



## INVITATION FOR BID

The City of Athens, Texas, will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2022, in the Finance Department, 508 E. Tyler Street, Athens, Texas 75751. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room of the Athens City Hall, 508 E. Tyler Street, Athens, Texas for the Waterline Relocation Walnut and Birch Project.

The date and time of opening the bids shall be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope. No bids will be accepted after 2:00 p.m. on the date of bid opening. Each completed bid must be submitted in the fully bound document provided and sent to the following address:  
Attn: Finance Department, City of Athens, 508 E. Tyler St., Athens, TX 75751.

Bid documents are available in the Finance Department, 508 East Tyler Street, Athens, Texas 75751, or electronic copies of the Invitation for Bid (IFB) may be obtained from the City of Athens website: [www.athenstx.gov](http://www.athenstx.gov). For additional information contact Randy Williams at (903) 675-8035.

Bid Security, Performance and Payment Bonds shall be provided as set forth in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Athens or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Bids may be held by the City of Athens 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 bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award. The City of Athens reserves the rights to reject any and/or all submitted qualifications and to waive formalities.

A mandatory pre-bid conference shall be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at Athens Development Services Center, 501 US Highway 175 West, Athens, Texas 75751.

This contract is to be funded, and is contingent upon release of funds, through financial assistance obtained from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). Neither the State of Texas, nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees, are or will be a party to this bid or any resulting contract.

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bid is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of federal law, including federal appropriation acts.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) businesses. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts,

subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps.

Small and minority firms are encouraged to submit bids for this project.

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Department of Labor regulations at 41 CFR Part 60-4, relating to Construction Contractors--Affirmative Action Requirements, which include the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 and Executive Order No. 13672. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

All contractors and subcontractors submitting a bid shall follow the mandatory Davis-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) wage determination must be included in the bidding and contract documents. DOL wage determinations may be obtained online at <http://www.wdol.gov/>.

The City of Athens reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bonnie Hambrick  
City Secretary