

BID PROPOSAL

ST. TAMMANY PARISH
GOVERNMENT



BID PACKAGE FOR

One-Time Purchase for Electrical Materials & Parts

BID NO.: 23-28-2

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Instructions to Bidders

Bidders are urged to promptly review the requirements of this specification and submit questions for resolution as early as possible during the bid period. Questions or concerns must be submitted in writing to the Procurement Department no later than 2:00 CST seven (7) working days prior to the bid opening date. Otherwise, this will be construed as acceptance by the bidders that the intent of the specifications is clear and that competitive bids may be obtained as specified herein. Protests with regard to the specification documents will not be considered after bids are opened.

1. Bid security is not required for this bid. Be sure that your bid is properly signed. The bid must be fully completed.
2. The Owner is the St. Tammany Parish Government (the "Parish").
3. The terms "he/his" and "it/its" may be used interchangeably.
4. The terms "Owner," the "Parish," and "St. Tammany Parish" may be used interchangeably.
5. The successful Bidder understands the desired delivery time in the contract is 16 weeks, ARO and shall submit any request for an extension of time in accordance with the General and any Supplementary Conditions. Said request will reflect the days requested and the reason for same. No extension request is guaranteed or absolute.
6. Bidder specifically understands that acknowledgment of the General Conditions is required. Bidder specifically understands that signature of receipt of the General Conditions is mandated. **The Bidder's signature on the "Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form" will serve as acknowledgment of the Bidder's receipt and understanding of any Supplementary Conditions.**
7. **Only** the Louisiana Uniform Public Bid Form, the Unit Price Form and written evidence of authority of person signing the bid shall be submitted on or before the bid opening time and date provided for in the Bid Documents. Necessary copies of the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Forms and Unit Price Forms will be furnished for Bidding. Bound sets of the Contract Documents are for Bidder's information and should not be used in submitting Bids.
8. All other documents and information required are to be submitted by the low Bidder within ten (10) days after the opening of the bids, and at the same time of day and location as given for the opening of the bids in the Bid Documents.
9. Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, unless submitted electronically. The outside of the envelope shall show the name and address of the Bidder, and the Project name and the Bid number. In the case of an electronic bid proposal, a contractor may submit an authentic digital signature on the electronic bid proposal, Project name and the Bid number.
10. The price quoted for the Work shall be stated in words and figures on the Bid Form, and in figures only on the Unit Price Form. The price in the Bid shall include all costs necessary for the complete performance of the Work in full conformity with the conditions of the Contract Documents, and shall include all applicable Federal, State, Parish, Municipal or other taxes. The price bid for the items listed on the Unit Price Form will include the cost of all related items not listed, but which are normally required to do the type of Work bid.
11. The Bid shall be signed by the Bidder. The information required on the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form must be provided. Evidence of agency, corporate, or partnership authority is required and shall be provided in conformance with LSA-R.S. 38:2212(B).
12. Bidders shall not attach any conditions or provisions to the Bid. Any conditions or provisions so attached may, at the sole option of the Owner, cause rejection of the Bid.
13. A Proposal may be withdrawn at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, provided the request is in writing, executed by the Bidder or its duly authorized

representative and is filed with the Owner prior to that time. When such a request is received, the Proposal will be returned to the Bidder unopened. A bid withdrawn under the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2214(C) cannot be resubmitted.

14. Written communications, over the signature of the Bidder, to modify Proposals will be accepted and the Proposal corrected in accordance therewith if received by the Owner prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids. Oral, telephonic or telegraphic Modifications will not be considered.
15. No oral interpretation obligating the Owner will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing and addressed and forwarded to the Owner. Inquiries received within seven (7) days prior to the day fixed for opening of the Bids may not be given consideration. Every interpretation made to the Bidder shall be in the form of an addendum to the Specifications. All such Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents. Failure of the Owner to send or failure of Bidder to receive any such interpretation shall not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under this Bid as submitted without Modification. All Addenda shall be issued in accordance with the Public Bid Law, LSA-R.S. 38:2212(O).
16. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids for just cause in accordance with the Public Bid Law, LSA-R.S. 38:2214(B). Incomplete, informal, illegible, or unbalanced Bids may be rejected. Reasonable grounds for belief that any one Bidder is concerned directly or indirectly with more than one Bid will cause rejection of all Bids wherein such Bidder is concerned. If required, a Bidder shall furnish satisfactory evidence of its competence and ability to perform the Work stipulated in its Proposal. Incompetence will constitute cause for rejection. If the Parish determines that the bidder is not responsive or responsible for any reason whatsoever, the bid may be rejected in accordance with State law.
17. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from any and all suits, costs, penalties or claims for infringement by reason of use or installation of any patented design, device, material or process, or any trademark and copyright in connection with the Work agreed to be performed under this Contract, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner for any costs, expenses and damages which it may be obliged to pay by reason of any such infringement at any time during the prosecution or after completion of the Work.
18. Bidders shall familiarize themselves with and shall comply with all applicable Federal and State Laws, municipal ordinances and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the Project, which may directly or indirectly affect the Work or its prosecution. These laws and/or ordinances will be deemed to be included in the Contract, as though herein written in full.
19. Bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. The failure or omission of any Bidder to receive or examine any form, instrument, Drawing or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid and the responsibility in the premises.
20. The standard contract form enclosed with the Proposal documents is a prototype. It is enclosed with the Contract Documents for the guidance of the Owner and the Contractor. It has important legal consequences in all respects and consultation with an attorney is encouraged. Contractor shall be presumed to have consulted with its own independent legal counsel.
21. Sealed Bids shall be delivered to St. Tammany Parish Government at the office of **St. Tammany Parish Government, Department of Procurement, 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2-F, Mandeville, LA 70471**, and a receipt given, until the time and date denoted in Notice to Bidders, at which time and place the Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud to those present. In accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2212(H), the designer's final estimated cost of construction shall be read aloud upon opening bids. Sealed Bids may also be mailed by certified mail to **St. Tammany Parish Government, Department of Procurement, 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2-F, Mandeville, LA 70471**, and must be received before the bid opening. Bids may also be submitted electronically. Information concerning links for electronic bidding is contained in the Notice to Bidders. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to ensure that bids are delivered in a timely fashion. **Late bids, regardless of reason, will not be considered, and will be returned to bidder.**

22. Paper bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope, marked plainly and prominently as indicated in the Notice to Bidders, and these Instructions, and addressed:

**St. Tammany Parish Government
Department of Procurement
21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2-F
Mandeville, LA 70471**

23. Complete sets of Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be secured on Bid Express at www.bidexpress.com or the LaPAC website:
<https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/dspBid.cfm?search=department&term=18>

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See Notice to Bidders for availability via electronic methods.

24. The Parish reserves the right to award items separately, Grouped or on an All-or-None basis and to reject any or all bids and waive any informality. No award will be made until the Owner has concluded such investigations as it deems necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability and stability of the Bidder to do the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents to the satisfaction of the Owner within the time prescribed as established by the Department based upon the amount of work to be performed and the conditions of same. The written contract and bond (if applicable) shall be issued in conformance with LSA-R.S. 38:2216. If the Contract is awarded, the Owner shall give the successful Bidder written notice of the award within forty-five (45) calendar days after the opening of the Bids in conformance with LSA-R.S. 38:2215(A), or any extension as authorized thereunder.
25. At least three days prior to the execution of the Contract, the Contractor shall deliver to the Owner the required Bonds (if applicable).
26. Failure of the successful Bidder to execute the Contract and deliver the required Bonds within ten (10) days of the Notice of the Award shall be just cause for the Owner to annul the award and declare the Bid and any guarantee thereof forfeited. Award may then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder.
27. It is the intent of these instructions that they are in conformance with State Bid Laws. Should there be any discrepancy or ambiguity in these provisions, the applicable State Bid Law shall apply.
28. The letting of any public contract in connection with funds that are granted or advanced by the United States of America shall be subject to the effect, if any, of related laws of said United States and valid rules and regulations of federal agencies in charge, or governing use and payment of such federal funds.
29. Protests based on alleged solicitation improprieties that are apparent before bid opening, or the time set for receipt of initial proposals must be filed with and received by the Procurement Department BEFORE these times. Any other protest shall be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days after: the opening of the bid; the basis of the protest is known; or the basis of the protest should have been known (whichever is earlier).
30. It is the Parish's policy to provide a method to protest exclusion from a competition or from the award of a contract, or to challenge an alleged solicitation irregularity. It is always better to seek a resolution within the Parish system before resorting to outside agencies and/or litigation to resolve differences. All protests must be made in writing, and shall be concise and logically presented to facilitate review by the Parish. The written protest shall include:

The protester's name, address, and fax and telephone numbers and the solicitation, bid, or contract number;

A detailed statement of its legal and factual grounds, including a description of the resulting prejudice to the protester;

Copies of relevant documents;

All information establishing that the protester is an interested party and that the protest is timely; and

A request for a ruling by the agency; and a statement of the form of relief requested.

The protest shall be addressed to St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Procurement, P.O. Box 628, Covington, LA 70434

The protest review shall be conducted by the Parish Legal Department.

Only protests from interested parties will be allowed. Protests based on alleged solicitation improprieties that are apparent before bid opening, or the time set for receipt of initial proposals, must be filed with and received by the Department of Procurement BEFORE those deadlines.

Any other protest shall be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days after the basis of the protest is known, or should have been known (whichever is earlier).

The Parish will use its best efforts to resolve the protest within thirty (30) days of the date that it is received by the Parish. The written response will be sent to the protestor via mail and fax, if a fax number has been provided by the protestor. The protestor can request additional methods of notification.

31. The last day to submit questions and/or verification on comparable products will be no later than 2:00 pm CST, seven (7) working days prior to the opening date of the bid/proposal due date. Further, any questions or inquires must be submitted via fax to 985-898-5227, or via email to Procurement@stpgov.org. Any questions or inquiries received after the required deadline to submit questions or inquiries will not be answered.
32. St. Tammany Parish Government contracts to be awarded are dependent on the available funding and/or approval by members designated and/or acknowledged by St. Tammany Parish Government. At any time, St. Tammany Parish Government reserves the right to cancel the award of a contract if either or both of these factors is deficient.
33. Any action by the Parish to disqualify any Bidder on the grounds that they are not a responsible Bidder shall be conducted in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2212(X).
34. Failure to complete or deliver within the time specified or to provide the services as specified in the bid or response will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the Parish has determined the contractor to be in default. The Parish reserves the right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with the cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid or response from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
35. If any part of the provisions contained herein and/or in the Specifications and Contract for the Work shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement or attachment, but it shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision or part of a provision had never been contained herein.
36. Notwithstanding any other provision of La. R.S. 38:2251 to the contrary, the following preferences shall apply only to bidders whose Louisiana business workforce is comprised of a minimum of fifty percent (50%) Louisiana residents.

1) Do you have a Louisiana Business workforce? _____ yes _____ no

2) If so, do you certify that at least fifty percent (50%) of your Louisiana business workforce is comprised of Louisiana residents? _____ yes _____ no

- A. In accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2251, each procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official who procures or purchases materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment under the provisions of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes may purchase such materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment which are produced, manufactured, or assembled in Louisiana, as defined in La. R.S. 38:2251(A), and which are equal in quality to other materials, supplies,

products, provisions, or equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The cost of such items does not exceed the cost of other items which are manufactured, processed, produced, or assembled outside the State by more than ten percent (10%).
- (2) The vendor of such Louisiana items agrees to sell the items at the same price as the lowest bid offered on such items.
- (3) In cases where more than one (1) bidder offers Louisiana items which are within ten percent (10%) of the lowest bid, the bidder offering the lowest bid on Louisiana items is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid made on such items.

Do you claim this preference? _____ yes _____ no

Specify line number(s) _____

Specify location within Louisiana where product is produced, manufactured, or assembled:

(NOTE: if more space is required, include on a separate sheet.)

Failure to specify above information may cause elimination from preferences.

Section 03

Specifications

I. Specifications

St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Utilities is seeking bids for electrical materials & parts included in Section 04 of this bid.

II. Delivery Address:

Delivery location St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Utilities
Maintenance Warehouse
636 W. 26th Ave.
Covington, La. 70433

III. Documents: Bid Documents dated April 27, 2023, and entitled:

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Bid # 23-28-2

IV. OTHER REQUIREMENTS (as applicable)

St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Utilities is seeking bids for electrical materials & parts. The awarded vendor shall be used by St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Utilities to purchase quantities specified for a one (1) time purchase supplies for electrical materials & parts.

St. Tammany Parish Government Department of Utilities owns and operates approximately fifty (50) wastewater treatment plants, forty (40) water wells, and over two hundred (200) sewage lift stations, water distribution lines, and sewage collection lines.

All products shall be new and of current manufacture. Where specified on the bid sheets, prices shall be for the approved Make/Brand or a Prior Approved Equal by the Parish. Where the specifications do not indicate an Approved Make/Brand for an item, the Parish has no preference. The name of any manufacturer mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of establishing a minimum acceptable standard of quality desired by the Parish. All products bid must have prior approval as "Prior Approved Equivalents".

Should the Bidder desire to submit inquiries and/or request approval of an alternative product, the Bidder to submit: make, model, supply catalog cut sheets and descriptive literature for the alternative product, and a copy of the bid which clearly identifies the item(s) for which the equivalent item is being requested to the Procurement Department, procurement@stpgov.org, by 2:00 PM within seven (7) business days prior to the bid opening

Responses MUST be submitted on the attached Bid Pricing Sheet (Section 04). Award will be made on an all or none basis and respondents must provide prices for all items listed on the Bid Pricing Sheet to be deemed responsive.

Responses must be all inclusive, for shipping & materials costs. With an expected delivery lead time of 16 weeks.

Pricing Sheet

One Time Purchase for Electrical Materials & Parts

Bid # 23-28-2

Contractor agrees to abide by all St. Tammany Parish Government (Parish) General Conditions (furnished upon request), and acknowledges receipt of and has reviewed a copy of the Parish's Insurance Requirements (as attached) and agrees to maintain such insurance coverage(s) throughout the duration of the project, as well as for any subsequent warranty periods. If awarded the project, Contractor agrees that no work is to commence under any circumstance until the Contractor is provided a notice to proceed by the Parish.

Contractor must acknowledge all addenda. Enter the number the Parish has assigned to each of the addenda that the Contractor is acknowledging. The Contractor acknowledges receipt of the following:

ADDENDA: _____

Contractor: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total quote amount (Dollars): \$ _____

Total quote amount (Written): _____

Contractor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contractor Printed Name: _____

All products shall be new and of current manufacture. Where Specified on the bid sheets, priced shall be for the approved brand or a "prior approved equivalent" by the Parish.

The name of any manufacturer mentioned in the specification is for the purpose of establishing a minimum acceptable standard of quality decided by the Parish. All product bid must have prior approval as "prior approved equivalent".

Should the bidder desire to submit inquiries and/or request approval of an alternative product, bidder shall submit all documentation requirement by Section 1.03("submittals") of attachment "A" to the Procurement Department via email to procuremnt@stpgov.org by 2:00Pm CST within seven (7) business days prior to bid opening. Requests for approval of alternative products shall include a copy of the bid and clearly identify the item(s) for which the equivalent item is being requested.

Delivery Locations:

- Department of Utilities Maintenance Warehouse,
St. Tammany Parish Government,
636 W. 26th Ave. Covington, LA. 70433