

SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Issued By: **D. Anthony Rubin**
BID NO.: 18-18020

Date Issued: April 3, 2018

FORMAL INVITATION FOR BIDS
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR POWER WASHING SERVICES FOR 10 GAS DIGESTER TANKS
LOCATED AT THE DOS RIOS WASTE WATER RECYCLING PLANT
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Sealed bids addressed to the Purchasing Director, San Antonio Water System, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, Administration Bldg., 5th Floor, San Antonio, TX 78212 will be received until **3:00 p.m., April 10, 2018** and then publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing materials or services as described herein below,

The San Antonio Water System Purchasing Department is willing to assist any bidder(s) in the interpretation of bid provisions or explanation of how bid forms are to be completed. Assistance may be received by visiting the Purchasing Office in the SAWS Main Office, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212, or by calling (210) 233-3819.

(Contractor’s Insurance Requirements Attached)

This invitation includes the following:

Invitation for Bids	Specifications and General Requirements
Terms and Conditions of Invitation for Bids	Price Schedule

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is authorized to bind the Bidder to fully comply with the Specifications and General Requirements for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying bid sheet(s). By signing below, Bidder has read the entire document and agreed to the terms therein.

Signer’s Name: _____ Firm Name: _____
(Please Print or Type)

Address: _____

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid _____ City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

Please complete the following:

Prompt Payment Discount: _____% _____days. (If no discount is offered, Net 30 will apply.)

Please check the following blanks which apply to your company:

Ownership of firm (51% or more):

___ Non-minority ___ Hispanic ___ African-American ___ Other Minority (specify) _____

___ Female Owned ___ Handicapped Owned ___ Small Business (less than \$1 million annual receipts or 100 employees)

Indicate Status: ___ Partnership ___ Corporation ___ Sole Proprietorship ___ Other (specify) _____

Tax Identification Number: _____

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This **Addendum no. 1** is being issued for Bid no. 18-18020 for the Purchase of Power Washing Services for Digesters at Dos Rios WRC on the question submittals.

Question:

- 1) What are the dimensions for the digesters and what is dimension for the smaller holding tank? **Answer:** The digesters and the holding tank have the same dimensions. The diameter is 110-feet, the side walls are approximately 34-feet, and it is approximately another 7.75-feet to the top of the dome.
- 2) Is the contractor responsible for the water meter and the cost of water used? **Answer:** The Plant's secondary effluent (NPW) can be used for cleaning and washdown purposes free of cost. The contractor shall provide at its own cost, all distribution pumps. Meters, hoses/piping traffic ramps over pipes, valves and fittings with proper supports and anchors as required to convey the water to the point of use. The contractor shall install a metering device to record all non-potable water use.
- 3) What chemicals will be acceptable? **Answer:** I am not sure what was stated within the last bid a couple of years back but I would say that only soap will be acceptable. Of course along with hot/warm water.
- 4) In the bid invite the expected performance time states 2 months. Is the timeline flexible? **Answer:** The timeline is flexible. Since there are multiple projects moving forward on the plant, SAWS and contractors will have to work together; therefore SAWS does understand the circumstances and will allow the schedule to be flexible.
- 5) Will material supplies and equipment be permitted to be staged on jobsite for duration of project? **Answer:** Yes
- 6) Are lifts permitted? If so will the operator be permitted to drive on grass? **Answer:** Yes
- 7) Will equipment be permitted to be staged on top of digesters? **Answer:** Yes, however no heavy equipment is permitted on top of the digesters.
- 8) What are permitted working hours? **Answer:** The contractor is allowed to work on the plant between the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any work outside of these hours by the Contractor will require a written request from the Contractor and the Owner's approval.
- 9) Will project have a progressive / draw payment structure? **Answer:** The price schedule list the digester individually. Payment will be made upon completion and acceptance of individual tanks.
- 10) Will there be a performance or payment bond needed for this project? **Answer:** no performance or payment bond is required.
- 11) What is the available time to clean? (for example - weekends(Sat, Sun), M-F 8AM-5PM...) **Answer:** See answer to Question #8.
- 12) When can this project start? Will it be on April, May or June? **Answer:** The dollar amounts of the bids will determine when a time line can be established. I can see the earliest beginning date as early as April 30th, but if the bids come in higher then they will need to be approved by the Senior Directors, Directors, and the Board of Trustees. If that is the case, then we could be looking to start this project in middle of May or beginning of June.

- 13) Is the amount of Performance Deposit same as bid price? **Answer:** No performance bond/deposit is required. The price schedule on page 18 is where the bid price to be shown.
- 14) Can we use the top of roof to put roller? **Answer:** The answer to Question #7
- 15) What is the background check process? **Answer:** The Security Procedures are identify on page 26 in this bid document which address the background check process.
- 16) Are we allotted more than 2 months to complete the job if we are postponed by rain or other weather? **Answer:** SAWS does understand the circumstances and will allow the schedule to be flexible.
- 17) When are we allowed to work, i.e. nights and/or weekends? **Answer:** The see the answer to Question #8.
- 18) Are we allowed to use soap to clean tanks? **Answer:** Yes.
- 19) Which tanks are going to be serviced? Which ones are not? **Answer:** All of the Digester Tanks except for Digester Tank 6 are to be prepped and power washed.
- 20) Is hot water a requirement? **Answer:** Yes, as stated in the bid document – it must be between 80 degrees and 115 degrees
- 21) Are we allowed to bring lifts onto the grass and areas around the tanks? **Answer:** Yes, but it cannot disrupt plant operations.
- 22) Do we need to reclaim the water or let it drain? **Answer:** Contractors are not required to reclaim water.
- 23) If we are a small business enterprise, are we required to share the bid with another small business, minority owned business, veteran owned business, etc.? **Answer:** In order to be counted toward the SWMVB goal of 19 %, the vendor must be certified thru the SCTRCA; if a vendor can complete 100 % of the work or service on this contract we do not require them to share the bid with another vendor. However, if they do need a subcontractor or will use a supplier on this agreement we ask they are listed on the GFEP regardless of SMWVB status.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RETURN THIS ADDENDUM WITH THE ORIGINAL BID DOCUMENTS.