

THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

MAIN BUILDING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Work Order Number: A-19751

Budget Item Number: BP-5

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Main Building Fire Alarm System project will be received by The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham Engineering Department, 3600 First Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35222 until 10:00 a.m. local time on September 14, 2010, at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after said time will be rejected.

The Work consists of furnishing all engineering/design, labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals as shown, specified, and required to furnish, install, calibrate, test, and place into satisfactory operation a fire alarm system consisting of, but not limited to, fire alarm control panel(s), power supply panel(s), detectors, pull stations, control modules, horn/strobe notification devices, air duct smoke detectors, annunciators, and other miscellaneous associated items as necessary to complete the Work. Priority equipment and/or systems are NOT acceptable. Any electrical additions and/or modifications to the building as needed to place the listed items into satisfactory service are also included in the scope of the Work. The scope of Work also includes coordinating and obtaining any required approvals, permits, and inspections for the Work. This includes the City, Fire Chief, or any other authority having jurisdiction. The Work shall take place at a facility owned and operated by The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Birmingham, Alabama.

Bids shall be based on a lump sum price as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room, 3535 Grandview Parkway, Suite 225, Birmingham, AL 35243; Birmingham Construction Industry Authority, 3600 Fourth Avenue, South, Birmingham, AL 35222; and the office of the Chief Engineer of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, 3600 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, AL 35222.

Prime Contractor bidders may obtain one complete set of Bidding Documents from the office of the Chief Engineer of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham upon payment of a \$150.00 deposit by company check or by certified check, and signing a nondisclosure statement. This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime contractor bidder upon the return of the Bidding Documents in a reuseable condition within 10 days after the bid opening. Additional sets of Bidding Documents for prime contractor bidders, subcontractors, vendors or dealers may be obtained upon payment of said \$150.00 deposit, and signing a nondisclosure statement. This deposit shall be refunded less the costs of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, upon return of the documents in reuseable

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condition within 10 days after the bid opening. Checks for documents shall be made payable to The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham. No additional charge will be made for delivery via UPS ground. Those requesting shipment of documents via carriers other than UPS ground will be made at the requesting firm's expense. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available to any Bidder. Neither the OWNER nor the ENGINEER will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. No Bidder may withdraw or alter a bid within 60 calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening.

A mandatory pre-bid conference, and site visit, will be held at 10:00 a.m. local time on August 17, 2010 at The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, 3600 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, AL 35222. All prospective Bidders and interested parties are required to attend the pre-bid conference. The purpose of the pre-bid conference is to raise questions pertaining to the Bidding and Contract Documents and for the OWNER or its representatives to clarify any points. All Contractors shall complete and submit MBE\DBE Form "A" no later than seven (7) days after the scheduled date of the pre-bid conference. This form may be submitted in person at the pre-bid conference.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid not to exceed \$10,000.00 in the form and subject to conditions provided for in the Specifications.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the Contract Award.

Bidders shall comply with all statutory requirements in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids will only be received from Contractors who are licensed by the State of Alabama.

Contract time of commencement and completion will be in accordance with the Agreement.

The Birmingham Water Works Board ("BWVB") has adopted a voluntary Minority Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/DBE") Program designed to encourage the participation of MBE/DBE firms in construction projects. To that end, the BWVB will never exclude any firm from participation in, deny any person benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award and performance of BWVB contracts based on social or economic status.

(1) Minority Business Enterprise (MBE): a business that is 51% owned, operated and controlled by a person who is a member of the following groups: African American non-Hispanic, Hispanics, American Indians, Asians. (2) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): a business that is 51% owned, operated and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

A socially disadvantaged individual is one who has been subject of racial, ethnic or gender bias because of their membership in a particular group. An economically disadvantaged individual is one whose ability to compete in the free enterprise system is impaired due to diminished opportunities to obtain capital and credit.

If a Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, who has neither been disqualified nor rejected pursuant to these Contract Documents, and whose Bid based on an evaluation by the OWNER indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the

Project and will result in the lowest overall cost to the OWNER for completion of the project. If a Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded within 30 calendar days after the day of the opening of bids.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, the right to waive irregularities or to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the OWNER.

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Request for Bid Documents:

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