

**SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of the LAS Holding Pond Sludge Removal will be received until July 21, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at Lowndes County Administration Building, 327 N. Ashley Street, Valdosta, GA 31601, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically may be provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State law.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The Work To Be Done shall consist of furnishing all products and performing all labor necessary to dredge/degrade the LAS holding pond for complete sludge removal. Work shall also include the proper restoration of pond volume by methods that include disposal, dewatering of sludge removed, grit removal, sludge degradation of solids, and all other appurtenances necessary to complete the project in accordance with the specifications and construction drawings.

Time allotted for completion of work is **90 consecutive calendar days**. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital specifications and contract documents are available at www.cartersloope.com/outforbid. Bidders may view the digital plan documents for free by creating a Quest account and entering the Quest project number **10248346** on the website's project search page. Bidders can download the digital documents for a fee of **\$150.00** for PDF file payable through the website. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. All other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., 24 1st Ave. NE, Moultrie, GA 31768, Phone: 229-668-0663.

1.4 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with O.C.G.A 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a "Utility Contractor" and must also employ a "Utility Manager" certification holder who will have oversight of all utility work. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.5 BONDS

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 Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) 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.

1.6 PERMITS

The status of Federal, State, and /or Local permits for this project are as follows:

<u>PERMITS/AGENCIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
A. Land Disturbance Permit	Not Required
B. NPDES GAR 100002 (Stormwater)	Not Required
C. GA Environmental Protection Division	Not Required
D. Georgia Department of Transportation	Not Required
E. USACE Wetlands Permit	Not Required

1.7 EASEMENTS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY

All easements and rights-of-way for permanent installations have been obtained or will be obtained by the Owner prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.

1.8 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the **Lowndes County Board of Commissioners** must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.9 FUNDING SOURCES

This project is funded in part or whole by American Rescue Plan Act Funds through the Governor's Office of Planning & Budget (OPB) State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) grant program. All Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities and will apply the timetables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4, as applicable to the area of requirements, including those outlined in Appendix II of 2 CFR 200, as well as existing State public works construction requirements. Applicable Federal requirements are included in the contract documents.

1.10 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

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 that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that 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.

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OWNER

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