

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR**

**High Desert Water Bank (HDWB) – Stage 1 and Stage 2 Recharge System Improvements
[the “Project”]**

Identification number: HDWB 22-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency (the “Agency”) invites sealed Bids for the Project. The Agency will receive such Bids at its Administrative Office, 6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551 ~~on Thursday, May 24th~~ up to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **May 31st**, 2022 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the Agency Engineer.

Discrepancies in and/or omissions from the Bid or Contract Documents or questions as to their meaning shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Agency by submission of a written request for an interpretation or clarification to the Agency. Such submission, if any, must be sent to Justin Livesay at jlivesay@avek.org. Questions must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2022.

Any interpretation of the Contract Documents will be made only by written addenda duly issued by the Agency. The Agency will not be responsible for any explanations or interpretations provided in any other manner. No person is authorized to make any oral interpretation of any provision in the Contract Documents to any bidder, and no bidder should rely on any such oral interpretation.

In general, the principal components of the WORK shall consist of:

- A. Clearing, grubbing, grading, and aggregate base surfacing of approximately 600 acres water recharge basins.
- B. Subgrade preparation, formwork placement, and placing of reinforced concrete for 13 recharge basin spillway structures.
- C. Trenching, shoring, backfill, and installation of 8 recharge basin stilling well structures.
- D. Clearing, grubbing, and grading of approximately 150 acres of push-up berm water recharge basins.
- E. Trenching, shoring, construction/installation, and backfilling of recharge conveyance pipe and appurtenances ranging from 96” to 12” diameter.

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- F. Trenching, shoring, backfilling, placing of reinforced concrete, placing of grouted riprap, and installation of piping and appurtenances for 8 recharge water turnout structures.
- G. Trenching, subgrade preparation, concrete placement, and forming of approximately 4,500 linear feet of concrete canal with 15 turnout ports and 9 check gate structures.
- H. Vertical relocation of 35 existing well/piezometers facilities to the proposed finished grades.
- I. Startup and commissioning of the recharge conveyance facilities.

Project Location

The project is located within the area bounded by the State Water Project East Branch to the south, 280th Street West to the east, 300th Street West to the west and West Avenue A to the north in the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County, Antelope Valley, California.

Schedule of Construction

As defined in the Contract Documents, Stage 1 recharge basins, conveyance facilities, and appurtenances shall be prioritized as the first items of work such that the Stage 1 Recharge Areas are operational by May 1, 2023.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Bidders may obtain copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online only by emailing Ben Melendez, Engineering Technician, at bmelendez@avek.org.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at 10 a.m. at 6500 W Ave N, Palmdale, CA 93551, followed by a mandatory site visit. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and Project site visit. Failure of a Bidder to attend will render that Bidder's Bid non-responsive. No allowances for cost adjustments will be made if a Bidder fails to adequately examine the Project site before submitting a Bid.

REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

PREVAILING WAGES. In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 *et seq.*, the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and are available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

BONDS. Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the Agency and in an amount not less

than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the Agency General Counsel. Failure to enter into the Contract with the Agency, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

LICENSES. Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current business license issued by the City of Palmdale.

RETENTION SUBSTITUTION. Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the Agency or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the Agency make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the Agency General Counsel.

BIDDING PROCESS. The Agency reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

By: 

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May 16, 2022
Date