

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bid proposals for construction of the **42-INCH FORCE MAIN – 6TH AND CANAL PUMP STATION TO ANGELICA CREEK PROJECT** will be received by the City to the attention of City Purchasing Coordinator until 1:00 PM (local time) on April 16, 2012 (“Bid Closing”). Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City’s Purchasing Office located at 815 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19603, at approximately 2:00 PM (local time) on April 16, 2012. No award of the contract will be made at the bid opening.

Bidders may obtain access to the Bidding Documents from Entech Engineering, Inc. File Transfer Protocol (“FTP”) website on or after March 5, 2012. The username, password and instructions for obtaining the Bidding Documents can be obtained by submission of a request to Tammi Reinhart, Purchasing Coordinator, tammi.reinhart@readingpa.org, and a non-refundable payment to the City of \$25. The Bidding Documents will be available in PDF format. Checks shall be mailed to the City’s Purchasing Coordinator and made payable to the City of Reading. If addenda or clarifications are required, they will be issued through the FTP website with a courtesy email notification (however, each Bidder is responsible to check the FTP website for addenda or clarifications prior to submitting its Bid).

The Project consists of, but is not limited to, the installation of approximately 7,000 lineal feet of 42-inch diameter ductile iron force main extending from the City’s 6th and Canal Street Pump Station to connect with a new section of 42-inch ductile iron force main at Angelica Creek near the City’s Fritz Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”). The Project includes two metering chambers, several air release valve vaults, shutoff valves, miscellaneous improvements at the pumping station site, micro-tunneling under the Schuylkill River, and lining of a portion of the existing 42-inch steel force main. Inclusive with this project will be bypass pumping during critical tie-ins along with providing power and control for the flow meters and miscellaneous components included in the meter vaults. Work is located within the City of Reading’s 6th and Canal Street Pump Station, Fritz Island WWTP, and rights-of-way along the banks of the Schuylkill River in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Attention is called to the fact that the City anticipates that the Project will be funded, in part, by federal and/or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant money. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors providing services on this project shall be paid Davis-Bacon Act Wage Rates not less than those determined by the United States Secretary of Labor or, if the Project does not receive at least \$2,000 of federal grants, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wages, as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. At least the applicable prevailing wages must be paid by the Contractor on this Project. Employees and applicants for employment shall not be discriminated against because of their race, age, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap. A “good faith” effort to identify and solicit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“DBE”) firms for the procurement of Project construction, equipment, services, and supplies is required.

The Bidding Documents set forth specific goals associated with the desired percentage of female and minority employee hours providing Work for the Project (and require a demonstration of a “good faith” effort to achieve such goals) and requires the Contractor to maintain/establish a bona-fide apprenticeship program registered with and approved by the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Council while performing the Project. Additional details are set forth in the Contract Documents.

A mandatory Pre-bid Conference and site walk will be held at 9:00 AM. (local time) on March 28, 2012. Attendees for the Pre-bid Conference shall assemble at the Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road, Reading, Pennsylvania prior to the commencement of the Pre-bid Conference. Bidders are required to visit the Project site prior to submitting Bids.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security payment which can consist of a certified check, certified bank treasurer’s check, bank cashier’s check, or bid bond in the form included with the Bidding Documents. A satisfactory corporate surety shall provide security in an amount equal to 10% of the Total Base Bid Price together with the aggregate sum of all additive alternates. The surety shall name as payee or obligee the City of Reading, Pennsylvania.

The City shall have the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, or part thereof or items therein, for any reason whatsoever, waive any informalities and technicalities in bidding and act in its own best interest, reject a Bid not accompanied by any data required by the Bidding Documents, to reject a Bid which is in any way incomplete, irregular or otherwise not responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents, or to reject the Bid of a Bidder who is not qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Biding Documents.

Tammi Reinhart
Purchasing Coordinator

**IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BID PACKET FOR THE ABOVE CONTRACT,
PLEASE FILL IN THE BELOW INFORMATION AND FAX TO THE CITY OF
READING AT 610/655-6427 AND WE WILL EMAIL OR MAIL THE PACKET TO
YOU.**

COMPANY NAME: _____

PERSON REQUESTING: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE & FAX #'S: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____