## Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC will receive separate sealed bids for the Automatic Meter Reading System and Water Line Replacement - TDA CDBG CDV21-0347 projects until 2:00 PM on April 19, 2024, at the McCulloch County Courthouse, 199 Courthouse Square, Brady, TX 76825. The separate bids will not be publicly opened and read aloud until 9:00 AM on April 22, 2024, at the McCulloch County Courthouse, 199 County Courthouse Square, Brady, TX 76825.

Separate bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

<u>Contract 1 – Automatic Meter Reading System</u>: The project includes replacement of approximately 135 water service meters with AMR meters and installation of a drive-by meter reading system.

<u>Contract 2 – Water Line Replacement</u>: The project includes installation of approximately 9,400 LF of 4" PVC water line, bores, and appurtenances.

McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC will award the contracts to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC. Such considerations may include multiple awards from one solicitation.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Jacob & Martin, LLC, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for Bid/Contract Documents may include hard copies for pick up, mail out, or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, LLC, located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Cost for hard copies of the Bid/Contract Documents will be \$100.00 for 11x17 Half Size Plans or \$0.00 for Digital Download. Contractors must purchase a set of Bid/Contract Documents from Jacob & Martin, LLC to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid on the project.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The projects to be constructed will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to

all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs, and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on these projects. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts and subcontracts.

<u>McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC</u> reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by <u>McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC</u> for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The lobbying certification must be submitted with the bid packet to be considered complete and responsive.

McCulloch County on Behalf of Rochelle WSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under these projects.

Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises, and Historically Underutilized Business firms are encouraged to submit bids.

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Frank Trull, County Judge