

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR
NORTHSIDE SEWER PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received by the CITY OF AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA, at Engineering & Utilities Building, 245 Dupont Drive, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801 until **2:00 P.M.**, local time, **BID OPENING March 12, 2026** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A Non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Engineering & Utilities Building, 245 Dupont Drive, Aiken, South Carolina, 29801 at 10:00 a.m., EST, on **February 17, 2026**.

Questions will be received in regards to the project by submitting a written clarification request to [Dani Fox](mailto:Dfox@cityofaikensc.gov), Capital Projects Manager at Dfox@cityofaikensc.gov. Questions will be received until 5:00 p.m., EST, on **February 26, 2026**.

Participation of women and minority owned businesses is encouraged.

Work to be Done: The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials and equipment and performing all labor necessary for the completion of the work as set forth in the Proposal, as shown in contract drawings, and any property restoration, and erosion control, per City of Aiken Specifications.

Construction and Installation of the following:

- *Installation of approximately 13,461 LF 24-inch PVC sanitary sewer*
- *Installation of approximately 3,000 LF of 30-inch PVC sanitary sewer*
- *Jack and Bore of 42-inch steel casing-94 LF*
- *Installation of approximately 61 manholes, install epoxy lining to 17 manholes*
- *Provide Bypass pumping*
- *Include all erosion control and reporting*

Contractor's License: The attention of the Bidder is invited to certain legal requirements of the State of South Carolina with reference to the General Contractor's License, the provisions of which must be fully met before his bid is received and considered. The General Contractor's license number must appear on the envelope containing the bid; otherwise the bid shall not be opened. If two envelopes are used, this information must appear on both envelopes.

Project Funding: This project is being funded in part by Fiscal Year 2023 Congressional Discretionary Appropriations and awarded through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All federal requirements will apply to the contract including but not limited to: Davis-Bacon Act wage requirements, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals, Buy American Provisions, and American Iron and Steel provisions. All contractors and subcontractors are required to be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) and may not be debarred from doing business with the federal government. Bidders shall comply with all applicable state, local, and federal laws and regulations as identified within the bid documents. EPA shall be allowed to review and approve all information submitted by the bidder prior to issuance of a contract Notice of Award.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): All bidders are to reference the supplemental specification related to requirements for pre-award and post-award compliance with the DBE requirements.

- *This project does not have a designated goal; however, Contractors shall comply with the DBE requirements as laid out in Attachment 2*

Federal Aid Project Requirements: All bidders are to reference the Federally Funded Project Provisions in Attachment 2 regarding federal aid project requirements for the Northside Gravity Sewer project.

Special Conditions and Permitting: Please reference Attachment 1 herein for additional permit coordination and special conditions required as a part of the contract. The Contractor shall include all costs and time to facilitate the requirements listed under Attachment 1 of the Bid documents.

Forms Submitted with Bid Documents: The Following forms shall be submitted with the bid package and are located in Attachment 3- Forms_Northside Sewer:

- Prime Contractor's Subagreement Certification
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Bidder's Build America, Buy America Certification

Business License: The Contractor will be required to purchase a City of Aiken Business License. This shall be required for all subcontractors as well. The Contractor shall provide a list of subcontractors to the Business License Administrator. No additional pay item will be allowed for the cost of the license.

Bid Bond: All Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, or a bid bond of a reputable bonding company authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina, in an amount equal to at least 10 per cent (10%) of the total amount of the bid.

Performance and Payment Bonds: A contract performance bond and payment bond, each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the agreement amount will be required of the successful bidder.

Withdrawal of Bids: No submitted bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

Acceptance or Rejection of Bids: The City of Aiken reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid, to waive any informality in any bid including acknowledgement of addenda, to re-advertise for all or any part of the work, and to add additional work.

Appeal of Bid Award: Participating vendors who wish to appeal a bid award have **ten (10) business days** from the date of notification to file the appeal. A protest must be in writing and submitted to the Purchasing Agent. The appeal must explain the grounds for the bid protest and the relief requested by the vendor. Upon receipt of the formal appeal, the purchasing agent will work with the vendor to attempt to settle the dispute through mutual agreement. Should this process fail to resolve the issue, the purchasing agent will conduct an administrative review and will issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days of completion of the review. The decision of the agent shall be final unless any person adversely affected by the decision requests a further administrative review by the City Manager within ten (10) days of posting of the decision.