



INVITATION FOR BID

IFB # 2020-52

Oyster Factory Dock Replacement

The Town of Bluffton is soliciting competitive sealed bids from experienced and qualified Offerors to demolish and dispose of the existing 108 foot floating dock and install a floating pier in accordance with the attached specifications; must submit permit applications with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

The general scope of services includes the following:

1. Permitting- Make application for permit with SC DHEC and ACOE
2. Demolition of existing fixed and floating docks at Bluffton Oyster Factory:
 - Demolition and Disposal of the existing floating 108+/- linear feet of floating dock (See Exhibit B- Existing Oyster Factory Dock).
 - Removal and salvage existing a 3' X 24' aluminum ramp to be re-installed on new fixed pierhead once completed.
 - Removal and disposal of 9 existing piling at floating dock.
3. Installation
 - Installation of stored salvaged components. See Exhibit C- Proposed Dock Configuration
 - The fixed pierhead is to be arranged as 2- 10' X 30' sections, placed side by side to create a 20' X 30' fixed pier. This pierhead is to be connected to an existing 16' X 32' fixed wood dock. X-Bracing will be required for 6 of the outer pile bents, using 3" X 8", 2.5 CCA Marine Grade pressure treated SYP material.
 - A total of 16 piles new wood piles are to be installed creating 8 pile bents. The pile specification is, 8- inch tip 12-inch butt, 2.5 CCA marine grade pressure treatment. A test pile may be required to determine the lengths. The length range is anticipated to be 30' to 45'.
 - Eight new "C" channel aluminum headers 20-foot length are to be installed, double headers at each of the 4 pile bents. Apply #5200 Marine Sealant between aluminum header and wood pile. (Specifications for "C" channel headers are: Aluminum, 20-foot length, 10-inch depth, 3/8 inch thick).
 - Floating Docks will be configured as 2- 10' X 40' floats located on either side of the 20'

X 30' pierhead mentioned above. Five 55' +/- piles are to be installed on each floating section for anchorage.

- Two Dolphins (3 pile cluster) are to be installed on the outer end section of the two floating docks, using the same 2.5 CCA Marine Grade pressure treatment SYP.
- Two Fender piles are to be installed at end of fixed pier at selected distance from pierhead for mooring of shrimp boat. Exact location will be determined after pierhead and floating docks are in place.

Materials:

NOTE: All stainless-steel hardware shall be required.

Provide new hardware for installation of 8 pile headers, double headers at each 4-pile bent. Provide new hardware for installing 10 pile collars at floating dock. Required- 8 Carolina Waterworks external pile glides (4 on each floating section), and 2 internal pile glides mounted in center of each floating section.

Salvaged components from the Calhoun Street Dock will be removed and stored at the Oyster Factory shoreline by others. The following is a detailed list of materials to be installed per the plan included (See Exhibit A- Existing Calhoun Street Dock):

- 2-10' X 30' aluminum fixed pierhead sections with 125+- linear feet of pipe handrails
- 10- 10' aluminum "C"-channel headers – REPLACE with Eight 20-foot Aluminum "C" Channels, 10-inch X 3/8- inch thickness.
- 1-4' X 30' aluminum ramp
- 4- 10' X 20' floating dock sections
- 6- pile glide collars-Remove from existing floats and REPLACE using CAROLINA WATERWORKS Pile Glides. (Eight 16-inch external glides required). Two piles are planned for location in center of floating section. (Two 16-inch internal pile glides required). A hole will be required to be cut in center of each section, with additional aluminum framing support members to be welded into place.

Offerors must be able to provide all of the documents described in the instructions for bid, meet the minimum qualifications described herein, and agree to comply with applicable specifications, standards, laws, regulations, other Federal, State or local requirements to be considered a responsive and responsible Offeror.

The Town reserves the right to waive any irregularities, informalities or technicalities and may, at its discretion, request a new solicitation. The Town may cancel this solicitation in part or in its entirety if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.

This solicitation does not commit the Town to award a contract, or to pay for any cost incurred in the preparation of bids, or to procure or contract for any articles of goods or services.

The Town reserves the right to reject all bids if such bids exceed available funds. The Town will decide which submittal is the lowest priced, qualified, responsive and responsible based on the following criteria:

1. Offeror maintains a permanent place of business. A vendor is eligible for Local Preference Certification if they maintain an office location within Beaufort County and the other criteria set forth in the Town Purchasing Ordinance, Section 2-265(r). Any Certified Local Vendor may have their evaluated bid price reduced by five percent (5%) not to exceed \$2,500; the award price will reflect the original bid amount before Local Vendor Preference was applied. Submit the [Local Preference Certification form](#) with your bid.
2. Offeror has adequate plant, equipment, personnel or subcontractors to perform the work properly and expeditiously. The Town reserves the right to approve of all subcontractors. No more than 50% of the total contract value may be subcontracted.
3. Offeror has suitable financial status to meet obligations incident to the work.
4. Offeror has appropriate technical experience.
5. Offeror provides an acceptable construction schedule.
6. Consideration may be given to matters such as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, and record of past performance.

The solicitation and all associated documents can be accessed from the [Town of Bluffton's Purchasing webpage](#) under the Bid Opportunities icon. Answers to questions and any other changes or clarifications will be communicated via an addendum and posted on the Town's Purchasing Center website. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website for updates.

Bid Walks

A **mandatory** bid walk will be held as follows:

2:00 pm, Thursday, May 21, 2020

**Oyster Factory Dock
63 Wharf Street
Bluffton, SC 29910**

Questions and Inquiries

Offerors are required to submit questions in writing via email to the Project Manager no later than:

2:00 pm, Monday, May 25, 2020

Benny Jones

bjones@townofbluffton.com or online on Vendor Registry

Answers to questions and any other changes or clarifications will be communicated via an addendum and posted on the Town's Purchasing Center webpage. It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website for updates.

Offerors are expected to ask for clarifications in a timely manner. No assumptions, exceptions, or modifications to the bid sheet are permitted.

Submittal of Sealed Bids

Sealed bids shall be received by or prior to:

2:00 PM, Wednesday, June 3, 2020

The closing date and time shall be scrupulously observed. Due to the current state of pandemic emergency, packages shall be PDF submitted electronically via email to:

bjones@townofbluffton.com

with a courtesy copy to:

froth@townofbluffton.com

The subject line of the email shall be:

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Public Opening of Sealed Bids

A public opening will be held **5 minutes following the submittal deadline** via video conference. An addendum will be issued with a meeting link.

The name of Offerors submitting responses shall be read aloud and recorded. In the case of an Invitation for Bid, the total price offered may also be announced. An Intent to Award notification shall be posted on the [Town of Bluffton's Purchasing webpage](#) upon final determination.

Late Submittals

Under no circumstances shall submittals be delivered after the time specified. The Town will not be responsible for late deliveries or delayed mail. It is the Offeror's sole responsibility to assure that submittals are complete and delivered timely. Oral offers or offers by facsimile or email are not acceptable.

Restricted Discussions

All prospective Offerors are hereby instructed not to contact any member of the Town of Bluffton Town Council, the Town Manager, nor any Town of Bluffton staff member other than the named point of contact contained herein or the Town Purchasing & Contract Administrator regarding this opportunity during the solicitation process. Any such contact may be a cause for rejection of the submittal.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS

LICENSING

No bid will be considered unless the Offeror is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Law (South Carolina Code of Laws, Chapter 11, Sections 40-11-5 through 40-11-570). All work to be included in this project shall be done by a licensed contractor. The successful Offeror shall attach their State of South Carolina Contractor's License to this bid. If the contractor does not already have a Town of Bluffton business license, one must be obtained before a contract will be executed.

DUE DILIGENCE

While the Town has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate representation of the information in this IFB, each prospective Offeror is urged to conduct its own investigation into the material facts. The Town shall not be held liable or accountable for any error or omission in any part of this IFB.

Before submitting an offer, each Offeror shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract. Further, Offerors should verify any representations made by the Town upon which Offeror will rely. Failure to have conducted such due diligence will not relieve the Offeror of compliance, nor will it serve as the basis for any claim of additional compensation or other contractual relief.

COST SCHEDULE / BID SHEET

Offeror must fill in unit prices in figures, make extensions of each item and total as indicated on the form provided. For complete information concerning these items, see Plans and Specifications. No assumptions, exceptions, or modifications to the bid sheet are permitted. Prices shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the date of submittal.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Offeror must attach a schedule of major milestones by date and tasks by duration not to exceed 70 days from receipt of permits. Schedule may either be in MS Project or Excel format.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION MUST BE MARKED

A bid is a public document under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) except as to information which may be treated as commercial, financial, or privileged and confidential as defined by S.C. Code Section 11-35-410. Firms should mark the pages containing any commercial, financial or privileged and confidential information as "PROPRIETARY".

ADDENDA

All addenda issued shall be acknowledged in the place so designated.

BID SUBMITTALS

A bid cannot be withdrawn after it is filed, unless Offeror makes written request to the Town prior to time set for opening of bids, or unless the Town fails to accept bid within 90 days after date fixed

for opening of bids. If any Offeror refuses to enter into a contract, the Town will retain any Bid Security provided as liquid damages but not as a penalty.

BONDS

No bid bond is required for this opportunity.

The successful Offeror must be able to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond within 10 days of notice to award. Bond shall be in the amount of 100% of the value of the base bid.

FORM OF AGREEMENT

Form of Agreement is added as an attachment hereto.

AWARD

The Town's intent is to make an award within funds available to the lowest priced, qualified, responsive and responsible Offeror. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

The Town reserves the right to select pricing alternates in determining the lowest bid. If such bid exceeds available funds, the Town may reject all bids.

CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTORS TO BE SATISFACTORY TO TOWN

The Contract will not be awarded to any Offeror or Offerors who have failed in any contractual obligations to the Town, or who has on any previous contract performed in a manner unsatisfactory to the Town, either as to the character of the work, the fulfillment of guarantees or the time consumed in its completion. Subcontractors shall also be satisfactory to the Town. Contractor shall identify intended Subcontractors; Subcontracts shall include all Federal, State, local regulatory and other Agency requirements, as well as the insurance requirements of the prime contract between Contractor and the Town.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Bid Proposal will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day of delay in the completion of the work not excusable as provided in the Special Conditions (Section 4.03) and the Bid Proposal.

SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANIES

The Contract provides that the surety and insurance companies must be acceptable to the Town. To avoid inconvenience, any Offeror or subcontractor should confer with the Town to determine whether the surety or insurance companies expected to be used on the work are acceptable to the Town. Insurance coverages are attached hereto as an attachment to the contract.

PROTEST

Any prospective Offeror, offeror, contractor or subcontractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of this contract or with the intended award may protest to the Town in accordance

with Section 2-289 of the Town of Bluffton Purchasing Ordinance.

COMPLIANCE

Offerors, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. Offerors will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21. This includes FHWA or FTA specific program requirement.

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 28800 *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. §4601) Prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects;
- The Federal-aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. §324 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (42 U.S.C. §47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (P.L. 100-209), (Broadened, the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR Parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. §47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance, recipients must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, as amended, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*).

Offerors shall at all times comply with all applicable wage and hour acts, including but not limited to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*); the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*); McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract act (41 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*); Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act (41 U.S.C. 35 *et seq.*); Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (40 U.S.C 3145).

Offerors shall at all times comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act)(29 U.S.C. chapter 15) and the South Carolina OSHA-approved state plan, which covers most private sector workers and all state and local government workers.

Offerors shall make best efforts to ensure that minority and disadvantaged businesses are offered a fair opportunity to fully participate in the overall procurement of subcontracted goods and services.



TOWN OF BLUFFTON

SOLICITATION NO: 2020-52
ISSUED BY: Benny Jones
EMAIL: bjones@townofbluffton.com

SUBMITTAL PACKAGES DUE:

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2020

CLOSING TIME: 2:00 p.m.

FAX / E-Mail not accepted

PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION: Oyster Factory Dock Replacement

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA: This bid is submitted subject to Addenda numbers ____ through ____.

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD

COMPANY NAME:

DATE:

MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

SSN OR FEDERAL TAX NO:

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

E-MAIL:

WEB URL:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

PRINTED NAME:

By my signature I certify that this response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, business entity, or person submitting a response to this solicitation for the services to be provided, and is in all respects true, accurate and without collusion or fraud. I certify that pricing submitted is valid for 90 days from the date of submittal.

Check items attached:

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Cost schedule / bid sheet
Implementation schedule

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Contractor questionnaire

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GC/specialty license
Local Vendor Certification

CONTRACTOR TO INSERT COST SCHEDULE / BID SHEET.

**CONTRACTOR TO INSERT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE IN MICROSOFT
PROJECT OR EXCEL.**

CONTRACTOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Briefly describe three jobs of similar scope and size, and provide a customer reference (name, title, email, phone number) for each job:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List your intended subcontractors by company name, address, and general description of work.

Name of Contractor's employee who will serve as the OSHA Qualified Person.
