

## SECTION 1

### 1.1 INVITATION FOR BID

#### CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, entitled **Bid for Settler's Stripping Fire, DEQ Contract No. 415007**, will be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) until 2:00 P.M. local time, October 16, 2014, and then publicly opened and read thereafter. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and its address. It may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Mailed:  
Bid Box  
Attention: Bill Snoddy  
P.O. Box 6969  
Helena, Montana 59604-6969

Hand Delivered:  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division  
Attention: Bill Snoddy  
Cogswell Building, C-Wing Room 123  
1400 Broadway (Temporary Address)  
Helena, Montana 59601

If forwarded by mail, the Bid and sealed envelope marked as described above must be enclosed in another envelope with the notification "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face of the outer envelope and addressed as indicated above.

#### PROJECT LOCATION

The site is east of Hardin, Montana and can be accessed by travelling east from Hardin on Highway 384, 33.2 miles to the intersection with Horse Creek Road ( gravel) and then travelling east 3.17 miles to an intersection with a private unimproved road and then travelling north and then east 5 miles on the private road to the project site . The location of the site and access road is shown on Sheet 1 of the Project Drawings.

#### PROJECT WORK DESCRIPTION

Bids will be received for one General Contract. The work will include mobilization and demobilization; improvement and maintenance of site access; provide water; excavation and removal of soil overburden and burning coal; haulage and burial of excavated burning coal material in an on-site disposal pit; fence; grade, contour, revegetation of disturbed areas; and provide BMPs for sediment control.

The project will include all incidental work necessary to complete the project as specified in the Contract Documents.

#### CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

In order that prospective bidders' names appear on DEQ's plan holder's list, that potential bidders' Contract Documents are uniform, accurate, and have not been modified in any way, and so that potential bidders can obtain notice of any Addenda to the Contract Documents, Contract Documents must be obtained in person or by mail from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), Remediation Division (406) 841-5000 after **September 20, 2013**. Contract documents will

be obtained for a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 in advance, in cash or check payable to “Department of Environmental Quality.” Credit Cards are not be accepted.

Mail requests must be labeled **Bid Package Purchase, DEQ Contract No. 414005** and addressed to: **Bid Box, Attention: Bill Snoddy, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969.** Contract Documents may also be obtained in person from the DEQ Remediation Division, Cogswell Building, C-Wing Room 123, 1400 Broadway, Helena MT (temporary location). For further directions, call (406) 841-5000.

Bid Documents, including any Addenda, will be available for viewing at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Abandoned Mine Lands Program  
Cogswell Building, C-Wing Room 108, 1400 Broadway  
Helena, MT 59601  
Phone 406 841-5082

Helena Plans Exchange  
Helena Copy Center  
1530 Cedar St., Suite C  
Helena, MT 59601  
Phone - 406-457-2679

Plan Library/Builders' Exchange  
1105 Reeves Rd West, Suite 800  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
Phone - 406-586-7653

Great Falls Builders' Exchange  
325 2nd St. South  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
Phone - 406-453-2513

Missoula Plans Exchange  
201 N. Russell  
Missoula, MT 59801  
Phone - 406-549-5002

Billings Builders' Exchange  
2050 Broadwater Avenue, Suite A  
Billings, MT 59102  
Phone - 406-652-1311

Northwest Montana Plan Exchange  
2303 Highway 2 East  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
Phone - 406-755-5888

Butte Builders' Exchange  
4801 Hope Road  
P.O. Box 4136  
Butte, MT 59702  
Phone - 406-782-5433

## QUESTIONS

For general questions, contact Bill Snoddy (406-841-5070). All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents must be submitted in writing to and must be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”), by fax (406) 841-5050, by mail, or by e-mail no later

than 5:00 pm on **October 6, 2014**. Questions submitted by mail must be labeled "**BID QUESTIONS, DEQ CONTRACT No. 415007**" and addressed to **Bid Box, Attention: Bill Snoddy, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969**. Questions may also be e-mailed to [BSnoddy@mt.gov](mailto:BSnoddy@mt.gov). Responses to questions will be posted at <http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/onestop/SolicitationDefault.aspx> approximately **October 10, 2014**.

## **CONTRACT TIME**

**The Contract Time will be sixty (60) consecutive calendar days, with an estimated start-up date approximately October 30, 2014** The Contractor will pay the Owner liquidated damages in the amount of Twelve-Hundred-and-Fifty (**\$1,250.00**) 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 mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-through will be held for prospective bidders on **October 2, 2014**. The walk-through will meet at 12:00 noon at the project site. After a description of the project, bidders will walk the project areas for additional project discussion and bidders' questions. Prospective bidders should dress and plan accordingly. **Both the pre-bid conference and the walk-through are mandatory: bidding contractors are required to attend.** Failure to attend the pre-bid conference and walk through is a basis for Owner to reject the bid under Article 5 of the Instruction to Bidders.

## **BID SUBMITTAL**

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

All workers employed in performance of the project work must 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.

Subject to the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, no qualified individual with a disability will, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or services of a public entity or be subject to discrimination by any such entity. Persons with disabilities seeking accommodation may contact DEQ to make their request.

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.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is an equal opportunity employer.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

By: Tracy Stone-Manning  
Director

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