

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Project Name: Water Main Improvements
WUD Project No.: 15-013

Sealed Bids containing all the required Bid Documents will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida, until **2:00 PM** on **December 15, 2021**, at the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department, Administration Building (1st Floor Reception Desk) located at 8100 Forest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida. The Bid Documents received by this time will be opened the same day, **December 15, 2021**, in accordance with the Invitation to Bid and Instructions to Bidders, at or after **2:00 PM** in the Administration Building, Conference Room (Room 158).

The bids will be for furnishing all materials, labor, supervision, equipment, supplies, fees, expertise, and services necessary for the replacement of water mains throughout thirteen (13) project locations within Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department service areas. Consisting generally of, but not limited to, installation of potable water mains, installation of an aerial canal crossing, installation of sanitary force main, installation of a horizontal directional drill (HDD), fire protection improvement, replacement of water service lines, and water service conversions, as well as associated appurtenances including site restoration of affected areas.

All conditions and requirements for bid submission, consideration, and award are contained in the Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be available to download free of charge beginning November 9, 2021. Please visit Palm Beach County's Vendor Self Service page to access the Bid Documents: <https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>. If you have not registered with Palm Beach County's Vendor Self-Service, please register and select the appropriate commodity code(s). This will allow the County to notify you of upcoming solicitations. In addition, there may be certain documents necessary for submittal of a bid which are exempt from public disclosure. Bidders shall download and submit a Plan Holder Registration form (Bid Document attachment) to access these exempt documents. Registered Plan Holders will automatically receive notification of addenda and project updates.

The Bid Documents also may be obtained from **Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department**, 8100 Forest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33413. A non-refundable service charge of **\$150.00** per set of Bid Documents is required. Checks are to be made payable to "Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department." Partial sets will not be available. Bidders requiring Bid Documents mailed must provide an express mail account number to the PBCWUD Engineering Division. The bill will be charged to the recipient's account.

Bid Documents may also be examined at the following plan houses:

ConstructConnect (800) 364-2059
Dodge Data & Analytics, LLC (800) 393-6343
Construction Journal, Stuart (800) 785-5165

When Bid Documents are obtained through a plan house, Bidders must notify the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department's Project Manager via e-mail in order to be registered to receive project addendums and communications.

Questions may be addressed in writing to **Ralph Estime, PMP** at **Destime@pbcwater.com** or **Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department, 8100 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33413**.

Pursuant to the Palm Beach County Code Section 2-80.20 – 2-80.40, the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance, the County will provide contracting and subcontracting opportunities for S/M/WBEs. The following Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (APIs) apply to this project:

The SBE subcontracting goal for this project is a mandatory minimum of 20% participation, See EBO Ordinance Section 2-80.27(1)(c), of which 3% shall be among certified African American and/or Hispanic American owned firms, See EBO Ordinance Section 2-80.27(2)(b).

Explanation of goal setting committee's reasons for applying this API: The goal setting committee's reason for applying this particular API to this project was that the most recent data on the utilization of the foregoing MBEs indicates that contracts of this type have exhibited significant disparities in the utilization of these MBEs.

When a mandatory SBE or M/WBE goal applies to this solicitation, then any bid that fails to comply with the required goal shall be deemed non-responsive after the period allowed for waiver requests has lapsed. If a bidder is unable to comply with a required goal, such bidder shall submit a request for a waiver or partial waiver at least 7 days prior to the bid due date. If a bidder requests a waiver from a goal from the Office of EBO at least 7 days prior to the bid due date, then the bid due date will be extended pending the outcome of a waiver request. Additionally, if the waiver is granted the solicitation will be amended accordingly and the due date extended again. Fillable pdfs of all EBO forms can be found on the OEBO website at <http://discover.pbcgov.org/oebo/Pages/Compliance-Programs.aspx>. Also, see the EBO Ordinance and Countywide PPM CW-O-043 for further information on the County's EBO Program.

At the time of bid submission each bidder, and all identified subcontractors, must possess all professional licenses or certifications required by the State of Florida and/or Palm Beach County, as applicable, for the purpose of performing the specified work.

Bid proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by Palm Beach County and accompanied by a bid bond security in favor of Palm Beach County in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid price. A public construction bond (100%) will be required of the successful bidder within fourteen calendar days of notification from County.

Bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid conference to be held on **November 29, 2021** at **10:00 AM** at the address listed below. A non-mandatory site visit may be scheduled at the conclusion of this conference. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is recommended and encouraged.

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department
Central Regional Operations Center (CROC) Administration Building Conference Room 158
8100 Forest Hill Blvd., Room 158
West Palm Beach, FL 33413

In accordance with F.S. 287.133(2)(a), persons and affiliates who have been placed on the convicted vendor list may not submit bids, contract with, or perform work (as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant) with any public entity (i.e. Palm Beach County) in excess of Ten Thousand dollars (or such other amount as may be hereafter established by the Florida Division of Purchasing in accordance with F.S. 287.017) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive any bid irregularities, informalities, or technical deficiencies and to reject any and all bids.

This Notice given this 7 day of November 2021. PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

BY: _____
Deputy Director, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Dept.

PRINTED NAME: Krystin Berntsen PE, PMP

ATTEST:

JOSEPH ABRUZZO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT &
COMPTROLLER

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