

**GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY
FOR
CITY OF MELISSA
FITZHUGH BRANCH
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANS**

Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids, in duplicate original, addressed to the **Greater Texoma Utility Authority (Owner) on behalf of the City of Melissa** for construction of approximately 3,147 linear feet (LF) 21" PVC wastewater pipe, 6,053 LF 18" PVC wastewater pipe, 2,292 LF 15" PVC wastewater pipe, and 2,241 LF 16" potable PVC water line with associated work, including valves, fittings, and other necessary appurtenances for completion, for the Greater Texoma Utility Authority on behalf of the City of Melissa, as shown in plans prepared by Bucher, Willis, and Ratliff Corporation will be received at the office of the **City Secretary of the City of Melissa, 901 State Highway 121, Melissa, Texas 75454**. Bids shall be identified on the outside of the envelope with the following: **Proposal for Greater Texoma Utility Authority on behalf of the City of Melissa for FITZHUGH BRANCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS, City of Melissa, Texas**. Bids will be received until June 8, 2010 at 12:00 PM. Bids received after bid closing will be returned unopened.

Bidding Documents: Plans, Specifications and other Bidding Documents for this project are on file and may be examined without charge at the offices of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison TX 75020, and may be obtained from Bucher, Willis and Ratliff Corporation, 2620 County Road 1106, Anna, Texas 75409 (phone 972-924-2757, fax 972-924-4053) from May 10, 2010 through June 4, 2010. 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 \$150.00 fee in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable to Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation (BWR). Partial sets of drawings and specifications will not be available.

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

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 States 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 Opportunities 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, Greater Texoma Utility Authority 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.

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 12:15 PM on June 8, 2010. Following bid opening, tabulation will be made for the consideration of the Greater Texoma Utility Authority in awarding a contract on behalf of the City of Melissa. Contractors participating in bidding shall use the following bid format as indicated herein.

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