



ST. CHARLES PARISH

ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE

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BID FORM

DELIVER TO:

**ST. CHARLES PARISH
PARISH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
PROCUREMENT OFFICE
3RD FLOOR, ROOM 3400
P. O. BOX 302,
15045 RIVER ROAD,
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057
(985) 783-5000**

ITEM: RADIO-BASED

**AUTOMATED METER
READING SYSTEM REGISTERS
OR APPROVED EQUAL**

BID DATE: August 13, 2020

ON-LINE - www.centralbidding.com

BID TIME: 11:00 A.M.

OPENING:

**ST. CHARLES PARISH
COURTHOUSE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2ND
FLOOR, 15045 RIVER ROAD
HAHNVILLE, LA 70057**

DEPARTMENT: WATERWORKS

PLEASE READ BID CAREFULLY!

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BIDS CONTAINING CORRECTIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

TERM OF CONTRACT- January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 with one (12) month renewal options (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022), if agreed by both parties in writing.

NAME OF FIRM _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO ALL BIDS

All bids submitted are subject to these instructions and general conditions and any special conditions and specifications contained herein, all of which are made part of this bid proposal reference. THIS BID PACKAGE MUST BE RETURNED IN ITS ENTIRETY. ALL BIDS SHALL BE PREPARED ON THE BID FORM AND RETURNED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE APPROPRIATE BID ITEM(S) MARKED ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE. BIDS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE AT www.centralbidding.com. ANY FEDERAL, STATE, AND/OR LOCAL LICENSE REQUIRED BY LAW FOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AND, LABOR AND MATERIALS COMBINED MUST BE INCLUDED. LOUISIANA CONTRACTOR'S NUMBER MUST BE "VISIBLY" MARKED ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE FOR ALL BIDS. FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES, **ALL DEALERS** SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF A VALID DEALERS LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RS 32:1254.

The purpose and intention of this invitation to bid is to afford all suppliers an equal opportunity to bid on all construction, maintenance, repair, material, operating supplies and/or equipment listed in this bid proposal. Items bid must meet or exceed specifications. All specifications are minimum allowable.

BONDS: Upon award, when applicable, all contracts with labor, and/or labor and material combined in excess of \$25,000 will require a performance bond or a cashers check in the amount equal to 50% of the bid. Performance bonds do not apply to materials, supplies and services. Bonds shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in the state and who is residing in this state.

NOT TO EXCEED LIMITS: Maintenance Projects that exceed \$30,000.00 will be reviewed by the St. Charles Parish Procurement Office and reserves the right to obtain quotes or publicly bid any project which may be most beneficial to St. Charles Parish. Maintenance Projects where Federal Funds are dispersed should not exceed \$150,000.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: ST. CHARLES PARISH reserves the right to award contracts or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or such combination, as shall in its judgment be in the best interest of St. Charles Parish. Every bid shall be awarded to the LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER meeting specifications and at the same time, best fulfilling the needs of the St. Charles Parish Personnel. The Procurement Office will be the sole judge of equality of products and comparability to specifications.

In accordance with the provision of L.A. R. S.38:2212.3, St. Charles Parish is authorized to reject the lowest bid if received from a bidder domiciled in a Communist Country, or if the materials or supplies are manufactured in a Communist Country, including but not limited to the Soviet Union, China, North Korea, and Vietnam, and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder, provided this Section shall not apply to any country having established trade relations agreements or approvals from the government of the United States. Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the state, in accordance with R.S. 38:2251.

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION and VENUE: For all claims arising out of or related to this agreement, Contractor hereby consents and yields to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles and expressly waives any (A) pleas of jurisdiction based upon Contractor's residence and (B) right of removal to federal court based upon diversity of citizenship.

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USE OF BRAND NAMES: The following specifications have been prepared by our office setting forth those items deemed necessary by our personnel. Certain brand names and "or approved equal" according to R.S. 38:2212 are listed to indicate the minimum quality acceptable to the St. Charles Parish Personnel. **They are not intended to be restrictive or discriminatory in any manner whatsoever. They are used to denote the quality standard of product desired and that they do not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make, manufacturer or specification named. Instead they are to be used only to set forth and convey the general style, type character and quality of the product.** Any deviation from these specifications must be noted on the deviation sheet if applicable. If any item of equal quality is substituted, a Technical Specification of the item must be provided with the bid. Include brochures or other literature describing all required quality features. The brand name and stock number of certain bid items must be listed on the bid form as indicated or attached to bid form. Anticipated delivery time must also be stated for each item.

ORDERS: Order placement and order quantity will be determined by the St. Charles Parish Procurement Office on a "when and as needed" basis, when applicable or otherwise stated in specifications. Failure to insert delivery days, when called for on the quotation form, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT: The St. Charles Parish Procurement Office must be informed of any inability to supply an order within that stated period. The Procurement Office reserves the right to cancel and place with another vendor, any order that cannot be supplied as per the time specified. Repeated inability to fill orders may result in cancellation of the order and/or disqualification of the bidder. The Procurement Office reserves the right to seek additional bids for special projects beyond their normal operations. After thirty (30) days from delivery of written notice to either St. Charles Parish or the Contractor without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, may elect to abandon and terminate the agreement.

Any bids submitted which contains additions, alternate bid, or irregularities which may make the proposal ambiguous as to its meaning shall be rejected.

PRICES: St. Charles Parish is tax exempt. All prices for procurements by St. Charles Parish of supplies and materials shall be quoted in the unit measure specified and unless otherwise specified, shall be exclusive of state and parish taxes. All quotations shall be based on F.O.B. Destination Freight Prepaid, St. Charles Parish warehouse or job site, anywhere within the parish as designated by the Procurement Office.

When called for, prices are to include the furnishing of all material, equipment, tools, delivery and all other facilities, and the performance of all labor services necessary or proper for the completion of the work except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the detailed specifications. Quantities listed are for bidding purposes only. Actual requirements may be more or less than quantities listed.

CONTRACTING WITH MINORITY, WOMEN AND DISADVANTAGED FIRMS: St. Charles Parish encourages the participation of small businesses and businesses owned by Women and Minorities in the Parish's Procurement Activity.

In attempt to reach out to these firms we are sending our advertisements for bid to OMWBEwebadmin@OMWBHEW.gov>

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following are standard insurance requirements for St. Charles Parish projects. Please be advised that additional requirements and/or limits may be required for services identifies as having additional risks or exposures. St. Charles Parish reserves the right to modify, alter, add, remove, or change any portion of the insurance requirement prior to execution of a contract or issuance of a purchase order.

The successful company shall maintain full force and effect during the life of this agreement all insurance necessary to protect itself and Parish against claims for property damage or bodily injuries or death of person or persons, whether or not employed by bidder, which may arise from any cause in connection with the services to be performed herein. The following is a list of minimum insurance requirements which must be met:

1. Minimum Limits of Coverage are as follows: **Parish has the right to examine policies to assure coverages.**

- **Commercial General Liability**- \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage;
- Parish shall be added as additional insured on general liability;
- **Comprehensive Automobile Liability** – Bodily Injury Liability \$1,000,000 each person: \$1,000,000 each occurrence. Property Damage Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence. Must have coverage for loading & unloading. Auto Liability should include owned, hired and leased autos.
- **Worker's Compensation Insurance** – As required by Louisiana State Statute, exception; Employer's Liability, Section B shall be \$1,000,000 per occurrence when work is to be over water and involves maritime exposure to cover all employees not covered under the State Worker's Compensation Act, otherwise this limit shall be no less than \$500,000 per occurrence.
- The vendor would be required to have the appropriate Maritime/Jones Act insurance for projects in/on/over the waterway.
- Insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of subrogation in favor of St. Charles Parish. The certificate of insurance shall reference the waiver of subrogation endorsement;
- The Worker's Compensation Policy Territory Coverage Must include Louisiana
- **Deductibles** – No insurance required shall include a deductible greater than \$50,000. The cost of the deductible is borne by the contractor. Company may be asked to disclose Deductible /SIR amounts.
- **Umbrella Liability/Excess Coverage** – An umbrella policy or excess may be used to meet minimum requirements provided it has the appropriate "drop down" coverage required. If the company subcontracts any portion of this order, it is required that he carry insurance in amounts stated above. Subcontractors shall submit a certificate of insurance certifying the above insurance coverage. The successful company also assumes full responsibility for all Federal and State Contributions for Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Disability Benefits Insurance, Federal Insurance Contributions Act Payments and Federal Withholding Tax of his employees.

- **BUILDER'S RISK** – *For construction and repair projects*

The contractor shall maintain Builder's Risk Insurance Policy that covers the specific risks involved in the scope of work (subject to review and approval by the parish.)

2. Bidder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless St. Charles Parish, its officers and employees
From any liability resulting indirectly or directly from the performance of the contract;
3. Certificate Holder shall read: St. Charles Parish; P.O. Box 302, Hahnville, LA
4. Vendors delivering flammable and/or toxic substances will require endorsement for Pollution Liability Coverage and meet all Federal, State, and Local laws applicable.
5. Insurance company must be authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana and have an AM best rating of at least AA-class/category VII;
6. Parish may request copies of the policy and/or sections of the policy for review;
7. It shall be the responsibility of Contractor to require that these insurance requirements are met by all contractors and sub-contractors performing work for and on behalf of contractor. Contractor shall further ensure the Parish is names as additional insured on all insurance policies provided by said contractor and/or sub-contractor through the duration of the project.
8. St. Charles Parish requires a 10-day notice of cancellation of policy.

I hereby certify that the bid price(s) listed above and/or attached have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final.

NAME OF FIRM AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE DATE

PHYSICAL ADDRESS TYPE OR PRINT NAME

P.O. BOX E-MAIL ADDRESS (of Authorized Signature)

CITY, STATE, ZIP TITLE

PHONE FAX

DUNS NUMBER: _____

ST. CHARLES HERALD GUIDE

BID PUBLISHED:

July 23, 2020

July 30, 2020

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Following are the equipment specifications for bidders choosing to respond to this bid request for the Purchase of a Radio-Based Automated Meter Reading System Registers for the St. Charles Parish Department of Waterworks. A Manufacturer's brochure and samples of equipment warranties must accompany each bid to verify that bid specifications are met.

The use of a certain brand, make or manufacturer in the specifications is to denote the quality standard of the equipment desired, but does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named. It is to set forth and convey to prospective bidders the general style, type, character and quality of the equipment desired, and equivalent products will be considered.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIVE-EIGHTHS (5/8) INCH AND ONE (1) INCH COLD WATER METERS
– MULTI-JET REGISTERS****1. METER REGISTERS**

Meter Interface Units (MIUs) must be integrated and permanently sealed within the meter register using a stainless steel register base, wrap around gasket and tempered glass lens. The unit must be battery operated using two 3.6volt Lithium Thionyl Chloride batteries for long operational life greater than 10 years. The MIU must transmit the meter reading and other information via a 450-470 MHz FCC Part 90 licensed frequency to a Mobile Data Collector Unit. The MIU must be capable of being configured to transmit priority alarms for leak, reverse flow events, low battery, and magnetic tamper. The MIU must be capable of two-way communication for field programming of a user selected ID number or for resetting specific alarm codes. Unit must be able to be programmed remotely and programming must be accomplished without removing the MIU from a pit, basement, or wall application. The MIU must be capable of operating at temperatures of (-4°F to +149°F) and operating humidity of 0 to 95% condensing. The MIU must incorporate a dual band antenna capable of providing consistent and reliable connections while the pit environment is flooded or dry. Range will not be affected substantially when the pit is partially flooded. Must have an integrated unit option where the power source, RF circuitry, meter register, and antenna are fully enclosed in a single IP-68 rated ruggedized enclosure. The MIU must have an integrated unit option where the power source, RF circuitry, and meter register are connected to an external antenna in an IP-68 rated ruggedized solution. The MIU must be compatible with use on multiple brands of water meters. These units must have programmable gear ratios and available with LCD displays. LCDs must permanently display consumption status and alarms: Totalization, Rate of flow, Unit of Measure, Billable Units, Low Battery Alarm, Direction of flow. Each unit must be supplied with an appropriate register housing and adapter to retrofit the current make and model of 5/8" through 2" meters of the following meter manufacturers: Master Meter, Sensus SRII, AMCO/Elster C700, Hersey 400 / 500 Series, Neptune T-10, and Badger Record all.

2. WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS

Register Warranty. All registers supplied in connection with this proposal shall be guaranteed to the free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 10 years from the date of purchase. Additionally, a 10-year pro-rated warranty shall also be provided increasing the total warranty period to 20 years.

3. ACCEPTABLE REGISTERS

In the interest of standardization, the following Register lines are acceptable for use by St. Charles Parish provided they fully comply with the above specifications and meet all requirements in the bid package:

- A. Master Meter
- B. Approved Equal

All Registers not listed above shall pre-qualify. If any person contemplating submitting a bid desires approval of substitute materials or equipment, or is in doubt as to the meaning of any part of the specifications or other contract documents, he may submit to the Purchasing Agent a written request for prior approval or any interpretation no later than seven (7) days prior to the date for the receipt of bids. The person submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any interpretation of the proposed documents or approval of substitute materials or equipment will be made only by addendum duly issued and a copy mailed or delivered to each Bidder receiving a set of the specifications. The OWNER will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the specifications or proposed documents.

Technical support personnel shall be based within one hour's travel time.

ALL REGISTERS MUST HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO BE READ BY THE PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED RADIO-BASED AUTOMATED READING SYSTEM, MASTER METER HARMONY MOBILE.

4. BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITY TO THIS SPECIFICATION

It is the responsibility of each bidder to carefully examine these specifications and the bid documents and become familiar with the requirements set forth here in. In addition, it is the responsibility of each bidder to submit all necessary information concerning their product to St. Charles Parish. Failure to do so could result in your bid being declared as non-responsive.

The following items will be on a yearly requirements contract. Registers will be purchase on an as needed basis.

	Size	<u>Price</u>	<u>Price with Warranty Trade in</u>
1.	5/8" x 3/4" Registers	a.) _____	b.) _____
2.	1" Registers	a.) _____	b.) _____

Make &/or Model _____

FOB DESTINATION FREIGHT PRE-PAID

ST. CHARLES PARISH WATERWORKS
301 THIRD STREET
LULING, LA 70070

DELIVERY TIME- 0 -10 DAYS ARO

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PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT

St. Charles Parish, represented herein by Matthew Jewell, Parish President, and the successful vendor noted below, does hereby enter into this Procurement Agreement for the expressed purpose of providing the following in order to serve the public.

Description of Procurement: YEARLY REQUIREMENT CONTRACT - BID NUMBER 21-164B

RADIO-BASED AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM REGISTERS

Now Therefore, St. Charles Parish does, hereby, enter into this Procurement Agreement with the undersigned below.

ST. CHARLES PARISH

By: _____
Matthew Jewell, Parish President Date

COMPANY NAME

Authorized Signature of Company Date

Please return this document back signed and attached to this bid form.

NAME OF FIRM _____