## ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Town of Refugio will receive bids for the "Wastewater Treatment Plant – Clarifier Repairs, TxCDBG Contract No. 7220389" until 10:00 a.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 613 Commerce Street, Refugio, Texas 78377. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 613 Commerce Street, Refugio, Texas 78377. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at 613 Commerce Street, Refugio, Texas 78377 with an on-site visit being a portion of the proceedings. This meeting is not mandatory.

## Major items of work include the following:

The project consists of installing the clarifier drive mechanism, skirt and weirs, access bridge, electrical improvements, and all associated appurtenances in accordance with the contract documents, technical specifications, and plans.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file for review at 613 Commerce Street, Refugio, TX 78377. Copies can be obtained from the office of Ardurra Group, Inc., 801 Navigation, Suite 300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408, (361) 883-1984, and will be forwarded to prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 with the Engineer, Ardurra Group, Inc., for each set of documents obtained. If mailed, an additional separate non-refundable fee of \$20.00 will be required from all prospective bidders or suppliers to cover shipping and handling charges. Both fees represent reproduction costs and are non-refundable. We reserve the right to process checks electronically by transmitting the amount of the check, routing number, account number, and check serial number to your financial institution.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Refugio or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The project 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 Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. 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 contracts and subcontracts for construction.

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 this project. Section 3, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises, and Historically Underutilized Business firms are encouraged to submit bids.

The Town of Refugio reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by <u>Town of Refugio</u> for a period not to exceed 90 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.

Town of Refugio

Wanda Dukes, Mayor

10/28/2021