## SECTION 00 11 16 INVITATION TO BID

The Flathead County Water District #1 (the District) - Evergreen will receive sealed bids for the RESERVE UTILITY LOT WELL PROJECT.

The work generally consists of furnishing materials, labor, and equipment required to install submersible turbine pumps in two existing MDEQ approved water wells, construction of a new approximately 1,100 square foot wood construction wellhouse with associated process piping, electrical work, site piping, tree privacy buffer, access road improvements and paving. Work includes making connection to existing watermain at edge of site. Diesel backup generator and automatic transfer switch are pre-procured, but the contractor will be responsible for installation and connection.

Prospective bidders must purchase bidding documents through QuestCDN, a web-based platform for distribution of bidding documents, the bidding documents can be accessed either at the District, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S) or QuestCDN webpages. The Districts portal to QuestCDN is located on the District's web page at <a href="www.evergreenwaterdistrict.com">www.evergreenwaterdistrict.com</a>, AE2S's web page is located at <a href="www.ae2s.com">www.ae2s.com</a> and QuestCDN's web page is located at <a href="www.questdcn.com">www.questdcn.com</a>. Click on the project title, <a href="Quest # 9141409">Quest # 9141409</a>. A page will open which allows free viewing of the project and plan holders list.

The District will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. Electronic plan download and electronic bidding can be completed through QuestCDN for a fee of \$42.00. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. For electronic bids, scans of required electronic Bidding Documents will be accepted.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. This Invitation to Bid will be governed by the following tentative schedule. All dates are subject to change at the discretion of the District.

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Invitation to Bid Released (1st Advertisement)	July 7, 2024	NA
Prebid Meeting	July 17, 2024	1:30 PM
Final Questions Due	July 23, 2024	4:00 PM
Final Response to Questions/Addendum	July 26, 2024	4:00 PM
Bid Opening	August 1, 2024	3:00 PM

A <u>non-mandatory</u> pre-bid conference will be held in the District office, 130 Nicholson Dr. Kalispell, MT 59901 at **1:30 PM on July 17, 2024.** Interested Bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference in person or online using the following Microsoft Teams meeting information:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%
3ameeting\_YzI3MmFlNjItZGMzMC00MTU2LTg3ZTAtNmMyYTFmOWUyZDZl%40thread.v2/0?
context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b32addb5f43d4c2a8383dd63422a2655%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a
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Meeting ID: 210 352 428 84

Passcode: G6SCEv

A site visit may be scheduled to immediately follow the pre-bid conference. See Instructions to Bidders for further information. Questions can be directed to either Alan Wendt, PE of AE2S at <a href="mailto:alan.wendt@ae2s.com">alan.wendt@ae2s.com</a> or Jeff Walla, PE of the District at <a href="mailto:jwalla@evergreenwaterdistrict.com">jwalla@evergreenwaterdistrict.com</a>.

Bids will be received until 1:30 PM on August 1, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 PM on August 1, 2024, at the Flathead County Water District #1 - Evergreen office, 130 Nicholson Dr. Kalispell, MT 59901.

Contractor shall be in good standing with and registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry at the time of submitting the Bid.

This project is partially funded by the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – Grant No. AM-22-0178 and State Revolving Funds (SRF). Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from ARPA and SRF. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 00 21 13 (EJCDC C-200) Instructions to Bidders.

American Iron and Steel (AIS) procurement preferences are in effect for this project.

Federal Labor Standards Provisions (Davis Bacon) or State of Montana Prevailing Wage requirements, whichever is greater, will be in effect. The Contractor and/or Subcontractors must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Flathead County Water District No. 1 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

See Section 00 21 13 (EJCDC C-200) Instructions to Bidders for additional bidding information.

Any bidder wishing further information may obtain the same from AE2S. Phone 406-257-8990.

Authorized by order of the District Board of Flathead County Water District #1 - Evergreen, in a regular meeting held on June 14, 2024.

Cindy Murray

General Manager

Flathead County Water District # 1 - Evergreen

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