

LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners for Lake County, Ohio at their office in the Lake County Administration Center, 105 Main Street, 5th Floor, Suite A513, Painesville, Ohio 44077; up to the hour of 11:00 AM Local Time on **February 9, 2022**, and read publicly thereafter in the Commissioners' Chambers at the above address, for the following improvement project:

Aquarius Water Treatment Plant - Electrical Switchgear and Generator – #435-W

Engineer's Estimate of Cost: \$1,600,000

Said improvements shall be in accordance with specifications and proposal forms on file with the Clerk of the Board of Lake County Commissioners. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Office of **Northeast Blueprint, 1230 East 286th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44132**, 216-261-7500, neblueplanroom.com, during weekday business hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Checks shall be made payable to **Northeast Blueprint**.

Prospective Bidders must purchase a Bidder's Package (1 full size set (24"x36") of plans and 1 specification book) for **\$150**, exclusive of shipping charges, in order to be considered a BIDDER. PAYMENT FOR PACKAGES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

The work covered by the plans and specifications includes: Demolishing existing electrical generators and switchgear at the Aquarius Water Treatment Plant and installing a new diesel generator and automatic transfer switch, new electrical main switchgear, and all related wiring and conduit. Installation of temporary switchgear will also be needed to perform the work as well as ancillary repairs to the building following demolition of the existing equipment. All work under this contract shall be completed within 420 days of Notice to Proceed.

Bids shall be addressed to the Board of Lake County Commissioners, Lake County Administration Center, 105 Main Street, 5th Floor, Suite A513 Painesville, Ohio 44077, attention Jennifer Bell and marked "**Aquarius Water Treatment Plant - Electrical Switchgear and Generator – #435-W**".

Inquiries must be submitted in writing to Consulting Engineer, Timothy F. McCann, P.E. at AECOM, 1300 E. 9th St. – Suite 500, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Email: timothy.mccann@aecom.com; phone: (216) 416-6113; prior to end of business Wednesday before bid opening.

Pursuant to R.C. 153.01 et. seq., the bid must be accompanied by an original sealed document in the form of a bond for the full amount (100%) of the bid, **OR** by a certified check, cashier's check, or irrevocable letter of credit equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, drawn on a solvent bank located in Lake County and payable to the Treasurer of Lake County, Ohio, as surety that if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and its performance properly secured. Should any bid be rejected said surety shall forthwith be returned to the bidder and should any bid be accepted such bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit will be returned to the bidder upon proper execution and securing of the contract.

No bidder shall be considered lowest and best or eligible to be awarded the contract to which this Notice or Bid Specifications apply, if the bidder is listed on the Auditor of State's Database as having a "Finding of Recovery" as that term is defined in R.C. 9.24.

Bids shall be subject to the conditions that the right is reserved to hold bids for a period not longer than sixty (90) days after date of bid opening and/or to award the contract at any time during said period.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of the work to him/her, and he/she shall furnish acceptable bond or surety, if not filed previously to the satisfaction of the County of Lake, Ohio for the faithful performance of said contract in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid. In case of failure to execute the contract as stated or to furnish bond and/or surety, the bidder shall be considered to have abandoned the contract and is then liable for the difference between his/her bid and the next lowest bid, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all non-conforming, nonresponsive or conditional bids, or to increase or decrease or omit any item or items, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive or conditional bids. ORC 153.011 may apply. Each bid must contain the full name of every party or all parties submitting the proposal. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experience on projects of similar size and complexity. All contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor's Executive Order of 1972 and Governor's Executive Order 84-9. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.

Wage Rates – Each employee employed by the contractor or any subcontractor and engaged in work on the project under this contract shall be paid prevailing wage rates for Public Improvements as provided by the appropriate Sections of the Ohio Revised Code. For further information, contact OBES Wage and Hour Division (614) 644-2239 or contact the Lake County Prevailing Wage Coordinator (440) 350-2770. This shall occur regardless of any contractual relationship which may be said to exist between the contractor or any subcontractor and such employee.

Bidders may also access this Legal Notice to Bidders via the internet at www.lakecountyohio.gov, click on **Legal Notices to Bidders** on the left side of this page to link to the Legal Notice site and on the Ohio Newspaper Association public notices website, www.publicnoticesohio.com.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Aquarius Water Treatment Plant, 38265 Aquarius Parkway, Willoughby, OH 44094. A visit to the site is scheduled for immediately after the pre-bid meeting concludes.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS in and for Lake County, Ohio.

John R. Hamercheck, President
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