

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Task Order Proposal Request**

via

Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract, ND/SD Region Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 (VISN 23)

Solicitation Number: 36C26322R0017

Project: Replace 25kV Switchgear, 437-21-190

Project Location: Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102

**Pre-Proposal Site Visit**:

Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 9:00 am CT

Site visit location is Room BD-22, Fargo VA Health Care System

**Due Date for Proposal Questions**:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00 am CT

**Due Date for Proposal Package**:

Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 10:00 am CT

This solicitation administered by:

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1. SOLICITATION NUMBER

2. TYPE OF SOLICITATION

3. DATE ISSUED

PAGE OF PAGES

4. CONTRACT NUMBER

5. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER

6. PROJECT NUMBER

7. ISSUED BY

CODE

8. ADDRESS OFFER TO

a. NAME

b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (NO COLLECT CALLS)

10. THE GOVERNMENT REQUIRES PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THESE DOCUMENTS (Title, identifying number, date)

12a. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FURNISH ANY REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS?

(If "YES," indicate within how many calendar days after award in Item 12B.)

12b. CALENDAR DAYS

13. ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS:

STANDARD FORM 1442 (REV. 8/2014)

STANDARD FORM 1442

Prescribed by GSA-FAR (48 CFR) 52.236-1(d)

SOLICITATION, OFFER,

AND AWARD

(Construction, Alteration, or Repair)

SOLICITATION

SOLICITATION

IMPORTANT - The "offer" section on the reverse must be fully completed by offeror.

9. FOR INFORMATION

CALL:

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

SEALED BID (IFB)

NEGOTIATED (RFP)

11. The Contractor shall begin performance within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days and complete it within

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

calendar days after receiving

award,

notice to proceed. This performance period is

mandatory

negotiable. (See \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

YES

NO

a.

Sealed offers in original and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_copies to perform the work required are due at the place specified in Item 8 by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(hour) local time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date). If this is a sealed bid solicitation, offers must be publicly opened at that time. Sealed

envelopes containing offers shall be marked to show the offeror's name and address, the solicitation number, the date and time offers are due.

b.

An offer guarantee

is,

is not required.

c.

All offers are subject to the (1) work requirements, and (2) other provisions and clauses incorporated in the solicitation in full text or by reference.

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d.

Offers providing less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days for Government acceptance after the date offers are due will not be

considered and will be rejected.

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651-293-3025

This solicitation is for the project titled Replace 25kV Switchgear, Project Number 437-21-190.

Project site location is at the Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102.

The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials and equipment to accomplish the Replace 25kV Switchgear project

per the Statement of Work, specifications and drawings.

This task order solicitation is 100% set-aside for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). General

Contractors who hold a Multiple Award Multiple Year Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract for the

ND/SD region.

In accordance with VAAR 819.7003 (b), at the time of submission of offers and prior to award of any task order, the

Offeror is required to be:

1. SDVOSB eligible under VAAR 819.70,

2. Small business concern under the NAICS code assigned to this acquisition, AND

3. Listed as a verified SDVOSB in VIP database at www.vip.vetbiz.gov.

The project NAICS code is 238210, Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors, small business

$16.5 Million.

Project Schedule: 280 calendar day after Notice to Proceed date

Estimated Magnitude of Construction: $250,000 and $500,000

Request for Information (RFIs) will only be accepted and acknowledged from contractors who hold a ND/SD IDIQ contract.

Subcontractors who need additional information are required to route questions through contractors who hold a ND/SD

IDIQ contract.

RFIs will only be accepted and acknowledged via the Vendor Portal, and not via telephone or email.

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14. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFEROR

15. TELEPHONE NUMBER

16. REMITTANCE ADDRESS

CODE

FACILITY CODE

17. The offeror agrees to perform the work required at the prices specified below in strict accordance with the terms of the solicitation, if this offer is

accepted by the Government in writing within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days after the date offers are due.

AMOUNTS

18. The offeror agrees to furnish any required performance and payment bonds.

19. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT

NUMBER

DATE.

20a. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER

20b. SIGNATURE

20c. OFFER DATE

21. ITEMS ACCEPTED:

22. AMOUNT

23. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA

24. SUBMIT INVOICES TO ADDRESS SHOWN IN

ITEM

25. OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION PURSUANT TO

10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(

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41 U.S.C. 3304(a) (

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26. ADMINISTERED BY

27. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY

PHONE:

FAX:

28. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

29. AWARD

Your

Contractor agrees

offer on this solicitation is hereby accepted as to the items listed. This

to furnish and deliver all items or perform all work requirements identified

award consummates the contract, which consists of (a) the Government

on this form and any continuation sheets for the consideration stated in

solicitation and your offer, and (b) this contract award. No further cont-

this contract. The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract

ractual document is necessary.

shall be governed by (a) this contract award, (b) the solicitation, and (c)

the clauses, representations, certifications, and specifications incorporated

by reference in or attached to this contract.

30a. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR OR PERSON AUTHORIZED

31a. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER

TO SIGN

30b. SIGNATURE

30c. DATE

31b. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

31c. AWARD DATE

BY

**OFFER**

**AWARD**

**STANDARD FORM 1442 (REV. 8/2014) BACK**

(Include ZIP Code)

(Include area code)

(Include only if different than Item 14.)

(Insert any number equal to or greater than

the minimum requirement stated in Item 13d. Failure to insert any number means the offeror accepts the minimum in Item 13d.)

(The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the solicitation -- give number and date of each)

(Type or print)

(4 copies unless otherwise specified)

(Type or print)

(Type or print)

(Contractor is required to sign this

document and return \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ copies to issuing office.)

(Contractor is not required to sign this document.)

**(Must be fully completed by offeror)**

**(To be completed by Government)**

**CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL COMPLETE ITEM 28 OR 29 AS APPLICABLE**

Base Project: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Obligation Number:

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Karen Harris

# PRICE SCHEDULE

**Replace 25kV Switchgear, 437-21-190**

**Base Project:**

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| **Description** | **Price** |
| Base Project – The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, tools, equipment, etc. necessary to accomplish the “Replace 25kV Switchgear” project at the Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102 per the Scope of Work (SOW), construction drawings and specifications.  Period of performance is 280 calendar days after Notice to Proceed. | $ |

**Project Deducts:** None

# NOTICE OF TASK ORDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**ISSUE DATE:** October 28, 2021

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 437-21-190

**PROJECT TITLE:** Replace 25kV Switchgear

**LOCATION:** Fargo VA Health Care System

**CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT:** Angie Frost

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** November 24, 2021 at 10:00 am (CT)

Under the terms and conditions set forth in the Network Contracting Office 23 ND/SD Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC), VA Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO 23) requests that you provide a price proposal for the above referenced project as described below and in the attached Construction Documents. The following information is provided to assist you in preparing your proposal:

Note: **All documentation submittal due times are local time (CT).**

Note: If a firm is **not submitting** a proposal, you are requested to **submit a "No Bid" response** via email to the Contracting Officer or through Vendor Portal within five (5) days from receipt of the RFP.

1. **SCOPE:** The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, tools, equipment, etc. necessary to accomplish the “Replace 25kV Switchgear” project at the Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND 58102 per the Scope of Work (SOW), construction drawings and specifications
2. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** 
   1. The contractor shall commence work under this contract within 15 calendar days after the date the Contractor receives the notice to proceed, prosecute the work diligently, and complete the entire work ready for use not later than 280 **calendar days** from the contractor’s receipt of the notice to proceed (NTP). The time stated for completion shall include final cleanup of the premises.
   2. Working hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM unless otherwise stated in the SOW/drawings/specifications or pre-arranged with the local VA Engineering Office/Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR).
3. **NAICS CODE:** 238210 / $16.5M
4. **MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION**: Between $250,000 and $500,000
5. **BONDS:**
   1. Bid Guarantee: A bid guarantee of 20% as indicated in FAR Provision 52.228-1.

Note: A scanned copy of the Bid Guarantee may be provided with the proposal. A signed and sealed original must be provided by the awardee prior to award.

* 1. Performance and Payment Bonds**:** Performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the awarded CLIN(s) shall be required. Bonds shall be submitted for approval to the Contracting Officer within 10 days after award of the task order. Commencement of construction is contingent upon approval of required bonds.

1. **WAGE DETERMINATION:**  ND20210013 dated 09/24/2021**.** Full text of Wage Determination is provided as an attachment.
2. **SITE VISIT:** An organized Site Visit hasbeen scheduled for November 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM (CT). Participants will meet at the Fargo VAHCS Engineering Conference Room; BD-22. Offerors are strongly encouraged to visit the VA installation to fully appraise themselves with the physical layout and the character and conditions under which the service is to be performed. Failure to do so will in no way relieve the successful offeror from the necessity of furnishing the services as specified in this proposal without additional cost to the Government.

**NOTE:** Due to the current pandemic, a face mask will be required to be worn at all times while on the VA campus and only one representative from each company may attend the site visit to comply with the restrictions of no groups over 10 people. Noncompliance to this requirement will result in being turned away and mandated to leave the VA premises.

1. **SOLICITATION RFI/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:** Questions must be submitted to the vendor portal. Questions will be accepted up to November 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM (CT). All answers will be published to vendor portal via an amendment. The Government reserves the right to not answer any RFIs/questions after the stated due date/time.
2. **BASIS OF AWARD:** Price Only

Award will be based on price. Offeror shall submit a cost breakdown based upon the **attached** **Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet** to permit a complete an analysis of price, including labor, burden, materials, equipment, transportation, supervision, and disposal.

**EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

* The offeror shall:
  + Submit the properly filled out Price Schedule, included in the solicitation. This is also attached.
  + Provide a cost breakdown based on the **attached** Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet, for the base bid and all alternative bids (if applicable).
* The offeror’s price proposal will be initially evaluated by the Contracting Officer (CO) for completeness. Only the lowest price proposal, found to be complete, will be provided to the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) for evaluation.
* The Government will evaluate pricing for award purposes by reviewing the cost breakdown provided using the attached Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the proposal prices are significantly unbalanced. A proposal price is unbalanced when the proposal is based on prices significantly less than the cost for some work and/or significantly overstated for other work. If the lowest price proposal is determined to be unacceptable, the COR will be given the next lowest price proposal for evaluation, and so on, until a determination of full acceptability has been made.
* Price reasonableness will be established using any necessary price/cost analysis techniques in FAR 15.404-1, including but not limited to price competition information and the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE), along with any other pricing tools deemed necessary.
* An award cannot be made if the successful offer’s proposal price exceeds available funding or cost limitations (if applicable).

1. **SITE SUPERVISION:**  The Contractor shall provide supervision in accordance with contract clause 52.236-6, Superintendence by the Contractor.
2. **PROPOSAL FORMAT:**
   1. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation shall be submitted via the [eCMS Vendor Portal](https://www.vendorportal.ecms.va.gov/eVP/Admin/UserList.aspx) and formatted as follows:
      1. Offerors shall submit a cover letter and price proposal in the form of electronic documents. The cover letter shall include:
3. The solicitation number;
4. The name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of the offeror.
5. A statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation and agreement to furnish all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item;
6. Names, titles, phone numbers, facsimile numbers, and e-mail addresses of persons authorized to negotiate on the offeror’s behalf with the Government in connection with this solicitation, and;
7. Name, title, and signature of person authorized to sign the proposal.
   * 1. The price proposal shall be in the format provided in the attachments, including the Price Schedule Sheet and the Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet. The price proposal shall provide the total price and a price breakdown for the specified Divisions for this project.
     2. Electronic documents shall be submitted in Microsoft Word and/or Microsoft Office Excel as applicable. An additional copy of all documentation shall be submitted using portable document format (.pdf).

**MINIMUM SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

In order to be considered for award, the offeror is required to submit, at a minimum, the following:

* Signed SF-1442.
* Signed Amendment(s) SF-30, if any.
* Solicitation provided Price Schedule and attached Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet that contains pricing for the entire requirement.
* Safety or Environmental Information in accordance with the written instructions stated herein.

1. **SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM):** Contractors must ensure that their registration in SAM is up to date at time of proposal due date and prior to award of a task order. For more information, see the SAM website at [http://www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov/). A task order cannot be awarded to a contractor that is not registered and current in SAM.
2. **SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS AND EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION RATE**
   1. All Bidders/Offerors shall submit the following information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information shall contain, at a minimum, a certification that the bidder/offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years.
   2. All Bidders/Offerors shall submit information regarding their current Experience Modification Rate (EMR) equal to or less than 1.0. This information shall be obtained from the bidder's/offeror's insurance company and be furnished on the insurance carrier's letterhead. Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide their EMR rating on insurance letterhead must obtain a rating from the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) by completing/submitting form ERM-6 and providing the rating on letterhead from NCCI. Note: Self-insured contractors or other contractors that cannot provide EMR rating on insurance letterhead from the states or territories of CA, DE, MI, NJ, ND, OH, PA, WA, WY, and PR shall obtain their EMR rating from their state-run worker's compensation insurance rating bureau.
   3. A Determination of Responsibility will be accomplished for the apparent awardee prior to processing the award. The above information, along with other information obtained from Government systems, such as the OSHA and EPA online inspection history databases will be used to make the Determination of Responsibility. Failure to affirm being within the guidelines above or submit this information may result in a determination of “Non-Responsibility” for the bidder/offeror. NOTE: Any information received by the Government that would cause for a negative Determination of Responsibility will make the bidder/offeror ineligible for award. This requirement is applicable to all subcontracting tiers, and prospective prime contractors are responsible for determining the responsibility of their prospective subcontractors.

# CONTRACT CLAUSES

All applicable Clauses of the base IDIQ contract for each offeror are incorporated into this solicitation in full force and effect.

**FAR 52.222-23, NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTION (FEB 1999).** Goals for minority participation for each trade and Goals for female participation for each trade:

Minority: 0.7%; Female: 6.9%

**52.223-99 Ensuring Adequate COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.**

**ENSURING ADEQUATE COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS (OCT 2021) (DEVIATION)**

1. *Definition*. As used in this clause -

*United States or its outlying areas* means—

* 1. The fifty States;
  2. The District of Columbia;
  3. The commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands;
  4. The territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands; and
  5. The minor outlying islands of Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Navassa Island, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Atoll.

1. *Authority.* This clause implements Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors, dated September 9, 2021 (published in the Federal Register on September 14, 2021, 86 FR 50985).
2. *Compliance.* The Contractor shall comply with all guidance, including guidance conveyed through Frequently Asked Questions, as amended during the performance of this contract, for contractor workplace locations published by the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force (Task Force Guidance) at [https:/www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/contractors/](https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/contractors/).
3. *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in subcontracts at any tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award, and are for services, including construction, performed in whole or in part within the United States or its outlying areas.

(End of clause)

# LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

See attached document: Attachment A - Price Schedule Sheet - 1 page.

See attached document: Attachment B - Price Schedule Breakdown Sheet - 1 page.

See attached document: Attachment C - Questions Request Form - 1 page.

See attached document: Attachment D - Scope of Work - 8 pages.

See attached document: Attachment E - Specifications - 74 pages.

See attached document: Attachment F - Drawings - 2 pages.

See attached document: Attachment G - Wage Determination ND20210013 9-24-2021 - 5 pages.

See attached document: Attachment H - Contractor Safety and EMR - 2 pages.