

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

State Route 20 Water and Sewer Improvements Phase II and III for City of Cumming, GA (d/b/a Cumming Utilities Department)

General Notice

The City of Cumming, Georgia, d/b/a City of Cumming, GA (d/b/a Cumming Utilities Department) (Owner) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals (Bids) for the construction of the following Project:

State Route 20 Water and Sewer Improvements Phase II and III Cumming Utilities Project No. 694 Garver Project No. 2302128

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the City of Cumming, Utilities Department at **City Hall, 100 Main Street, Cumming, GA 30040**, until **September 5, 2024 at 10:00 am** local time. At **10:05 am**, the Bids received will be announced in the ground floor conference room. Submit Bids to the Utilities Department Receptionist located on the ground floor. Any bid received after 10:00 am will be returned unopened.

For additional information visit the City's procurement web page located at:

<https://cummingutilities.com/about/requests-for-proposals-rfps-and-bids/>

The Project generally includes relocation of existing water lines, gravity sanitary sewer lines and sanitary sewer force mains within active Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) road improvements projects P.I. 0002862, (Phase III) and P.I. 0003682, (Phase II) construction zone along State Route 20 (SR 20), also known as Canton Highway. The selected Contractor will need to coordinate and schedule work activities with the GDOT road contractor, C.W. Matthews, Inc, as well as the other utility contractors in the construction zone. More specifically, the Work includes, but is not limited to, construction of the following:

1. Water Mains
 - a. Installing two 16-inch potable water transmission mains, one on the north side and one on the south side, of SR 20.
 - b. Installing 8-inch, 12-inch and 16-inch water distribution lines along the affected side roads of SR 20.
 - c. Installing a 36-inch water line on the west side of Sawnee Dr (SR 306).
 - d. Installing via trenchless method, 16-inch water line crossings under SR 20 in 24-inch steel casing to connect the 16-inch water transmission mains.
 - e. Abandoning the existing 8-inch cast iron water main along SR 20 and abandoning all affected side road water connections.
 - f. Relocate existing water service connections and meters outside of the required right-of-way (R/W) to clear roadway construction.
 - g. Along SR 20 and included side roads, relocate residential (5/8 X 3/4-inch) and commercial (2-inch dia. and under) water service connections and meters outside the required R/W to clear roadway construction.
 - h. Relocate/replace large diameter commercial (6 and 8-inch dia.) combination fire line and domestic water meter vaults, valves, and appurtenances outside the required R/W to clear roadway construction.
 - i. Reclaim selected usable fire hydrants from existing water main and reinstall on the new 16-inch water main.
2. Gravity Sanitary Sewer
 - a. Installing 15-inch gravity sanitary sewer and manholes on the north side of SR 20 to the required R/W to clear roadway construction.
 - b. Abandoning the existing gravity sanitary sewer and manholes.

- c. Installing via trenchless method, 8-inch pipe crossings under SR 20 in steel casing to connect to the gravity sewer system.
3. Sanitary Sewer Pressure Force Main
 - a. Installing 8-inch and 10-inch sanitary sewer force main on the south side of SR 20 to the required R/W or utility easement to clear roadway construction.
 - b. Abandoning the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer force main.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Digital copies of the bid documents are available at www.GarverUSA.com for a fee of \$22. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Planroom" link, and by entering Quest Project Number **9247813** on the "Browse Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com. Documents can be examined at Cumming Utilities, City Hall, 100 Main Street, Cumming, GA 30040. Addendums to the bid package will be issued through the Garver online Plan Holders List; therefore, all prime bidders shall be responsible for downloading the bid documents from the Garver online plan room in order to be included in the Plan Holders List. Bidders must enter the addenda numbers in Article 3.01 of the Bid Form to verify receipt.

Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Questions must be submitted 96-hours prior to the date for opening of Bids and shall be directed to Josh Evans (jlevans@garverusa.com). See Specification 00 21 00, Article 7 for more information.

Pre-bid Conference

A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 10:00 am at Cumming Utilities, City Hall, Ground Floor Conference Room, 100 Main Street, Cumming, GA 30040**. The City will lock the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. and begin the meeting. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Permits and Easements

All State and Local Permits for the Work have been applied for with status as follows:

1. The Georgia DOT Right-Of-Way Encroachment Permit has been granted.

Regarding easements across private property, easements acquisition is in process with the status as follows:

1. Approximately twenty known easement parcels to be obtained across private property. The City projects acquisition within 120 days.

Instructions to Bidders

To be accepted, a bid must be accompanied by a bid security instrument payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total base bid, in the form of either (a) a cashier's check or certified check or (b) an acceptable bidder's bond with a surety authorized to operate in the state of the project.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required on the forms 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 the project state to act as surety, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

The Qualifications Statement in the Bidding Documents must be completed and submitted with the bid package.

Bids are subject to the requirements of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority's Supplemental General Conditions for Federally Assisted State Revolving Fund Construction Contracts. Also, the American Iron and Steel Special Conditions and Information for Federally Assisted State Revolving Fund Construction Contracts, shall be included within these bid 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 [SAM.gov | Wage Determinations](https://www.sam.gov).

The Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date on which bids are opened.

Bids will be evaluated based on the Bidder's responses to the requirements of this RFP. Interviews with bidders are not anticipated but may be held at the option of the evaluation committee. The Owner reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information with any firm regarding their bid. Discussions, negotiations, and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. The Owner reserves the right to select a responsive, responsible firm on basis of best value that is most advantageous to the Owner. The following table provides more specific definitions for the weighted criteria that will be evaluated based on the information provided in the Qualifications Statement submitted with the bid.

Criteria	Description	Max Points	Score	Notes
Pricing (20%)	The Bidder submitting the lowest base price will receive the maximum allowable points. The other bidders will receive a percentage of the allowable points accordingly.	20		
Bidder Qualifications (80%)	The Bidder with the highest qualifications will receive the maximum allowable points. Has the bidder worked for the Cumming Utilities on similar size projects? If yes, please provide information.	80		

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **City of Cumming, GA (d/b/a Cumming Utilities Department)**
 By: **Christa Hopkins**
 Title: **Chief Engineer**
 Dates: **August 4, 2024**