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INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of the **Utility Extension to Serve Peach County High School** will be received until **April 28, 2020 at 11:00am** at **500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, GA, 31030** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. **Any bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner.** No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically may be provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State law.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

**This project will include the extension of Fort Valley Utility Commission utility services to serve the new Peach County High School. A new duplex lift station will be constructed on the Peach County Board of Education property. Over 13,000' of 8" HDPE force main will be installed to connect the proposed lift station to the existing Lane Lift Station. The force main installation will include approximately 150' of 24" steel casing installed by jack and bore underneath S.R. 49, approximately 600' 24" steel casing installed by jack and bore underneath the Norfolk Southern Railroad and surrounding wetlands, and approximately 300' of 24" HDPE casing installed by horizontal directional drill under Mossy Creek. The water main extension includes installation of approximately 150' of 18" steel casing by jack and bore underneath S.R. 49, over 700' of 12" PVC water main, and an 8" water meter and vault with backflow prevention. Underground power and fiber optic cables will also be extended to serve the High School.**

Time allotted for completion of work is **180** consecutive calendar days. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are on file at CARTER & SLOOPE, INC. Copies may be obtained from CARTER & SLOOPE, INC., 6310 Peake Rd., Macon, Ga, 31210, Phone: 478-477-3923, Fax: , upon payment of **\$200.00 for each physical set or \$100 for a PDF set.** (non-refundable). A copy of your check is needed in order to ship the documents. You can fax it to the fax number above or email a scanned copy to [macon\\_admin@cartersloope.com](mailto:macon_admin@cartersloope.com). All plans and documents will be shipped via UPS Ground. If you choose to have them shipped overnight or via another carrier, please submit your Fed Ex Overnight or UPS Express account number.

1.4 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with

O.C.G.A 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a “Utility Contractor” and must also employ a “Utility Manager” certification holder who will have oversight of all the utility work. **Therefore, the Contractor submitting a bid must list the license number of the Contractor performing the utility contracting on the face of the bid envelope and on the bid form and provide proof of a valid license with the bid. No bid will be opened unless it contains the Contractor’s Utility License Number on the envelope.** See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.5 BONDS

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier’s check in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an “A” minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of “Best’s Key Rating Guide Property Liability”. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.6 PERMITS

The status of Federal, State, and /or Local permits for this project are as follows:

	<u>PERMITS/AGENCIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
A.	Land Disturbance Permit	Submitted
B.	NPDES GAR 100002 (Stormwater)	Submitted
C.	GA Environmental Protection Division	Submitted
D.	Georgia Department of Transportation	Submitted
E.	Railroad Permit	Submitted

1.7 EASEMENTS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY

All easements and rights-of-way for permanent installations have been obtained or will be obtained by the Owner prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.

1.8 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the **Fort Valley Utility Commission** must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder’s Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.9 FUNDING SOURCES

This project is funded in part or whole by GEFA SRF monies. All Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4, as applicable to the area of the project.

1.10 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

**FORT VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**OWNER**

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