

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY

Notice is hereby given that the South Tahoe Public Utility District has determined that all Center Pivot System (CPS) Suppliers and Installers (hereinafter "Contractor" or "Contractors") bidding on the Diamond Valley Ranch Irrigation Improvements Phase 1 project to be undertaken by the District must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on that project. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid fully complete the pre-qualification interest form and pre-qualification questionnaire provide all materials requested, and be approved by the District to be on the final qualified Bidders list. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements.

The project is located at the Diamond Valley Ranch in eastern Alpine County, approximately twenty-six (26) miles southeast of South Lake Tahoe, CA. The purpose of the project is to construct an irrigation system that would be used in the future to dispose of recycled water. Additionally, the project would provide an emergency containment area for recycled water and generate power using a hydroelectric facility to run the site. The proposed irrigation system would use fresh water supply at the beginning of the project which requires a series of pipelines, diversions and a freshwater pump station. Due to the size of the project it will be phased over the course of several years. Below is a description of the Phase 1 project components which will be constructed under this contract.

The main components of the Phase I irrigation system improvements include:

- **DVR Pipeline Loop** – Installation of approximately 15,400 linear feet of 18-inch 300 psi pressure rated and 150 psi pressure rated pipeline: 1) High pressure reach (300 psi) from a new connection to the C-line, within CALTRANS right of way, at the intersection of Ca-89S and Diamond Valley Road in the SW ¼ Sec 35 T11N R19E to the Ranch House / Pump Station location on District Property (APN 001-080-060) in the NE ¼, Sec 36 T11N R19E; 2) low pressure reach (150 psi) from the Ranch House / Pump Station location to tie back in to the C-line on District Property (APN 002-230-029) in the NE ¼, Sec 5 T10N R20E.
- **Center Pivot Irrigation System** - Two center pivots with approximately 41 acres of irrigation fields (Field A & B) plus one center pivot bid alternate with approximately 29 acres of irrigation field (Field C) with filtration system and controls and 1,100 GPM at 120 psi (approximately 100 hp) booster pump station.
- **Freshwater Pump Station with associated Ditch & Diversions & Pipelines** - 1) One 1,500 GPM at 80 psi (100 hp) vertical turbine pump station, including associated pre-cast concrete sump with dimensions and capacity for two (2) future vertical turbine pumps; 2) Concrete diversion structure at Millich Ditch and associated gravity pipeline to pump station site; 3) Concrete diversion structure at Millich Ditch for option to bypass flow to Harvey Channel; 4) Subsurface PVC interceptor drain and associated gravity pipeline to pump station site; and 5) Overflow gravity PVC pipeline to carry excess flow back to the former channel of Millich Ditch at the far eastern boundary of the project.
- **Hydroelectric project** – Piping and space provided inside the overall control building at the freshwater pump station location for a future turbine.

- **SCADA System-** SCADA control system center at the existing ranch house to control and monitor the irrigation system.
- **Utility Service-** 277/480 volt, three phase power supply from connection near intersection of Ca-89S and Diamond Valley Road to the pump station control building.

The expected duration of the Phase 1 project is 279 Calendar Days, with an anticipated completion date of January 25, 2013. The total costs for the Phase 1 Project are currently estimated at approximately \$5.3 million (without Bid Alternate Field C) to \$5.9 million (with Bid Alternate Field C).

The anticipated Project schedule is summarized as follows:

Date	Milestone
July 26, 2011	District issues invitation for Pre-qualification
August 23, 2011	District receives Pre-qualification Interest Forms
September 16, 2011	District receives Pre-qualification Packages
September 30, 2011	District issues recommendation of qualified bidders list for General Contractors
October 6, 2011	Last day for General Contractors to appeal District's decision with respect to pre-qualification ratings
October 13, 2011	Last day for appeals to be heard by the District
October 20, 2011	District considers adoption of qualified bidders list for General Contractors
November 22, 2011	District begins advertising for bids
November 30, 2011	District holds Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk
January 3, 2012	District opens bids

Contractors interested in bidding the project are invited to submit a Pre-Qualification Interest form by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2011**, to the South Tahoe Public Utility District offices located at **1275 Meadow Crest Drive, Customer Service Rm 123, South Lake Tahoe, California**. Pre-Qualification Packets will be received until **5:00 pm on Friday, September 16, 2011**, at the South Tahoe Public Utility District offices located at **1275 Meadow Crest Drive, Customer Service Rm 123, South Lake Tahoe, California**. Pre-Qualification Packets received after this time will not be accepted, and will be returned unopened. Each Pre-Qualification Packet must be submitted under seal and marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. The Contractor shall provide only complete and accurate information. The Contractor acknowledges that the District is relying on the truth and accuracy of the responses contained therein. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The Pre-Qualification Packets will be reviewed and assessed by Staff of the District's Engineering Department using an objective scoring system following California Department of Industrial

Relations Guidelines and in accordance with California Public Contract Code §20101. The Pre-Qualification Packet will be the basis for determining which General Contractors are qualified to bid on the Project. The District reserves the right to check other sources available. A contractor may be found not pre-qualified for either: (1) Omission of requested information; or (2) Falsification of information. The District reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the pre-qualification application submitted, to make all final determinations, and to determine at any time that the pre-qualification procedures will not be applied to a specific future public works project. The District reserves the right to adjust, increase, limit, suspend or rescind the pre-qualification rating based on subsequently learned information. Contractors whose rating changes sufficient to disqualify them will be notified, and given an opportunity for a hearing consistent with the hearing procedures described below for appealing a pre-qualification rating.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code §20101, all information contained in the pre-qualification documents and submitted financial statements are NOT public records and are NOT open to public inspection. However, the contents may be disclosed to third parties for purpose of verification, or investigation of substantial allegations, or in the appeal hearing. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status shall be public records subject to disclosure, and the first page of the questionnaire will be used for that purpose.

The District anticipates that it will notify Contractors in writing, via e-mail and/ or facsimile, of its determination no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011**; however, if the review process requires more time, the District will notify Contractors of the extension of the review period in writing. Where a timely and completed application results in a rating below that necessary to pre-qualify, Contractors will be allowed to appeal a negative pre-qualification determination in accordance with California Public Contract Code §20101(d). An appeal is begun by the Contractor delivering notice to the District of its appeal of the decision with respect to its pre-qualification rating, no later than **four (4) business days** after receiving notice of the District's decision. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application. Without a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the decision of the District, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding. If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal and requests a hearing by the Appeals Panel, the hearing shall be conducted so that it is concluded no later than five (5) business days after the District's receipt of the notice of appeal.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist the District in determining bidder responsibility prior to bid and to aid the District in selecting the lowest responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude the District from a post-bid consideration and determination of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness. The Pre-qualification Package, its completion and submission, and its use by the District, shall not give rise to any liability on the part of the District to the Contractor or any third party or person. **This is not a solicitation for bid.** No guarantees are made or implied that the project will be constructed, either in part or whole. The Contractor accepts all risk and cost associated with the completion of the Pre-qualification Package without financial guarantee. The District reserves the right to cancel this Notice or to reject any and all responses and Pre-qualification Packages, if it determines, in its sole discretion, that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the District.

Specific questions regarding the Project or the prequalification process or any requests for appeals shall be addressed to:

**South Tahoe Public Utility District
Customer Service, Rm 123
Attn: Heidi Baugh, Contracts Administrator**

**1275 Meadow Crest Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 544-6474**

The unique nature of the Project requires that the Contractor have **experience in the installation of at least ten (10) center pivot irrigation systems similar to the Project in California or Nevada within the past five (5) years.** The District has determined that pre-qualified Contractors shall possess a valid **Class A Contractor's License** at the time of Prequalification and, in accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code section 3300, at Contract award and for the duration of the Contract, if any.

To obtain additional information regarding the District's pre-qualification policy and/or request a pre-qualification packet for this project please visit the District's website at www.stpud.us, or send a fax request to **530-541-4319**.

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