

**Throckmorton Creek/Trinity River Sewer Interceptor
City of Melissa, Texas**

Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids, in duplicate original, addressed to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, Attn: Jerry Chapman for construction of approximately 17,000 linear feet of gravity sanitary sewer interceptor system and associated work, including metering station, junction boxes, manholes, and necessary appurtenances, for the Greater Texoma Utility Authority Texas as shown in plans prepared by Bucher, Willis, and Ratliff Corp. will be received at the office of the **City Secretary of the City of Melissa, 901 State Highway 121, Melissa, Texas 75454 until January 31, 2008 at 2:00 PM.** Bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope with the following: **Proposal for Throckmorton Creek/Trinity River Sewer Interceptor, City of Melissa, Texas.** Bids received after bid closing will be returned unopened.

Bidding Documents: Plans, Specifications, and other Bidding Documents for this project may be obtained from Bucher, Willis, and Ratliff Corp., 2620 County Road 1106, Anna, TX 75409 (phone 972-924-2757, fax 972-924-4053) from January 10, 2008 through January 24, 2008. Requests for bidding documents shall be made in writing a minimum of 24 hours prior to the intended pick up time and shall be accompanied with a non-refundable \$250.00 fee in the form a cashier's check or a money order payable to Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation. Partial sets of drawings and specifications will not be available.

A mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2008 at the office of Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation, 2620 County Road 1106, Anna, Texas 75409. **Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.** At a minimum, the Project Manager and the Project Field Superintendent named in the proposal for the bidder shall attend the mandatory pre-bid conference; failure to meet this mandatory pre-bid meeting attendance requirement may result in disqualification of the bid.

All bids received prior to the closing of the bid period will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City of Melissa City Hall, 901 State Highway 121 beginning at 2:30 PM on January 31, 2008. Following bid opening, tabulation will be made for consideration of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority in awarding a contract.

All bids must be submitted with a Bid Bond in the amount of Five (5) percent of the maximum amount of bid payable to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority from a reliable surety company listed on the Treasury Circular 570 as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guarantee forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bids submitted without bid bond will not be considered.

Bids may be held by the Greater Texoma Utility Authority for a period of ninety (90) days from date of opening of the Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.

If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest Bidder whose evaluation by Greater Texoma Utility Authority indicates to Greater Texoma Utility Authority that award will be in the best interests of the Project. The Greater Texoma Utility Authority reserves the right to determine the best interests of the Project based upon first-hand experience with or knowledge about Bidders, including information regarding safety records of Bidders provided in the Greater Texoma Utility Authority's Contractor Qualification Statement, and may award the contract based upon a preference because of such experience or knowledge.

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority reserves the right, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

No officer or employee of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the Greater Texoma Utility Authority.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.

Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

/s/

Bob Helmberger, P.E.,
Project Engineer of Record