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RFP 13-04 REBID

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 27th, 2013

1. Is Sales Tax required on materials?
Typically yes. Only materials directly purchased by the District are tax exempt.
2. What is the estimated project duration?
6 months from award of contract.
3. Are any of the 3" meters compound meters?
No.
4. As for the Meter Installation portion, can you breakdown the meter sizes? (The installation price for a ¾" water meter vs. a 3" water meter is quite different.)
No.
5. Are meters in setters, or are they connected with straight meter couplings?
Typically straight meter couplings. It is the responsibility of the proposer to field verify.
6. Do the 2" and larger meters have a bypass?
No.
7. Is the Contractor required to collect GPS coordinates?
Yes.
8. What is the age of the service lines?
Less than 35 years.
9. What is the primary service line make-up, i.e. plastic, copper, galvanized?
PVC.
10. Is the Contractor required to take digital pictures before and after meter installation?
Yes.
11. Will the Contractor be required to provide warehousing for materials?
Yes.

12. Who will take possession of old meters?
The District will retain possession of old meters and provide the proposer with an area to stockpile old meters.
13. What is the material of the existing meter box lids?
Primarily composite. It is the responsibility of the proposer to field verify.
14. Do the existing meter box lids have existing holes?
No.
15. Can you provide a planholders list?
The MANDATORY Pre-bid meeting sign in sheet is published on the District website at: <http://www.snldistrict.org>
16. On the Bid Sheet 2" Meters with Dual Port MTU" – Are the meters side by side in same box? If not, how far apart are the meters?
It varies. In some applications two meters are in one regular or "jumbo" box. In other applications the meters will not be in the same box but are typically within 24" of each other. It is the responsibility of the proposer to field verify where dual port MTU applications are viable.
17. Will meters be replaced like for like?
The meters will be replaced with either brass, composite, or the encoder on the existing meters will be replaced with absolute encoders with a NICOR connector. See below for a more detailed explanation.
18. Do most meters have operable valves?
Yes.
19. When are you expecting the propagation study to be run? Prior to the bid process or after potential candidates are selected? We will require a few pieces of information to run an accurate propagation study such as: Service area boundaries, meter location geo data, potential tower site locations with available heights.
The propagation study should be completed prior to submitting a proposal. Please provide an email address to send a map and data set of service area boundaries, meter location geodata, and potential tower site locations with available heights. Send email to griffin@snldistrict.org to request the above information. In supplying the above listed information the District in no way guarantees its accuracy as it is dated. We anticipate 80% coverage at best. Should a vendor so choose, a site visit can be arranged by contacting Greg Griffin, Director of Public Works, at the email address above.
20. Page 11 Installation, Training and: "Owner will be responsible for meter box location and dig up, replumb"
Question: meter box location and dig up – May contractor assume this is just to locate meter / meter box and adjust box to grade, only?
Yes.
Question: replumb – can you please provide more detail? **The intention of the District is to "level" the top of the meter box.**

The District will not be installing new lines. This will be the responsibility of the proposer. Anything deemed outside the proposers definition of a "Simple Installation" will be paid based off of a schedule of values as provided by the proposer at time of bid. Failure to include a schedule of values for anything outside of a "Simple Installation" will result in the District assuming that, after the proposers review, all installations were deemed to be "Simple Installations". The District defines a "Simple Installation" as removing the meter nuts/tails, removing the meter, replacing the gaskets and installing a new meter.

****CHANGES TO RFP 13-04 REBID****

The District, at its sole discretion, may elect to replace only the encoders on the existing meters. In doing so, the proposer would be responsible for unscrewing and removing the existing encoder and replacing it with a new encoder with a NICOR connector as provided by the District. This installation will still require that the MTU be properly mounted in the meter box (with the lid drilled to accept the MTU antennae) and all other components of the installation and setup portions of this RFP remain intact. Adjust installation costs accordingly.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE DUE AT 2:00P.M. OCTOBER 21st, 2013