

NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
(Chapter 103D, HRS)

ELECTRONIC SEALED BIDS for furnishing all tools, equipment, materials and labor necessary for the construction of the "Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Rehabilitation and Replacement Project - Phase 1," Job No. WW-4705R, Waiākea, Hilo, Hawai'i, will be received and recorded immediately via the Public Purchase System until **2:00 p.m., Hawai'i Standard Time, on August 2, 2024**. Electronic bids shall be submitted via the Public Purchase System, otherwise the bids shall not be opened or considered. Also, bids received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered.

The Base Bid Project generally consists of construction, testing, startup, and commissioning of a new replacement septage receiving facility; a new replacement headworks facility; a new replacement odor control system for the headworks and existing primary sedimentation tanks; a new headworks electrical building; modifications to the existing primary sedimentation tanks; modifications to the existing primary and secondary facilities buildings; modifications to the existing secondary clarifiers and associated return secondary sludge pumps, secondary scum pumps, and waste secondary sludge pumps; modifications to the disinfection system; a new sludge blending system with odor control; two new replacement anaerobic digesters and associated digester control building; new digester gas conditioning system and waste gas flare; new solids handling building with odor control; replacement of the existing non-potable water (2W) system; replacement of the existing chlorinated secondary effluent (3W) pump station; a new replacement return flow pump station; a new warehouse building; new plant-wide supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system along with new control and server room; replacement of main switchboard and various motor control centers; new standby generator facility; along with supporting piping, mechanical, ventilation,

fire protection, electrical and control systems, civil and site improvements. It also includes demolition of the existing septage receiving facility; headworks; preaeration tanks; flare; propane tank; blowers, electrical equipment, and odor scrubbers at the primary facilities building; dissolved air flotation (DAF) facility; solids handling building return flow pump station; digesters and associated digester control building; waste gas flare; propane tank; and other related work in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

Additive Alternate No. 1 (if selected for inclusion by the County) generally consists of construction, testing, startup and commissioning of one additional new anaerobic digester and an additional new digester control building along with supporting piping, mechanical, ventilation, electrical and control systems, civil and site improvements, and other related work in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The project requires all work to be sequenced, scheduled, and completed in such a manner as to minimize disruption to existing plant operations in accordance with the requirements provided in the Specifications and Plans.

To be eligible to submit a bid, the Bidder must possess a valid State of Hawai'i, General Engineering Contractor License "A". See Special Notice to Bidders for additional licensing requirements. Bidders must have acted as the General Contractor for a completed or under construction wastewater project with similar wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) process facilities, major components with similar flows and capacity, or complexity (i.e., sequencing of work, structural, rehabilitation, functional testing, startup, and commissioning), and coordination of work.

Prospective Bidders and all parties interested in accessing the plans, specifications, terms and conditions, proposal, and addenda must be registered as a Public Purchase Vendor, Hawaii Region, and Hawai'i County Agency. New Vendors should click on the link to Public Purchase provided on the [www.hawaiicounty.gov](http://www.hawaiicounty.gov) webpage or go to [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) to initiate the registration process. Bids shall be submitted via the Public Purchase System. Confidential material shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate public inspection of the nonconfidential portion of the bid.

Prospective Bidders must file with the Director of Public Works their "Intent to Bid." The Prospective Bidder's Intent to Bid must be received by the Administration Office, Department of Public Works no later than 4:30 p.m., ten (10) calendar days prior to the bid opening date. If the tenth day is on a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the Intent to Bid is due on the next working day following the due date. The Intent to Bid form is available at the Administration Office, Department of Public Works, Phone: (808) 961-8321 and for electronic download at the Public Purchase website: [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com)

**All prospective bidders/offerors are required to attend a pre-bid conference to be held on May 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Hawai'i Standard Time, at Schultz Siding Training Room, 630 E. Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i. A site walk will be a part of this conference. In-person attendance of this conference by all primary bidders is required and a condition for submitting a bid.**

Subcontractors and union representatives are invited, but not required to attend. The conference is to provide bidders/offerors with an opportunity to ask questions about the contractual requirements and all technical aspects of the project. The conference will also address the minimum subcontractor listing requirements for the project.

Any questions regarding attendance of pre-bid conference, email:

[markj.grant@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:markj.grant@hawaiicounty.gov) or via phone (808) 961-8589 office / (808) 333-0229 cell.

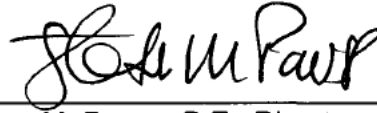
Additional visits to inspect the site may be allowed at the County's discretion. Interested parties must provide minimum 48-hour notice prior to the requested visit date. For scheduling such visit during the bid period, email: [markj.grant@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:markj.grant@hawaiicounty.gov) or via phone (808) 961-8589 office / (808) 333-0229 cell.

The original executed and notarized Standard Qualification Questionnaire for Offerors form "SQQO" must be received by the Administration Office, Department of Public Works, no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the 2:00 p.m. bid opening so it may be evaluated and approved by the County of Hawai'i, Department of Public Works prior to bid opening. Please submit said form to allow for evaluation and approval by our office if such form had not been evaluated, approved and filed within the twelve (12) months, if there is any change in your previous responses as they relate to this project, or if additional information is requested. The SQQO form is available in hard copy at the Administration Office, Department of Public Works, Phone: (808) 961-8321 and for electronic download at the Public Purchase website: [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com).

The bid opening required for this project (if any, as set forth above) are scheduled at venues that are accessible to persons with disabilities. To request an auxiliary aid or for language interpretation services, please contact the Department of Public Works at (808) 961-8321 no less than five (5) working days prior to the established meeting date(s).

The Director of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive informalities. No Bidder may withdraw its bid after the hour set for the opening thereof or before the award of the contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding NINETY (90) consecutive calendar days.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**"Reminder Note:** "A" general engineering contractors and "B" general building contractors are reminded that due to the Hawaii Supreme Court's January 28, 2002 decision in Okada Trucking Co., Ltd. v. Board of Water Supply, et al., 97 Haw. 450 (2002), they are prohibited from undertaking any work, solely or as part of a larger project, which would require the general contractor to act as a specialty contractor in any area where the general contractor has no license. Although the "A" and "B" contractor may still bid on and act as the "prime" contractor on a "A" or "B" project (See, HRS § 444-7 for the definitions of an "A" and "B" project.), respectively, the "A" and "B" contractor may only perform work in the areas in which they have the appropriate contractor's license (An "A" or "B" contractor obtains "C" specialty contractor's licenses either on its own, or automatically under HAR § 16-77-32.). The remaining work must be performed by appropriately licensed entities.

**As stated in the Notice to Bidders, Bidders must possess a valid State of Hawai'i general engineering contractor's "A" license and must have acted as the General Contractor for a completed or under construction wastewater project of similar wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) process facilities, major component/s with similar flows and capacity, or complexity (i.e., sequencing of work, structural, rehabilitation, functional testing, start-up and commissioning), and coordination of work.**

**Each of the following specialty contractor classifications listed in the table below have been determined by the County of Hawai'i as qualified to perform all of the work on this project based on the project's scope and the County's understanding of the State's licensing requirements and specialty contractor classifications' scopes of work. By way of the minimum licensing requirement stated for this project, no additional specialty contractor classifications are required to perform the work; however, the Bidder may list additional licensed subcontractors at its discretion.**

<b>Specialty Contractor Classification &amp; Scope of Work</b> [per HAR, Title 16, Chapter 77, Exhibit A, as supplemented by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Contractor Licensing Board]		<b>Project Scope of Work Applicability</b>
C-2	Mechanical insulation contractor	✓
C-3 <sup>A</sup>	Asphalt paving and surfacing contractor	✓
C-4	Boiler, hot-water heating, and steam fitting contractor	✓
C-10 <sup>A3</sup>	Scaffolding contractor	✓
C-13	Electrical contractor	✓
C-15	Electronic systems contractor	✓
C-17 <sup>A</sup>	Excavating, grading, and trenching contractor	✓
C-22	Glazing and tinting contractor	✓
C-24 <sup>A3</sup>	Building moving and wrecking contractor	✓
C-31	Masonry contractor	✓
C-32 <sup>A</sup>	Ornamental, guardrail, and fencing contractor	✓
C-33	Painting and decorating contractor	✓
C-35 <sup>A</sup>	Pile driving, pile and caisson drilling, and foundation contractor	✓
C-37	Plumbing contractor	✓
C-37e	Treatment and pumping facilities contractor	✓

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C-41	Reinforcing steel contractor	✓
C-42	Roofing contractor	✓
C-43 <sup>Δ</sup>	Sewer, sewage disposal, drain, pipe laying contractor	✓
C-44	Sheet metal contractor	✓
C-48	Structural steel contractor	✓
C-52	Ventilating and air conditioning contractor	✓
C-55	Waterproofing contractor	✓
C-56 <sup>Δ</sup>	Welding contractor	✓
<sup>Δ</sup> Classification automatically held by a general engineering contractor "A" per HAR §16-77-32(a) & (d)		
<sup>Δ</sup> Reference HAR §16-77-32(b) for portions of scope authorized to a general engineering contractor "A"		
<sup>Δ</sup> Classification automatically held by a general building contractor "B" per HAR §16-77-32(c) & (d)		
<b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS REGARDING SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR CLASSIFICATIONS AND REGARDING JOINT CONTRACTORS &amp; SUBCONTRACTORS:</b>		
1)	Bidder shall be intimately familiar with the scopes of work each specialty contractor classification is licensed to perform under Hawai'i Administrative Rules §16-77, the scope of work established for this project, and how the specialty contractor classifications' licenses apply in the proper execution and fulfillment of the project's scope of work.	
2)	In the circumstance where a specialty contractor classification license listed in the above table may be deemed unnecessary by a Bidder due to its intent to employ a plausible alternative means or method, the Bidder shall in its Proposal clearly state such intent and provide a detailed plan that meets with the satisfaction of the Director. The Director reserves the sole discretion and right to determine whether the Bidder's proposed justification for not listing the required license is acceptable.	
3)	In the circumstance where the Bidder is licensed in one or more specialty contractor classifications required of the project (whether automatically as a general engineering contractor "A", general building contractor "B", or outright) and it intends to perform all or some of the work of those classifications using its own workforce, the Bidder shall, in its Proposal, list itself accordingly and in consideration of the balance of the instructions herein provided.	
4)	In the circumstance where a specialty contractor classification required in the above table may, in part or in whole (as applicable to the classification's scope of work), be within the licensed scope of work of another listed specialty contractor classification (e.g. overlapping scopes of licenses), the Bidder shall clearly delineate in its Proposal the extent of each subcontractor's responsibility on the project such that the Director can reasonably determine which classification is responsible for the corresponding scopes. Where a listed specialty contractor classification is rendered completely unnecessary due to overlapping scopes of work, the Bidder, in its Proposal, shall clearly state such as the reason for not listing that respective entity in its Proposal.	
5)	In the circumstance where a Bidder intends to use more than one appropriately licensed entity in the performance of work covered under a specific specialty contractor classification, the Bidder shall clearly delineate in its Proposal the extent of each subcontractor's responsibility on the project.	
6)	The Bidder shall ensure that, in its Proposal, it provides the name of each person or firm to be engaged by the Bidder as a joint contractor, subcontractor, or lower-tier subcontractor in the performance of the contract and the nature and scope of the work to be performed by each in sufficient detail so as the Director can fully comprehend how all aspects of the project are intended to be executed. The Director reserves the right to request supplemental information as necessary for determining Bidder's responsibility and responsiveness.	
7)	The Bidder is solely responsible to ensure that all of its listed joint contractors' and subcontractors' licenses are current, valid & in good standing at the time of bid opening through the time the contract is fully executed, without any change in status. Bidder shall ensure that its license and those of its listed joint contractors and subcontractors are successfully renewed without expiring. Failure to do so may result in a determination of non-responsibility or non-responsiveness.	

Anyone who disagrees with the determination in the above table shall submit their written objection to the Director identifying the specialty contractor classification(s) in question and the justification(s) for such position at least 10 consecutive calendar days prior to bid opening. If no such written objections are received by the Director prior to such date, it will be presumed that all Bidders and affected parties are in agreement with the listing set forth above. No other specialty license will be required unless noted otherwise in an addendum.

The Bidder may utilize subcontractors holding specialty contractor classifications' licenses in addition to those listed above to accomplish the Project; however, should it do so, its Proposal form shall identify those classifications and the name(s) of the respective company(ies).

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFERORS**

Offeror is advised that if awarded a contract under this solicitation, Offeror shall, upon award of the contract, furnish proof of compliance with the requirements of §103D-310(c), HRS:

1. Chapter 237, tax clearance;
2. Chapter 383, unemployment insurance;
3. Chapter 386, workers' compensation;
4. Chapter 392, temporary disability insurance;
5. Chapter 393, prepaid health care; and
6. One of the following:
  - a. Be registered and incorporated or organized under the laws of the State, hereinafter referred to as a "Hawaii business"; **or**
  - b. Be registered to do business in the State, hereinafter referred to as a "compliant non-Hawaii business."

Refer to the Award of Contract provision (see Special Provisions) for instructions on how to comply with the above requirements.

### **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE AND COUNTY CONTRACTORS PROHIBITED, PURSUANT TO HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES (HRS) §11-355**

If awarded a contract in response to this solicitation, offeror agrees to comply with HRS §11-355, which states that campaign contributions are prohibited from a State and County government contractor during the term of the contract if the contractor is paid with funds appropriated by the legislative body between the execution of the contract through the completion of the contract.

### **HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES, CHAPTER 103B - EMPLOYMENT OF STATE RESIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS, AS AMENDED, BY ACT 192, SLH 2011**

HRS Chapter 103B, unless its application is in conflict with any federal law or will disqualify the County from receiving federal funds or aid, shall apply to this contract. It requires the Contractor and applicable subcontractor(s) to perform its contract with a workforce of which not less than eighty percent (80%) are Hawaii residents. Reference Special Provisions 7.1(p) for related project specific requirements.



**HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 103-55.6, PREFERENCE FOR BIDDERS IN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, ACT 17 SLH 2009**

The preference for bidders in apprenticeship programs [reference Special Provisions Section 7.1, Subsection (o) and Item 10, Section (B)] shall apply to this project if the estimated cost is \$250,000.00 or more, unless it is in conflict with any federal law or if it would disqualify the County from receiving federal funds or aid.

**PROOF OF CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE**

Where, in the technical specifications for this project, requirements are prescribed that:

1. A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, or similar entity possess a minimum documented history manufacturing, providing and/or servicing a particular product or system that will be utilized on this project; and/or
2. The contractor, subcontractor, installer, or similar entity possess a minimum level of documented successful experience (e.g., number of years, number of projects, etc.) or proficiency specializing in the installation of a particular item of work; and/or
3. The contractor, subcontractor, installer, or similar entity hold a manufacturer's certification or approval to install its product or system; and/or
4. Mandates some other form of measurable criteria to ensure a minimum level of quality and success in accomplishing the work of this project.

All Bidders ensure that the entities it employs or contracts with for applicable scopes of work comply with the necessary requirements and it shall be ready to submit requisite proofs of compliance that is sufficient for the Director to reasonably determine the responsiveness and responsibility of the Bidder's overall offer. The apparent low bidder shall submit all necessary documentation in satisfaction thereof to the Director within five (5) consecutive calendar days of the bid opening. Failure to provide adequate documentation to the Director's satisfaction may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or non-responsible.

**CODE OF ETHICS**

If you are an officer or employee of the County of Hawai'i, or a business in which an officer or employee or officer or employee's immediate family has a controlling interest, the provisions of Hawai'i County Code §2-83(c) must be complied with before a contract for goods or services may be entered into with any County agency.

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