

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority (GTUA, Owner) on behalf of the City of Sadler will be received at the offices of the Mayor, Sadler City Hall, Sadler, TX 76264, at 2:00pm on April 11, 2016 for furnishing all necessary material, equipment and labor required for the construction of the following project:

### CITY OF SADLER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHLORINE CONTACT FACILITIES

Bids will be opened at the offices of the Mayor in City Hall, beginning at 2:00 P.M. on April 11, 2016. The project includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following work: Construction of a chlorine contact chamber, furnishing and installing the chlorine feed equipment, chlorine shelter, surface aerators, piping and the electrical at the existing Sadler Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Bidders must submit with their bids a Cashier's Check or a Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) percent of the maximum amount of bid payable without recourse to the City of Sadler/GTUA (Owner) or a proposal bond in the same amount. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of the contract, and a payment bond for the protection of all claimants supplying labor and materials.

The Owner reserves the right to determine the best interests of the Project based upon the Owner's firsthand experience with or knowledge about Bidders, including information regarding safety records of Bidders provided in the Greater Texoma Utility Authority's Qualification Statement to be submitted by Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. This contract will be partially funded through the Texas Department of Agricultural Office of Rural Affairs, and the following provisions will apply:

1. The contract will be contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Department of Agricultural Office of Rural Affairs.
2. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the Texas Agricultural Commission. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.
3. Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60.
4. The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.
5. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board, and shall be referred to as Project **73724**. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. The successful bidder will enter into contract with GTUA on behalf of the City of Sadler per the Water and Sewer Services Agreement dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Bids may be held by Owner for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award or as provided in these specifications.

This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>MBE</b>	<b>WBE</b>
Construction	12.94%	8.72%
Supplies	9.68%	9.34%
Equipment	7.12%	5.39%
Services	10.84%	5.72%

All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) shall be paid wages as described in the mandatory conditions found in the General Specifications—Davis-Bacon Requirements.

Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall be subject to the mandatory conditions found in the General Specifications—Davis-Bacon Requirements.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement with TWDB DWSRF funds the prime contractor must use DWSRF procurement procedures in hiring the sub-contractors.

GTUA is a tax-exempt municipal authority.

In determining to whom to award a contract, GTUA may consider, among other things:

1. The purchase price;
2. The reputation of the vendor and the vendor's goods or services;
3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services;
4. The extent to which the goods or services meet GTUA's needs;
5. The vendor's past relationship with GTUA;

6. The impact on the ability of GTUA to comply with rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;
7. The total long-term cost to the GTUA to acquire the vendor's goods or services;
8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals; and
9. The safety record of the bidder, of the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the bidder, or of anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution.

Contract Documents, Proposal Forms, Specifications and Plans are on file and may be examined without charge at the offices of the Freeman-Millican, Inc., and may be obtained from Freeman-Millican, Inc., 12160 Abrams Rd., Suite 508, Dallas, Texas 75243, upon payment of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or may be examined and obtained at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). All questions must be asked from the civcast website. Call 214-503-0555 to verify availability before pick-up.

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/s/ Drew Satterwhite, General Manager  
Greater Texoma Utility Authority