

INVITATION TO BID

CONCENTRATE DISPOSAL EXPLORATORY WELL PROJECT AT THE PEACE RIVER FACILITY

Sealed bids for the Concentrate Disposal Exploratory Well Project at the Peace River Facility (the "Project") will be received until 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2012, by the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority"), at the following address:

Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority
9415 Town Center Pkwy
Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for submission of Bids, all Bids received on time will be opened publicly and will be read aloud. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for submission of Bids will be returned unopened.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The Project to be bid upon is located in DeSoto County at the Authority's Peace River Facility 8998 S.W. County Road 769, Arcadia, Florida 34269). The Project is generally described as the construction of an exploratory well to a depth of approximately 3,000 feet below land surface ("bls"). The well is permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") Underground Injection Control ("UIC") Program as a Class V exploratory well. The purpose of the well is to investigate if concentrate disposal is feasible at the site. The Project includes the following work:

- Drilling of an exploratory well to an estimated total depth of 3,000 feet. The exploratory hole will be drilled through the bottom of an existing 12-inch diameter well with a depth of 1,479 feet bls
- Construction of a temporary drilling pad for the exploratory well
- Installation of up to four temporary surficial aquifer monitor wells and plugging and abandoning these wells upon Project completion
- Back plugging exploratory well to pre-existing conditions upon Project completion

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A mandatory pre-Bid conference will be held on January 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Peace River Facility Water Resource Office (AKA Ranch House) located at 8999 S.W. 769 County Road, Arcadia, Florida 34269. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference.

QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTATION

In addition to bid price, to be selected, Bidders must meet the performance qualifications listed below:

1. Both the drilling firm and the Driller or full time onsite Supervisor that will be used on the Project must provide documentation with this Bid demonstrating successful completion of items "a" through "g" below, and furnish clear and concise information on equipment to be used on this Project as requested in item "h" below:
 - a. 3 wells in the past 10 years drilled using reverse-air drilling methods to depths greater than 1,000 feet bls.
 - b. 3 wells in the past 10 years drilled using reverse-air drilling methods through the Avon Park formation.
 - c. 3 projects that required setting of inflatable packer to depths greater than 1,000 feet.
 - d. 3 drilling projects that were completed under an FDEP UIC permit.
 - e. 3 drilling projects that required the containment of all fluid by use of a constructed drilling pad.
 - f. 3 drilling projects that required closed circulation drilling (re-circulation of drilling fluid).
 - g. 3 drilling projects completed under flowing conditions with head pressures greater than 10 psi at the surface, requiring the use of stripping headers and blow off preventers to contain the flow during all drilling and testing operations.

- h. Make and model of the rig that will be used on the Project including documentation that demonstrates its capability of performing the drilling and testing activities required in the technical specifications section to a minimum depth of 3,500 feet.

For each item requested in “a” through “g”, the information provided by both the drilling firm and the Driller or full time Supervisor must include: date well was drilled; depth, size and location of the well; address and phone number of the well owner; and the address and phone number of the engineer firm overseeing the project.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to effectively and accurately demonstrate these qualifications in their bid submission. The Owner will be the sole determinant as to the whether the presented documentation has demonstrated that the prospective Bidder meets the minimum qualifications necessary for this Project. Additionally, the Owner maintains the right to waive any of the qualifications noted above if the Owner determines it is in the best interests of the Owner.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders, using the Bid Form that is included with the Bidding Documents. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from CH2M HILL, Inc. for the price of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a hard copy and a PDF version of the Bidding Documents on a CDROM. The documents can be obtained by contacting CH2M HILL project manager, Pete Larkin, at:

CH2M HILL
4350 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607
Phone: (813) 281-7742
email: pete.larkin@ch2m.com

If there is a discrepancy or difference between the Bidding Documents provided in the hard copy and the PDF version on the CDROM, the Bidding Documents provided in the hard copy is the true and correct version that should be used by the Bidder.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2011.

Patrick J. Lehman, Executive Director
Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority