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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 2
PVC Gravity SDR-35 Sewer Pipe & Fittings

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S35-S24495

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reason:

- To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:
 1. In Section A, **replace**: "pages 2 and 3 of 20 with attached pages 2 and 3 of 20 marked revised May 22, 2013".
- To answer the following question:
 1. Question: "If the PVC Pipe cannot be quoted with pricing firm for 12 months, and is instead quoted within current industry standards, 30 days to order and 30 days thereafter to ship (generally known as 30/30 pricing), will that section be considered as responsive or not?"

Answer: "Not responsive." Also, your statement regarding firm pricing, see the revised page 2.

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced above. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s).

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each BIDDER to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.


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SECTION A.



**PVC GRAVITY SDR-35 SEWER PIPE & FITTINGS
FOR THE
PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
BID INVITATION NO. S35-S24495**

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

The undersigned hereby proposes to furnish and deliver **PVC gravity SDR-35 sewer pipe & fittings, FOB destination point as listed on the electronic bid form and on the individual Purchase Orders**, in accordance with the Net Prices and other conditions shown herein, and in accordance with the City's Specifications and General Terms and Condition Specifications. When issued, Letters of Clarification shall automatically become part of this bid document and shall supersede any previous specifications or provisions in conflict with the Letters of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has obtained such letters. By submitting a bid on this project, bidder shall be deemed to have received all Letters of Clarification and to have incorporated them into its bid. THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME, PRODUCT NAME AND PRODUCT NUMBER MUST BE DESIGNATED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED IF BIDDERS ARE BIDDING AN "OR EQUAL" ITEM.

The City may accept this bid offer by issuance of a Notice of Award Letter and/or a Purchase Order covering award of said bid to this Bidder at any time on or before the 120th day following the day this Official Bid Form is opened by the City. This offer shall be irrevocable for 120 days after the bid opening or for 90 days after City Council awards the bid, whichever comes last, but this period may be extended by written agreement of the parties.

The City of Houston reserves the option, after bids are opened, to increase or decrease the quantities listed, subject to the availability of funds, and/or make award by line item.

BIDDING AND AWARD:

It is the intent of the City to award, on the basis of overall low net bid meeting specifications for the entire award; however, the right is reserved to accept or reject in whole or in part any or all bids received and to make an award on the basis of individual item, combination of items or overall best bid, as it is deemed in the best interest of the City.

THIS IS A THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTH AWARD WITH TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND

FIRM PRICES ARE TO BE QUOTED ACCORDING TO THE PRICE ADJUSTMENT LANGUAGE

SPECIAL BIDDERS NOTE:

These bid documents are to be bid exactly as published or amended by any letter(s) of clarification that may be issued pertaining thereto.

LINE ITEM BIDS:

Only one item may be bid for each referenced line item. To bid the referenced line item and an alternate, bidder must submit a separate bid form for each alternate item(s) with its own original signature page. Multiple bids for the same line item on one bid form will be just cause to reject a bid from further consideration.

PROTEST

A protest shall comply with and be resolved, according to the City of Houston Procurement Manual http://purchasing.houstontx.gov/docs/Procurement_Manual.pdf and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be submitted in writing and filed with both, the City Attorney and the Solicitation contact person. A pre-award protest of the ITB shall be received five (5) days prior to the solicitation due date and a post-award protest shall be filed within five (5) days after City Council approval of the contract award.

A protest shall include the following:

- The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the protester;
- The signature of the protester or its representative who has the delegated authority to legally bind its company;
- Identification of the ITB description and the ITB or contract number;
- A detailed written statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents, etc.; and
- The desired form of relief or outcome, which the protester is seeking

NO CONTACT PERIOD:

Neither bidder(s) nor any person acting on bidder(s)'s behalf shall attempt to influence the outcome of the award by the offer, presentation or promise of gratuities, favors, or anything of value to any appointed or elected official or employee of the City of Houston, their families or staff members. All inquiries regarding the solicitation are to be directed to the designated City Representative identified on the first page of the solicitation. Upon issuance of the solicitation through the pre-award phase and up to the award, aside from bidder's formal response to the solicitation, communications publicly made during the official pre-bid conference, written requests for clarification during the period officially designated for such purpose by the City Representative, neither bidder(s) nor persons acting on their behalf shall communicate with any appointed or elected official or employee of the City of Houston, their families or staff through written or oral means in an attempt to persuade or influence the outcome of the award or to obtain or deliver information intended to or which could reasonably result in an advantage to any bidder. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a bidder from making public statements to the City Council convened for a regularly scheduled session after the official selection has been made and placed on the City Council agenda for action.

HIRE HOUSTON FIRST:

THIS PROCUREMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE HIRE HOUSTON FIRST PROGRAM, WHICH GIVES A PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN LOCAL BIDDERS IN AWARD OF THE PROCUREMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/onestop/hirehoustonfirstaffidavit.pdf>

Designation as a City Business or Local Business

To be designated as a City or Local Business for the purpose of the Hire Houston First Program, as set out in Article XI of Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code, a bidder or proposer must submit the Hire Houston First Application and Affidavit to the Director of the Mayor's Office of Business Opportunity and receive notice that the designation has been approved prior to submission of a bid or proposal.

Download the HHF Affidavit from the Office of Business Opportunities Webpage at the City of Houston e-Government Website at the following location:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/hbsc/hirehoustonfirstaffidavit.pdf>

Submit the completed application forms to: Office of Business Opportunity, Houston Business Solutions Center (HBSC), 611 Walker, Level, Houston, TX 77002 or Applications may be submitted via e-mail to HoustonBSC@houstontx.gov or faxed to 832.393.0952.