

**OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY
OAK LAKE ESTATES WASTEWATER & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(SEC PROJ. NO. 19-04.D)
PRE-BID CONFERENCE NOTES
JANUARY 6, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

INTRODUCTIONS:

Those present representing OWNER included John Hayford and Jamie Mullis from OUA, Jeff Sumner of Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Omar Khan of Eckler Engineering, and Stefan Mathis of Culpepper and Terpening.

Bid opens January 20, 2021, 3:00PM. Written notes from this meeting will be supplied, and any Addenda **provided in the coming days.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Two separate projects (Wastewater and Stormwater Drainage) being competed simultaneously. Stefan Mathis, PE of Culpepper and Terpening, Inc., will coordinate the Stormwater Drainage project and Jeff Sumner, PE of Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. along with Omar Khan, PE of Eckler Engineering, Inc., will coordinate the Wastewater project.

Per Mr. Mathis: The goal is to provide drainage relief for residents of Oak Lake Estates via the ditch on the west side of 28th. This will involve swale grading and culvert installation/restoration. DOT standards and specifications will be required, full-time inspection on 24th and 28th. Traffic is expected to be directed and brought to one lane during daytime hours and open and safe at night. All complaints will trickle to the contractor.

Per Mr. Sumner: The Wastewater project involves more than restoration. The Oak Lake Estates project is being brought to the Okeechobee County timeline. Eckler is the design engineer on the vacuum portion of the project, which will involve dry line installation and pits. From main to pit to right of way – cap off – install services from valve pits to individual houses at later date (not included in this project). No major changes to existing drawings are expected, but Addendum forthcoming with minor clarifications to details. Asphalt restoration – road or driveways will be driven by County and DOT specifications. An overall overlay of the road is possible in the future, but is not part of this project.

MINIMUM BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

Vacuum Sewer Experience (as described in Instructions to Bidders 3.2.1) This is required due to the specialized nature of the work. If the minimum experience requirement can not be met, the alternative would be to involve Air Vac or FloVac staff during construction who can provide guidance (see Instructions to Bidders 3.2.2).

Minimum Percentage Work to be Completed by Bidding Contractor / Prohibition of “Job Brokering” (SECTION 00300-H) 50% *minimum* of the work done, based on the value of the work, must be completed by the bidding contractor

CHANGE IN METHOD of BID PRICING

An addendum will be provided – Initially the bid was requested as a lump sum, but instead is being shifted to Unit Based pricing. Bids will be evaluated on the overall total.

DISCUSSION / Q&A

Per John Hayford: Road repairs will meet Okeechobee County standards. Regardless of County's potential intent to overlay the road at a future date, restoration required as part of this project, as per the construction documents, will meet County minimum specifications.

Payment requests should be submitted to OUA on a monthly or every-other month basis.

Is the project required to be Davis-Bacon or CDBG compliant? **No**, per Hayford

Will the engineer's estimate be provided? Approximately \$1.2 million for both combined, per Sumner

ARGA acronym? Should have been AREA per Khan

Question regarding configuration of storm Basin 5? Per Mathis - Basin 5 was used twice as the name for a drainage basin. This does not affect the project.

Days for Construction: 150 calendar days from Notice to Proceed for substantial completion, 180 calendar days from NTP for final construction per Hayford, as stated in the Contract Documents. Project completion prior to storm season is the intent per Mathis.

Direct any further questions to Jeff Sumner. Last day for questions is 5 days out from bids due (January 15), as stated in the Contract Documents / Instruction to Bidders..

Pre-bid attendees – provide/scan sign in sheet? Yes – attached.