ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK MAIN STREET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed bids for the project entitled Main Street Infrastructure Improvements will be received by the Town of Blowing Rock until 2:00 p.m. local time on <u>January 26, 2023</u>, in the Main Conference Room at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605. At said place and time, all Bids that have been duly received, will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project will be bid as five (5) separate divisions of work, intended to be provided under one (1) construction contract:

- **Division 1 (Water Line Replacements)** generally consists of the replacement of water lines in the project area with approximately 9,200 LF of 8-inch ductile iron water mains primarily within the south-bound lane of Main Street, including valves, hydrants, water services, connections to existing water lines, and related appurtenances.
- **Division 2 (Sewer Line Replacements)** generally consists of the replacement of sewer lines and manholes along Main Street with approximately 700 LF of 18-inch ductile iron gravity sewer, 1,150 LF of 8-inch PVC gravity sewer, primarily within the north-bound lane of Main Street, including precast concrete manholes, sewer services, connections to existing downstream sewers, and related appurtenances.
- **Division 3 (Sidewalk Improvements)** generally consists of the demolition of existing surfaces and site items, and the installation of limited areas of sidewalks, storm drainage, traffic striping, asphalt paving, erosion control, and concrete drive entrances.
- **Division 4 (Downtown Underground Utilities)** generally consists of the installation of underground utility conduits and concrete ductbanks; approximately 2,000 LF along the center of Main Street, 300 LF along US 221, and extensions to side roads.
- **Division 5 (Paving)** generally consists of the milling and asphalt overlay of Main Street.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time January 10, 2023 in the Main Conference Room at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605. Interested parties should attend this meeting to receive bidding information.

Bidder qualifications, as described in Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders, are required to be submitted with the Bid. Bidders are encouraged to inquire about minimum qualifications before purchasing Bidding Documents.

Prospective bidders must register and obtain an official set of the Bidding Documents. Digital copies of Bidding Documents are available for purchase for a fee of \$100.00 per set through Quest by visiting www.mcgillbidline.com. These documents may be downloaded by selecting the project and finding the appropriate Quest Project Number. Bids received from Bidders who are not registered planholders with the Engineer will not be accepted or opened. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any source other than the Engineer and their

representative plan provider, QuestCDN. Each Bidder shall be responsible for the review of all addenda for the project and shall acknowledge the addenda on the bid form.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of the State of North Carolina and be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

Each bid shall be accompanied with a cash deposit or certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC or a Bid Bond prepared on the form of Bid Bond contained in the Bidding Documents or a Surety Company's standard form and properly executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The amount of the bid bond shall be equal to **five (5) percent** of the total of the bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after the proper notice of award of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and time.

Contractors submitting a Bid on this project must solicit bids from minority subcontractors and provide documentation of any outreach efforts as required by the Special Conditions Packages.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and 40 CFR 33.1016, and 40 CFR 60-4.

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