

SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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**FORMAL INVITATION FOR BIDS
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR LARGE DIAMETER SANITARY
SEWER CLEANING AND INSPECTION WORK ORDER CONTRACT
ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Sealed bids addressed to the Purchasing Director, San Antonio Water System, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, P.O. Box 2449, San Antonio, TX 78298-2449 will be received until **3:00 p.m., March 23, 2012** and then publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing materials or services as described received 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.

This invitation includes the following:

Invitation for Bids
Terms and Conditions of Invitation for Bids

Specifications and General Requirements
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: _____

On Page 33 of 60, Data Management, Section 1000.3.23 of the contract shall be amended by adding the following paragraph:

For multiple line segments that are inspected and turned into SAWS, the NASSCO Export Database shall be one database file with all the line segments cumulatively placed into that individual database. Individual databases and/or folders for each line segments will not be accepted.

The following is a list of questions from the pre-bid meeting held on March 16, 2012:

Page 12; Paragraph II. Information and Instructions to Bidders
Sub-paragraph 1-A Vendor Experience

Question:

1. Can there be more than one project claimed in the qualifications to meet the requirements asked for in this section?

Answer: Yes.

Page 12; Paragraph II. Information and Instructions to Bidders
Sub-paragraph 1-B Personnel Qualifications

Question:

2. Instead of having one On-Site Project Superintendent who possess all skills asked for can I have two (one as an assistant) who together will possess all the skills asked for? It is my intention to subcontract the Sonar, Laser and GIS tasks in this project to a subcontractor who I've successfully performed projects with in the past and who meets/exceeds the sonar, laser and GIS requirements for this project. Would it be acceptable to have my on-site project superintendent who meets/exceeds all skill requirements except Sonar, Laser & GIS oversee all project activities and my subcontractor have an on-site "assistant" project superintendent to assure proper execution of the sonar, laser & GIS tasks?

Answer: For the purpose of meeting the qualifications requirements, an "assistant" superintendent is allowed. The Vendor must demonstrate that the "assistant" superintendent worked for the Vendor as a Sub-Vendor during the past five (5) on at least one project (and has the required years or production experience, ie 2yrs). Only the primary superintendent designated by the Vendor will be the point of contact and will be held responsible for the execution of the contract requirements in the field.

Question:

3. Please define what constitutes light cleaning and heavy cleaning. In the pre-bid light cleaning was defined as 2-3 passes and heavy cleaning was over 4 passes. At how many passes does heavy cleaning end?

Answer: Light and heavy cleaning is defined in Section 1000.3.12 in Addendum No. 1. Heavy cleaning ends after seven (7) passes using high velocity or hydraulically propelled equipment. The number of passes may end after more than seven (7) passes if required in the field by SAWS. Mechanical cleaning, if authorized by SAWS, is also considered to be heavy cleaning.

Question:

4. Is SAWS allowing us to decant “liquids only” back into the system downstream from where the cleaning is being performed? Are there permits required for this? In the past SAWS environmental has directed contractors to take “ALL” liquids to the Dos Rios Plant.

Answer: Yes, “liquids only” should be decanted back into the system downstream from where the cleaning is being performed. No permits are required for such decanting.

Question:

5. Pay Items 38 thru 44 states, “*Inspect simultaneously with CCTV, Sonar & Laser Sanitary Sewer Mains*”. Please define, **simultaneously?** Note: If it means all at the same time then SAWS is limiting the bid to only one product on the market, thus sole sourcing this portion of the project.

Answer: “Simultaneously” means that the CCTV, sonar and laser inspection shall be conducted at the same time during one pass using a common distance measuring device

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RETURN THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR BID.