

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT**

**INVITATION TO BID NO. 22-DES-ITBPW-484**

**ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Arlington County Invitation to Bid No. 22-DES-ITBPW-484 for Water Main Replacement is amended as follows:

**I. QUESTION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022, AT 5:00 PM.**

**II. BID OPENING DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, AT 2:30 PM.**

**III. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Foreman assigned to this work shall have at least five (5) years of experience in the installation and maintenance of water mains and shall have been in charge of installing at least 10,000 linear feet of ductile iron pipe between 6 and 48-inches in diameter. Bidders must submit resume of the proposed Foreman with their Bid.
2. Bidders must provide information demonstrating a minimum experience with complex water main installations involving a grand total of at least 10,000 linear feet of ductile iron pipe water main and constructed values of greater than \$100,000 per project, with one contract reference over \$500,000. One project shall also include a water main vault installation or vault modification. To demonstrate qualifications and experience, the Bidder must reference a minimum of three (3) contracts completed by the Bidder within the past three (3) years by completing the References form included in the of this contract.

**IV. ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO SECTION IV. AGREEMENT & CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PARAGRAPH 7. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

The Contract Amount/unit price(s) will remain firm until \_\_\_\_\_ (“Price Adjustment Date”). To request a price adjustment, the Contractor or the County must submit a written request to the other party not less than 90 days before the Price Adjustment Date. Adjustments to the Contract Amount/unit price(s) will not exceed the percentage of change in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index, All Items, Unadjusted, Urban Areas (“CPI-U”) for the 12 months of statistics available at the time of the Contract’s renewal.

Any Contract Amount/unit price(s) that result from this provision will become effective the day after the Price Adjustment Date and will be binding for 12 months. The new Price Adjustment Date will be 12 months after the price adjustment.

If the Contractor and the County have not agreed on a requested adjustment by 30 days before the Price Adjustment Date, the County may not renew the Contract, whether or not the County has previously elected to renew the Contract’s term.

**Arlington County Invitation to Bid No. 22-DES-ITBPW-484 for Water Main Cleaning & Lining received the following questions:**

Q1: What are the liquidated damages for this contract?

A1: \$1060 per calendar day. This information has been added into the solicitation document.

Q2: Please provide Trench and Pavement Restoration Details

A2: See Section II. Special Conditions.

Q3: Is there an MBE/DBE requirement for this contract?

A3: No.

Q4: Please clarify if the Per-Project Limit is of Up to \$750,000 or \$500,000 (ITB Pages 19 and 119)

A4: \$750,000. This error has been corrected within the solicitation document.

Q5: Is there a minimum dollar amount per-project?

A5: No.

Q6: What are the working hour restrictions for this contract?

A6: No restrictions specific to this contract. Planned work is typically 7am to 4pm, but some night work will be required, and emergencies can be at any time. In some locations, work won't be able to start until 9am.

Q7: How are you planning to pay for Stakeouts and As-Builts?

A7: When stakeout is needed, County will arrange. Contractor to provide as-builts.

Q8: Is there any clearing and grubbing? How are you planning to pay for it?

A8: No.

Q9: Is there any water bypass required for this project? How are you planning to pay for it?

A9: No.

Q10: Do you expect any work to be performed during nighttime? What percentage?

A10: Yes, in emergency work or situations where the work cannot be performed during daytime hours. Likely less than 10%, but emergency work is unpredictable.

Q11: What percentage of the contract do you consider will be performed on an emergency basis?

A11: See above.

Q12: Is this contract going to be awarded to one general contractor or several ones?

A12: One.

Q13: How many projects as per past similar contracts do you expect to issue per month/year and for the contract duration?

A13: The County expects to spend up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) on this contract annually; however, there is no guarantee that this amount will be spent annually. The actual quantity of work performed will depend upon the requirements of Arlington County during the contract term.

Q14: Please provide itemized bid tabulations for recently awarded/performed contracts similar to the subject contract.

A14: All active County contracts are posted at this link: [Arlington County Government Contracts | Vendor Registry](#)

Q15: Based on the current instability in the market and supply chain shortage for construction materials, it will be difficult to receive materials on time and start work on each assigned project within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the County approved Purchase Order (PO) and Notice to Proceed (NTP). Please advise or revise the time to start work on each assigned project.

A15: PO will be based on estimate from Contractor and coordinated with project officer. There will be no penalty for supply issues.

Q16: Will the County allow the approval of multiple sources of supply for materials to have more options to get the materials?

A16: Per 2.1.B of section 02550 of the standards and specifications, pipe of the same size and material shall be furnished by the same manufacturer. This applies to an individual project, but not for the contract as a whole.

Q17: ITB Page 25 states "In an emergency, material used to repair water mains will be provided, when available, by the County from its Water/Sewer/Streets Warehouse". Please clarify who is responsible to provide materials in an emergency when materials are unavailable by the County. Note that the Contractor will not be able to supply materials in a short period of time.

A17: The Contractor will not be expected to provide materials in an emergency.

Q18: Foreman experience in IFB page 18 is up to and including 16-inches in diameter and other parts of the IFB (pages 9 and 121) Foreman experience is up to and including 48-inches in diameter. Since the pricing sheet for this project lists Water Main up to and including 16-inches in diameter, therefore please maintain the Foreman experience up to and including 16-inches.

A18: Minimum Qualifications have been corrected within the solicitation document and updated as follows: The Foreman assigned to this work shall have at least five (5) years of experience in the installation

and maintenance of water mains and shall have been in charge of installing at least 10,000 linear feet of ductile iron pipe between 6 and 48-inches in diameter.

Q19: Please provide Pre-bid meeting minutes.

A19: See below.

Q20: Please provide additional time for questions.

A20: Question deadline has been extended until Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

Q21: Will the County allow price adjustments to the contract unit prices throughout the contract term due to increase in wage rates, materials price, fuel surcharge, etc?

A21: Yes, please see newly added Section IV. Agreement & Contract Terms and Conditions Paragraph 7. Contract Price Adjustments.

Q22: Please provide plan holders list for this project.

A22: This is not available.

Q23: Is the link provided in Page 13 of the ITB for the current edition of the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services Construction Standards and Specifications. Please confirm or provide updated link.

A23: That link was to an old set. The current standards and specifications are here: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2020/09/DES-Construction-Standards-and-Specifications.pdf>. This has been corrected within the solicitation document.

Q24: Please provide type and minimum depth for the temporary asphalt patch. How are you planning to pay for it?

A24: Restoration for utility cuts shall conform to detail M-6.0 in the Arlington County Construction Standard Details. The top 7 inches is 5 inches of bituminous concrete base and 2 inches of bituminous concrete surface. The temporary patch should be 7 inches of bituminous concrete base. Restoration and temporary patches are part of the water main cost, not a separate pay item.

Q25: My question is given the current conditions of the supply chain there has been delays in projects due to materials shortages, Under Part 3, Supplementary Specifications, Project assignments, It states under paragraph 3 that the contractor shall start work on each assignment within Thirty days? Please advise if there is some tolerance in this statement given the current state of the product shortages.

A25: Purchase order will be based on estimate from Contractor and coordinated with project officer. There will be no penalty for supply issues.

Q26: According to Section 2.13, page 6 of spec section 02550, the County lists Iron pipe and Concrete pipe. Also, section A, the County calls out 2 different tapping sleeves for the Iron pipe – a full MJ ductile iron sleeve, the other a SS sleeve. Do you want one specific pipe type (Iron or Concrete) quoted? And, if

Iron, which tapping sleeve would you like quoted?

A26: A tapping sleeve will be on only iron pipe. Either ductile iron or stainless steel tapping sleeves are acceptable.

**Prebid Conference Meeting Minutes:**

- Discussed Solicitation Timeline
- Discussed Prevailing Wage requirements:

The wage determination incorporated into the solicitation and related contract award establishes the wage rates and fringe benefit rates which DOLI has determined to be prevailing in a specific area for a particular type of construction.

The Contractor shall be required to pay wages in compliance with the Prevailing Wage determination and submit certified wage report to the County on monthly basis. After the award of the contract, but before contract execution, the County will resolicit DOLI for the same report to determine if there has been a change in the rates since the bid solicitation was advertised.

If there have been any changes to the rates, we will provide these new rates to the awardee for the purpose of adjusting the line items/unit prices which may have been affected due to change in such rates. The awardee will be required to provide documentation to substantiate this change. In no case shall the awardee's profit margin as established by the original bid increase due to the increase in labor rates per the wage determination report. Contractor may not increase any unit or lump sum pricing except as indicated above. We suggest that all bidders review the contract form attached to the solicitation bid as early as possible, so no time is lost after the award.

The balance of the solicitation remains unchanged.

Arlington County, Virginia

Lucas Alexander, VCA  
Procurement Officer

**RETURN THIS PAGE, FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED, WITH YOUR BID:**

**BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM NUMBER 2.**

**FIRM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED**  
**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_