THE CITY OF EDINBURG

INVITATION TO BID

BID #2009-49 BAR 2 SUBDIVISION STORM SEWER PROJECT

The City of Edinburg, Texas is soliciting sealed separate bids for the above referenced as requested by the Engineering Department. The bid shall be received no later than **3:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2009.** Any bid received after the time set for opening will be returned to bidder unopened. Bidder(s) must provide an original and shall be addressed to:

CITY OF EDINBURG
C/O CITY SECRETARY
415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
P.O. BOX 1079
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540-1079

Bids must be submitted in an envelope sealed with tape and prominently marked on the lower left hand corner of the bid envelope with corresponding bid number and title. All bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the above designated time at the City of Edinburg (New City Hall) Conference Room, 1st Floor, located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas. Bids sent via facsimile shall not be accepted. A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m., Monday, April 6, 2009,** at the City of Edinburg Conference Room located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to accept or reject bids submitted, waive formalities in bidding, accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City of Edinburg, and to hold the bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking action thereon. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this bid, please contact Mr. Isael Posadas, P.E., City Engineer, at (956) 388-8211.

If you choose not to submit a bid and would like to remain on the City of Edinburg bidder's list for future bids, you must respond in writing.

Sincerely,

Pedro Garza III, Purchasing Agent

210 W. McIntyre • P.O. Box 1079 • Edinburg, Texas 78540
Phone (956) 383-5661 • Fax (956) 383-7111

THE CITY OF EDINBURG

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HUD 4238-A
(5-66)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. **BID NO. 2009-49**
City of Edinburg
(Owner)

Separate sealed bids for **BID NO. 2009-49** for **BAR 2 SUBDIVISION, STORM SEWER PROJECT** will be received by **THE CITY OF EDINBURG C/O CITY SECRETARY, 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, P.O. BOX 1079, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540-1079** until **3:00 P.M., STANDARD TIME, MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

City Hall Building, 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541.

Copies may be obtained at the office of City Hall Building located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541 upon payment of $25.00 for each set.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality, or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Notice to Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

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No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

3/17/09
(Date)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HUD 4238-B(R)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. Receipt and opening of Bids:

The City of Edinburg (herein called the "Owner") invites bids on the form attached hereto, all blanks of which must be appropriately filled. Bids will be received by the Owner at the office of: The City Secretary until Three o'clock p.m., Standard Time, **Monday, April 13, 2009**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The envelopes containing the bids must be sealed, addressed to CITY OF EDINBURG C/O CITY SECRETARY at 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, P.O. BOX 1079, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540-1079.

Bids shall be sealed and marked prominently on the lower left hand corner of the bid envelope for:

BID NO. 2009-49, BAR 2 SUBDIVISION , STORM SEWER PROJECT.

The Owner may consider informal any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement there considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

2. Preparation of Bids: Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by Certification by Bidder Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Form HUD-950.1, and Certification of Bidder Regarding Section 3 and Segregated Facilities. All blank spaces for bid process must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, in both words and figures, and the foregoing Certifications must be fully completed and executed when submitted.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his/her address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

3. Subcontracts: The bidder is specifically advised that any person, for, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a subcontract under this contract:
   a. Must be acceptable to the owner after verification by the HUD Area Office of the current eligibility status; and,
   b. Must submit Form HUD-950.2, Certification by Proposed Subcontractor Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, and Certification of Proposed Subcontractor Regarding Section 3 and Segregated Facilities. Approval of the proposed subcontractor award cannot be given by the Owner unless and until

the proposed subcontractor has submitted the Certifications and/or other evidence showing that it has fully complied with any reporting requirements to which it is or was subject. Although the bidder is not required to attach such Certifications by proposed subcontractors to his/her bid, the bidder is here advised of this requirement so that appropriate action can be taken to prevent subsequent delay in subcontract awards.

4. Telegraphic Modifications: Any bidder may modify his/her bid by telegraphic communication at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, provided such telegraphic communication is received by the Owner prior to the closing time; and, provided further, the Owner is satisfied that a written confirmation of the telegraphic modification over the signature of the bidder was mailed prior to the closing time. The telegraphic communication should not reveal the bid price, but should provide the addition or subtraction or other modification so that the final prices or terms will not be known by the Owner until the sealed bid is opened. If written confirmation is not received within two days from the closing time, no consideration will be given to the telegraphic modification.

5. Method of Bidding: The Owner invites the following bid(s):

6. Qualifications of Bidder: The Owner may make such investigations as he/she deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

7. Bid Security: Each bid must be accompanied by cash, certified check, or bank cashier's check in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid. Bid bonds shall be accepted as bid security. Such cash, or checks will be returned to all except the three lowest bidders within three days after the opening of bids, and the remaining cash, or checks will be returned promptly after the Owner and the accepted bidder have executed the contract, or, opening of bids, upon demand of the bidder at any time thereafter, so long as he/she has not been notified of the acceptance of his/her bid.

8. Liquidated Damages for Failure to Enter into Contract: The successful bidder, upon his/her failure or refusal to execute and deliver the contract and bonds required within 10 days after he/she has received notice of the acceptance of his/her bid, shall forfeit to the Owner, as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal, the security deposited with his/her bid.

9. Time of Completion and Liquidated Damages: Bidder must agree to commence work on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" of the Owner and to fully complete the project within **100** consecutive calendar days

thereafter. Bidder must agree also to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of $250 for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as hereinafter provided in the General Conditions.

10. Conditions of Work: Each bidder must inform him/herself fully of the conditions relating to the construction of the project and the employment of labor thereon. Failure to do so will not relieve a successful bidder of his/her obligation to furnish all material and labor necessary to carry out the provisions of his/her contract. Insofar as possible, the contractor, in carrying out the work, must employ such methods or means as will not cause any interruption of or interference with the work of any other contractor.

11. Addenda and Interpretations: No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any bidder orally.

12. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to: Isael Posadas, P.E., C.F.M., City Engineer at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541 and to be given consideration must be received at least five days prior to the data fixed for the opening of bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the specifications which, if issued, will be mailed by certified mail with return receipt requested to all prospective bidders (at the respective addresses furnished for such purposes), not later than three days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Failure of any bidder to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such bidder from any obligation under his/her bid as submitted. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract documents.

13. Security for Faithful Performance: Simultaneously with his/her delivery of the executed contract, the Contractor shall furnish a surety bond or bonds as security for faithful performance of this contract and for the payment of all persons performing labor on the project under this contract and furnishing materials in connection with this contract, as specified in the General Conditions included herein. The surety on such bond or bonds shall be a duly authorized surety company satisfactory to the Owner.

14. Power of Attorney: Attorneys-in-fact who sign bid bonds or contract bonds must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

15. Notice of Special Conditions: Attention in particularly called to those parts of the contract documents and specifications, which deal with the following:
    a. Inspection and testing of materials.
    b. Insurance requirements.
    c. Wage rates.
    d. Stated allowances.

16. Laws and Regulations: The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable State laws, municipal ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

17. Method of Award-Lowest Qualified Bidder: If at the time this contract is to be awarded, the lowest base bid submitted by a responsible bidder does not exceed the amount of funds then estimated by the Owner as available to finance the contract, the contract will be awarded on the base bid only. If such bid exceeds such amount, the Owner may reject all bids or may award the contract on the base bid combined with such deductible alternates applied in numerical order in which they are listed in the Form of Bid, as produces a net amount which is within the available funds.

18. Obligation of Bidder: At the time of the opening of bids, each bidder will be presumed to have inspected the site and to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with the plans and contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect of his/her bid.

19. Safety Standards and Accident Prevention: With respect to all work performed under this contract, the contractor shall:
    a. Comply with the safety standards provisions of applicable laws, building and construction codes and the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" published by the Associated General Contractors of America, the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596), and the requirements of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1518 as published in the "Federal Register," Volume 36, No. 75, Saturday, April 17, 1971.
    b. Exercise every precaution at all times for the prevention of accidents and the protection of persons (including employees) and property.
    c. Maintain at his/her office or other well-known place at the job site, all articles necessary for giving first aid to the injured, and shall make standing arrangements for the immediate removal to a hospital or a doctor's care of persons (including employees) who may be injured on the job site before the employer has made a standing arrangement for removal of injured persons to a hospital or a doctor's care.

20. Payment and Performance Bond: A performance and payment bond will be required of the successful binder (contractor) for 100 Percent of the contract price.

21. Contract Progress Schedule: Each bid shall be accompanied by a Contract Progress Schedule. Such Schedule shall list the bidder's timetable for completion of the contract.

BOND AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(A) If the contract amount is over $25,000 for construction or facility improvements, the successful bidder shall provide a bid guarantee, give a good and sufficient bond in the amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of such contract, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the state, in accordance with state statutes, as amended. A payment bond in the full amount of the contract price to assure payment is required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in execution of work provided for in the contract.

(1) A bid guarantee equivalent to 5% of the bid price is required from each bidder. The bid guarantee shall consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his or her bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the specified time.

(2) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100% of the contract price is required. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with the contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract. It is solely for the protection of the City awarding the contract; in the amount of the contract; and is conditioned on the faithful performance of the work, in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents, including warranties. The performance bond shall remain in effect during the warranty period of the contract or for one year, whichever is longer.

(3) A payment bond on the part of the contract for 100% of the contract price is required. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment, as required by law, of all persons supplying labor and material in execution of the work provided for in the contract. The payment bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a sub-contractor to supply labor or material and is in the amount of the contract.

(4) Failure of a contractor to comply with this section authorizes the City Manager to terminate the contract and retain any applicable security.

(B) A bid guarantee, performance and payment bond will not be required for contracts zero to $25,000. The City will specify in the contract that no money will be paid to the contractor until the project has been completed and final acceptance has been made by the City.

(C) Staff may waive insurance requirements for contracts $0 - $4,999.99, including but not limited to contracts for food, materials, supplies, and construction. Workers' Compensation in amounts which satisfy statutory coverage shall be required for construction projects.

(D) The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of $5,000.00 - $14,999.99. In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of $100,000 per claim.

Minimum Insurance Requirements	
Type of Coverage	**Limits of Liability**
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Comprehensive General Liability (City named as additional insured) Bodily Injury	$250,000 each person/$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	$100,000 each occurrence/$100,000 aggregate or $500,000 combined single limits

(E) The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of $15,000 or more.

(1) The successful bidder will be required to carry the following insurance coverage and limits of coverage, as well as list the City as an additional insured to liability coverage as requested by the City. In addition, the successful bidder shall provide the City with evidence of coverage and furnish acceptable proof of payment of insurance premiums.

(2) The successful bidder will be required to secure and/or have insurance coverage in force with an admitted property and casualty insurance company licensed by the State of Texas to conduct business in the State of Texas.

(3) In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of $100,000 per claim.

Minimum Insurance Requirements	
Type of Coverage	**Limits of Liability**
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Employer's Liability	Bodily Injury by Accident: $100,000 each accident Bodily Injury by Disease: $100,000 each employee/$500,000 policy limit
Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury Property Damage	 $250,000 each person/$500,000 each occurrence $100,000 each occurrence/$100,000 aggregate or $500,000 combined single limits
Comprehensive Auto Liability Bodily Injury Property Damage	 $100,000 each person/$500,000 each occurrence $100,000 each occurrence/$100,000 aggregate or $500,000 combined single limits
City's Protective Liability Bodily Injury Property Damage	 $250,000 each person/$500,000 each occurrence $100,000 each occurrence/$100,000 aggregate or $500,000 combined single limits