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1. Sealed proposals for Church Road Drainage Improvements (CDBG No. 4-CI-20-010/SCIIP#A-23-C104) owned by the Jasper County Council will be received by Kim Burgess at the Jasper County Government Building, located at 358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936 until **Monday, November 27 at 11:00 AM**, at which time they will be publicly opened at Jasper County Council chambers. The bid opening will be in-person only. Bids will remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the day of the Bid opening, but the Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the Bid security prior to expiration of the acceptance period.
2. The project consists of the following generally described work:

Improvements to the existing Church Road (SC 46) drainage system between Stiney Road (S-27-104) and Sanders Road (S-27-292) in Jasper County, South Carolina. Proposed improvements generally consist of installing curb and gutter, storm drainage infrastructure, removing and relocating the existing sidewalk, roadway paving, water utility relocation, and associated demolition and erosion control BMPs.
3. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 50 Park of Commerce Way, Savannah, Georgia 31405. Digital copies are free of charge. Hardcopies require payment of \$125.00. Payment is non-refundable. Contact Karen Smulski at Smulski.k@tandh.com to request plans and specifications.
4. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in South Carolina with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five 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.
5. 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 it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to 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.
6. The project is being funded in whole or in part by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) through the SC Department of Commerce and the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) administered by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SCRIA). All federal CDBG and SCIIP requirements will apply to the contract. All contractors are required to be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM). Any sub-contractor(s) must certify that the company and its principals are not debarred and must be active in SAM prior to beginning the scope of work of the subcontractor.

7. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 & Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
8. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and 40 CFR 33.240.
9. Bidders must also make positive efforts to use small and minority-owned businesses and to offer employment, training, and contracting opportunities in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.
10. A bid that is submitted and marked as "no bid" will be considered to be a competitive bid.
11. A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held for this project. **All questions shall be submitted to the engineer in writing by Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 5:00 PM.** An addendum addressing all questions received by the question deadline will be issued via electronic mail to known plan holders by end of business on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023.

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