



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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**Subject:** Letter of Clarification No. 1 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-C23807 Replacement of a Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Public Works and Engineering Department

**To:** All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **To revise the specifications and respond to question posed by prospective bidders:**

## **SECTION C - SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS**

1) Remove page 1 of 125 and replace with the attached revised page 1 of 125 marked **REVISED 12/3/2010**.

2.) The questions and answers are as follows:

**Question #1** Spec. 16346 3.02C states for purposes of the bid, each contractor shall submit an installed cost per linear foot of 15 KV, 500 MCM cable, installed in conduit. The Bid Proposal does not have a line item for this cost. Will there be an Alternate Bid Item added for this Cable? Should the cost per linear foot be for 1 – 15 KV 500 MCM Cable or for 3 – 15 KV 500 MCM and 1 – Ground Cable(what size ground)?

**Answer:** Yes, each bidder shall submit an installed cost per linear foot for 3 – 15 KV, 500 MCM and 1 - #2/0 ground cables installed in the existing 4" conduit. Each contractor shall also submit the cost to supply and install a stress cone termination kit on one 15 KV 500 MCM conductor. (See the revised electronic bid form, Group 2, Line item No. 3 added)

**Question #2** What happens if the existing conduit is not good or the existing cable can not be pulled out, please advise?

**Answer:** Each bidder shall submit a cost per linear foot to remove the damaged 3 phase 15KV circuit and ground from the existing conduit so that the conduit can be re-used. If 15 KV cabling cannot be removed or conduit is not good the spare 4" conduit shall be used. If the spare conduit cannot be used contractor shall submit a proposal to repair conduit. (See the revised electronic bid form, Group 2, Line Item No. 2 added)

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AT 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**CITY OF HOUSTON  
INVITATION TO BID**

Issued: November 12, 2010

**REVISED 12/3/2010**

**Bid Opening:**

Sealed bids, in duplicate, will be received by the City Secretary of the City of Houston, in the City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby, Houston, Texas 77002 until **10:30 A.M. Thursday, December 16, 2010**, and all bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chamber, City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby at 11:00 A.M. on that date for the purchase of:

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AT 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
Bid No. S50-C23807  
NIGP Code: 285-67**

**Buyer:**

Questions regarding this solicitation should be addressed to Arturo Lopez, Senior Procurement Specialist, at **832-393-8731** or e-mail to **arturo.lopez@houstontx.gov**.

**Electronic Bidding:**

In order to submit a bid for the items associated with this procurement, you must fill in the pricing information on the "**PLACE BID**" page.

**Prebid Conference:**

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for all Prospective Bidders on site at the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2525 S/SGT Macario Garcia Drive, in the Administration Building, Conference Room at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2010**. **The site visit will be immediately following the pre-bid conference.**

**All Prospective Bidders are urged to be present. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that they have secured and thoroughly reviewed all aspects of the solicitation documents prior to the Pre-Bid Conference. Any revisions to be incorporated into this solicitation document arising from discussions before, during and subsequent to the Pre-Bid Conference will be confirmed in writing by Letter(s) of Clarification prior to the bid due date. Verbal responses will not otherwise alter the specifications, terms and conditions as stated herein.**

Bidding forms, specifications, and all necessary information should be downloaded from the Internet at **[www.houstontx.gov/purchasing/index.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/purchasing/index.html)**. By registering and downloading this solicitation document, all updates to this solicitation document will be automatically forwarded via e-mail to any registered bidders. This information may also be obtained from the Supplier Assistance Desk, Strategic Purchasing Division, 901 Bagby, Concourse Level, Houston, Texas 77002.

The place of the bid opening may be transferred in accordance with Paragraph (b), (5) of Section 15-3 of The Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas. The bid-opening meeting may be rescheduled in accordance with Paragraph (b), (6) of said Section 15-3.

**The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.**

City employees are prohibited from bidding on this solicitation in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Section 15-1.

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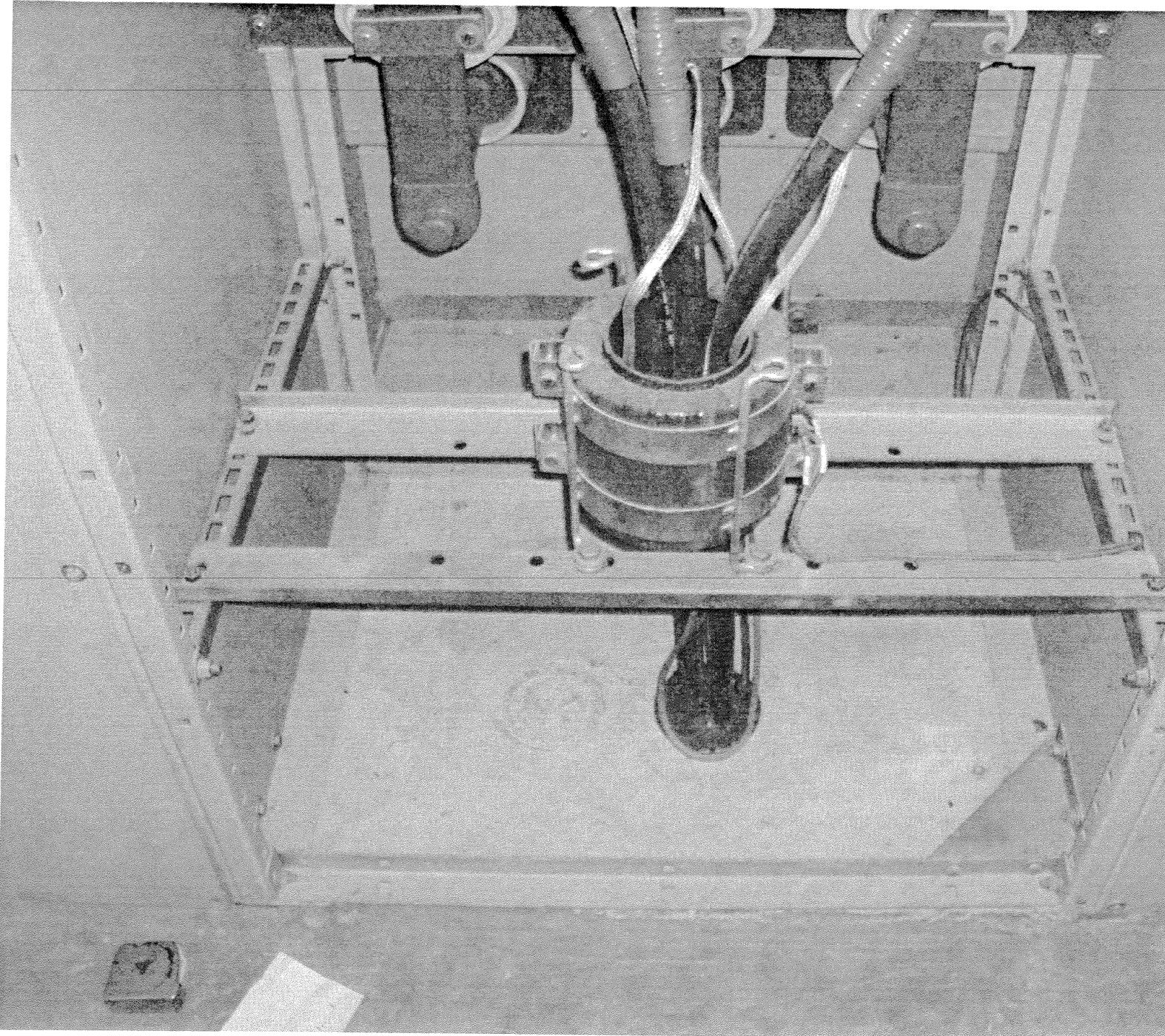
- A. OFFER
- B. SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS
- C. GENERAL, SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS AND BOND FORMS

\*NOTE 1: Actual page numbers for each section may change when the solicitation document is downloaded from the Internet or because of letters of clarification. Therefore, bidders must read the solicitation document in its entirety and comply with all the requirements set forth therein.

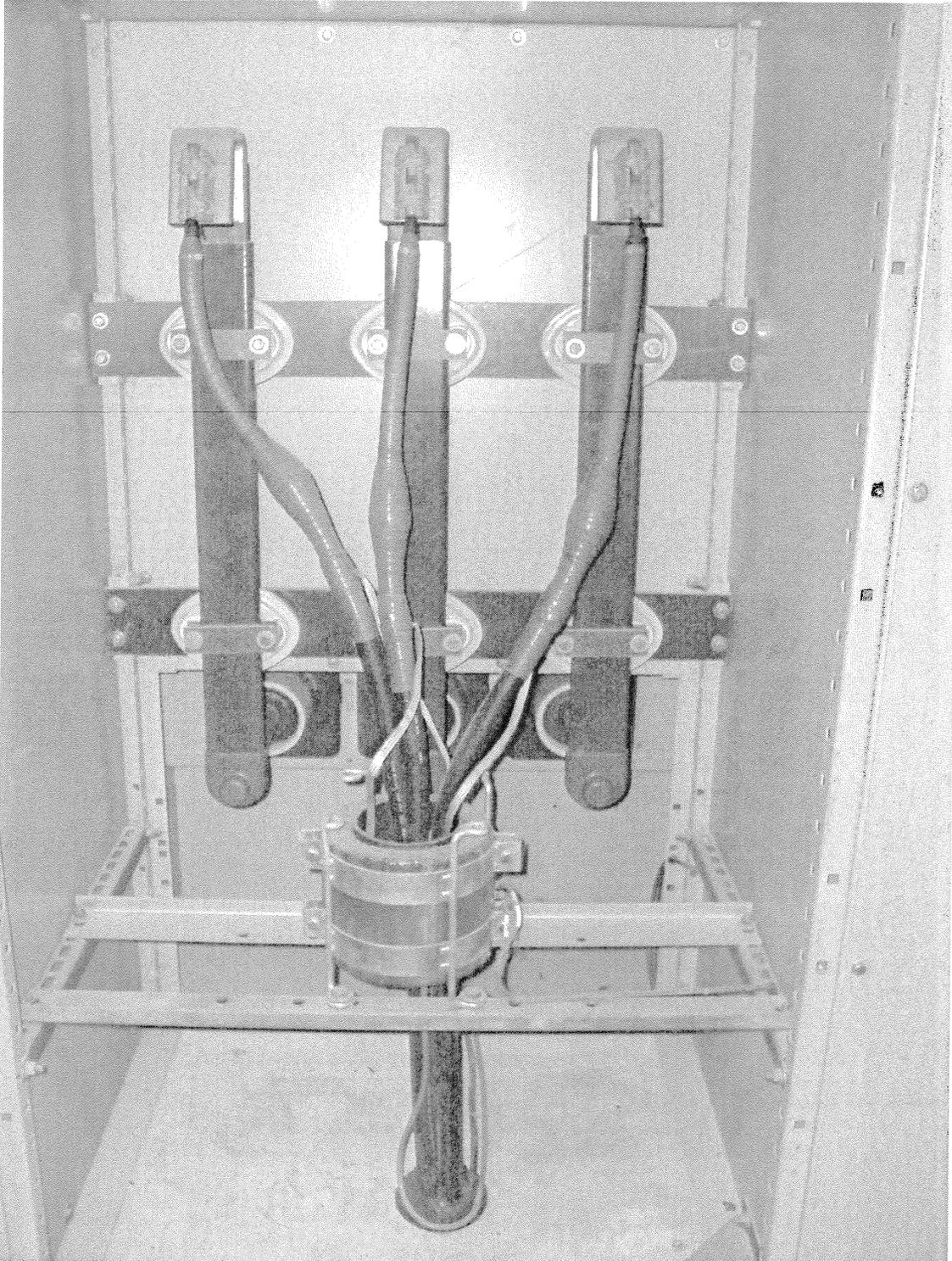
**\*NOTE 2: To be considered for award please submit the electronic bid form and the forms listed in section A, including the signature page, which must be signed by a company official authorized to bind the company and a 10% Bid Bond.**

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**JPEG Photos of the Electrical Switchgear can be viewed on the following web link**

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**<https://purchasing.houstontx.gov/buyer/BidDocumentManager.aspx?id=C23807>**

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