

## **INVITATION TO BID**

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Douglas Canal Rehabilitation Project- Headgate Replacement will be received by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) at the Fred Buck Conference Room of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1424 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Helena, Montana, 59620-1601, Attention: John Connors, P.E. until **3:00 PM** local time on **September 12, 2019**, and then publicly opened and read aloud. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.

The project consists of the replacement of the Douglas Canal Headgate, installation of a sediment curb adjacent to the Douglas Canal Diversion Dam, installation of a concrete measurement section in the canal, and the installation of a stilling well adjacent to Nevada Creek. Work generally includes removal of the existing headgate, construction of a new headgate, construction of a concrete lined section of canal, installation of a concrete sediment curb, construction of a stilling well, installation of appurtenant metal structures, regrading a section of the canal and construction of fencing. The total length of the project area is approximately 400 feet. The project is located approximately 6.2 miles southeast of Helmsville, Montana near Montana Highway 141. The project is owned by the DNRC and operated by the Nevada Creek Water Users Association (NCWUA).

Bids shall be on lump-sum and unit price basis, and the award will be based on the lowest total Base Bid Price of the lowest, responsive, responsible, and qualified BIDDER as determined by DNRC. One contract will be awarded for the Work. Bidders shall bid on all base bid items in the Bid Schedule and all alternate bid items.

Construction is anticipated to begin on or around October 7, 2019. The Project shall obtain final substantial completion by May 1, 2020.

The Montana DNRC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on-site on September 4, 2019. Those attending the conference are asked to meet at the **Nevada Creek Dam** Highway 141 pull off at **11:00 AM MST**. The Engineer will be available to accept and answer questions related to the project until close of business on September 6, 2019.

The Contract Documents consisting of Drawings and Project Manual may be viewed or obtained by either electronic documents on-line through eMACS, or a hard copy at the DNRC office located at 1424 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Helena, Montana on request.

1. Electronic Transfer - Complete electronic Project Plans, Project Specifications, and Bid Proposal Packet are available at the eMACS, website <http://vendorresources.mt.gov>, by clicking on the "State Bids & Proposals" tab. Project information can be found by typing "Department of Natural Resources and Conservation" into the Work Group Filter, then selecting the appropriate project from the list.

EMACS registration can be completed at <http://vendorportal.mt.gov>. For registration assistance please contact General Assistance at 406-444-2575 or at [emac@mt.gov](mailto:emac@mt.gov).

2. Hard Copy. A hard copy set of project documents may be obtained from the Engineer's office at 1424 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Helena, Montana.

Contractors and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be

required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. The DNRC cannot execute a contract for construction with a contractor who is not registered and may award the contract to the next responsive bidder if registration is not completed in a timely manner.

All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the state of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids not accompanied by said Bid Security will be rejected. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance as required shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive, responsible and qualified Bidder which is in the best interest of the DNRC.

The Contractor is required to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.