

SECTION 00 45 13 – BIDDER’S QUALIFICATIONS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Madison Utilities (the Owner) is soliciting prequalification packages from General Contractors interested in submitting bids for construction of the planned Western Water Transmission Main Phase 1.

The purpose of the mandatory pre-qualification process is to achieve a reasonable degree of assurance that the bidders are capable of successfully completing the project according to the drawings, specifications, and schedules. This process is intended to provide for competitive bidding among qualified, responsible bidders and for the successful bidder to become the General Contractor for the project.

It is the intent of the Owner to prequalify Contractors in accordance with Code of Alabama 39-2-4 Paragraph and subsection (a) of Section 39-2-2. The Owner reserves the right to reject any pre-qualification application which is not responsive or considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

II. MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS

This is a MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS. All interested, responsible, licensed General Contractors who have successful recent experience with projects with similar requirements are encouraged to respond. The minimum acceptable submittal requirements are as follows:

1. Completion of the attached Statement of Bidders Qualifications, with required attachments.
2. A minimum of 5 years of company/corporate experience with municipal water and wastewater projects.
3. Documentation of projects of a similar scope and nature, including a description of the work, the dollar value of the contract, time for construction, status of project, owner’s and engineer’s name and phone numbers.
4. For Madison Utilities projects (past or present), the contractor must not have been assessed liquidated damages, must not have completed a project substantially behind schedule, or must not have withdrawn a bid (with or without bond forfeiture) over the past 5 years.

Incomplete Questionnaires may be deemed non-responsive, and may result in failure of applicant to pre-qualify. Pre-Qualification of a Contractor does not imply that any bid submitted by a pre-qualified Contractor automatically qualifies as “responsive and responsible.” The Owner reserves the right to act in his best interest in this determination process and to waive all technicalities and informalities in order to qualify the best responsible general contractors who comply with the provisions of this document.

All questions should be directed to the Engineer at craig@engineersofthesouth.com. Pre-Qualification Packages must be submitted by e-mail no later than 17 days prior to bid opening to:

Madison Utilities
c/o Engineers of the South, LLC
2143 Arlington Blvd, Suite 3
Florence, AL 35630
craig@engineersofthesouth.com

III. STATEMENT OF BIDDERS QUALIFICATIONS

All questions must be answered and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets.

1. Name of Bidder with permanent main office address.
2. When organized. If a corporation, where incorporated.
3. How many years have been engaged in the contracting business under your present firm or trade name?
4. Are you properly licensed as a General Contractor in the State of Alabama?
5. Contracts on hand: (Schedule these, showing amount of each contract and the appropriate anticipated dates of completion).
6. Have you completed (or are you currently working on) at least 5 municipal water or wastewater line work projects of 24" and greater diameter and a minimum total project cost of at least \$1,000,000 in the past 15 years?
7. Has your organization failed to complete any project or been terminated from any project in the past 10 years? If so, attach details on a separate sheet for each occurrence.
8. Has your organization abandoned a project, even temporarily, during a dispute? If so, attach details on a separate sheet for each occurrence.
9. Has your organization been assessed liquidated damages by an Owner for which it has performed work in the past 5 years? If so, attach details on a separate sheet for each occurrence.
10. Has your organization filed for bankruptcy or been judged bankrupt at any time over the past 10 years?
11. Has your organization filed any lawsuits or claims against any Owner or Engineer in the past 10 years? If so, attach details on a separate sheet for each occurrence.
12. The Bidder shall provide a brief description of any litigation or administrative proceeding of the following types, either pending or concluded within the past 10 years, to which the Bidder (and the ultimate controlling person, if different from the Bidder) or any of its directors or executive officers was a party or of which the property of any such person is or was the subject; the names of the parties and the court or agency in which such litigation or proceeding is or was pending shall be given:
 - (a) Administrative or judicial proceedings of any state federal agency or authority concerning environmental violations;
 - (b) Proceedings which may have a material effect upon the solvency of the ultimate holding company, including but not necessarily limited to, bankruptcy and receivership; and
 - (c) Criminal proceedings.