ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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), **Thursday, July 21, 2022,** and shall be immediately opened publicly and read aloud for the project described as follows:

French Broad Interceptor at Amboy Road Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair Project No. 2021036

generally consisting of the furnishing of all services, supplies, materials (excluding the piping and fittings mentioned in the following) and equipment and performing of all labor for the construction of approximately 1,040 LF of 60-inch FRP, 16 LF of 42-inch FRP, 5 LF of 36-inch DIP, and 18 LF of 24-inch DIP and fittings, including manholes and all related appurtenances. The DISTRICT has purchased the piping to avoid delays in manufacturing. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for arranging delivery and unloading all materials. MSD has purchased the following materials:

- 60-inch fiberglass-reinforced pipe (FRP)
- 42-inch FRP
- 36-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP)
- 24-inch DIP
- 24-inch and 36-inch DIP fittings

A pre-bid walk through meeting for the project is NOT mandatory, however, is highly recommended for CONTRACTORS. The on-site visit will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 2:00 PM at 125 Meadow Road Asheville, NC. This is an open gravel lot. Those wishing to attend the meeting must contact Darin Prosser by Friday, July 1, 2022 by 5:00 PM.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be **examined** at the DISTRICT website: <u>www.msdbc.org/adsforprojects.php</u>

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

Attention: 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: denisem@msdbc.org

The plans, specifications, and contract documents on the DISTRICT'S website are provided as a courtesy to interested parties. Contractors planning to submit a bid for DISTRICT projects must purchase an official set of plans and specifications in order to be a registered planholder.

A non-refundable deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) is required. Orders for plans and specifications which are to be delivered by parcel post or other carriers will not be accepted for a period of five (5) days prior to bid date.

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 <u>www.doa.state.nc.us/hub</u>. Local minority vendors are listed on this site.

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

Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit with the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County of cash, or a cashier's check, or a certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. In lieu of making the cash deposit as above described, a satisfactory Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid, executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, shall be submitted with each bid, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of bid or fails to give satisfactory surety as required in <u>North Carolina General Statute</u> Section 143-129.

Each Bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in Chapter 87 of the <u>North Carolina General Statute</u>. 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 <u>North Carolina General Statute</u> Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A of the <u>North Carolina General Statute</u>.

No bid may be withdrawn after bids have been opened, except as provided in <u>North Carolina</u> <u>General Statute</u> 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 DISTRCT 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