

DOCUMENT 00021**INVITATION TO BID****Legal Notice**

1. Sealed proposals for a Water Transmission Main from Early Branch, SC to Yemassee, SC. will be received by the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS) at its office located at 513 Elm St W, Hampton, SC 29924. Bids will be received at this location until **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened.
2. The project generally consists of approximately 12,900 LF of 16-inch water main, 20 LF of 10-inch water main, and all appurtenances and incidental construction in accordance with the plans and specifications.
3. Plans and Specifications will be available on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**, for inspection at LRWS' office or may be obtained from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 682 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, Suite 100, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464, upon payment of **\$250.00** (plus shipping charges as applicable). The payment is non-refundable.
4. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in South Carolina with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five 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.
5. An award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. 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 it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to 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.
6. **A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. virtually.** All parties interested in attending the virtual pre-bid meeting should email Destiny Bendell at **Bendell.D@tandh.com**. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.
7. This project is being funded in whole or in part by the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP), which is administered by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) and funded by federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). All federal SLFRF requirements and SCIIP requirements will apply to the contract. All contractors and subcontractors are required to be registered in the Federal System for Award Management (SAM) and may not be debarred from doing business with the federal government. Respondents on this work will be required to comply with all applicable federal regulations, including those listed in Section 01750 of the Bid Documents.

END OF INVITATION TO BID