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Addendum No. 2

Your reference is directed to the Request for Proposal for: **2025-SWB-02 Leak Detection and Fire Flow Testing Services** for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans which proposals are due on **February 19, 2025**, at **11:00 a.m.** CST.

This addendum provides for the following:

- a) Responses to Questions

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A. Question: How many hydrants do you want flowed each year?

Answer: There is no scheduled work. Fire flow testing will be required on an emergency basis

B. Question: What is the hydrant spec?

Answer: C741.02.5 FIRE HYDRANTS (a) Fire Hydrants shall conform to at least one of the following: (1) 5 in. Breakaway Fire Hydrant Bronze Trim, as detailed in S&WB Dwg. No. 11825-W-62 or, (2) 5½ in. American-Darling Co.'s B-62-B or, (3) S&WB Mueller Hydrant A473 as detailed in Mueller Dwg. No. FH285 or (4) 5 in. New Orleans HYBRID-2 as detailed in Kennedy Valve Dwg. No. 81661-HYBRID-2. For details of setting hydrants, see S&WB Dwg. No. 6179-F-2. (b) New fire hydrant leads shall be 6" solid wall DR 18 PVC pipe manufactured in accordance with AWWA C900 and shall be included in the water main unit price per linear foot. All hydrant lead joints shall be restrained. (c) Existing hydrants that are removed shall be delivered to the S&WB Central Yard, 2900 Peoples Avenue, at no direct pay. (d) Any fire hydrants existing or new and not in service must be covered, firmly secured, and identified as being "Not in Service" at no direct pay.

- C. Question: For Hydrant work, will all of the work be issued at once and can be completed at one time, or will the work be given out in increments throughout the year?

Answer: The work will be issued as required.

- D. Question: For the 100 miles of LDI work, will all of the work be issued at once and can be completed at one time, or will the work be given out in increments throughout the year?

Answer: Work will be issued in increments throughout the year.

- E. Question: For the LDI work will be it in one area or broken up in smaller parts throughout the water system?

Answer: Various areas which are dependent on the location of capital and O&M repair projects. The most important aspect of the project will be assisting O&M maintenance crews, to reduce unnecessary service cuts, in locating water leaks.

- F. Question: For the LDI work can we use a one-man crew or is a 2 man crew required?

Answer: Two should be considered: Junior technicians, which may assist in equipment set-up and testing, provide an opportunity to fulfill DBE requirements.

- G. Question: What is the main material breakdown for the 100 miles of LDI each year?

Answer: Cast Iron

- H. Question: Is a Professional Engineer certified in the state of Louisiana required at the time of proposal submission? We currently have a PE certified in New Jersey on staff who is working on being certified in Louisiana in the coming months.

Answer: We would expect to have a licensed PE in the state of Louisiana within six months of awarding the contract.

- I. Question: Attachment B – Pricing Form includes a column titled “Approximate Hours per Year”. Yet, the RFP indicates that the project is to only address leak detection on approximately 100 miles of water mains. In reality, we could probably inspect 100 miles of water main within a month. However, the RFP also addresses a one-year period and that the responder be available for emergency services 24/7 during the year. Since we are only compensated based on the actual hours of service in the field, how can we realistically provide hours per year pricing based on completing only 100 miles of inspection and then sitting around waiting for on-call work or emergencies without getting paid? The previous RFP for the leak inspection services recognized 2,000 hours per year (40 hours a week for 50 weeks) for each defined individual position, which is equivalent to a full year utilization. This represents a contract utilization that is mutually beneficial to both the contractor and SWBNO. Can SWBNO please furnish the appropriate hours required under this proposed project for each position?

Answer: We would like an hourly rate based on continuous surveying throughout the year. However, due to this year's budget constraints a full year is not feasible. In the future, if allowed by a larger budget, the contract can be amended to support this.

- J. Also, Mr. Husby stated that the majority of work under this contract would be assisting SWBNO construction crews in the field pinpointing leaks prior to excavations and thereby minimizing disruption of service. Will this contract not have the proactive leak detection survey component performed in the past under this contract – or will it be a true on-call, as-needed service contract?

Answer: Secondly the majority of the need this year will be assisting SWBNO crews and contractors with pinpointing leaks.

The changes, additions, and/or deletions included herein are hereby made part of the solicitation documents for 2025-SWB-02 Leak Detection and Fire Flow Testing Services, as fully and completely as if the same were set forth therein. The bidder shall be responsible for having knowledge of all addenda issued for this RFP.

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