

NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS PROCUREMENT OF CMAR FOR WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS

Central Arkansas Water (CAW) is seeking proposals consistent with Act 612 of the Arkansas 92nd General Assembly Regular Session 2019, from qualified licensed professionals who are certified by the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board to perform construction management/general contractor services for the Renewal & Resiliency Project at the Jack H. Wilson Water Treatment Plant in Little Rock, AR.

The project includes the construction of flow metering, rapid mixing, concrete rehabilitation, sedimentation basin improvements, filter improvements, pumping systems, baffling, large diameter piping and valves, chemical feed systems, architectural improvements, and electrical improvements. CAW desires the selected contractor to collaborate in scheduling, cost control, value engineering, constructability, and preparation of bid packages in order to achieve maximum value for the utility. Preconstruction services are anticipated to begin by July 2023. Construction must be completed by February 2028.

Interested contractors must request a detailed Request for Qualification from Mr. Andrew Pownall, P.E. at Andrew.Pownall@CARKW.com. A Mandatory pre-submittal meeting will be held on April 25, 2023 at 2:00 pm at 338 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock, AR 72212. Statements of Qualification will be accepted until May 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. 7 printed copies and one digital copy of the proposal shall be submitted to CAW, Attn: Andrew Pownall, P.E., 221 E. Capital Ave, Little Rock, AR 72202. Written responses shall be no longer than 30 single sided pages of text and/or photographs. All submittals shall be clearly marked, "Proposal Response to RFQ/CMAR CAW Project #5421 Enclosed".

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

1. CAW will assemble a selection committee to review proposals.
2. Contractors submitting the three highest ranked proposals may be invited to interview.
3. The selection committee will consider the proposals and interviews and make a formal recommendation to the CAW Board of Directors.
4. CAW will attempt to negotiate a contract with the recommended contractor.
5. The minimum qualifications that CAW will consider are:
 - a. Licensed contractor in the State of Arkansas with insurance coverage including professional liability.
 - b. Specialized experience and technical competence specific to the water industry as demonstrated in similar projects.
 - c. At least one similar project completed within the last 15 years with a minimum contract value greater than \$60 million.
 - d. Record of timely completion, control of costs, and quality of work specific to construction management of projects for the water industry.
 - e. Ability to obtain a Payment Performance Bond from a surety company licensed to do business in Arkansas with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A+ for a single project of at least \$120 million.

CAW shall have the right to cancel the RFQ process without notice, accept or reject all or any part of all or any proposals, waive technicalities, formalities, and/or informalities, and to accept any submission deemed to be in the best interest of CAW. Pursuant to ACA § 25-1-503, CAW will not enter into a contract with a person or company engaged in a boycott of Israel. CAW complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. CAW does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, color, age, national origin, disability, religion, LEP, or low-income status. CAW supports equal opportunity, therefore, minority and woman's business enterprises are encouraged to participate.

All questions shall be directed to Mr. Andrew Pownall, P.E. at Andrew.Pownall@CARKW.com and copied to Mr. Tyler Hudson, P.E. with Hazen and Sawyer at thudson@hazenandsawyer.com