

SECTION 1

1.1 INVITATION FOR BID

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids must be submitted in an opaque envelope bearing on the outside the name of Bidder, its address, and labeled "Bid for Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex, Phase 2 Construction, DEQ Contract No. 414081". If forwarded by mail, the Bid and sealed envelope marked as described above shall be enclosed in another envelope with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face of the outer envelope and addressed as indicated below. Bids will be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) until 2:00 P.M. local time, **THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014** and then publicly opened and read thereafter. Bids must be mailed or hand delivered to:

Mailed:

Bid Box
Attention: Shellie Haaland
P.O. Box 6969
Helena, MT 59604-6969

Hand Delivered:

Department of Environmental Quality - Remediation Division
Attention: Shellie Haaland
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT

PROJECT LOCATION

The Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex (UBMC) waste removal area is located approximately 15 miles east of Lincoln, Montana, in the headwaters area of the upper Blackfoot River and covers an area of approximately 6 square miles including numerous sections within Township 15 North, Range 6 West; Township 15 North, Range 7 West; and Township 14 North, Range 7 West.

The waste removal area is accessed by traveling 15 miles east of Lincoln on Highway 200, then southeast 2.5 miles on Meadow Creek Road. The UBMC Repository is accessed by traveling 11 miles east of Lincoln on Highway 200, then southeast 1.2 miles on Highway 279.

PROJECT WORK DESCRIPTION

Bids will be received for one General Contract.

The areas disturbed by the historic mining activities have tailings and other mine wastes with elevated heavy metal concentrations which impact water quality and other environmental receptors. Phase 1 of the project excavated and prepared the repository to accept mine wastes from sources within the UBMC.

Phase 2 (this Project) will excavate and remove mine wastes from the mining area, place mine wastes in the repository and restore excavation areas. The Work in Phase 2 will consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, providing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, earthwork, and incidentals necessary to excavate, load and haul mine wastes from the mining area to the repository area within the UBMC. All the Work is within the UBMC. Contractor will place and compact mine wastes in the repository, and install storm water controls, bedrock seals and seep capture to minimize contamination of surface and ground water. Contractor will provide vegetative backfill and produce and provide streambed substrate, rock, logs and other materials, reconstructing the stream channel and floodplain in removal areas and completing all other work as shown on the Drawings and described in the Special Provisions and Technical Specifications.

Owner has agreed to implement cleanup of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) property within the UBMC as described by the USFS in its July 2007 Action Memorandum, as amended. In addition, to minimize the potential for recontamination and to maximize efficiencies and resources, as part of this Project, Owner is conducting an interim action on property within the UBMC that is not owned by the USFS but that is within the same area, contaminated with the same waste, and subject to the same applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements identified in previous decision documents. The Work will be protective of human health and the environment in the short term and will neither be inconsistent with, nor preclude, implementation of the final remedy. Bids will be received for one General Contract. The purpose of the Work is to excavate and remove mine wastes from sources within the UBMC, place wastes in the repository, and restore the excavated areas.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents may be obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Remediation Division, after **MAY 21, 2014**, for a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 in advance, in cash or check, payable to "Montana Department of Environmental Quality." Mail requests should be labeled "**Bid Package Purchase, DEQ Contract No. 414081**" and addressed to **Bid Box, Attn: Shellie Haaland, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, MT 59604-6969**. The Contract Documents may also be obtained in person from the DEQ Metcalf Building, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana. For directions, please call Holly LaBounta (406) 444-2442.

The Contract Documents, including any Addenda, will be available for viewing at the locations identified in the Instructions to Bidders.

QUESTIONS

For general questions, contact Shellie Haaland at (406) 431-1401. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents are to be submitted in writing and must be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Remediation Division, in Helena, Montana, no later than 5:00 P.M. local time **JUNE 5, 2014**. Questions submitted by mail should be labeled "**Bid Questions, DEQ Contract No. 414081**" and addressed to **Bid Box, Attention: Shellie Haaland, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, MT 59604-6969**. Questions may also be e-mailed to shaaland@mt.gov.

Responses to questions will be posted at <http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/onestop/solicitationdefault.aspx>, no later than 5:00 P.M. local time **JUNE 6, 2014**.

CONTRACT TIME

The Contract Time will be TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (235) consecutive calendar days (as adjusted in accordance with the Contract Documents). Contractor shall pay Owner liquidated damages in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars per day for each day beyond the Contract Time (as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents) that the Work is not substantially complete.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A pre-bid conference will be held for prospective bidders beginning at **10:00 A.M. local time JUNE 3, 2014**, at the UBMC Repository area. The pre-bid conference will be followed immediately by a walk-through of the work areas. **Both the pre-bid conference and the walk-through are mandatory: bidding contractors are required to attend.** Bids submitted by Bidders who do not attend both the pre-bid conference and walk-

through of the site will not be considered.

DEQ will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate. If you require an accommodation, please contact DEQ to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Shellie Haaland at (406) 431-1401 or shaaland@mt.gov.

BID SUBMITTAL

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with Instructions to Bidders and with the laws of the State of Montana.

All workers employed in performance of the Work shall be paid prevailing wages at rates required by Federal regulation and the laws of the State of Montana.

Bidders must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Owner reserves the right in its sole discretion, to cancel the contract solicitation for this project, to reject any and all Bids, to postpone or refuse to award the Contract, to consider the Bid of another Bidder, to waive any and all informalities, and to take any other action it deems in the best interests of the State of Montana.

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