

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fort Stockton is requesting sealed bids for:

Replacement of Cast Iron Gas Line Project

Sealed bids must be mailed to the **City of Fort Stockton, P.O. Box 1000 or 121 W. Second Street, Fort Stockton, Texas, 79735**. The deadline for receiving sealed bids is **4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 14, 2021** in the Office of the City Secretary; at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud. Sealed bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The approved and accepted bid will be awarded at the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for **October 26, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.**

To obtain a bid packet, please contact City Secretary Marina Cantu @ (432) 336-8525, Fort Stockton City Hall, P.O. Box 1000 or 121 W. 2nd Street, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735.

Sealed bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope & marked:

“Replacement of Cast Iron Gas Line Project”

In furthering our goal to continue to provide safe natural gas services to the citizens of the City of Fort Stockton, the City is seeking to receive sealed bids from a professional qualified contractor for providing all the necessary tasks for the replacement of existing cast iron natural gas lines within the City limits.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the City of Fort Stockton to obtain the services of the highest qualified general contractor to assist in providing the City with **all the necessary tasks for the replacement of Cast Iron Gas lines in the City of Fort Stockton.**

Qualified general contractor will be evaluated only on the quality and experience of the company and its personnel.

The City Council reserves the right to accept the statement which, in its judgment is from the most responsible firm; to reject any or all statements; and to waive irregularities or informalities in any statement submitted.

The City of Fort Stockton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

By order of the City Council at a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of September 2021.


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS
FOR
REPLACEMENT OF
CAST IRON
GAS LINES

OWNED AND OPERATED
BY
CITY OF FORT STOCKTON

Release Date: September 14, 2021

Close Date: October 14, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The City of Fort Stockton, Texas (City) is requesting Sealed Bids from a professional qualified contractor (Bidder) for providing all the necessary tasks, including the replacement of City of Fort Stockton's existing cast iron gas lines (Facility).

The current City of Fort Stockton natural gas infrastructure includes obsolete cast iron lines. They are located throughout the City. Current Railroad Commission regulations mandate that all cast iron gas line be replaced and put out of service before the end of 2021.

The Sealed Bids will be evaluated by the City Manager and may include an interview of one or more Bidders. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder but the contract may not be awarded to a bidder who is not the lowest bidder unless before the award each lower bidder is given notice of the proposed award and is given an opportunity to appear before the City Council or the designated representative of the City Council and present evidence concerning the bidder's responsibility.

Bidder judged as the lowest responsible bidder will be recommended to the City Council for award of the construction project contract.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope will include providing complete detailed bids for the replacement of existing cast iron gas lines in the following lengths: 12,507 linear feet of 2" pipe. All traffic control signage shall be required. The new pipelines shall consist of yellow SDR 11 HDPE 2406/2708 pipe and fittings of the same nominal size being replaced. Replacement of existing valves on any replaced line shall be included. Poly valves shall be of approved material and construction that is compatible with SDR 11 HDPE 2406/2708 pipe. Alternative pipeline material shall not be allowed or approved. The City shall be responsible for providing the locations of each section of cast iron pipe needing to be replaced. The Bidder will be responsible for installing metallic gas line locate tape and a tracer wire on all new lines replaced. The Bidder must do all excavation and backfilling work. Excavation or trenching shall require crossing other streets and existing utilities including but not limited to sewer, water, communications, etc. If a second backfill is needed due to settling of excavation, the Bidder will be responsible for a second backfill if needed. The City will provide backfill material, but Bidder will be required to transport that material to the project site. The City will be responsible for any asphalt repairs on all excavations. No excavation shall commence until a representative of the City is on site to approve the location even if a line locate (Dig Tess, 811) service call was made by the Bidder. The Bidder will be responsible for any utility damages which includes all costs of repairs needed or required. The Bidder will be required to provide an itemized

breakdown of the total project cost showing costs for hourly wages, per diem, lodging, and other expenses incurred. The Bidder must provide written documentation to the City's Gas Superintendent on a daily basis on all information that is required to fill in the Pipeline Test Report Form which will be provided by the City. The City's Gas Superintendent will need to know, but not limited to, the location of the line replaced and length of line. The Bidder will be responsible for doing and completing all poly fusion welds and connections. This will include taps to customer gas meters which will include mounting of saddle, running 1" or 2" service line, installing 1" or 2" excess flow valve, installing 1" or 2" anodeless riser, and 1" or 2" brass cut off valve. The Bidder must provide the City's Gas Superintendent documentation (certifications & license numbers) of employees that are certified/licensed for doing poly fusion. The Bidder will need to provide a count and exact location of excess flow valves installations and all 1" anodeless risers. The Bidder will be responsible to get and submit the pipe numbers on tag from 1" and 2" rolls of pipe. The Bidder will also need to de-energize old line and then pressure test the new line and after it passes test, Bidder can re-energize new line and check for leaks. Information must also be provided to determine for unaccounted gas, which will include orifice size and amount of time to calculate unaccounted gas/blow down pressure. The Bidder will be responsible for re-lighting pilots of heaters and furnaces of all customers that were shut-off during completion of project and must place door notices on door if no one is home and have those customers call the City's Gas Dept. or Police Department so they can dispatch the Bidder's company representative to re-light any pilots after hours in case company was unable to contact customer. The Bidder must provide a phone number of a company representative(s) for this task. The Bidder will be paid by the City on schedules and deadlines agreed by both parties. If additional work will be required by Bidder outside the project scope, the Bidder must notify and get approval from the City Manager.

All Prospective Bidders are requested to be able to comply with but not limited to the following to meet scope of work:

- (a) Shall be able to provide a detailed contract for the project and have the approval from City Manager and/or City Council prior to commence construction.
- (b) Must own or provide necessary equipment for construction.
- (c) Must provide labor personnel for construction.
- (d) Must be responsible for all fuel needed, equipment transportation, maintenance, and equipment repair costs during project.
- (e) Must be responsible for all trash and construction waste removal and disposal.

COMPANY QUALIFICATION

- 1) Prospective Bidder must have experience working in State of Texas with municipalities.

- 2) Prospective Bidder must have experience & capabilities in utility construction.
- 3) Prospective Bidder must have on staff qualified/licensed personnel for equipment operators, pipe fusing, and utility work.
- 4) Prospective Bidder must be knowledgeable and comply with all City and OSHA safety regulations.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Bidders must have a shop facility in Texas. The shop must have complete tools and equipment necessary to undertake and complete its projects 100% with its own forces whenever required. It is preferred that the prospective qualifier’s equipment be similar to the following:

Company owned Trucks
Full Range of Tools and Materials needed to complete the job
Safety Equipment
Light and Heavy Equipment
Equipment Operators

DELIVERY AND OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

Sealed Bids must be received by the City of Fort Stockton, attention Marina Cantu, City Secretary at the following address no later than October 14, 2021, 4:00 PM (Local Time).

Marina Cantu
City Secretary
 New Recycle Center Project Bid
 121 W. 2nd Street
 Fort Stockton, Texas 79735

The Bidder is responsible for the means of delivering the Sealed Bid on time. The time clock in City of Fort Stockton City Secretary’s Office is the official clock for determining whether sealed bids are submitted within the designated time constraints. Late Sealed Bids will not be accepted under any circumstances. Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 PM (Local Time) on October 14, 2021 at the following location:

Fort Stockton City Hall
City Council Chambers
121 W. 2nd St.
Fort Stockton, TX 79735

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City of Fort Stockton to reimburse responding teams for any expenses incurred in the preparation of a Sealed Bid in response to this request. The City of Fort Stockton reserves the right to increase or decrease the scope of work related to this project as outlined in this Request for Sealed Bids after a team is selected to accommodate changes in the project needs as determined by the City of Fort Stockton or to serve its best interests.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF BID INFORMATION

In accordance with Texas Government Code 552.110, trade secrets and confidential information in Bids are not open for public inspection. Bids will be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of confidential information to competing Bidders and keeps the Bids from the public during considerations. All Bids are open for public inspection after the Contract is awarded, but trade secrets and confidential information in Bids are not typically open for public inspection. The City will protect this information to the extent allowed by Laws and Regulations. Clearly indicate which specific documents are considered to be trade secrets or confidential information by stamping or watermarking all such documents with the word “confidential” prominently on each page or sheet or on the cover of bound documents. Place “confidential” stamps or watermarks so that they do not obscure any of the required information on the document, either in the original or in any way that would obscure any of the required information in a photocopy of the document. Photocopies of “confidential” documents will be made only for the convenience of the selection committee and will be destroyed after the Effective Date of the Contract. Original confidential documents will be returned to the Bidder after the Effective Date of the Contract if the Bidder indicates that the information is to be returned with the Bid, and arrangements for its return are provided by the Bidder.

WITHDRAWAL OF SEALED BIDS

An authorized representative of the company may withdraw a Sealed Bid at any time prior to the Sealed Bid submission deadline, upon presentation of acceptable identification as an authorized representative of such company.

CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT

Bidders must provide a central point of contact to establish service, resolve issues and end service.

DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

(a) Bidders may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

- (i) The Bidder is involved in any litigation against the City;
- (ii) The Bidder is in arrears on an existing contract or has defaulted on a previous contract with the City;
- (iii) Lack of financial stability;
- (iv) Failure to perform under previous or present contracts with the City;

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The City will make its selection from those qualifications submitted in response to this Request for Sealed Bids. If deemed necessary by the City, interviews with the Bidders deemed most qualified, may be conducted. Once a selection is made, a scope of work will be negotiated with the chosen Bidder. The chosen Bidder will then be requested to submit a detailed contract to perform the services. The City maintains the right to terminate the selection process at any time if they feel it is in the best interest of the City. At such time as an agreement is reached, City Manager will make a recommendation to the City Council to execute a contract pursuant to the agreement. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bidders and to accept what in the judgment of the Mayor and City Council is the most advantageous Bidder.

BIDS SUBMITTED SHALL AT LEAST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) Brief description of past and/or current contracts with similar scope along with references with a proof of working experience in State of Texas with other municipalities.
- (b) Resumes of on staff key team members to include but not limited to planning and construction qualifications.
- (c) List the location of the office or offices of the team as well as the contact information and who is the sole agent for contact with the City of Fort Stockton for this contract.
- (d) By execution and submission of a response to the Request for Sealed Bids, the Bidder hereby represents and warrants to the City that the Bidder has read and understands the Request for Sealed Bids and the response is made in accordance with the Request. Qualifier acknowledges that it understands all terms within the Request for Proposals and that it had the right to consult with counsel regarding all of the above documents.
- (e) By submitting this Request for Sealed Bids, the Bidder specifically waives any right to recover or be paid attorney's fees from the City or any of the City's employees and representatives under any of the provisions of the Texas Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 37.001, et. Seq., as amended). By submitting a response to this Request for Sealed Bids, each Bidder agrees to waive and does hereby waive any claim the Bidder has or may have against the City, it's respective employees and representatives for the award of attorney fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the following:
 - (i) **The Administration, Evaluation or Recommendation of any Sealed Bids;**
 - (ii) **Acceptance or Rejection of any Sealed Bids; and**

(iii) Award of Contract.

- (f) The City reserves the right to waive, delete or amend any of the requirements connected with the Request for Sealed Bids and to reject any or all Sealed Bids.
- (g) Any other relevant information that the Bidder wishes to submit to the City, may assist the City in determining the extent to which the Bidder's Bid meets the City's need to provide the best value for the City.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

- (a) It is understood that the City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Sealed Bids and to re-solicit for Sealed Bids, as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the City. Receipt and consideration of any Sealed Bids shall under no circumstances, obligate the City to accept any Sealed Bids. If an award of contract is made, it shall be made to the responsible Bidder whose Sealed Bid is determined to be the best evaluated submission.
- (b) If awarded, the City intends to award a single contract to a single Bidder.

SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

The City Manager will submit recommendation for award to the City Council for those project awards requiring City Council action. The Contract will be signed by the City Manager or his/her designee after award and the Bidder's submission of required documentation and signed counterparts. The Contract will not be binding upon the City until it has been executed by both parties. The City will process the Contract expeditiously. However, the City will not be liable for any delays prior to the award or execution of the Contract.