INVITATION TO BID ADVERTISEMENT

BID # 150301 INVITATION FOR BIDS TxCDBG Contract No. 713025

The County of Cameron will receive **sealed bids** for a wastewater collection system for San Vicente Colonia in the East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation's service area until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Cameron County Purchasing Department at Cameron County Courthouse (Dancy Building), 1100 E. Monroe St., Suite 345 Brownsville, Texas 78520. Bids will be opened in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor, Room # 345 at 11:01 a.m. on deadline date. Bids must include one (1) original of the Bid. Bids enveloped must be titled/referenced: <u>ATT: Purchasing Dept. Sealed Bid # 150301 Project Name: Wastewater Collection System for San Vicenter Colonia – TDA TxCDBG CONTRACT NO. 713025.</u>

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS may be examined without charge at the office of Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC, 1405 N. Stuart Place Road, Harlingen, Texas 78552. Proposal forms, Specifications, Drawings and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC for the purchase price of \$50.00 for each set of documents. No refunds will be made.

A BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid issued by an acceptable Surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the County of Cameron or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF BIDDERS will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to Cameron County as required by Article 5160 V.A.T.C,.S. Successful bidder undertakes to idemnify the Owner and the Engineer from any and all liability, losses, or damages the Owner and the Engineer may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against the Owner and the Engineer arising out of the Work as set forth in the Contract whether or not such claims are a result of the strict liability, product liability, negligence or gross negligence of any person or entity, including the Owner and Engineer.

BIDDERS are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Time of completion shall be One Hundred and Eighty (180) calendar days after receipt of work order. Liquidated damages shall be \$250.00 per calendar day, for days beyond time of completion.

The project to be constructed pursuant to this contract will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as delineated by the proposal sheet. This contract is subject to all TDA applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that no less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the U.S. Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. The County of Cameron reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the County of Cameron for a period not to exceed 60 (sixty) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigation of the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. 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. Contractors are cautioned that qualified bidders are subject to rejection.

CAMERON COUNTY IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. Small and minority firms are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

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