

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority (Owner) on behalf of the City of Sherman will be received at the offices of the Director of Utilities and Engineering, Sherman City Hall, 220 W. Mulberry, Sherman TX 75090 between 8 A.M. and 11 A.M. on September 11, 2009, for furnishing all necessary material, equipment and labor required for the construction of the following project:

GTUA WWTP DIGESTER IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF SHERMAN

Bids will be opened at the offices of the Director of Utilities and Engineering, Sherman City Hall, beginning at 11 A.M. on September 11, 2009. The project consists of the replacement of an existing steel floating cover on an 80-foot diameter secondary digester and the removal of a steel fixed cover on a 100-foot diameter primary digester. Included is gas and sludge piping, valves and all appurtenances.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's Check or a Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) percent of the maximum amount of bid payable without recourse to the Owner or a proposal bond in the same amount. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of the contract, and a payment bond for the protection of all claimants supplying labor and materials.

The Owner reserves the right to determine the best interests of the Project based upon the Owner's firsthand experience with or knowledge about Bidders, including information regarding safety records of Bidders provided in the Greater Texoma Utility Authority's Qualification Statement to be submitted by Bidders.

This contract will be funded through the Texas Water Development Board, and the following provisions will apply:

1. The contract will be contingent upon release of funds from the Water Development Board.
2. 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 are or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.
3. 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.

In determining to whom to award a contract, GTUA may consider, among other things:

1. The purchase price;
2. The reputation of the vendor and the vendor's goods or services;
3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services;
4. The extent to which the goods or services meet GTUA's needs;
5. The vendor's past relationship with GTUA;
6. The impact on the ability of GTUA to comply with rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;
7. The total long-term cost to the GTUA to acquire the vendor's goods or services;
8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals; and
9. The safety record of the bidder, of the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the bidder, or of anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution.

Contract Documents, Proposal Forms, Specifications and Plans are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the Director of Utilities and Engineering, City Hall, 220 W. Mulberry, Sherman, TX 75090, and may be obtained from Freeman-Millican, Inc., 12225 Greenville Avenue, Suite 121, Dallas, Texas 75243, (Phone 214-503-0555) upon payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

/s/ Jerry W. Chapman, General Manager
Greater Texoma Utility Authority