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CALL FOR MATERIALS BID
PINE STREET SUBSTATION BATTERY UPGRADE
PEND OREILLE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Introduction

Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (the District), is requesting bids from prospective distributors for the materials to complete a substation battery upgrade. The existing Ni-CAD batteries at the Pine Street Substation are aging and need to be replaced. The Pine Street Substation has recently been expanded to allow for a second battery bank. With the aging batteries and the new expansion there will need to be two battery banks provided connected in parallel along with a charger for them.

Scope of Work

The District will be performing the work to complete the substation battery upgrade which involves replacing the existing 125V DC batteries with a 100AH rating as well as adding a second set with the same 125V DC 100AH rating along with a charger for them. The materials required to complete this upgrade are two new sets of batteries along with a rack that will fit the existing footprint of 62 inches wide and 28 inches deep. The rack and batteries will also need to be at a maximum height of 65 inches at the top of uppermost battery in the rack.

Material proposals should be for NI-Cad or other non-lead acid batteries due to lack of proper ventilation and detection for lead acid batteries. The charger will need to be DNP3 or SNMP, with DNP3 being the preferred option.

Elements of the Call for Bid Proposal

- Bids should include the following materials: batteries, rack, chargers, and all appurtenances to create a working battery back-up system.
- Bid must include a bid bond in the amount of the bid.
- **Bid submittals MUST be submitted using ProcureWare** (the Districts online contracting portal): <https://popud.procureware.com>.
- Questions related to this Call for Bid can be submitted through ProcureWare. Responses to all questions will be made available to all bidders via ProcureWare.

Timeline

- The District hopes to finish this project no later than **April 30, 2020**, but realizes the batteries are a long-lead item and is open to negotiating the timing.
- Bid submittals must be received by **November 8, 2019** at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.
- Bid questions must be received by **November 1, 2019** at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Evaluation of the Call for Bid

The District will evaluate each submitted bid for completeness. Bid submittals that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered. The District reserves the right to reject all submittals, and modify or withdraw the Call for Bid. The District will award the contract to the qualified bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the District based upon the factors identified below. The District will engage the respondent with the highest scoring response to discuss a service agreement. Should the District fail to secure an agreement with the selected entity, the District may elect to pursue an agreement with the next highest scoring entity.

The proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

- Qualifications of the vendor
- Price
- Delivery timeline

The District reserves the right to cancel this Call for Bid at any time, or issue amendments or corrections. The District reserves the right to award this contract, or to not award this contract.

Women's, minority, and small business enterprises are encouraged to apply. The District is an equal opportunity employer.