

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NC Data Campus Utility Extensions, Phase B

All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope by no later than 5:00 p.m., December 4, 2014 to the office of the Purchasing Manager, Ms. Debbie Anderson at the Catawba County Government Center located at 100A Southwest Blvd., Post Office Box 389, Newton, North Carolina 28658. All bids shall remain confidential until awarded.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF the construction of approximately 154 linear feet of 14" diameter ductile iron gravity sewers with related manholes and appurtenances, 330 linear feet of 12" diameter ductile iron water line with 40 linear feet of 20" diameter steel casing installed in open cut under Lyle Creek including restrained joints, blocking, and related appurtenances, and the construction of one skimmer sediment basin to serve the NC Data Campus site.

The Bidding Documents for the project may be examined at the following locations during normal business hours:

Catawba County
McGill Associates, PA

Newton, NC
Hickory, NC

Bidding Documents are available upon request at the Owner's project engineer, McGill Associates, PA located at **1240 19th Street Northwest, Hickory, North Carolina** during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding the bidding of this project can be found at www.mcgillbidline.com.

Each bid shall be accompanied with a cash deposit or certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC or a Bid Bond prepared on the form of Bid Bond contained in the Bidding Documents or a Surety Company's standard form and properly executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The amount of the bid bond shall be equal to **five (5) percent** of the total of the bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after the proper notice of award of the contract.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of the State of North Carolina and be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any source other than the Owner's representative, McGill Associates, P.A. Each Bidder shall be responsible for the review of all addenda for the project and shall acknowledge the addenda on the bid form.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and time.

Catawba County has adopted a "Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan" (MBPOP). The goal of the Catawba County in adopting its Plan is for the expansion of participation by historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in construction projects as defined in GS 143 -128.2 (g). Equal access and opportunity to participate in all aspects of construction projects shall be provided to HUB. It is the policy of Catawba County to award public building contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or disabling condition. Each bidder shall make a good faith effort and shall document such efforts to utilize minority businesses and comply with the Catawba County plan.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standard Act, and 40 CFR 33.1016, and 40 CFR 60-4.

Rodney Miller, Catawba County Finance Director