

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CONWAY CORPORATION

Roger Q Mills Jr. Water Treatment Plant
5108 Highway 319
Conway, AR 72033

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of CONWAY CORPORATION—ROGER Q MILLS JR. WATER TREATMENT PLANT 8 MGD EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENTS will be received at the Conway Corporation's Engineering Office, 800 S. Harkrider Street, Conway, AR, 72032, until **10:00 AM on June 11, 2024**. The bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office, Crist Engineers, Inc. (1 Executive Center Court, Little Rock AR 72211) on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office at www.cristengineers.com, during the hours indicated, upon payment of \$25 for each set. Paper copies may be requested from the Issuing Office at the cost of reproduction plus the Issuing Office's cost(s).

Addendums to the bid package will be issued electronically from the Issuing Office.

A non-mandatory **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at **10:00 AM on May 23, 2024**, at Roger Q Mills Jr. Water Treatment Plant 5108 Highway 319, Conway, AR 72033. Each bidder shall be limited to three (3) personnel per organization. Interested entities can attend the Pre-Bid Conference virtually by emailing Craig Johnson at cjohnson@cristengineers.com. The Engineer and the Owner will be present to answer questions. Prospective Bidders unable to attend the non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference can schedule an appointment with Mark Ferguson at mark.ferguson@conwaycorp.com. All questions shall be directed to the Engineer.

Conway Corporation intends to make improvements and modifications to the Roger Q Mills Jr. Water Treatment Plant to expand the maximum treatment capacity of 24 million gallons per day (MGD) to 32 MGD. These improvements include adding a Raw Water Blending Structure, a Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) Contactor Basin, a New Plant Rapid Mix/ Flocculation/ Sedimentation Basin, Filters, New PAC and Lime storage and feed building, a New Plant

Backwash Storage Tank. Additionally, there will be modifications and rehabilitation to Existing Filters, Chemical Feed and Storage, and the High Service Pumping Station. Bidders must satisfy themselves with the accuracy of the work outlined in the the Bid schedule by examining the site and reviewing the drawings and specifications, including the Addenda. After Bids have been submitted, the Bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the scope of Work or the nature of the Work to be done.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids will be subject to the requirements of the Arkansas Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Programs as described in the contract documents.

Bidders shall guarantee that qualified applicants for employment on this work will receive consideration for employment without regard to religion, race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political opinions or affiliation or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order 11246, as amended. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Each Bidder must comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Business Enterprise (DBE/MBE/WBE) requirements, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-76) including the "American Iron and Steel (AIS)" requirement, Labor Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the "Prohibition on certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment provisions" during the performance of this contract. The Bidder commits itself to the requirements for the participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed Bid. Each requirement listed above for the RLF programs are in the Supplemental Conditions in the Contract Documents.

Davis-Bacon Act wage rules shall apply. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. The Department of Labor provides

all pertinent information related to compliance with labor standards, including prevailing wage rates and instructions for reporting. For more information, please refer to www.sam.gov.

Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the Owner, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable State of Arkansas approved surety company, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance and payment bonds within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of Contract to him. Such bid guarantee shall be made payable to CONWAY CORPORATION.

The successful Bidder must furnish a performance and payment bond upon the form provided in the amount of one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Arkansas to act as surety, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

Attorneys-in-Fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each Bond a certified and effective dated copy of the Power of Attorney. Attorneys-in-Fact that sign the Bonds must be licensed to conduct business in the State of Arkansas.

Bids must remain in effect for 60 days after the bid opening date. Within 60 days from the bid date, the Owner may award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder or reject any or all bids for the project.

Successful Bidder must comply with the requirements of Arkansas Code Ann. 17-25-401-409 (1995) in accordance with the procedures established by the Contractors Licensing Board (see applicable section of Supplemental General Conditions for the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)).

The attention of prospective Bidders is directed to Act 150 of the 1965 Acts of Arkansas, being an "Act Regulating the Practice of Contracting in the State of Arkansas." When the project presented for Bid is financed in whole or in part with State funds and is estimated to cost \$50,000.00 or more, the prospective Bidder must show evidence of license with the "Contractor's Licensing Board" for the State of Arkansas before a proposal form will be furnished.

CONWAY CORPORATION reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive

formalities, informalities, or irregularities in the bids and bidding deemed to be in the best interests of the CONWAY CORPORATION, and to reject nonconforming, nonresponsive, or conditional bids.

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Owner: CONWAY CORPORATION

By: Mark Ferguson, PE

Title: Water Systems Senior Engineer

Ad Dates: May 5, 2024

May 19, 2024

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