



# INVITATION FOR BIDS

No. 2025-28

## *Water Interconnection to Ridgeville – Phase 1*

Dorchester County is seeking bids from qualified and experienced Class WL (Water & Sewer Lines) contractors interested in completing the Water Interconnection to Ridgeville – Phase 1 project. Project consists of installation of approximately 33,300 linear feet (LF) of 16-inch water main, which includes 28,910 LF via open cut, 880 LF via jack and bore, and 3,485 LF via horizontal directional drill. Project will also include installation of approximately 60 LF of 12-inch water main via open-cut, twenty-eight (28) fire hydrant assemblies, fifty-two (52) water service connections, and associated appurtenances and fittings.

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Issue Date:	Friday, March 21, 2025
Bid Opening:	<b>Thursday, April 24, 2025, @ 2:00PM EST</b>
Bid Opening Location:	Kenneth F. Waggoner Services Building Purchasing Services Office 201 Johnston Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor St. George, SC 29477
Last Day for Questions:	<b>Wednesday, April 9, 2025, @ 5:00PM EST</b>
NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting:	<b>Wednesday, April 2, 2025, @ 1:00PM EST Water &amp; Sewer Headquarters, 235 Deming Way Summerville, SC 29483</b>
Contact Information:	Dorchester County Purchasing Services RDantzler@DorchesterCountySC.gov

# SECTION ONE

## SPECIFICATIONS

### **Scope of Work**

The Class WL Contractor shall furnish all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary to complete the Work found in Attachment A (DCWS Water Interconnection to Ridgeville Ph 1 – IFB Specifications for Bid) and Attachment B (DCWS Water Interconnection to Ridgeville Ph 1 – IFB Drawings for Bid) and as according to the terms and conditions found in the entire solicitation document.

Work shall be substantially completed within 360 days of Notice to Proceed and final completion shall be within 390 days of Notice to Proceed.

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## SECTION TWO

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND SOLICITATION-SPECIFIC TERMS

#### 1. WRITTEN QUESTIONS DEADLINE

The last day and time for submittal of written questions shall be no later than **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 5:00PM Eastern Standard Time.**

#### 2. PRE-BID MEETING

A **nonmandatory** pre-bid meeting will be held on **April 2, 2025, at 1:00PM**, at the Water & Sewer Headquarters, located at 235 Deming way, Summerville, SC 29483. Virtual attendance is offered using the instructions below.

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#### 3. BID SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Bids may be submitted online, in-person, or mailed. *The County's preferred method of bid submittal is electronically through the Vendor Registry platform.* County Bids may be found by visiting the following link:

<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/BidsList?BuyerId=e18973c1-4a13-4b63-a74f-feebcba670c0>

Bidders may also mail or hand-deliver their bids as described in Section Three, Item 1.4.

#### 4. BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

Bids will be received until **Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 2:00PM Eastern Standard Time**, after which time they will be publicly read. Late bids will not be accepted. Bidders are invited to attend the opening of this bid at the time stated above. Optional virtual attendance is also available using the instructions below:

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## 5. CONTRACT COMPLETION

Contractor shall have three hundred and sixty (360) calendar days for Substantial Completion and three hundred and ninety (390) calendar days for Final Completion after receiving a Notice to Proceed in the form of a County purchase order.

## 6. PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR

Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of approved invoices.

## 7. SHIPPING

Shipping terms shall be F.O.B. Destination unless otherwise specified.

## 8. PERMITS AND LICENSES

The successful Bidder shall, without additional expense to the County, be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary licenses and permits required by the State of South Carolina, a municipality or the County or any other authority having jurisdiction. Prior to execution of a contract, the successful Bidder may be required to provide a copy of its current applicable Contractor's License issued by the State of South Carolina and the County. Any subcontractor must comply with the regulations promulgated in the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Board as enforced by the South Carolina Licensing Board for Contractors. Contractor's (and or any subcontractor's) License Number, Person's Name and Business Name must all be shown on all required licenses.

## 9. SECURITY REQUIRED

### 9.1. Bid Security

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond acceptable to the County. Bid bonds must be issued by a corporate surety registered and authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina. Bid bonds shall be payable to the County, shall be for at least five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid and shall serve as a guarantee deposit that the bid will be carried out to the complete satisfaction of the County.

## 9.2. Forfeiture of Bid Security

Nonperformance by the successful Bidder, or its failure to execute the Contract and meet performance and payment bond requirements and insurance requirements within Five (5) Business Days after issuance of Notice of Award, shall result in its bid security being forfeited as liquidated damages, and the Notice of Award and Contract will be rescinded and awarded to another Bidder. Withdrawal of a bid after the opening date and time but prior to final award after the opening date, may also result in forfeiture of bid security.

## 9.3. Return of Bid Security

Bid security will be returned to all bidders after the successful Bidder has executed the Contract and delivered all required bonds and insurance certificates and endorsements. Bidders will not be entitled to any interest earnings on returned funds.

## 9.4. Payment and Performance Security

The successful Bidder shall provide performance and payment bonds, in a form satisfactory to the County, in the following amounts:

Payment Bond: 100% of the total amount of the Contract.

Performance Bond: 100% of the total amount of the Contract.

The aforesaid payment and performance bonds must be issued by a corporate surety, registered and authorized to do business in South Carolina, and must be counter-signed by a licensed, authorized South Carolina agent.

Attorneys-in-fact who sign bid bonds or performance bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective, dated copy of their power of attorney.

# 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

Questions or clarifications concerning this invitation should be posted to the solicitation on the Vendor Registry portal at the link provided above, or *only* directed by email to the contact listed on the cover page of the solicitation. Contact with other County personnel during the bid process may result in a determination of non-responsiveness for any bid submitted by your firm.