ANNOUNCEMENT OF PREQUALIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEM INTEGRATORS

Notice is hereby given that Placer County Water Agency (PCWA or Agency) has determined that all public works related to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) to be undertaken by PCWA must be performed by qualified system integrators that have been pre-qualified according to the procedures contained herein. It is mandatory that all system integrators who intend to provide services relative to a PCWA project or PCWA facility shall fully complete the pre-qualification submittal form, provide all materials requested herein, and be approved by PCWA. It is PCWA’s intent to pre-qualify system integrators for a period of three (3) years.

If a system integrator desires to be pre-qualified as a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately pre-qualified in order to be eligible to provide services relative to a PCWA project or PCWA facility.

For purposes of this pre-qualification procedure, the following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

- **“Bid” or words of like effect or import shall mean a bid submitted directly to PCWA or indirectly through third party agreements including, but not limited to, Contractor/Subcontractor Agreements and PCWA Facilities Agreements.**

- **“Contractor” or words of like effect or import shall mean the System Integrator working directly or indirectly for PCWA, including working as a subcontractor on PCWA projects and working for land developers that are constructing PCWA facilities.**

- **“System Integrator (SI)” is defined as a business entity that provides materials and services related to SCADA system, Instrumentation and Controls (I&C), Communications, Networking and Programmable Logic Control systems to PCWA either directly or indirectly as a I&C subcontractor with the ability to handle all of the stages of design, development, implementation and testing.**

The Prequalification Documents for System Integrators may be obtained from the Engineering Division of Placer County Water Agency by emailing vfigueroa@pcwa.net. The email should contain the company business name, business address, business phone number, business license, and contact person name. Questions about the System Integrator Pre-qualification must be submitted in writing to the same email address. The subject line shall be preceded with “System Integrator Prequalification Question-“.

Answers to questions contained in the pre-qualification documents, information about current bonding capacity on an aggregate and per project limit, notarized statement from surety, and the most recent reviewed or audited financial statements, with accompanying notes and supplemental information, are required. PCWA will use these documents as the basis of rating Contractors in respect to the size and
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While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist PCWA in determining bidder responsibility prior to the submission of bids and to aid PCWA in selecting the most qualified bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude PCWA from a post-bid consideration and determination on a specific project of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness. Contractors are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of pre-qualification status well in advance of upcoming projects.

The pre-qualification packages should be submitted under seal and marked “CONFIDENTIAL” by 4:00 p.m., local prevailing time, on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 to:

**By U.S. Postal Service:**
Placer County Water Agency
Engineering Division
P.O. Box 6570
Auburn, CA 95604
Attention: Jeremy Shepard

**By other carrier or hand-delivery:**
Placer County Water Agency
Engineering Division
144 Ferguson Road
Auburn CA 95603
Attention: Jeremy Shepard

All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of an appeal hearing.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Contractor on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Contractor becomes inaccurate, the Contractor must immediately notify PCWA and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The anticipated schedule for System Integrator prequalification is summarized as follows:

- Advertise prequalification document  May 22, 2013
PCWA reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the pre-qualification application submitted, to make all final determinations, and to determine at any time that the pre-qualification procedures will not be applied to a future public works project.

A Contractor who has submitted a completed application form, and who receives a rating of “not qualified” from PCWA may appeal that determination. There is no appeal from a finding that a Contractor is not pre-qualified because of a failure to submit required information. A Contractor may appeal PCWA’s decision with respect to its request for pre-qualification, and request a hearing, by giving notice to PCWA no later than ten business days after receipt of notice of its qualification status. Unless a Contractor files a timely appeal, the Contractor waives any and all rights to challenge the qualification decision of PCWA, whether by administrative process, judicial process or any other legal process or proceeding.

If the Contractor gives the required notice of appeal and requests a hearing, the hearing shall be conducted so that it is concluded no later than ten business days after PCWA’s receipt of its Notice of Appeal. The hearing so provided shall be an informal process conducted by a panel to which PCWA has delegated responsibility to hear such appeals (the “Appeals Panel”). At or prior to the hearing, the Contractor will be advised of the basis for PCWA’s pre-qualification determination. The Contractor will be given the opportunity to present information and present reasons in opposition to the pre-qualification determination. At the conclusion of the hearing or no later than one day after completion of the hearing, the Appeals Panel will render its decision. The date for submission and opening of bids for a specific project will not be delayed or postponed to allow for completion of an appeal process.

Note: A Contractor may be found not pre-qualified for bidding on a public works contract to be let by PCWA for either:

(1) Omission of requested information or

(2) Falsification of information.

(3) The Contractor is not ranked in the top 5 based on evaluation conducted.

(4) Evaluation score is less than 70

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