

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY
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BIDDERS SCHEDULE

BID NUMBER: 2009-08

DATE: June 16, 2009

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 1, 2009 @ 10:00 a.m.

PRE-BID MEETING: June 24, 2009 @ 3:00 p.m.

OPENING AND PRE-BID MEETING LOCATION:

Newberry County Court House Annex
Conference Room 1309 College Street
Newberry, SC 29108

PROCUREMENT: Installation of four standby generators at Fairview,
Consolidated, Prosperity and Silverstreet Fire Stations.

*This solicitation will act as the contract for the project.

*By signing below, the signer has the authority to enter into an agreement with Newberry County and will be responsible for the fulfillment of the services stated in this solicitation.

BIDDER: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

Address: _____

Phone & Fax: _____

FEIN: _____

SC Contractor's License Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Only one copy of bid is required unless otherwise specified.
2. Bids, amendments thereto or withdrawal request must be received by the time advertised for bid openings to be timely filed. It is the vendor's sole responsibility to insure that these documents are received by the County at the time indicated in the bid document.
3. When specifications or descriptive papers are submitted with the bid, enter bidder's name thereon.
4. Submit your signed bid on the bidder's schedule provided. Show bid number on envelope as instructed and the bid name or description. Newberry County accepts no responsibility for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
5. Bidders must clearly mark as "Confidential" each part of their bid which they consider to be proprietary information that could be exempt from disclosure under Section 30-4-40 Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (also known as the Freedom of Information Act). The County reserves the right to determine whether this information should be exempt from disclosure and no legal action may be brought against the County or its agents for its determination in this regard.
6. By submission of a bid, you are guaranteeing that all goods and services meet the requirements of the solicitation during the contract period.
7. Tie bids will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the Newberry County Purchasing Ordinance.
8. A copy of the bidder's W-9 shall be included in the submission.
9. If there are addenda issued; receipt and acknowledgement will be made in writing to the County of Newberry.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The County of Newberry reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to cancel a solicitation, and to waive any technicality if deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
2. Unit prices will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated in this bid invitation.

3. **PROHIBITION OF GRATUITIES:** South Carolina law and the Newberry County Purchasing Ordinance prohibit the giving of anything of value in return for favors or other preferential treatment in the purchasing process. Bidders should govern themselves accordingly.

4. **BIDDERS QUALIFICATION:** Bidders must, upon request of the county, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. The County reserves the right to make the final determination as to the bidder's ability to provide the products or services requested herein. Bidder determined to be irresponsible bidders are not allowed to bid to provide the County goods or services.

5. **BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITY:** Each bidder shall fully acquaint himself with conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this bid. It is expected that this will sometimes require on-site observation. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint himself with existing conditions shall in no way relieve him of any obligation with respect to this bid or to the contract.

6. **AWARD CRITERIA:** The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the Invitation for Bid. Award may be made to one or a multiple of bidders, whichever deems to be in the best interest of the County, or unless otherwise stated on the bidder's schedule.

7. **WAIVER:** The County reserves the right to waive any Instruction to Bidders, General or Special Provisions, General or Special Conditions, or specifications deviation if deemed to be in the best interest of the county.

8. **COMPETITION:** This solicitation is intended to promote competition. If any language, specifications, terms and conditions, or any combination thereof restricts or limits the requirements in this solicitation to a single source, it shall be the responsibility of the interested vendor to notify the Purchasing Director on in writing within five (5) days prior to the opening date. The solicitation may or may not be changed but a review of such notification will be made prior to the award.

9. **REJECTION:** Ambiguous bids which are uncertain as to terms, delivery, quantity, or compliance with specifications may be rejected or otherwise disregarded if such action is in the best interest of the County.

10. **RIGHT TO PROTEST:** Any prospective bidder, offeror, or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of a contract shall protest in writing to the Purchasing Director within ten (10) calendar days of the date of issuance of the Invitation to Bid, Requests for Proposals or other solicitation documents, whichever is applicable, or any amendment thereto, if the amendment is at issue. Any actual bidder, offeror, or contractor, who is aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of a contract shall protest in writing to the purchasing director within ten (10) calendar days of the notification of intent to award or statement of award.
11. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** A protest shall be in writing, submitted to the purchasing director, and shall set forth the specific grounds of the protest with enough particularity to give notice to the issues to be decided.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **DEFAULT:** In case of default by the contractor, the County reserves the right to purchase any or all items in default in the open market, charging the contractor with any excessive costs. Should such charge be assessed, no subsequent bids of the defaulting contractor will be considered until the assessed charge has been satisfied.
2. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** Any contract entered into by the County resulting from this bid invitation shall be subject to cancellation without damages or further obligation when funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal period or appropriated year.
3. **HOLD HARMLESS AND INSURANCE:** The successful bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Newberry and all County officers, agents and employees against all suits or claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from, or arising from, the successful bidder's performance of the contract, as well as against any suits or claims of any character brought against the County or its agents or employees by reason of any claim of infringement of any patent, trade mark, trade dress, or copyright, including reimbursement to the County for all attorneys fees and court costs incurred by the County in defending itself or its agents or employees against any such claim or suit. In addition, the successful bidder will maintain a public liability policy with minimum limits of \$500,000 per occurrence, or \$1,000,000 single limit, for

damages arising from acts which occur during the contract period, with the County of Newberry named as an additional insured; the successful bidder shall also maintain workers compensation and vehicle liability insurance in the amounts required by statutory law. Proof of such coverage will be provided upon demand or as otherwise provided in the bid specifications.

4. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** Questions or problems arising after award of this contract shall be directed to Crystal Waldrop or Ervin West, Construction Consultant for Newberry County.
5. **FORCE MAJEURE:** The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without fault or negligence of the contractor. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or of a public enemy, acts of Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by default of a subcontractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the contractor and subcontractor and without excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the required delivery schedule.
6. **PUBLIC RELEASE:** Contractor agrees not to refer to award of this contract in commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the products or services provided are endorsed or preferred by the User.
7. **QUALITY OF PRODUCT:** Unless otherwise indicated in this bid it is understood and agreed that any items offered or shipped on this bid shall be new, in first class condition, and without defect that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging and shipping to the specified destination in Newberry County. No demonstration models shall be sold as new, without prior written permission of the County.
8. **S.C. LAW CLAUSE:** Upon award of a contract under this bid, the person, partnership, association or corporation to whom the award is made must comply with the laws of South Carolina which require such person or entity to be authorized and/or licensed to do business with this State. Notwithstanding the fact that applicable statutes may exempt or exclude the successful bidder from requirements that it be authorized and/or licensed to do business in this State, by submission of this signed bid, the bidder agrees to subject himself to the

jurisdiction and process of the courts of the State of South Carolina as to all matters and disputes arising or to arise under the contract and the performance thereof, including any questions as to the liability for taxes, licenses, or fees levied by the State.

9. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The successful bidder will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without regard or discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or physical handicap.

10. **DELIVERIES:** All deliveries shall be FOB Destination. It is agreed by the parties hereto that delivery by the contractor to the common carrier does not constitute delivery to the County. Any claim for loss or damage shall be between the contractor and the carrier.

11. **APPROPRIATE S.C. SALES TAX** shall be included as a line item in the bid unless other wise noted in the request from the County. The rate for Newberry County is 7%.

13. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment will be made within thirty (30) days of acceptance of the completed order. The County does not pay in advance for any item or service without prior permission from the Finance Director for Newberry County.

13. **BID BOND:** For each bid in excess of \$25,000.00 each bidder will submit with their bid a bond in the amount of 5% of the total price of the bid submitted. The bid bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders once the county accepts the lowest most responsive bid. If the most responsive bidder fails to perform the responsibility of the bid within 10 days of the award, then the bid bond will be forfeited to the county as liquidated damages and the next lowest bidder will be awarded the bid. Bid bonds may be in the form of a surety, a cashier's check or an unconditional letter of credit in favor of Newberry County issued by a commercial bank in South Carolina.

Scope of Work

Installation of Emergency Generators

Newberry County, SC

General:

The purpose of this scope is to outline the general scope of work required to install Owner supplied generators at four fire stations throughout Newberry County. The locations will be Fairview, Prosperity, Silverstreet and Consolidated # 5 fire stations.

Installation scope will vary from station to station and will be further detailed in each station's specific scope section. The general installation scope will include:

Install a new concrete pad for the generator as specified by the manufacturer. (the measurements are in a separate document)

Generators will be shipped to each site or to a local storage facility.

Rigging and transporting from storage site shall be included in the bid.

Setting and securing the generator on the pad.

Provide and install conduit and conductors between generator and transfer switch and main panel.

Install owner supplied automatic transfer switch were required.

Install generator grounding as required.

Supply and install additional circuits for battery charger and water heater as required. New breakers, conduit and wiring as required for charger and heater connections per manufacturer recommendations.

All exterior conduit within 36" of the ground line shall be GRC, all interior conduit shall be EMT, and all conduit underground shall be PVC.

All conductors shall be copper THHN.

Perform start up testing in conjunction with generator manufacturer representative. Owner will provide testing as needed.

Contractor to coordinate work and outage time with each Fire Chief at the stations. Outage time must be kept to a minimum.

Owner will provide fuel for startup.

All materials used shall be U.L. listed for their use. All work performed shall conform with the 2006 IBC, 2005 NEC, and all local codes.

Contractor shall be responsible for acquiring all necessary permits and licenses. The contractor shall be responsible for any repairs to existing utilities damaged during work.

Site Specific:

Consolidated Fire Station:

- Install concrete pad, sized per manufacturer specifications at south east corner of building. Location and pad elevations are on attached sketch. Fill and compaction is to be included.
- Install underground conduit from new pad to existing plug in at wall.
- Install new feeder wire and connector to existing junction box at exterior wall. Wire size to be 4# 350 KCMIL, # 4 G, 3" conduit. Tap and extend existing feeder wire as needed for proper connection to the new ATS.
- The new generator will be equivalent to Caterpillar D125-6 125 kw.
- Remove existing manual transfer switch and install new Owner supplied automatic transfer switch.
- Install new conduit and wire and breaker to relocate power feed of existing well at the adjacent building to panel MP.

Fairview Fire Station:

- Install concrete pad adjacent to existing transformer pad. Location and elevations are on attached sketch. Excavation and compaction is to be included.
- Remove portion of existing concrete pad to tie in new underground conduit to existing underground conduit. Pull box may be required.
- Install new automatic transfer switch adjacent to main distribution panel in electrical room.
- Relocate existing surge protector to accommodate transfer switch installation. Surge protector must be mounted within 18" of main line feed per manufacturer recommendation.
- Provide and install new fused disconnect for main power feed at ATS and MDP.
- Install new feeder wire and new conduit from new generator to new transfer switch and to existing main panel. Wire size to be parallel 4 #500MCM, 1 #4g.

- The new generator will be equivalent to Caterpillar D 250-2 250 kw.

Silverstreet Fire Station:

- Install new concrete pad at rear of building per attached sketch.
- Intercept existing MP feeder on the exterior wall and route the existing feeder into the new ATS.
- Install new underground conduit from generator pad to new ATS at exterior wall.
- Install new feeder wire from generator to new ATS. Wire size to be 4 # 350MCM, # 3g in 3" conduit.
- The new generator will be equivalent to Caterpillar D125-6 125kw.

Prosperity Fire Station:

- Install concrete pad at rear of building as located on attached sketch.
- Install new underground conduit from new pad to existing junction box at exterior wall.
- Install new 3R rated junction box if required and tap and extend existing feeder wires as needed to facilitate termination to the new ATS.
- One set of 4 #350 MCM exists from exterior junction box to the existing MTS.
- Install new feeder wire from generator to existing junction box. Wire size to be parallel 4 # 350MCM, 1# 2g, 2 1/2" conduit
- The new generator will be equivalent to Caterpillar D 150-6 150 kw.
- Install conduit and wiring as needed to refeed the existing air compressor at the rear of the building. The conduit shall be routed to the existing panel MP.

Prosperity Alternate:

- Install new fused disconnect, conduit and wire from east wall of Fire Station to refeed the adjacent Rescue Squad # 2 building. The conduit shall be routed above the parking bays, down the interior wall, and underground to the rescue station.
- A second disconnect panel will be installed at the exterior wall at the entrance feed to the Rescue building.