

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

2022 Vegetation Management Project

BIDS: December 20, 2022 2:00 P.M.

Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) with headquarters in Socorro, New Mexico will be accepting bids for tree-trimming and vegetation removal from the electric utility's Rights-of Way for approximately 1033 miles of overhead distribution powerline, including both single-phase, 7.2 kV lines, and three-phase 14.4/24.9 kV lines. Feeders to be worked originate from either the Socorro, Burris or Bernardo Substations of the SEC system. The project areas are located in the town of Socorro, NM for the Socorro Substation, and along and east of the Rio Grande near the Bernardo, NM area for the Burris and Bernardo Substations. The bid shall include the supply of necessary labor and equipment to complete the work in accordance with the scope of work, and consistent with ANSI Standards and standards normally accepted in the professional line clearance tree trimming industry. As part of the proposal, bidders will provide a list of equipment to be used, and available in New Mexico at the proposed commencement of work.

Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. will receive bids at their office, located at 215 E. Manzanares Avenue, Socorro, New Mexico, 87801 at or before 2:00 PM local time, on December 20, 2022, and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

The Contract and Specifications Exhibits will be available from the office of the Engineer, electronically. Phone requests for the bid package will be honored at (505)344-4234. Bid documents will be printed out and submitted by the bidder. All bids will be on a lump sum price basis, inclusive of NM GRT.

All bidders must have a Bidders Qualification Form filed with the Engineer, without exception. The forms, available from the Engineer, must be in the Engineer's office ten days prior to the scheduled bid opening. Bids will not be considered unless the Qualification forms are on file, as provided herein.

Each bidder must deposit with their bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the attached Bonding Requirements. Attention is called to the requirements of a Power of Attorney of any surety bond and the fact that any surety must appear on the most current list of sureties listed by the United States Treasury Department as Acceptable Sureties.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Socorro Electric Coop located at 215 E Manzanares Ave., Socorro, NM, on November 30th, 2022 at 10:00 AM local time and attendance is required: Attendance will require an RSVP to Tim McLellan of T&D Services (tmclellan@t-d-services.com, 505-414-5204) **No bid will be accepted from any bidder who does not attend this pre-bid meeting.**

The commencement date of construction of the project shall be no later than 30 days after Approval of the Contract by the Owner. Construction shall be completed within the term of the contract, starting at the commencement date. Liquidated damages of \$100.00 per day may be assessed as provided for in the contract.

Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. reserves the right to waive any informality, or reject any and all bids.

Any questions concerning the project should be addressed to Tim McLellan at the office of the Engineer (505) 344-4234, tmclellan@t-d-services.com .

Contacts for the project are:

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Bonding Requirements

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8. Bid Bond. *Each Proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the form attached hereto or a certified check on a bank that is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, payable to the order of the Owner, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the maximum bid price. Each Bidder agrees, provided its Proposal is one of the three low Proposals, that, by filing its Proposal together with such Bid Bond or check in consideration of the Owner's receiving and considering such Proposals, said Proposal shall be firm and binding upon each such Bidder and such Bid Bond or check shall be held by the Owner until a Proposal is accepted and a satisfactory Contractor's Bond is furnished (where required) by the successful Bidder and such acceptance has been approved by the Administrator, or for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date hereinbefore set for the opening of Proposals, whichever period shall be the shorter. If such Proposal is not one of the three low Proposals, the Bid Bond or check will be returned in each instance within a period of ten (10) days to the Bidder furnishing same.*

9. Contractor's Bond. *For a Contract in excess of \$100,000, the Bidder agrees to furnish a Contractor's Bond in triplicate in the form attached hereto with sureties listed by the United States Treasury Department as Acceptable Sureties, in a penal sum not less than the contract price.*

10. Failure to Furnish Contractor's Bond. *Should the successful Bidder fail or refuse to execute such counterparts or to furnish a Contractor's Bond (where required) within ten (10) days after written notification of the acceptance of the Proposal by the Owner, the Bidder will be considered to have abandoned the Proposal. In such event, the Owner shall be entitled (a) to enforce the Bid Bond in accordance with its terms, or (b) if a certified check has been delivered with the Proposal, to retain from the proceeds of the certified check, the difference (not exceeding the amount of the certified check) between the amount of the Proposal and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to construct the project. The term "Successful Bidder" shall be deemed to include any Bidder whose Proposal is accepted after another Bidder has previously refused or has been unable to execute the counterparts or to furnish a satisfactory Contractor's Bond (where required.)*