

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## DOCUMENT 00020 NOTICE INVITING BIDS

### West Valley Feeder No. 1 De Soto Avenue Valve Structure Upgrades

N-1 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California hereby invites sealed bids for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 De Soto Avenue Valve Structure Upgrades located in Los Angeles, California, in accordance with Specifications No. 1957A.

N-2 Complete sets of the contract documents are available for review at the Specifications desk, Third Floor, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, telephone (213) 217-6515. Contract documents may be obtained free of charge from Metropolitan's bid system at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=16151#>. At the page of "Bid Opportunities," click on this project name, then on the "Documents/Attachments" tab, and "Download Now." Prospective bidders must register at the website in order to download plans, specifications and prospective bidders' list, and to receive addenda and notifications when issued. Prospective bidders shall be responsible for checking the website to retrieve and review all posted addenda.

N-3 Project description. The work consists of removing and disposing of an existing 42-inch butterfly valve and two 12-inch lubricated plug valves; replacing with a Metropolitan-furnished 42-inch butterfly valve and two 12-inch lubricated plug valves; constructing platforms; installing a Metropolitan-furnished 42-inch multiple orifice valve, pipe sections, blind flanges, coupling, electrical panels, cables, conduits, and Metropolitan-furnished electrical equipment; and performing all appurtenant work as specified and shown on the drawings.

N-4 Estimated cost of contract. Metropolitan expects the total cost of construction to range between \$600,000 and \$700,000. This estimate is intended to serve merely as a guideline of the magnitude of work. Neither the bidders nor the contractor shall be entitled to claims because of any inaccuracy in the estimated cost range.

N-5 A pre-bid conference will be held with responsible representatives of prospective bidders at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant, 14331 1/2 San Fernando Rd, Sylmar, CA 91342 at 10:00 a.m., November 20, 2019. *Attendance at the pre-bid conference is a condition precedent to submittal of a bid, and Metropolitan will not consider a bid from any bidder not represented at the pre-bid conference.* Immediately following the pre-bid conference, a tour of the project will be given. Attendees must wear construction attire during the tour. All personnel attending the pre-bid conference shall possess a valid government-issued photo identification card and shall not pose a security risk to Metropolitan. Any vehicle entering a Metropolitan facility is subject to search and visual inspection. As parking at the site is limited, carpooling within the bidder's organization to the maximum extent possible is encouraged. ***Attendance at this pre-bid conference by bidders that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting under Specifications No. 1957 on October 2, 2019 is not required.*** Attendance at the pre-bid conference by subcontractors is not required.

N-6 Questions regarding this project shall be emailed to [SpecsDesk@mwdh2o.com](mailto:SpecsDesk@mwdh2o.com), or directed to the Specifications Desk at (213) 217-6515.

N-7 Bids shall be submitted to Metropolitan in accordance with the requirements of Document 00100, Instructions to Bidders, on or before 2:00 p.m., December 9, 2019, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids received by Metropolitan after the time specified will be returned unopened pursuant to California Government Code § 53068.

N-8 Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or a surety bond as a guarantee that the bidder will execute the proposed contract if awarded. The successful bidder shall furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond, in accordance with the contract documents.

N-9 The bidder shall have a California contractor license, classification "A" at the time of submitting the bid. In addition, the entity performing asbestos abatement shall be either the prime contractor with a California Contractors State License Board issued ASB certification or a subcontractor with a C-22 license. A subcontractor having a different "C" license may perform abatement work if it possesses an ASB certification and the abatement work is associated with said "C" license.

N-10 Metropolitan has adopted a policy encouraging the participation of Small Business Enterprise and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SBE/DVBE) firms in its contracts. For this project, Metropolitan requires small and/or disabled veteran business participation of at least 25 percent of the total bid. Failure to meet this percentage will cause Metropolitan to reject the bid as non-responsive. SBE/DVBE participation will be determined by the total value of all contracts entered into with SBEs and DVBEs for this project. Bidders may call Metropolitan's Business Outreach Officer at (213) 217-7444 with questions regarding the Small/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program.

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N-11 The successful bidder and its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall comply with provisions of the California Labor Code, including those relating to payment of prevailing rates of wages. The bidder and its subcontractors must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Metropolitan will not accept any bid without proof of current registration to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5.

N-12 The successful bidder will be permitted to substitute securities for money that would otherwise be withheld by Metropolitan as provided in California Public Contract Code § 22300.

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