

**Construction
Advertisement for Bids
City of Gonzales
Gonzales, Texas
15-INCH WASTEWATER LINE
Improvements**

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled "ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 15-INCH WASTEWATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS" will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.

This project entails the replacement of approximately 4,200 linear feet of 15-inch PVC wastewater line, and 825 linear feet of 6-inch PVC wastewater line, including addition and replacement of manholes, replacement of wastewater services and repair and paving of all affected streets. The project also includes the installation/relocation of approximately 100 linear feet of 30-inch RCP storm sewer, and the replacement/relocation of approximately 1,400 linear feet of 4-inch PVC waterline including new valves, fittings, services and pavement repair. The proposed work shall also include installation of erosion controls, traffic controls, and removal and disposal of demolished and excess materials.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Technical Specifications and Plans, together with any Addenda are available at Doucet & Associates, Inc., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672 and online at <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp>. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined and purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00, or electronic versions can be obtained upon request free of charge.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid price payable without recourse to the City of Gonzales, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute required performance and payment bonds.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the right is reserved, as the interests of the OWNER may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality or minor defects in bids received. Bids may be held by the City of Gonzales for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at City Hall. A site visit will be made during the conference; however, contractors shall make their own individual site inspections and/or investigations to make themselves aware of existing conditions/issues. Failure to make adequate observations and/or ask questions shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to J. Keith Schauer, P.E., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672, by 5:00 o'clock p.m. Friday, June 4, 2021.

Attention is particularly called to the requirement of paying not less than the prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate specified in the contract documents. These rates are minimums to be paid during the life of the contract. It is therefore the responsibility of the Bidder to inform themselves as to the local labor conditions.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, age or national origin, and other civil rights requirements.

The City of Gonzales is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible."

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall provide the required certification that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352.

Conflicts Disclosure Statement. (Sec. 176.003 in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code)

- a. A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - 1) The vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and
 - 2) the vendor:
 - I. has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
 - II. has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that: (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or has a family relationship with the local government officer.

(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement if relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is: (1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or (2) food accepted as a guest.

(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.

- b. A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).