

SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. **Sealed Bids:** Sealed bids for construction of the project entitled **Vidalia LAS Settling Pond Sludge Removal** will be received until March 14 at 2:00pm at the City Manager's Office, Vidalia City Hall located at 114 Jackson Street, Vidalia, GA 30475 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.
2. **Work To Be Done:** The Work to be completed for the **Vidalia LAS Settling Pond Sludge Removal** is described briefly as follows:

The Settling Pond Cleaning project will involve the use of dredging and de-watering technologies to reduce the volume of sludge in the Settling Pond at the South Wastewater Treatment Facility and Land Application System in Vidalia, GA. The purpose of the project is restore usable pond volume for settling of solids and improve the overall treatment efficiency of the plant.

A dredge or similar machine will collect accumulated grit and sludge residuals and pump from the settling pond while the plant remains in service. The contractor shall de-water residuals from the pond on-site utilizing portable de-watering equipment. The finished sludge shall be suitable for disposal at the Toombs County Landfill. Transport of sludge from the plant to the landfill site shall be included in the Contractor's scope.
3. **Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents:** Copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained from ESG Engineering- contact Margaret Hildebrand at mhildebrand@esgengineering.com to procure Bidding Documents and to be added to the Bidder's List (required to bid on project). Digital documents will be provided at no charge and hard copies will be provided upon non-reimbursable payment of \$200. **Prospective bidders must be on the official plan holders list in order for their bid to be considered responsive.**
4. **Contractor License:** Any Contractor submitting a bid must be licensed by the State of Georgia. See Instructions to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.
5. **Bonds:** Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.
6. **Reservation of Rights:** Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

7. Permits: The contractor shall furnish and maintain all licenses and permits during the life of the Contract that apply to transportation and hauling of de-watered materials. No other permits are anticipated to be needed.
8. Easements: There are no easements required for this project.
9. Funding: Funding for this project will be provided by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). See GEFA Supplemental Conditions for requirements.

City of Vidalia
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