

SECTION A**NOTICE INVITING BIDS (PUBLISHED VERSION)****NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Kern County, California****NOTICE INVITING BIDS****FOR THE
PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF FLOWMETERS PROJECT
SPECIFICATIONS NO. NK-613**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (“District”) until **2:00 p.m. on January 15, 2020**, for the Procurement and Installation of Flowmeters Project (the “Project”), which includes, without limitation, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located in vicinity of the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 33380 Cawelo Extended, Bakersfield, CA 93308, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. If a Contract is awarded it will be awarded to the Responsible Bidder submitting the lowest Responsive Bid Proposal, provided that the Bid is reasonable and that its acceptance is in the best interest of the District. The District reserves the right, after opening Bids, to reject any or all Bids, or to award the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder and reject all other Bids after consideration is made with respect thereto.

The “Bidding Requirements” and the Work to be performed and completed are fully described in the Plans and Specifications, referred to as Specifications No. NK-613, which are available for inspection during normal business hours without charge at the offices of the District and at the offices of GEI Consultants, Inc., 5001 California Ave., Suite 120, Bakersfield, California 93309. Requests for Plans and Specifications will be honored, without charge, at the office of GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI).

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20584.5, all Bids shall be presented under sealed cover and shall provide one of the following forms of security made payable to “North Kern Water Storage District”: (1) cashier’s check or a certified check made payable to the District; or (2) a bidder’s bond executed by an admitted surety insurer made payable to the district. Upon an award to the lowest Bidder, an unsuccessful Bidder’s security shall be returned within 60 days after the Contract is awarded. **A pre-bid tour will be held by request only, with a minimum of three days’ notice prior to the requested job walk.** All Bidders must contact the District to coordinate additional site visits.

While the Work to be performed and completed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, it includes the following:

Base Contract (Procurement and Installation of Flowmeters Project): The Work consists of the procurement and installation of flowmeters at 54 District-owned production wells.

The Work generally consists of the following at each production well site:

1. Procurement and installation of magnetic flowmeter, including retrofit of existing above-ground well discharge and/or District GW connections to accommodate the installation of new water meters. Work does not include procurement of the flowmeter cable or interconnection cables.
2. Testing and Commissioning of flowmeter at startup.

Contractor shall coordinate with GEI Consultants, the District's consultant for the system startup, testing and commissioning of each site.

The Work must be completed during the period identified in all Plans and Specifications Documents for the Project, which are incorporated herein.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the Plans and Specifications for the Project. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the Bid Proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 et seq., in order to be qualified to bid on, be listed in the Bid/Proposal, or engage in the performance of the Work, a contractor and/or subcontractor shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in the manner prescribed and set forth under Labor Code Section 1725.5 et seq.

This published notice does NOT reproduce all of the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications, as well as all Contract Documents associated with the Project, are hereby referred to and incorporated into this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable Bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Section A - "Notice Inviting Bids" and Section B - "Instructions to Bidders", both of which are incorporated herein, thereof.

Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his Bid.

The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District.

Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and as provided in the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made

available to any interested party on request. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are also available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Copies of Davis-Bacon Act wages can be found at www.wdol.gov.

The Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(1).) Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B).) Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(2).)

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the Contract. The District reserves the right to solely determine the adequacy of the securities being proposed by the Bidder and the value of those securities. At the request and expense of the Contractor and pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, securities equivalent to any amount withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract shall be deposited with the District as substitute security, or, at the Contractor's request, with a state or federally chartered bank in California as the escrow agent. Escrow instructions shall conform to the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 22300.

Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: **Grace Martin** gemartin@geiconsultants.com

This project is being funded in part by State and Federal grants as follows:

- a. The Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Program, which is being administered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- b. WaterSMART: Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Grants (2016 & 2017) administered by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

The Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable State and Federal requirements.

Date: December 11, 2019

North Kern Water Storage District

By: s/s Richard Diamond

General Manager

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