

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS (BIDS)

FOR

ROCK SPRINGS VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FOR THE
VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Vallecitos Water District (District) invites sealed bids for the above stated project and will receive such bids via electronic transmission on the Vallecitos Water District PlanetBids portal site, which can be accessed at the following link (<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/50139/portal-home>) up to the hour of **2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, December 18, 2024**, and will be publicly posted promptly on PlanetBids thereafter.

The ROCK SPRINGS VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (Work) consists of removal and replacement of one 14-inch valve, two 10-inch valves; demolition of water manhole frame and cover; installation of new 18-inch valve, steel cross, reducer, cathodic protection, piping and appurtenances; fire watch to meet City of San Marcos Fire Department requirements; pipeline dewatering; and other work as more fully described in the Contract Documents (Work).

The location of the work is generally described above and more fully described in the Contract Documents. All work under this Contract shall be completed within **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** from the date noted in the NOTICE TO PROCEED. The estimated construction cost is **\$350,000**.

Please take notice that while the District's PlanetBids portal will receive closed bids, the District, as a County Water District organized pursuant to Water Code Sections 30000 et seq., is not required to award the contract to the lowest qualified responsible bidder. At the above-stated date and time, said proposals will be publicly posted on PlanetBids.

Bids must be submitted on the District's Bid Forms. A Bidder may obtain a copy of the Contract Documents from PlanetBids. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor, the District shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge.

It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a Bid. Any addenda will be posted on PlanetBids. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to check PlanetBids on a daily basis through the close of bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The District does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on PlanetBids may change without notice to prospective Bidders. The Contract Documents shall supersede any information posted or transmitted by PlanetBids.

The Contract Documents, as defined in the Agreement included within these Bid Documents, describe the District's requirements for the Project. Bids shall conform to and be responsive to the Contract Documents for the Project.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be conducted by the District at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. The meeting will be held at the office of the District located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California, 92069. A site visit may be conducted by District personnel immediately following the pre-bid meeting. Bidders are required to provide their own transportation.

Bidders must be registered on the Vallecitos Water District's PlanetBids portal in order to submit questions and receive addendum notifications. Deadline for questions shall be at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Questions regarding the project will be answered up to 72 hours before the bid opening. Because of the time necessary to notify bidders, no addenda will be issued within 72 hours of the date set for the opening of Bids. **Bidders must be registered on the Vallecitos Water District's PlanetBids portal in order to receive addendum notifications and to submit a bid. Go to PlanetBids for bid results and awards.** The Owner designates, Adam Hoch, P.E., Hoch Consulting, as the Engineer of Record under the Contract Documents.

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT COVID-19: This project consists of essential work and will therefore proceed unless appropriate governmental authorities order the work to cease. Bidders shall comply with the requirements provided in the section titled, "COVID-19 Safety Measures," of the Special Provisions. Key prevention practices include, but are not limited to, physical distancing, face coverings, frequent handwashing, regular cleaning and disinfection, and training employees on preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations ("Regulation") which are effective on January 1, 2024 and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-roaddiesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and Regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations section 2449 *et seq.* throughout the term of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder's and all listed subcontractors the most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance ("CRC") issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

By submitting a Bid for this work, Bidder agrees to proceed with the work as proposed and to execute the contract in the form provided. Any conditions, caveats, or force majeure notices submitted with Bidder's Bid will not be accepted and may result in a determination that the Bid is non-responsive. Any such conditions, caveats, or notices submitted after award may result in the forfeiture of Bidder's bid security and award to the next lowest bidder. The costs of adhering to and complying with such requirements, and any future updates thereto, shall be included in the Bidders' bid amount.

Copies of the Contract Documents, inclusive of the Specifications and Plans (as full or half-size drawings), General Conditions, and Special Provisions, can be obtained in person at the office of the Vallecitos Water District or by written application to the District at a nonrefundable fee of **\$100 per set**. If mailing is requested, add **\$25 per set** for postage and handling. Make checks payable to the Vallecitos Water District. A free downloadable copy is available upon request - please contact Ryan Morgan at rmorgan@vwd.org with a cc to Alison Fisher at afisher@vwd.org.

Each bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form furnished as part of the Bid Documents and must state the Contractor's applicable license classification, license number, license expiration date, name of license holder, and relationship to bidder. **USE THE SEPARATE BID DOCUMENTS PROVIDED FOR SUBMITTAL OF BID.** Each Bid shall be submitted through the District's PlanetBids portal on or before the day and hour set for the opening of bids. Bids not marked as being received on or before the day and hour of bid opening will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that the Bid is received on or before the day and hour of bid opening.

Each electronic Bid must be accompanied by an executed hardcopy Bid Bond in an amount not less than 10 percent of the amount of the Bid, in the form of cash, a cashier's check, a certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer (as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120), and made payable to the order of or for the benefit of the District. Said cash, check, or bond shall be given as guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a Contract with the District and furnish the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates and endorsements if awarded the Work, and will be declared forfeited if the Bidder refuses to timely enter into said Contract or furnish the required bonds or insurance certificates and endorsements if their Bid is accepted. The Bid Bond of unsuccessful bidders will be returned by the District no later than 60 calendar days following the date of award of contract. **Note: The original security (bid bond) must be mailed or delivered to the Vallecitos Water District, Attn: Ryan Morgan/Engineering Department, at 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, CA 92069, on or before the day and hour set for the opening of bids. Bid Bonds not marked as being received by District personnel on or before the day and hour of bid opening will be rejected. The sealed envelope should be plainly marked on the outside, "SEALED BID SECURITY FOR ROCK SPRINGS VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL."**

Bidders shall have a minimum of five (5) years' experience performing the type of work required by the Contract Documents. Where the Bidder is a corporation or partnership, the entity must demonstrate at least five (5) years of successful experience with the type of work required by the Contract Documents. Bidders failing to demonstrate this experience may be rejected as non-responsive at the option of the District.

Under the provisions of the California Public Works Apprenticeship Standards, sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 of the Labor Code, a copy of the "Extract of Public Works Contract Award" has been included. This document will be filed by the District with the California Department of Industrial Relations at the time of the award of the Contract.

The Board of Directors has obtained from the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations a determination of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work in the locality in which said work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed. Not less than the determined rates shall be paid to all workers employed in the performance of the Contract. Such rates of wages are on the file with the Department of Industrial Relations and in the office of the District and are available to any interested party upon request.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the Contractor may substitute equivalent securities for retention amounts which this Contract requires. However, the District reserves the right to solely determine the adequacy of the securities being proposed by the Contractor and the value of those securities. The District shall also be entitled to charge an administrative fee, as determined by the District in its sole discretion, for substituting equivalent securities for retention amounts.

The Contractor agrees that the District's decision with respect to the administration of the provisions of section 22300 shall be final and binding and not subject to subsequent litigation or arbitration of any kind as to acceptance of any securities being proposed, the value of these securities, the costs of administration and the determination of whether or not the administration should be accomplished by an independent agency or by the District. The District shall be entitled, at any time, to request the deposit of additional securities of a value designated by the District, in the District's sole discretion, to satisfy this requirement. If the District does not receive satisfactory securities within 12 calendar days of the date of the written request, the District shall be entitled to withhold amounts due Contractor until securities of satisfactory value to the District have been received.

All bidders shall agree to obtain and maintain in full effect all required insurance with limits not less than the amounts indicated. Bidders who fail to comply with the insurance requirements of this Contract may have their bids rejected as non-responsive at the election of the District.


Pursuant to Section 995.710 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the Contractor may substitute any of the instruments specified in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.710 for the performance and payment bonds required by the Contract Documents. All such substitutions shall be subject to review and approval by the District. Contractor agrees to pay all attorney's fees and all other fees, costs and expenses incurred by the District in reviewing substitutes proposed by the Contractor and in preparing and implementing any agreements determined appropriate by the District to adequately protect District.

Pursuant to California Labor Code section 6705, the cost of sheeting, shoring, and bracing of trenches, or equivalent method, where part of the job, shall constitute a separate bid item under these Contract Documents.

The Board of Directors of the District reserves the right to select the schedule(s) under which the bids are to be compared and contract(s) awarded, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any and all irregularities or defects in any bid. The District is also not required to award the contract to the lowest bidder and has discretion to award the contract to any bidder.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT

Dated: 10-23-24



Jason Hubbard, P.E.
District Engineer