



MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

July 3, 2014

To All Bidders

Re: Bid 12-2077OV, Repair/Refurbish Sump Pumps & Electric Pump Motors/Rewind of Motors

Dear Bidders:

Pursuant to the authority provided to the County by and through Manatee County Code § 2-26 and the prohibition of unbalanced bidding as provided for in the bid documents (A.09: Unbalanced Bidding Prohibited) and the reservation of rights provided for in the bid documents (A.14: Reserved Rights), Manatee County hereby provides notice of its decision to reject all bids received in response to the referenced bid announcement. This decision is due to several reasons:

There are several issues in the bid specification and on the bid form that are problematic. For example, the bid specifications in their current design do not cap the percentage markup on parts. This is further exacerbated since the costs of parts is required to be indicated on the estimate, but is not required to be substantiated and submitted along with the invoice to evidence the actual charges. Also, within the bid specifications there were issues such as inconsistent use of terms and references throughout which took away from the clarity of the document.

The current design of the bid form revealed a considerable number of discrepancies due to a grossly inadequate bid form which makes it impossible to determine the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder(s). The estimated quantities were flawed and not based upon actual projected quantities. As well, with this type of bid form, the line items set forth all current inventory

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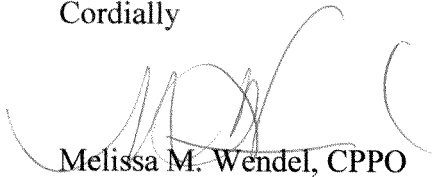
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which, in this format, there is no provision for pricing of new pumps or motors that may affect the inventory throughout the year as items are added to the current supply. Finally, the County has received bids which were submitted unbalanced.

I find that above noted reasons constitutes good cause for the decision to reject all bids, and that this action is in the best interest of the County. As required by Manatee County Code § 2-26-42, this notice will be published and posted in the same manner as notice of the initial solicitation.

The Utilities Department shall review, update and establish bid specifications and bid items that reflect the bid specifications. When an updated Invitation for Bid is re-issued, the vendors that participated in the original solicitation will be directly notified. The Purchasing Division hopes that you excuse any inconvenience this decision has caused and that you will continue to bid on this and similar future projects.

Cordially



Melissa M. Wendel, CPPO
Purchasing Official

Cc: Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
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