ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR NATURAL GAS SYSTEM EXPANSION

Pursuant to Section 143-129 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, sealed proposals for the work of the expansion of the municipal gas system of the City of Lexington, North Carolina, will be received on or before 11:00 o'clock A.M. local time on May 7, 2024, in the Office of the Purchasing Officer at Lexington City Hall, 28 W. Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

All work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications dated August 2023.

The project will consist of installing approximately 14,000 feet of 6" steel pipe and 3,600 feet of 6" polyethylene pipe as described in the Contract Documents.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on April 26, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. local time at the City of Lexington Utility Operations Center, 425 Carolina Avenue, Lexington, NC 27292.

Proposals must be submitted on standard forms provided in the Specification booklet and must be marked "Proposal for Gas System Expansion - Highway 64 East Expansion".

Proposal forms, Specifications, and Plans may be examined at the following locations:

Heath and Associates, Inc., 108 W. Warren Street, Suite 300, Shelby, NC 28150.

Copies may be obtained at Heath and Associates, Inc., 108 W. Warren Street, Suite 300 Shelby, NC 28150 upon deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each set, which deposit will be refunded upon return of the Plans and Specifications, and other Contract Documents, in good condition, within thirty (30) days after the bid opening date to each bidder who submits a formal proposal to the City. One-half (1/2) the amount of the deposit for all sets of complete documents, including Plans Specifications, and returned in qood condition within fifteen (15) days after the opening of bids will be refunded to all prospective bidders who do not submit a formal proposal.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5%) percent of the net price bid. This deposit may consist of cash or a certified check drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina or on bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance а Corporation, payable to the City of Lexington, North Carolina, or a five (5%) percent Bid Bond issued by any insurance company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina. The deposit is to be retained in the event of failure of the Successful Bidder to execute the contract within (10) days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required.

All contractors are hereby notified that they shall properly comply with any North Carolina state laws governing their respective trades.

This project is partially funded with an EDA grant. The EDA project number is 04-79-07852. Contractors must comply with the special conditions identified in Section EDA of the contract documents. The EDA special conditions require the contractor to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, the Copeland Act, and other specific Federal regulations.

All construction materials shall be manufactured in the United States. Contractors must comply and document that the materials conform to the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions detailed in the Specifications.

The City of Lexington, NC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Small businesses, minority owned businesses, women owned businesses, and businesses owned by low and moderate-income persons are encouraged to bid.

The City of Lexington, NC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Britt Smith Purchasing Officer

Andy Thomas, Gas Director City of Lexington