

**May 6, 2024**

**TO:** All Bidders under Invitation to Bid No. 24-101625  
**FROM:** Department of Purchasing and Contracting, DeKalb County, Georgia

**ADDENDUM NO. # 2**

Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 24-101625, Consent Decree – Major Gravity Sewer Line Capacity Restoration (Multiyear Contract), is hereby amended as follows:

**A.** It is **MANDATORY** that the bidder acknowledges Addendum No. 2.

**B. Modification to the bid.**

1. Deadline for Submission of Bids has been revised to extended to May 21, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. EST. The location has Not been changed.
2. **Change to Assigned Agent:**  
The assigned agent for the above-referenced project has been changed from Jabari Jackson to Willie Moon, Procurement Manager, Team CIP (404) 371-7021 or wmoon@dekalbcountyga.gov.
3. **Attachment B-1 Bidder's Unit Price Form.** Delete in its entirety. Replace with the following: **(Revised May 6, 2024) Attachment B – 1 Bidder's Unit Price Form.**
4. **Exhibit 1 - Technical Guide Specifications.** Delete in its entirety. Replace with the following: **(Revised May 6, 2024) Exhibit 1 – Technical Guide Specifications**
5. Add **Exhibit 2 - Department of Watershed Management County's Design Standards Manual**

**C.** We have received questions pertaining to this Invitation. The questions and their resulting answers appear below:

1. Question: Will the County please extend the question deadline to Tuesday, April 9th to allow adequate time for review?

Answer: The County will not extend the Q&A period.

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2. Question: Will the Owner please confirm that work for pipe diameters less than 18” are not included in this contract?

Answer: Confirmed.

3. Question: While the current bid schedule limits pipe size to 18” diameter, it does not provide any detail to the largest diameter pipe this contract could be used to evaluate (only mentioning ‘> 36” diameter’). Understanding the largest diameter pipe this contract will be utilized to evaluate is important, to confirm equipment capabilities and cost ranges (sonar, bypass pumping, etc.). Will the Owner please clarify the largest diameter pipe this contract will evaluate ?

Answer: 72” is the largest diameter pipe that may be evaluated under this contract (3 segments in DeKalb County).

4. Question: As it relates to traffic control, the current measurement & payment references ‘average link length’ when determining the quantity for when a single work zone spans one or more intersections. However, the unit bid is ‘each’. How does length relate to the ‘each’ quantity bid?

Answer: Each work assignment is issued by a Work Order that provides the Asset ID for the work to be performed. This Asset ID has an associated GIS length in the mapping tool provided. The lengths will vary depending upon the Asset. For low traffic streets, the traffic control is included in the price bid per linear foot for TISCIT and/or cleaning. For “Collector” and higher streets, the “each” would apply to each traffic control setup for the worksite (may be multiple Asset IDs). The traffic control link will be utilized to determine 1) if traffic control will be paid as a separate item, and 2) which traffic control pay item is appropriate for the setup. Should the work zone extend through two or more differing traffic designations, the work “average link length” will be applied to determine the pay item.

For example, the work zone extends from an artery to a collector street and each designated zone is included within the traffic control setup. Should the average length of the work zone for the artery exceed that of the collector street, payment would be as an artery, and vice versa.

5. Question: The current units for sewer flow control items are to be priced by the linear foot (LF). These bid items could work well when work lengths are known at the time of bid/ pricing. By the Bidder understanding the length of work and flow

control criteria (e.g., flow of 25-50%), they can price necessary discharge piping, pump sizing, and over duration based on the work’s expected duration. However, in a work order contract, the defined length of work is unknown. Asking Bidders to price bypass as \$/LF puts significant risk on the Contractor and could put the Owner at a pricing disadvantage. To better protect both the Owner and the Contractor, will the Owner adjust bypass bid items similar to the structure below? Nearby metro Atlanta municipalities use similar bid items for comparable contracts to the benefit of both Owner & Contractor:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
BP1	Setup for 3-6" Pump (Includes 1 Primary & 1 Back-up)	1	EA
BP2	Setup for 8-12" Pump (Includes 1 Primary & 1 Back-up)	1	EA
BP3	Discharge Line for 3-6" Pump	1	LF
BP4	Discharge Line for 8-12" Pump	1	LF
BP5	Operation of 3-6" Pump (Per each operating pump)	1	HR
BP6	Operation of 8-12" Pump (Per each operating pump)	1	HR
BP7	After Hours Operation, 3-6" Pump (Per each operating pump)	1	HR
BP8	After Hours Operation, 8-12" Pump (Per each operating pump)	1	HR

Answer: Understanding that bypass pumping will be utilized at a minimum (thus TISCIT), the bypass pumping will be paid as a complete unit with length calculated as the sum of the pipe sections bypassed. Bid Items will not be modified per aforementioned table.

- Question: If the Owner maintains the current bypass line items, to be priced as \$/LF, please address the following questions.

If flow of 25% or below prohibits the associated work (CCTV, cleaning, sonar, etc.) from being completed, how will the Contractor be compensated for this bypass? Please note, if the Owner directs Bidders to include this flow management in the applicable unit price for the work (e.g., \$/LF for Sonar inspection), the Owner will pay this cost whether flow control 25% or less is needed or not because it would then be a part of that item’s unit price.

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Bypass costs above 36" diameter will vary greatly as pipe sizes increase. Will the Owner please set a maximum limit for pipe diameter for bid items 01520-05, 06, & 08?

If a work zone requires sidelines (both less than 18" diameter or 18" diameter and larger situations) to be incorporated into a bypass scope, how will the Contractor be compensated? Please note, if the Owner directs Bidders to include this unknown flow management in the applicable unit price for the work (e.g., \$/LF CCTV for Pipe Inspection), the Owner will pay this cost whether the bypass of sidelines is needed or not because it would then be a part of that item's unit price.

Answer: a. If flow is less than 25%, bypass pumping should not be needed. Generally, depth of flow for CCTV combined with SONAR will be 25 % to 75%. For flows greater than 75%, flow control (plugging or damming) is required. For other activities, the means and methods are left to the Contractor. However, if bypass pumping is authorized for flows less than 25%, it will be paid on a case by case basis.

Answer: b. For information, the largest pipe size in the system is 72" diameter (3 segments). The Owner shall not set a limit based on this information.

Answer: c. If scenarios are encountered and bypass pumping is authorized for diameters not specified in the bid tab, payment will be made on a case by case basis. For diameters 18" or greater, payment will be made per unit price bid.

7. Question: When asphalt, concrete, or road base restoration is required for sewer manhole adjustment, replacement, or frame sealing bid items, how will the Contractor be compensated for these restoration items? Please note, if the Owner directs Bidders to include this unknown restoration in the applicable unit price for the work (e.g., \$/EA Sewer Manhole Height Adjustment), the Owner will pay this cost whether restoration is needed or not because it would then be a part of that item's unit price.

Answer: Please refer to Standard Detail S-007 of Exhibit No. 2 - County's Design Standards Manual (current edition). See above Modification No. 5

Manhole Height Adjustment less than 12" in paved areas will be paid per each. The restoration work will be as shown in County's Standards Manual, Standard Detail

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number S-007. See Section 01025, Measurement and Payment, Section 02.03, Paragraph I.

8. Question: The current measurement & payment section appears to detail that cleaning & verification items (Bid Items 02956-01 – 09) will only be paid in association with Sonar/TISCIT survey work (Bid Items 01510-01 – 03) but will NOT be paid for CCTV Inspection items (01510-04 & 05). Is this the Owner's intent? If so, should all cleaning activities required to complete CCTV inspection (light or heavy) be included in the price \$/LF for CCTV Inspection? Please note, if the Owner directs Bidders to include this unknown cleaning scope in the applicable unit price for the work (e.g., \$/LF CCTV for Pipe Inspection > 24" Diameter), the Owner will pay this cost whether light or heavy cleaning is needed or not because it would then be a part of that item's unit price.

Answer: For clarity, the owner has deleted the line items for CCTV inspection. Please refer to above Modification No. 3 (Revised May 6, 2024 Bidder's Unit Price Form) and Modification No. 4 (Exhibit 1 - Technical Guide Specifications).

REVISION: The following line items will be edited in the bid tab  
01510-01 – Sonar/TISCIT Survey,  $\geq 18"$  to  $\leq 24"$  Diameter Pipe – Update quantity to 163,750 LF  
01510-02 – Sonar/TISCIT Survey  $> 24"$  and  $\leq 36"$  Diameter Pipe – Update quantity to 41,500 LF  
01510-04 - CCTV for Pipe Inspection  $\geq 18"$  to  $\leq 24"$  Diameter Pipe – Remove from bid tab  
01510-05 - CCTV for Pipe Inspection  $> 24"$  Diameter Pipe – Remove from bid tab

REVISION: Remove from Technical Specifications Section 01025 Part 2.03.F. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection, Sewer, Internal Pipe Inspection  $\geq 18"$  Diameter.

9. Question: Will the Owner please limit the maximum pipe size for bid items 01510-03, 01510-05, 02956-07, 02956-08, 02956-09?

Answer: For information, the largest pipe size in the system is 72" diameter (3 segments). The Owner shall not set a limit based on this information.

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10. Question: Will the Owner please provide examples for when they would choose to utilize Sonar/TISCIT Survey line items vs. CCTV items for the same diameter pipe?

Answer: The Sonar/TISCIT Survey line items will be used for 18” or greater diameter pipe where flows will submerge the Sonar and 18” or greater diameter pipe where flows are not sufficient to submerge Sonar and only CCTV is utilized.

11. Question: Will the Owner detail situations where both Sonar/TISCIT and CCTV inspections could be used for the same pipe segment?

Answer: When there is low flow, CCTV may be used. It will be paid at the unit rate for the corresponding pipe diameter for the Sonar/TISCIT Survey line item.

12. Question: Will the Owner clarify any bid items that should include bypass pumping as a part of that item’s unit price?

Answer: There are no bid items that would be applicable.

13. Question: Is there a scenario where the Owner would not allow the Contractor to invoice for flow control line items?

Answer: Yes, the Contractor may not invoice for flow control line items 01520-01 through 01520-08 for bypass pumping done without authorization. Flow control (meaning flow through plugs, plugs, and damming) will be included in the price bid per linear foot for CCTV and/or Sonar/TISCIT. Bypass pumping will always be a separate payment.

14. Question: Does the Owner intend to award to one sole Bidder or multiple Bidders?

Answer: The County reserves the right to make one award or multiple awards.

15. Question: If awarded to multiple Bidders, how will the Owner determine how the work is split amongst multiple awardees?

Answer: If awarded to multiple Bidders, the intent is to divide the “Total Bid Quantity” by the number of awardees.

16. Question: Will the Owner confirm how pricing adjustments will be handled throughout the duration of this Contract?

Answer: Pricing is firm for the full term of the contract.

17. Question: What is the County's intended budget for this project, both annually & overall?

Answer: This information will not be provided.

18. Question: What value will determine the Contractor's Performance & Payment bond, their total bid value or contract award value? This is important for companies to evaluate their capacity.

Answer: Prior to beginning work, the successful Bidder will file with the County a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the Contract Price.

19. Question: The example contract has conflicting language related to this project's term. Section A. Contract Time mentions a substantial completion of 1,095 days (3 years) and final completion of 1,460 days (4 years). But section B. Contract Term discusses how the Contract will terminate each and every December 31st....automatically renew each January 1st....then terminate absolutely on December 31st, 2028. Will the County please provide clear definition regarding the following?

- a. Anticipated Contract execution date based on May 1, 2024, bid date.
- b. Will the contract term expire each year, renewable if agreed upon by both County & Contractor(s)?
- c. If awarded to multiple Contractors and one Contractor decides to terminate early, will the Contract be rebid at that time?
- d. If the Contract renews annually, will the County please confirm the renewal is agreed upon by both the County & Contractor?
- e. If the contract does not expire annually and is meant to run multiple years, is the term 3 years or 4 years?
- f. If the Contract term is 3 or 4 years, are Bidders expected to hold their pricing firm for that entire period?

Answer: The calendar days shall start to lapse from the date of Notice to Proceed (NTP) letter from Purchasing & Contracting. Work will begin within ten days from NTP.



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- a. Contract is anticipated to be fully executed this year
  - b. This is a multiyear contract which the initial term (agreement) is for 1,460 days. The contract automatically renews without any further action from County or Contractor unless terminated earlier in accordance with the termination provisions of the Contract
  - c. No.
  - d. Please refer to answer b.
  - e. The contract term is four years. However, all field work to be completed by Substantial Completion.
  - f. Yes.

20. Question: If the County expects Bidders to hold pricing for the full term of the contract (e.g., 3 or 4 years), but delays award (and thereby contract start) for more than a year after the bid date, the Contractor is at a disadvantage with their final year pricing. Will the County please confirm the Contractor will be entitled to pricing adjustments during the final year? Or will the contract term be cut short by one year?

Answer: No. The County does not plan to cut the contract term short

21. Question: Will the County provide the anticipated timeframe for bid package review and contract award to include contract distribution?

Answer: No. However, the County does not anticipate delays in making awards.

**D.** It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that he is aware of all addenda issued under this ITB. It is **MANDATORY** that this addendum be signed and returned. You may call, Procurement Manager, Willie Moon at 404-371-2744 before the bids are due to confirm the number of addenda issued.

**E.** All other conditions remain in full force and effect.

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Willie Moon  
Procurement Manager – Team CIP  
Department of Purchasing and Contracting



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above Addendum No. 2 is hereby acknowledged:

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(NAME OF BIDDER)

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(Signature)

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(Title)