is negotiated, approved, and signed by the appropriate governing bodies.

11. DURATION OF CONTRACT

The duration of the contract will be for one-hundred-twenty (120) days.

12. PERFORMANCE BONDS

Any bonds required by the COA will be identified during negotiations.

13. INSURANCE

Specific insurance requirements will be identified during negotiations and included in the contract.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The successful BIDDER will conduct all operations included in the bid in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. The successful BIDDER will comply with all State and Federal regulations pertaining to minimum wage and fair labor statutes. The successful BIDDER will not discriminate in hiring or any other practice with respect to gender, race, age, creed, religion, or nationality. The COA, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be indemnified and held harmless for any failure by the successful BIDDER to comply with any applicable laws, rules and/or regulations. Compliance with State of Tennessee laws and statutes, including any Tennessee drug-free workplace requirements, will be

included in the contract.

15. EVALUATION OF BIDS

The COA will evaluate each bid based on its own merits and factors deemed important to the Public Works and Engineering Department. All bidders are hereby notified that any and all information submitted as part of, or in support of the bid will be available for public inspection after the opening of bids in compliance with applicable State of Tennessee statutes. The COA reserves the right to obtain and utilize consultation services or advisement from any employee, agency, firm, corporation, company, or individual, in order to evaluate the feasibility and sustainability of any bid. The COA reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

16. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to § 12-12-106.

_____ Company	_____ Telephone
_____ Company Address	_____ E-mail Address
_____ Bidder's Authorized Representative Signature	_____ Date

