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INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of the **FY 2021 CDBG Water System Improvements** will be received until **May 24, 2022 at 3:00 pm** local time. Bids must be submitted electronically through QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be accepted. Base Cost of all Bids shall be published to the QuestCDN website no later than 30 minutes after the closing time. **Any bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner.** No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically may be provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State law.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

**The work to be completed shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials to install approximately 4,600 LF of 12” and 6” PVC/DIP water main including, but not limited to fire hydrants, valves, driveway replacement, earthwork, grassing, soil erosion and sedimentation control measures, and appurtenances necessary to provide a complete installation.**

Time allotted for completion of work is **120 consecutive calendar days**. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 SECTION 3 COVERED CONTRACT

This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract. Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. Section 3 documents are required prior to Notice of Award. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to greatest extent feasible, be directed to Section 3 residents and businesses in the area especially low- and very-low income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. Neither the United States nor any of the departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party of any contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid.

1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital specifications and contract documents are available at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com). Bidders may view the digital plan documents for free by creating a Quest account and entering the Quest project number 8187829 on the website's project search page. Bidders can download the digital documents for a fee of \$100 for PDF file payable through the website. Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com.

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There will be an additional \$30.00 submittal fee. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. All other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloop, Inc., Watkinsville, GA, 706-769-4119.

#### 1.5 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders must complete the Qualifications of Bidder (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of the Contract. Refer to the specific requirements outlined in the referenced Section.

#### 1.6 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as “utility contracting” in accordance with O.C.G.A 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a “Utility Contractor” and must also employ a “Utility Manager” certification holder who will have oversight of all the utility work. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

#### 1.7 BONDS

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier’s check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an “A” minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of “Best’s Key Rating Guide Property Liability”. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

#### 1.8 PERMITS

**The status of Federal, State, and /or Local permits for this project are as follows:**

	<u>PERMITS/AGENCIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
A.	Land Disturbance Permit	Submitted
B.	NPDES GAR 100002 (Stormwater)	To be submitted by Contractor
C.	GA Environmental Protection Division	Submitted
D.	Georgia Department of Transportation	N/A
E.	Building Permit	N/A

#### 1.9 EASEMENTS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY

All easements and rights-of-way for permanent installations have been obtained or will be obtained by the Owner prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.

1.10 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the **City of Clayton** must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.11 FUNDING SOURCES

Funding is to be provided by the Community Development Block Grant Program which is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and by the City of Clayton.

1.12 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

**CITY OF CLAYTON**  
**OWNER**

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