

INVITATION TO BID

Date: November 23, 2020, December 10, 2020, and December 31, 2020

**PROJECT: Fort Thomas Treatment Plant Basin Improvements – Phase 2
(Phase 2 of WX21117210)
City of Fort Thomas, Campbell County, Kentucky**

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT:

Northern Kentucky Water District (Owner)
2835 Crescent Springs Road
P.O. Box 18640
Erlanger, Kentucky 41018

UNTIL: Date: January 13, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM (Local Time)

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Entities on the registered list of plan holders will be sent a link to attend a virtual bid opening. The public may request an invitation to the virtual bid opening by contacting Todd Solomon, P.E., GRW Engineers (tsolomon@grwinc.com) or Joan Drozd, Administrative Assistant, GRW Engineers (jdrozdz@grwinc.com).

The proposed Work is generally described as follows: demolish existing mixer in Rapid Mix No. 2 and install new mixer; demolish existing horizontal flocculators and associated concrete columns and redwood baffles in Basins 1 & 4 and install new vertical hyperbolic flocculators, concrete columns, and fiberglass baffles; install new bridges/walkways in Basins 1 & 4 to support new flocculators and to provide access to new flocculators; demolish existing clarifier mechanisms and drives in Basins 1 & 4 and install new clarifier mechanisms and drives; remove, refurbish, and re-install existing clarifier bridges/walkways in Basins 1 & 4; demolish existing tube settlers in Basins 1,2 3 and 4 and install new inclined plate settlers; demolish existing 8-inch sludge valves and electric actuators in Basins 1 & 4 and install new 8-inch sludge valves and electric actuators; complete concrete repairs in Basins 1 & 4; demolish and replace existing sodium hypochlorite metering pump discharge piping; remove and replace damaged floor coating under sodium hypochlorite metering pump discharge pipe rack; and complete associated electrical, mechanical, and structural work, together with all related work as specified and shown on the Drawings. The Bidder awarded the contract shall complete this project within 730 calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at \$500 per calendar day.

All Bids must be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and Bidding Documents on file. Copies of the Bidding Documents must be obtained from GRW Engineers Inc. through their digital Plan Room at <https://www.grwplanroom.com>. Access to digital copies the Bidding Documents will be provided at no cost.

This project is funded with funds provided by the Kentucky Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) with federal funds provided by the Environmental Protection Agency. SRF requirements (including American Iron and Steel and Davis Bacon) and

provisions must be met by the Bidder and all subcontractors. SRF requires federal prevailing wage rates to be paid to all employees of the Bidder and all employees of any subcontractor.

This project is in compliance with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 (Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended. All Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

All Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

All Bidders, Contractors and Subcontractors 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 the project.

All Bidders must comply with OSHA (P.L. 91-596) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (P.L. 91-54).

The Successful Bidder and all Subcontractors will be required to conform to the labor standards set forth in the Contract Documents. This procurement is subject to Kentucky Division of Water Procurement Guidance including the Davis-Bacon Act.

Bidders must make positive efforts to use small, minority, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses.

A non-mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting will be held for plan holders and prospective Bidders on December 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (local time) via Microsoft Teams. To obtain an invitation to this virtual pre-bid meeting, please email a request to Todd Solomon, P.E., GRW Engineers (tsolomon@grwinc.com) and Joan Drozd, Administrative Assistant, GRW Engineers (jdrozd@grwinc.com). There will be no site visit as part of this pre-bid meeting. Site visits are permitted by appointment only. Site visit requests must be made 72 hours in advance (minimum). Owner will provide each bidder access to the site to conduct such investigation and tests as each Bidder deems necessary for submission of a Bid. Bidders shall provide and utilize faces masks and gloves while on site. Arrangement for site visits shall be made by calling Kyle Ryan, P.E., with the Northern Kentucky Water District at (859) 426-2713.

Bids will be received on a lump sum basis as described in the Contract Documents.

Bid security, in the form of a certified check or a Bid Bond (insuring/bonding company shall be rated "A" by AM Best) in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the maximum total bid price, must accompany each Bid.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Payment Bond and a Construction Performance Bond (insuring/bonding company shall be rated "A" by AM Best) as security for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

Evaluation of Bids and the awarding of a final contract are subject to the reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders pursuant to KRS 45A490 to 45A.494 and (KAR 200 5:400).

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the right to reject any or all nonconforming, non-responsive, incomplete, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, to waive informalities, and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of Owner to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to negotiate with the apparent successful Bidder to such an extent as may be determined by Owner.

Small, Minority, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to bid.

Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the day of bid opening or for such longer period of time to which a Bidder may agree in writing upon request of the Owner. If a Contract is to be awarded, the Owner will give the successful Bidder a Notice of Award during the period of time during which the successful Bidder's bid remains subject to acceptance.

Award of the Contract will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder in accordance with Article 19, Award of Contract, specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Northern Kentucky Water District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Amy Kramer, Vice President of Engineering, Production & Distribution
Northern Kentucky Water District