



Purchasing Department
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Ste 204
Fayetteville, GA 30214
Phone: 770-305-5420
www.fayettecountyga.gov

March 19, 2020

Subject: Invitation to Bid #1795-B: Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Fayette County, Georgia invites you to submit a bid for the replacement of two culverts. You are invited to submit a bid in accordance with the information contained herein.

Initially, it had been planned to conduct a mandatory pre-bid conference as part of this Invitation to Bid. However, due to the need to practice social distancing and other preventive measures, the pre-bid conference has been excluded from this process. If the Invitation to Bid documents mention a pre-bid conference on any page(s), please disregard.

Additionally, for everyone's safety, we will be following modified procedures for submitting bids until it is deemed safe to do otherwise. You may submit bids through the U.S. Postal Service, courier service (e.g. UPS or FedEx), or in-person delivery. We cannot accept emailed or faxed bids.

For bids that you may drop off in person, there will be a large metal parcel drop box located outside the front door of the Purchasing Department, Suite 204, in the county complex at 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia. **You must place your bid in the drop box no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.** Formal bid opening will be held at 3:00 p.m. on that day. Please note that **your bid must be sealed** when you drop it off. Late bids cannot be considered.

The sealed, opaque envelope containing your bid should be addressed as follows:

Fayette County Purchasing Department
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 204
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Bid Number: 1795-B
Bid Name: Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

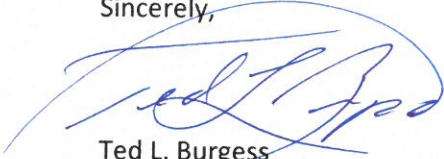
Questions concerning this invitation to bid should be addressed to Natasha Duggan in writing via email to nduggan@fayettecountyga.gov or fax to (770) 719-5534. Questions will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2020.

If you download this invitation to bid from the county's web site, it will be your responsibility to check the web site for any addenda that might be issued for this solicitation. The county cannot not be responsible for a vendor not receiving information provided in any addendum.

Purchasing Department office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office telephone number is (770) 305-5420. Please be advised that county offices are currently closed to the public through March 27, 2020 and that this time frame may be extended.

Thank you for participating in the solicitation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted L. Burgess", is written over a large, light blue oval shape.

Ted L. Burgess
Director of Purchasing

Checklist of Required Documents

*(Be Sure to Return This Checklist and
the Required Documents in the order listed below)*

#1795-B: Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

Company information – on the form provided _____

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1) _____

Bid Form (00 41 13) _____

Bid Bond _____

List of exceptions, if any – on the form provided _____

References – on form provided _____

Addenda, if Any _____

Non-Collusive Affidavit _____

Georgia Contractor's License (or commitment to obtain) (00 21 13-7) _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

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Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Definitions:** The term “contractor” as used herein and elsewhere in these Terms and Conditions shall be used synonymously with the term “successful bidder.” The term “county” shall mean Fayette County, Georgia.
2. **Bid is Offer to Contract:** Each bid constitutes an offer to become legally bound to a contract with the county, incorporating the invitation to bid and the bidder’s bid. The binding offer includes compliance with all terms, conditions, special conditions, specifications, and requirements stated in the invitation to bid, except to the extent that a bidder takes written exception to such provisions. All such terms, conditions, special conditions, specifications, and requirements will form the basis of the contract. The bidder should take care to answer all questions and provide all requested information, and to note any exceptions in the bid submission. Failure to observe any of the instructions or conditions in this invitation to bid may result in rejection of the bid.
3. **Binding Offer:** Each bid shall constitute a firm offer that is binding for sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening, unless the bidder takes exception to this provision in writing.
4. **Bidder’s Questions:** The Fayette County Purchasing Department must receive questions about this invitation to bid in writing at least six days before the scheduled bid opening, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The county will post answers to questions and/or other information concerning the invitation to bid in the form of an addendum on the county’s website at www.fayettecountyga.gov. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to check the website for any addenda issued for this invitation to bid.
5. **References:** Include with your bid a list of three (3) jobs that your company has done that are of the same or similar nature to the work described in this invitation to bid, on the form provided. Include all information as requested on the form.
6. **Bid Submission:** Submit your bid, along with any addenda issued by the county, in a sealed opaque envelope with the following information written on the outside of the envelope:
 - a. The bidder’s company name,
 - b. The bid number, which is **#1765-B** and
 - c. The bid name, which is **Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacement**

Mail or deliver one (1) original bid, signed in ink by a company official authorized to make a legal and binding offer, and a copy on one (1) flash drive, to:

Fayette County Government
Purchasing Department
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 204
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Attention: Contracts Administrator

You may submit bids in person, by U.S. mail, or by a commercial carrier. Do not submit bids by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means. Once submitted, all bids become the property of Fayette County.

7. **Bid Preparation Costs:** The bidder shall bear all costs associated with preparing the bid.
8. **Late Bids:** Bids not received by the time and date of the scheduled bid opening will not be considered, unless the delay is a result of action or inaction by the county.
9. **Bid Corrections or Withdrawals:** The bidder may correct a mistake, or withdraw a bid, before the bid opening by sending written notification to the Director of Purchasing. Bids may be withdrawn after the bid opening only with written authorization from the Director of Purchasing.
10. **Defects or Irregularities in Bids:** The county reserves the right to waive any defect or irregularity in any bid received. In case of an error in extension of prices or totals in the bid, the unit prices shall govern.
11. **Prices Held Firm:** Prices quoted shall be firm for the period of the contract, unless otherwise specified in the bid. All prices for commodities, supplies, equipment, or other products shall be quoted FOB Destination, Fayette County or job site.
12. **Samples:** When the county requires samples as part of the bid and vendor selection process, bidders must provide requested samples within the time allotted, and at no cost to the county unless otherwise specified. Any goods provided under contract shall conform to the sample submitted. The county will return samples only at the bidder's request, and at the bidder's expense, if they are not destroyed by testing.
13. **Non-Collusion:** By responding to this invitation to bid, the bidder represents that the bid is not made in connection with any competing bidder, supplier, or service provider submitting a separate response to this invitation to bid, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.
14. **Bid Evaluation:** Award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, taking into consideration payment terms, vendor qualifications and experience, quality, references, any exceptions listed, and/or other factors deemed relevant in making the award. The county may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform, and the bidder shall furnish to the county all information and data for this purpose as the county may request. The county reserves the right to reject any bid item, any bid, or all bids, and to re-advertise for bids.
15. **Payment Terms and Discounts:** The County's standard payment terms are Net 30. Any deviation from standard payment terms must be specified in the resulting contract, and both parties must agree on such deviation. Cash discounts offered will be a consideration in awarding the bid, but only if they give the county at least 15 days from receipt of invoice to pay. For taking discounts, time will be computed from the date of invoice acceptance by the County, or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed made, for the purpose of earning the discount, on the date of the check.

16. **Trade Secrets – Confidentiality:** If any person or entity submits a bid or proposal that contains trade secrets, an affidavit shall be included with the bid or proposal. The affidavit shall declare the specific included information which constitutes trade secrets. Any trade secrets must be either (1) placed in a separate envelope, clearly identified and marked as such, or (2) at a minimum, marked in the affidavit or an attached document explaining exactly where such information is, and otherwise marked, highlighted, or made plainly visible. See O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (A)(34).
17. **Trade Secrets – Internal Use:** In submitting a bid, the bidder agrees that the county may reveal any trade secret materials contained in the bid to all county staff and officials involved in the selection process, and to any outside consultant or other third parties who may assist in the selection process. The bidder agrees to hold harmless the county and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material which the bidder has designated as a trade secret.
18. **Ethics – Disclosure of Relationships:** Before a proposed contract in excess of \$10,000.00 is recommended for award to the Board of Commissioners or the County Administrator, or before the County renews, extends, or otherwise modifies a contract after it has been awarded, the contractor must disclose certain relationships with any County Commissioner or County Official, or their spouse, mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, son or daughter related by blood, adoption, or marriage (including in-laws). A relationship that must be reported exists if any of these individuals is a director, officer, partner, or employee, or has a substantial financial interest in the business, as described in Fayette County Ordinance Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 3 (Code of Ethics).

If such relationship exists between your company and any individual mentioned above, relevant information must be presented in the form of a written letter to the Director of Purchasing. You must include the letter with any bid, proposal, or price quote you submit to the Purchasing Department.

In the event that a contractor fails to comply with this requirement, the County will take action as appropriate to the situation, which may include actions up to and including rejection of the bid or offer, cancellation of the contract in question, or debarment or suspension from award of a County contract for a period of up to three years.

19. **Contract Execution & Notice to Proceed:** After the Board of Commissioners makes an award, all required documents are received by the county, and the contract is fully executed with signature of both parties, the county will issue a written Notice to Proceed. The county shall not be liable for payment of any work done or any costs incurred by any bidder prior to the county issuing the Notice to Proceed.
20. **Unavailability of Funds:** This contract will terminate immediately and absolutely at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the county under the contract.
21. **Insurance:** The successful bidder shall procure and maintain the following insurance, to be in effect throughout the term of the contract, in at least the amounts and limits as follows:
 - a. **General Liability Insurance:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence, including

bodily and personal injury, destruction of property, and contractual liability.

- b. **Automobile Liability Insurance:** \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence, including bodily injury and property damage liability.
- c. **Worker's Compensation & Employer's Liability Insurance:** Workers Compensation as required by Georgia statute.
- d. **Builder's "All Risk" Insurance:** In the event the contractor is performing construction services under the contract, contractor shall procure and maintain "all-risk" builder's insurance, providing coverage for the work performed under the contract, and the materials, equipment or other items incorporated therein, while the same are located at the construction site, stored off-site, or at the place of manufacture. The policy limit shall be at least 100% of the value of the contract, including any additional costs which are normally insured under such policy.

Before a contract with the successful bidder is executed, the successful bidder shall provide Certificates of Insurance for all required coverage. The successful offeror can provide the Certificate of Insurance after award of the contract, but must be provided prior to execution of the contract document by both parties. The certificate shall list an additional insured as follows:

Fayette County, Georgia
140 Stonewall Avenue West
Fayetteville, GA 30214

- 22. **Bid Bond:** You must include a bid bond with your bid, equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount bid. Bid bonds shall be provided by a surety which appears on Georgia's list of approved sureties administered by the State Insurance Commissioner, or the U.S. Treasury's list of approved bond sureties (Circular 570).
- 23. **Performance and Payment Bonds:** Prior to execution of a contract, the successful bidder shall submit performance and payment bonds each equal to 100 percent of the contract value, as stipulated in Article 6 of the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract.
- 24. **Building Permits:** Work performed for the county requiring building permits by licensed contractors will not have permit fees assessed, although any re-inspection fees for disapproved inspections will be the responsibility of the contractor prior to final inspections and the Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion being issued.
- 25. **Unauthorized Performance:** The county will not compensate the contractor for work performed unless the work is authorized under the contract, as initially executed or as amended.
- 26. **Assignment of Contract:** Assignment of any contract resulting from this invitation to bid will not be authorized, except with express written authorization from the county.
- 27. **Delivery Failures:** If the contractor fails to deliver contracted goods or services within the time specified in the contract, or fails to replace rejected items in a timely manner, the county shall have authority to make open-market purchases of comparable goods or services. The county shall have

the right to invoice the contractor for any excess expenses incurred, or deduct such amount from monies owed the contractor. Such purchases shall be deducted from contracted quantities.

28. **Inspection and Acceptance of Deliveries:** The county reserves the right to inspect all goods and products delivered. The county will decide whether to accept or reject items delivered. The inspection shall be conclusive except with respect to latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as shall amount to fraud. Final inspection resulting in acceptance or rejection of the products will be made as soon as practicable, but failure to inspect shall not be construed as a waiver by the county to claim reimbursement or damages for such products which are later found to be in non-conformance with specifications. Should public necessity demand it, the county reserves the right to use or consume articles delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Purchasing Director.
29. **Termination for Cause:** The county may terminate the contract for cause by sending written notice to the contractor of the contractor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Termination shall be without prejudice to any of the county's rights or remedies by law.
30. **Termination for Convenience:** The county may terminate the contract for its convenience at any time with 10 days' written notice to the contractor. In the event of termination for convenience, the county will pay the contractor for services performed. The county will compensate partially completed performance based upon a signed statement of completion submitted by the contractor, which shall itemize each element of performance completed.
31. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be deemed to be in breach of the contract to the extent that performance of its obligations is delayed, restricted, or prevented by reason of any act of God, natural disaster, act of government, or any other act or condition beyond the reasonable control of the party in question.
32. **Governing Law:** This agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction in Georgia, and further agree that any cause of action arising under this agreement shall be required to be brought in the appropriate venue in Fayette County, Georgia.

Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Fayette County, Georgia has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor
#1795-B Kenwood & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

Name of Project
Fayette County Georgia

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 2020 in (city) _____, (state) _____

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2020

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

REFERENCES

ITB #1795-B: Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

Please list three (3) references for current or recent customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. Projects of similar size and scope are preferable.

1. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

3. Government/Company Name _____

City & State _____

Work or Service Provided _____

Approximate Completion Date _____

Contact Person and Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

COMPANY NAME _____

COMPANY INFORMATION
ITB #1795-B: Kenwood Road & Mercedes Trail Culvert Replacements

Company Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Signature: _____

Printed or Typed Name: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

PROJECT CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Title: _____

Office Number: _____ Cellular Number: _____

Email Address: _____