

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR
PVC PIPE FOR
PARISHWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

St. James Parish Government will be accepting separate sealed bids for approximately 3,800 feet of PVC corrugated drainage pipe of various sizes with coupling design joints for drainage improvements for the Parishwide Drainage Projects for the Department of Operations in the Office of the Operations Director, Convent Courthouse, 2nd Floor, up to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Prospective bidders can bid any or all items as listed and must meet minimum requirements as specified in the bid documents. Material specifications and documents are available from the St. James Parish Government, Office of the Operations Director, Parish Courthouse, Convent, La.

The envelope containing the bid must be marked "PVC Pipe for 2013 Drainage Improvements Bid" clearly on the outside of the envelope.

All bids must be completed on the appropriate bidder information sheet. Bids will be awarded by separate items.

All bids must include delivery schedule and warranty, where applicable.

SECTION I INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

ARTICLE 1 - BID DOCUMENTS

The Notice to Bidders, Instruction to Bidders, General Specifications, and Bidder Information, compose the Documents, which shall include all properly authorized modifications.

ARTICLE 2 - EXAMINATION OF THE SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Bidder shall thoroughly examine the specifications and requirements. The failure or omission of any bidder to examine any form, type, addendum, or other special notes shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligations with respect to his bid. The submission of a bid shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this Section I.

ARTICLE 3 - ALTERNATIONS IN BIDS

The General Specification Section invites bids on definite equipment/material and minimum specifications. Each bidder shall bid upon the item exactly as specified and as provided in the bid.

ARTICLE 4 - PRICES

In the event of a discrepancy between the prices quoted in words and those quoted in figures in the bid, the words shall control. The prices are to include the furnishing of all materials, equipment, tools and all other facilities, and the performance of all labor services necessary or proper for the completion of the work and/or delivery of the item.

ARTICLE 5 - WITHDRAWAL OF BID

Bids can not be withdrawn within 5 days of the scheduled closing time for receipts of bids. Any bidder may withdraw his bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request. If withdrawal is made personally, proper receipt shall be given therefore.

After the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids or before the bid award, no bidder will be permitted to withdraw his bid unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) days. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no rights for the withdrawal of the proposal after it has been opened.

ARTICLE 6 - POSTPONEMENT OF DATE FOR PRESENTING AND OPENING PROPOSALS

The Parish reserves the right to postpone the date for receipt and opening of bids and will give written or telegraphic notice of any such postponement to all persons to whom specifications and bid documents have been issued, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

ARTICLE 7 - SUBMISSION OF BID

Bids will be received only at the place, and until the scheduled closing time, as stated in the Notice to Bidders. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that his bid is received by the designated times. Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

ARTICLE 8 - OPENING OF BIDS

At the time and place set for the opening and reading of bids, each and every bid (except those which have been withdrawn in accordance with Article 5, "Withdrawal of Bid", of this Section) received prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, irrespective of any irregularities or informalities in such bids.

ARTICLE 9 - DETERMINATION OF BID

The award of the Contract will be based on the lowest responsible bid quoted on the bid for the item(s) chosen by the Parish. Bids will be awarded according to the lowest price quoted per item, service, availability of material, delivery, and warranty, where applicable.

ARTICLE 10 - REJECTIONS OF BIDS

The Parish reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any bid that is obscure or irregular may be rejected; any bid in which unit prices or other required information is omitted may be rejected.

ARTICLE 11 - ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of opening of the bids, the Parish will act upon them. The acceptance of the bid will be by Purchase Requisition Order signed by a duly authorized representative of the Parish. The acceptance of a bid shall bind the successful bidder to the price and delivery date of the item(s).

ARTICLE 12 - DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Any one or more of the following causes, among others, may be considered sufficient for the disqualification of a Bidder and the rejection of his Bid:

- (1) Evidence of collusion among Bidders.
- (2) Lack of competency as revealed by financial statements, experience, or other factors.
- (3) Default on a previous municipal bids or failure to perform or deliver bid items.

ARTICLE 13 - QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDER

The opening and reading of the Bid shall not be construed as an acceptance of the Bidder as a qualified, responsible Bidder. The Parish reserves the right to determine the competence and responsibility of a Bidder from its knowledge of the Bidder's qualifications or from other sources. Bidders must be in good standing in the State of Louisiana and must provide evidence that the Bidder is licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana and Parish of St. James.

SECTION II GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

ARTICLE 1 - SCOPE

The items requested under this bid document shall consist of the items contained in the specifications, and shall include the supervision, materials, equipment, labor, and parts necessary to deliver such items.

The services covered by this bid document are for the delivery and installation (where applicable) of any/all items, awarded by the Parish, to the West Bank Operations Shop, located at 22176 Highway 20, Vacherie, La.

ARTICLE 2 - PERFORMANCE/COMPLETION

The Bidder shall be required to deliver such items as per specifications within sixty (60) days after the bidder receives the Purchase Requisition Order or within other time limits as required by the Department of Operations, necessary to complete the project.

The time stated for bid completion shall include final preparations and delivery of all materials and/or equipment to the Parish Operations Shops. All prices quoted must be guaranteed for at least 60 days from the awarding of bids.

ARTICLE 3 - LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the Bidder fails to deliver the items within the time specified in the bid document, or any extension, the Bidder shall pay to the Parish, as liquidated damages, the sum of \$25.00 for each day of delay.

ARTICLE 4 - MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP

All equipment, material, and articles incorporated into the items for bid shall be of the most suitable size for the purpose intended, unless otherwise specifically provided in the Bid Document. References in the specifications to equipment, material, articles, or patented processes by trade name, make, or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. The Bidder may, at its option, use any equipment, material, article, or process that is equal to that named in the specifications, unless otherwise specifically provided in this bid.

The Bidder shall furnish to the Parish the name of the manufacturer, material type, the model number, and other information concerning the performance, capacity, nature, and rating of the material and/or other equipment. Equipment, material, and articles that do not have the required approval shall be installed or delivered at the risk of subsequent rejection.

ARTICLE 5 - MINIMUM BID SPECIFICATIONS

All pipes must conform to minimum specifications. These specifications include material for 15-inch to 36-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) corrugated pipe with smooth interior.

- A. The PVC corrugated pipe with a smooth interior shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Designation F 949 (latest revision).
- B. The pipe and fittings shall be homogeneous throughout and free from visible cracks, holes, foreign inclusions, or other injurious defects.
- C. The minimum pipe stiffness, when measured in accordance with ASTM Test Method D 2412, shall be 46 psi.
- D. Pipes shall be made of PVC compound having a minimum cell classification of 12454, as defined in ASTM Specification D 1784.
- E. Pipe lengths must be at least 15 feet in length and no more than 30 feet in length, unless specific sizes are specified.
- F. Pipes shall be of double wall design for essential beam strength and grade control.
- G. All fittings for PVC corrugated pipe shall conform to ASTM F 949 (latest revision) Section 5.2.3. Pipe manufacturer shall provide all necessary fittings.
- H. The joint system shall incorporate a coupling design that does not reduce the interior pipe diameter.
- I. All joints shall be made with integrally formed bell and spigot gasketed connections.
- J. Elastomeric seals (gaskets) shall meet the requirements of ASTM Designation F 477.

Item 1

- 1. 1,100 linear feet of 15-inch PVC pipe
- 2. (20) PVC non-reducing inline tees (15-inch)
- 3. (20) 15-inch inline drains to match 15-inch pipe

Item 2

- 1. 1,990 linear feet of 18-inch PVC pipe
- 2. (31) PVC non-reducing inline tees (18-inch)
- 3. (31) 15-inch inline drains to match 18-inch pipe

Item 3

- 1. 264 linear feet of 24-inch PVC pipe

Item 4

- 1. 462 linear feet of 36-inch PVC pipe
- 2. (3) PVC non-reducing inline tees (36-inch)
- 3. (3) 18-inch inline drains to match 36-inch pipe
- 4. (1) plastic 45 degree angle pipe joint

ARTICLE 6 - BASIS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Notwithstanding any other payment terms in this bid, the Parish will make final payment and under the terms and conditions specified in this clause. Payment shall be considered as being made on the day a check is dated.

Invoice Payments

An invoice is the suppliers' bill or written request for payment under the terms of the bid for work or services performed under the contract. An invoice shall be prepared and submitted to the Parish Purchasing Agent. A proper invoice must include the items listed below:

- (1) Name and address of the bidder/supplier
- (2) Invoice date
- (3) Purchase order number or other type authorization for purchase or services performed.
- (4) Description of item and/or services performed, including warranty information.
- (5) Names (where practicable), title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in event of a defective invoice or item.

If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the bidder will be notified of the defect within 10 days after receipt of the invoice at the designated billing office.

Final payments shall be based on completion, delivery and acceptance of all work, items and presentation of all warranties, where applicable, and from payments for partial deliveries that have been accepted by the Parish:

- (a) The due date for making such payments shall be either the 30th day after receipt by the designated billing office of a proper invoice from the bidder or the 30th day after Parish's acceptance of the item or services completed by the Bidder, whichever is later. However, if the designated billing office fails to annotate the invoice with the date of actual receipt, the invoice payment due date shall be deemed to be the 30th day after the date the Bidder's invoice is dated, provided a proper invoice is received and there is no disagreement over quantity, quality, or Bidders compliance with minimum specifications.

SECTION III
BIDDER INFORMATION

Name: Clifford Montero Jr.
Company: Cimsco Inc.
Address: 1840 LTA Rd
Metairie, La 70001
Phone: 504-835-7319 Fax: 504-832-0820

Item 1

- A) 1,100 linear feet of 15-inch PVC pipe
- B) 20 PVC inline tees
- C) (20) 15-inch inline drains

Amount
\$ 6,787.⁰⁰
\$ 4,734.⁴⁰
\$ 5,895.⁶⁰
\$ 17,417.⁰⁰

Total Item 1

Delivery Schedule 10 days

Item 2

- A) 1,990 linear feet of 18-inch PVC pipe
- B) 31 PVC inline tees
- C) (31) 15-inch inline drains

Amount
\$ 18,718.⁷⁰
\$ 10,980.⁸²
\$ 9,138.¹⁸
\$ 38,837.⁷⁰

Total Item 2

Delivery Schedule 10 days

Item 3

- A) 264 linear feet of 24-inch PVC pipe

Amount
\$ 4,823.²⁸
\$ 4,823.²⁸

Total Item 3

Delivery Schedule 10 days

Item 4

- A) 462 linear feet of 36-inch PVC pipe
- B) 3 PVC inline tees
- C) (3) 18-inch inline drains
- D) (1) 45 degree angle pipe joint

Amount
\$ 17,061.⁶⁶
\$ 19,326.⁴⁵
\$ 1,098.⁵⁴
\$ 2,760.⁹⁷
\$ 40,247.⁶²

Total Item 4

Delivery Schedule 10 days