

**SECTION 00100
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Flathead County Water District No. 1 - Evergreen (“District” and “Owner”) invites sealed Bids for construction of the **Evergreen Lift Station 19 Improvements Phase 2** (“Project”). The District will receive such Bids electronically ONLY via QuestCDN until **1:00 pm local time (MT) on April 2, 2026**. The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud via virtual meeting at the following link:

[Bid Opening Meeting Link](#)

Virtual: Meeting ID 226 167 427 320 72, Passcode: om6mu2yv

Call In (audio only): +1 309-644-4427, Phone ID: 804 173 233#

The District requires bidders submit electronic bids as prescribed on the Engineer’s electronic bidding site, www.questcdn.com or [Evergreen QuestCDN project portal](#).

SCOPE OF WORK. The Project includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described as follows:

The work generally consists of furnishing materials, labor, and equipment required to construct and finish the new lift station with pumps mechanical, electrical, and controls. The recent Phase 1 construction included site work and buried utilities, and concrete wet well and emergency storage, with work planned for completion in 2026. This Phase 2 work will follow the completion of Phase 1 work and include, but not limited to: construction a new lift station building complete with electrical, mechanical, and controls; install three (3) submersible pumps in wet well; install meter, piping, and fittings in meter vault; install valves, piping and fittings in valve vault; and install new electrical service, 250 kW generator, and transfer switch.

This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the District Engineer.

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 (1 st Bid Ad)	March 8, 2026	N/A
2 nd Bid Advertisement	March 22, 2026	N/A
Pre-Bid Meeting (Mandatory)	March 23, 2026	1:30 pm MT
Final Questions Due	March 25, 2026	By 5:00 pm MT
Responses to Questions Released	By March 27, 2026	By 12:00 pm MT (noon)
Bids Due & Bid Opening	April 2, 2026	By 1:00 pm MT

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS. Prospective Bidders must purchase contract documents through QuestCDN. QuestCDN is a web-based platform for construction project advertisements, bid documents distribution and plan holder lists. Prospective bidders will need the seven-digit QuestCDN project number (#10084880) to locate the job on the QuestCDN website search page. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased contract documents through QuestCDN. There is a non-refundable fee to download the project documents and an additional non-refundable fee to bid the project.

PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT. **There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held at the Evergreen Water District (108 Cooperative Way, Kalispell, MT 59901) at 1:30 pm local time (MT) on March 23, 2026. All prime bidders are required to attend in person. The meeting will also be available virtually for supplier, subcontractors and other stakeholders at the following link or by contacting either Mark Bellon of IMEG (Mark.A.Bellon@imegcorp.com) or Jeff Walla of the Evergreen Water District (jwalla@evergreenwaterdistrict.com) for invitation:**

[Pre-Bid Meeting Link](#)

Virtual: Meeting ID 273 584 620 353 15, Passcode: fh3CR6CZ
Call In (audio only): +1 309-644-4427, Phone ID: 863 592 935#

Immediately following the pre-bid meeting, the Owner will host a site visit. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the site visit.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION. Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. Contractor shall also be required to register with SAM.gov and provide proof of registration to the Owner prior to the award of the contract.

PREVAILING/DAVIS BACON WAGES. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at the higher rates as required by State of Montana Prevailing Wages and Federal Davis Bacon Wages. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

BONDS. Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Flathead County Water District No. 1, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

FUNDING. This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from the **State Revolving Fund (SRF)**. The award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding, and award authorization from **SRF**.

BIDDING PROCESS. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of the bids specified above, unless otherwise noted in the Instructions to Bidders. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not

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to exceed thirty (30) days or outlined in the Bid Form, whichever greater, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

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

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