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**PACHECO PUMPING PLANT  
PRIORITY 1 FIRE ALARM AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEM  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**Project No. 91214010**

**Contract No. C0653**

1. **Notice.** Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be accepted by the Construction Program of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), Room B108, of the District's Administration Building, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California 95118 up to 2 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**, for furnishing all material and performing all work necessary for construction of the Pacheco Pumping Plant Fire Alarm and Suppression System Improvements Project, Merced County, California.

Additional information and Instructions to Bidders is posted on the District's Construction Administration webpage: <https://www.valleywater.org/construction>

2. **California State Department of Industrial Relations Contractor and SubContractor Registration Requirements.**

California Labor Code section 1771.1 requires:

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 of the California Labor Code.

An inadvertent error in listing a subcontractor who is not registered pursuant to Section 1725.5 in a bid proposal shall not be grounds for filing a bid protest or grounds for considering the bid nonresponsive, provided that any of the following apply:

- (1) The subcontractor is registered prior to the bid opening.
- (2) Within 24 hours after the bid opening, the subcontractor is registered and has paid the penalty registration fee.
- (3) The subcontractor is replaced by another registered subcontractor pursuant to Section 4107 of the Public Contract Code.

3. **Summary of Work**

**A. Project Description.** The Project scope includes the following:

1. Install a clean-agent fire suppression system to work in conjunction with the existing water-based system; and
2. Major Project features include:
  - a. Installation of Very Early Smoke Detection Apparatus (VESDA) smoke detection system; and
  - b. Replacement of the existing underfloor smoke detectors; and
  - c. Replacement of manual pull stations and heat detectors; and

- d. Installation of a new fire department standpipe connection; and
- e. Retrofit of the fire hose nozzles.
- f. Installation of new exit signs and emergency lighting.

- 3. Restore all impacted work sites to a condition equal to or better than that existing prior to construction.

**B. Sole Source Products.** None.

- 4. **Contract Time.** Time limit for the completion of the work is **250** calendar days. See Contract Documents, Special Provisions, Article 12.03. Contract Time(s) for Milestone and Contract Times.
- 5. **Liquidated Damages.** See Standard Provisions, Liquidated Damages, Article 5.07 and Special Provisions, Liquidated Damages, Article 12.05 of the Contract Documents for requirements regarding Liquidated Damages.
- 6. **Estimated Cost.** The estimated cost of the Project is between \$1.5 and \$1.9 million. This estimate is intended to serve merely as an indication of the magnitude of the work. Neither the Bidder(s) nor the Contractor will be entitled to pursue a claim or be compensated due to variance in the stated estimated cost range.

**A. Additive/Deductive Bid Items.** Not Used.

**B. Supplemental Bid Items.** Not Used.

- 7. **Contractor's License Requirement.** The Bidder must possess a Class A Contractor's license and a C-16 Fire Protection Contractor's license when the Bid is submitted. All work within the contract must be performed by an appropriately licensed contractor/subcontractor.
- 8. **Pre-Bid Conference and Site Showing.** A pre-bid conference/site visit will be conducted by the District on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. The conference will convene at 10:00 a.m. by District time, at the Pacheco State Park, 38787 Dinosaur Point Road, Hollister, CA 95023, Then proceed to the job site. Anyone not signed in at the time indicated in this notice will be considered late and will not be allowed attendance into the meeting. A Bid submitted by any Bidder not represented at a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit will be considered non-responsive. Attendance at the pre-bid by subcontractors is not required.

Attendance by the Bidder at the pre-bid conference/site visit is:

- ☒ Mandatory
- ☐ Optional

The objective of the site visit is to familiarize prospective Bidders with the site; no additional site visits will be allowed. Please confirm your intent to attend the pre-bid meeting and site visit 24 hours in advance by sending e-mail to [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org). Additional information regarding the pre-bid conference/site showing will be sent to all prospective Bidders who confirm their intention to attend. Every attendee will be required to show a photo ID (Driver's License, Photo ID, or passport).

**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will require that all participants adhere to the orders of Social Distancing.** All persons attending the Pre-Bid Conference are required to adhere to the orders of Social Distancing, and are also required to bring the appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) i.e. protective face covering, in order to be allowed entrance onto the site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend the pre-bid meeting/site visit. Please request accommodations when confirming attendance.

**9. Availability of Bid Documents.**

**Due to the County of Santa Clara Health Officer's Order of DATE, District offices remain closed to the public until further notice.** The Contract Documents are not available for in-person purchase and are only available in electronic (PDF) format.

To Request Electronic Contract documents:

Request Form and information available online.

Website: <https://www.valleywater.org/construction>

Email: [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org)

Phone District Plan Room - Kristy McMurtrie: (408) 630-3088 for questions

The electronic version is free and will be transferred via file transfer appliance (FTA) site.

- 10. Inquiries.** The Bidder must submit all requests for clarification, or interpretation of the Bid Documents in accordance with the requirements stated in Instructions to Bidders, paragraph #7. Questions During Bidding. Written questions must be directed to the Contracts Administrator at [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org) and submitted at least nine (9) calendar days before the deadline for receipt of Bids.

The District may issue written Addenda as appropriate for clarification or other purposes during the bidding period. Addendum notification(s) will be sent to each planholder at the email address provided by the contractor for the planholders list and addenda will be posted on the District's website at <https://www.valleywater.org/construction>.

- A. Project Manager.** The District's project manager for this Project is Emmanuel Aryee.
- B. Process Questions.** For questions regarding the bid process, please contact the District Plan Room at [scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org](mailto:scvwdplanroom@valleywater.org) or call Kristy McMurtrie (408) 630-3088.

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**11. Prevailing Wage Requirements.**

- A.** Workers employed on this Project must be paid at rates at least equal to the prevailing wage rates as determined by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to §1770 of the Labor Code. Said wage rates are incorporated herein by reference and may be inspected upon request. The rates are also available on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>. See Standard Provisions, Prevailing Wages Article 4.04. through Appendices Article 4.06. for related requirements.
- B.** This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations. The Contractor and subcontractors must furnish the records specified in Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner, in the following manner: monthly, in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner.

**12. Bid Proposal Submittal.** All Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and state the Project name and Project number on the outside of the sealed envelope. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Forms. All information on Bid Forms must be completed in ink.

- A. Bid Submittal Delivery.** Bidders are only allowed to submit a Proposal by third party carrier such as; FEDEX, UPS, DHL, CA Overnight, Golden State Overnight, etc., and must address the submittal in accordance with instructions stated in Paragraph 12 above. Any Proposal received after 2 p.m. will be considered non-responsive. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA IN PERSON DELIVERY OR USPS (US MAIL).**

Address the outside delivery envelope as follows:

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Attention: Construction Program — **BID**  
5905 Winfield Boulevard  
San Jose, CA 95123-2428

Note: USPS (US Mail) does not deliver to 5905 Winfield Boulevard.

**13. Bid Opening.** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the safety of the public and District employees, the bid opening will only be conducted **by video-conference, live-stream, on the date and at the time stated in this Notice to Bidders, paragraph #1. Notice, above.**

- A. Join Zoom Meeting.** Any person interested in attending the live-stream bid opening, may do so by accessing the link below, or join via phone by calling the toll free number listed below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/97962665136?pwd=c3oyRHVhakhsQm1HdCtOTm5WL0JNUT09>

Meeting ID: 979 6266 5136

Password: 093306

One tap mobile

+16699009128,,97962665136#,,1#,093306# US (San Jose)

Find your local number: <https://valleywater.zoom.us/u/ajmlalDCP>

14. **Errors or Discrepancies in the Bids.** The District Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all Bid Proposals and to waive minor defects or irregularities in any submitted Bid Form(s).
15. **Bidder's Security.** Each Proposal must be accompanied by cash, a certified check, cashier's check, or an original Bidder's bond in the sum of not less than 10 percent of the total aggregate of the Proposal including all additive Bid items. Said checks or bond must be made payable to the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
16. **Contract Retention.**
- ☒ The Contract Retention for this Project is established at five (5) percent of the Contract Price.
- ☐ The Contract Retention for this Project is established at ten (10) percent of the Contract Price. The Board of Directors has made a finding that the Project is substantially complex and therefore requires retention higher than five percent.
17. **Substitution of Securities.** The Contractor may, at the Contractor's request and expense substitute securities equivalent to the amount withheld by District to ensure the performance of the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300.
18. **Small Business Preference. [NOT USED]**
19. **Equal Opportunity.** The District is an equal opportunity employer and all contractors of District projects are to have and follow a policy of equal opportunity including adherence to all state and federal laws and regulations, including the Federal Equal Opportunity Clause.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District,  
San Jose, California, on June 23, 2020.

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

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Clerk/Board of Directors

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