

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Informal sealed bids will be received by the Metropolitan Sewerage District (DISTRICT) of Buncombe County, North Carolina at the second floor conference room of the MSD W. H. Mull Building, 2028 Riverside Drive in Asheville, North Carolina, until **2:00 PM** (local time), **Monday, February 6, 2012**, and shall be immediately opened publicly and read aloud for the project described as follows:

MSD Fiber Optic Conduit Installation Project No. 2011018

generally consisting of the furnishing of all services, supplies, materials and equipment, and performing of all labor for the construction of approximately 3,530 LF of 1¼" HDPE and galvanized steel fiber optic conduit, and all related appurtenances.

All work shall be performed by a contractor pre-qualified in installing HDPE pipe using the horizontal directional drilling installation method. **Any contractors wishing to pre-qualify should submit a pre-qualification packet to the DISTRICT by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2012.** Pre-Qualification submittals should be sent to:

W. Hunter Carson, P.E.
Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County
2028 Riverside Drive
Asheville, NC 28804
E-mail: hcarson@msdbc.org

Copies of the complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be **obtained** from:

Attention: Ms. Denise Moore (*must be included when making request by mail*)
Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County
2028 Riverside Drive
Asheville, N.C. 28804
(828) 225-8277
E-mail address: dmoore@msdbc.org

The Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County encourages qualified minority businesses to bid on or participate as a subcontractor in District Contracts. To learn more about the Minority Businesses in the Asheville area, access the *Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses* for the State of North Carolina at www.doa.state.nc.us/hub. Local minority vendors are listed on this site.

There is no charge for plans and specs.

A bid bond IS NOT required.

All bidders must have current North Carolina licenses for all work for the project.

Each Bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in Chapter 87 of the North Carolina General Statute. Each Bidder must comply with MSD's Guidelines for Recruitment and

Selection of Minority Business.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Those bonds shall meet the requirements of North Carolina General Statute Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A of the North Carolina General Statute.

No bid may be withdrawn after bids have been opened, except as provided in North Carolina General Statute Section 143-129.1.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance and time of delivery. The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including, without limitation, the right to reject any or all non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids, and to reject the bid of any bidder if the DISTRICT believes that it would not be in the best interest of the DISTRICT to make an award to that bidder. The DISTRICT also reserves the right to waive informalities.

**METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT OF
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BY: Thomas E. Hartye, P.E.
GENERAL MANAGER**