

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled **Wastewater System Improvements** will be received by the **Town of Franklin** at 2:00 p.m. local time **January 10, 2012** in the Aldermen's Board Room of Town Hall, 95 East Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina and then publicly opened and read aloud.

This project generally consists of improvements to the Town of Franklin's Wastewater Treatment Plant and replacement of the existing Riverview Pump Station and force main. The improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant include the following: construction of a 1.5 MG flow equalization basin with positive displacement blowers, diffuser system and electrically actuated pinch valve, construction of a 1.0 MG aerobic digester basin with positive displacement blowers and retrievable diffuser system, construction of a screening/grit removal assembly, sewage receiving station, electrical generator, control systems, and improvements to the existing blower building. This project also includes the installation of approximately 750 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch DIP low pressure force main, 400 LF of 10-inch DIP force main, and approximately 1,000 LF of various sizes of water, sewer and air yard piping with all related appurtenances. Site grading and the construction and paving of approximately 800 LF of access road is also included in this project.

The Riverview pump station replacement portion of this project generally consists of construction of a new pump station and force. The proposed pump station includes a wet-well, dry-pit, valve vault, control building, and backup pumping system. The force main construction includes approximately 2,750 LF of 18-inch DIP force main and 445 LF of 20-inch HDPE piping directional drilled under the Lake Emory. This project also includes the installation of approximately 340 LF of gravity sewer ranging in size from 12-inch to 30-inch. The abandonment of the existing pump station and force main is also included in this project.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

McGill Associates, P.A.
Associated General Contractors
F. W. Dodge (website only)

Asheville, North Carolina
Charlotte, North Carolina
Charlotte, North Carolina

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, McGill Associates, P.A., located at 55 Broad Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 upon payment of \$175.00 for each set. There will be no refund to any party for Contract Documents so obtained. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any other source.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 pm on **December 6, 2011** in the Aldermen's Board Room of Town Hall, 95 East Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina. Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting to review the plans, ask for additional information or clarifications, and visit the project site.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer prior to the bid opening may be required for this project. Equipment prequalification requirements, if any, are described in the Contract Documents.

A certified check or cashiers check payable to the Town of Franklin or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any or all bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish separate, 100 percent Performance and Payment Bonds in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A. The Performance Bond shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner.

The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after award of the contract.

Each bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of North Carolina as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87. Each bidder shall make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

Sam Greenwood
Town Manager