



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY addressed to the Procurement Manager, 235 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403 and marked **Northern Regional Pump Station & Force Main – Phase A**. Bids will be received until **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM** in the IT Conference Room of 235 Government Center Drive at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

This is a single prime contract.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference will be held, and IS mandatory. The Conference will be located in the IT Conference Room of 235 Government Center Drive on the 22nd day of August 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Bid Opening: Bids must be in by **Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM** in the IT Conference Room of 235 Government Center Drive. Bids must be received by Ben Guerrieri, Procurement Manager or designee in the IT Conference Room. The official time will be by the clock in the IT Conference Room at 235 Government Center Drive and no late bids will be accepted. The Bidders are responsible for allowing time for traffic and parking prior to delivering the bids to the IT Conference Room. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bids are received on time.

Contract Documents: Plans and specifications relevant to the bid may be viewed at the following locations listed below. Cape Fear Public Utility Authority cannot guarantee the accuracy of documents and information at the plan rooms. Official sets only available from Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.

1. iSqft + bidclerk Plan Rooms: View online at: www.isqft.com or www.bidclerk.com
2. Dodge Data & Analytics/Dodge Plan Room: View online at: www.dodgeprojects.construction.com
3. Construction Journal: View online at: www.ConstructionJournal.com
4. Carolina AGC and Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas: View online at: www.isqft.com
5. North American Procurement Council, Inc.: View online at www.NorthCarolinabids.com
6. The Blue Book Building & Construction Network: View online at www.thebluebook.com

Prospective bidders must register and obtain an official set of the relevant contract documents from Teresa McPherson (Bid Manager). To register and obtain bid documents, prospective bidders will be required to email the Bid Manager at bids@cfpua.org and provide contact information. A OneDrive file share link containing an official set of relevant bid documents for download will then be provided to prospective bidder via email. If you send an email to bids@cfpua.org and do not receive a response within two (2) business days, please call 910-332-6472 or 910-332-6651. Bids received from bidders who cannot prove registration at time bids are due will not be opened or considered.

Bid Bond: A deposit is required with the submission of the bid. When a deposit is required, the bidder must submit with the bid cash or a certified check, drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, payable to Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that a contract will be entered into and that satisfactory performance and payment bonds will be executed. In lieu of making the cash deposit above described, a satisfactory bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of the State of North Carolina to execute such bonds, shall be submitted with each bid, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of the bid or fails to give satisfactory surety as required in North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129.

Affidavit and Certification of Non-Collusion, Non-Suspension and Non-Conviction: The Affidavit and Certificate of Non-Collusion, Non-Suspension and Non-Conviction provided with bid documents must be completely executed and submitted with bid.

Each bidder must show evidence that it is licensed as a contractor under Chapter 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The bidder must have the following NC General Contractor's license to be qualified to perform the work associated with this bid:

Limitation: Unlimited

Classification(s): Public Utility

No bid may be withdrawn after bids have been opened, except as provided in the North Carolina General Statutes.

This project is receiving ARPA funding and NC MBE/WBE participation goal is 10% (combined). See SRP Special Conditions Section for details. Bidders shall make a good faith effort to solicit minority and women owned businesses to participate on the project.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond as security in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

If the bidder fails to complete and submit all requirements stated in this Advertisement for Bids and those further requirements stated in the Instruction to Bidders included with the relevant contract documents, the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority may deem such failure nonresponsive and therefore a forfeiture of the bid.

Cape Fear Public Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. This is a SRF funded project. Project award is contingent upon approval from the state agency.

All inquiries concerning this bid shall be directed to CFPUA Purchasing Division by e-mail to bids@cfpua.org.