

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

**FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF**

**EQUIPPING NEW WELL NO. 172
[PROJECT NO. D2008]**

The Rancho California Water District (“District”) will receive sealed bids for the **EQUIPPING NEW WELL NO. 172 [PROJECT NO. D2008]** Project through PlanetBids at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/39498/bo/bo-detail/111631> no later than **2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, January 10, 2024**. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids shall be valid for sixty (60) calendar days after the bid opening date.

Bids must be submitted on the District’s Bid Forms. The required bid forms (Pages P-1 through P-37 of the Contract Documents) shall be completed by the Contractor and submitted through PlanetBids. **In addition, a paper copy of the Bid Guarantee (Pages P-23 through P-25) shall be submitted to the District prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, pursuant to the directions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.** Bidders shall obtain a copy of the Contract Documents from PlanetBids. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor plan room service, the District shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge to the contractor plan room.

It is the responsibility of each prospective bidder to download and print all Bid Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Bid Documents before submitting a bid. Any addenda will be posted on PlanetBids. It is the responsibility of each prospective bidder to check PlanetBids on a daily basis through the close of bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The District does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading, or printing of the Bid Documents. Information on PlanetBids may change without notice to prospective bidders. The Contract Documents shall supersede any information posted or transmitted by PlanetBids.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier’s check, or a Bid Bond secured from a surety company satisfactory to the District. the amount of which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price, made payable to the District as bid security. The bid security shall be provided as a guarantee that within ten (10) calendar days after the District provides the successful bidder the Notice of Award, the successful Bidder will enter into a contract and provide the necessary bonds and certificates of insurance. The bid security will be declared forfeited if the successful Bidder fails to comply within said time. No interest will be paid on funds deposited with District. The bid security must be provided to the District at the District’s headquarters at 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California 92590 prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the District's Headquarters located at 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California, 92590 on the following date and time: **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 9:00 local time.** Each and every Bidder SHOULD attend the Pre-Bid Conference. Prospective bidders MAY NOT visit the Project Site without making arrangements through the Construction Contracts Department. Note: Bids will be accepted from all bidders, regardless of whether or not they attended the NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference. Bidders are encouraged to submit questions through PlanetBids. The deadline to submit questions is **4:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

Each bid shall be accompanied by the bid security referred to in the Contract Documents, the Non-Collusion Declaration, the list of proposed subcontractors, the Public Works Contractor Registration Certification, and all additional documentation required by the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the District with a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, prior to execution of the Contract. Each bond shall be in the forms set forth herein, shall be secured from a surety that meets all of the state of California bonding requirements, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120, and that is a California admitted surety insurer.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by District to ensure its performance under the Contract.

In accordance with Federal Code of Regulations, Section 200.321 (Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.), the Bidder must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps taken by the Bidder must include:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

To document the Bidder's good faith effort in taking the above affirmative steps during bidding, the **DBE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS VERIFICATION** forms (See pages P-19 through P-21) have been included within the bid forms and must be completed by the Bidder and submitted at time of bidding to be eligible for Contract Award.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, District has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Riverside County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained online at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

In addition, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages is available at the District's office of the Construction Contracts Manager and shall be made available to interested parties upon request. The successful bidder shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory upon the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractors, to comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the said specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this Project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its Bid.


Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the Business and Professions Code and shall be licensed in the following appropriate classification(s) of contractor's license(s), for the work bid upon, and must maintain the license(s) throughout the duration of the Contract: Class A.

Award of Contract: The District shall award the Contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as determined from the base bid alone by the District. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. If two or more bids are submitted with the same lowest bid amount, District may award the Contract to the bidder it chooses.

For further information, contact the Construction Contracts Manager of the District located at 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California 92590, (951) 296-6900.

Dated: November 16, 2023

RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

Director of Engineering

Dan Ruiz. P.E.

Print Name

BY: 

Construction Contracts Manager

Casey Arndt

Print Name

END OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS