

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Solicitation No. 09-A043

300' GUYED TOWER INSTALLATION AND ERECTION AT WHITESBURG SITE

I. Overview, General Submission Information and Pre-Bid Conference

Overview:

The Carroll County Board of Commissioners requests proposals from interested and qualified firms to erect and install a 300' 3600SRWD Guyed Tower on County owned property located at 1360 Highway 16 North, Whitesburg, GA 30185. Installation and erection will include the construction of concrete tower base, 6 guy anchors (I-Beam), and the erection of the tower. The tower has already been purchased by the County from Sabre Towers and Poles. A Structural Design Report has been provided by the supplier. Proposals will include all material and labor to construct tower base, construct guy anchors and erection of the tower.

General Submission Information

Three (3) copies of the sealed proposal must be delivered to:

Carroll County Board of Commissioners
Purchasing Department, Room 410
423 College Street
Carrollton, GA 30117

The proposal shall be delivered no later than **2:00 PM ET, Friday, June 19, 2009**. Each response should be marked on the outside of the envelope with "**Sealed Proposal – 300' GUYED TOWER INSTALLATION AND ERECTION AT WHITESBURG SITE, (Solicitation No. 09-A043), June 19, 2009**".

Any questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be directed to:

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Carroll County Board of Commissioners
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Carroll County reserves the right to waive any informality, to reject any and all bids, to evaluate all bids, to accept portions of any bid and to accept any bid which in its opinion may be in the best interest of the County. **The County reserves the right to modify the contract after its award.**

No proposals will be received or accepted after 2:00 PM ET Friday, June 19, 2009. Proposals submitted after the designated date and time will be deemed invalid and returned unopened to the proponent. Carroll County is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure no late bid is submitted. No proposal may be withdrawn within thirty days after the proposal opening and shall remain firm through this period.

Pre-Bid Conference

There will be a Pre-Bid conference on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 2:00 PM. Location of the conference will be at the Whitesburg tower site. All potential bidders are encouraged to attend.

The address is: 1360 Highway 16 North
Whitesburg, GA 30185

Carroll County is exempt from all Federal, State and local taxes, including excise taxes. Payment terms are NET 30 Days. Invoices must be mailed to:

Accounts Payable
Carroll County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 338
Carrollton, GA 30112

II. Project Specifications

The Scope of Services, as may be modified through negotiation and/or by written addendum issued by the County, will be made part of the Agreement. Contractors interested in obtaining a contract with Carroll County for the installation and erection of a 300' cell tower shall prepare a written proposal to include, but not be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

- A. Bidders shall quote on the installation and erection of the cell tower in accordance with the site plan and structural design report provided by Sabre Towers and Poles.
- B. All work shall be in accordance with accepted industrial standards, OSHA standards and in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations.
- C. All permits and licensing shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

III. Submittal Requirements/Format

Format: The Parties interested in acquiring this contract with Carroll County shall submit three (3) copies of the proposal package to meet the requirements below:

- A. The Proposal shall set forth an itemized cost for the Project including an itemization of the cost for materials, type of materials to be used and cost for labor.

- B. A list of current Georgia clients, including the names and addresses, for which your company has completed similar work within the last three years.
- C. Any listing of unique products or services offered and how they would apply to this Proposal.
- D. Provide a written statement outlining the timeline as well as a completion date.
- E. Indicate how the resources of your firm (e.g. number and type of personnel, equipment, etc.) will be allocated for this project.
- F. Degree of work, if any, that is to be subcontracted.
- G. Ability to meet insurance requirements and attach a copy of a valid insurance certificate for the firm's general liability and proof of adequate worker's compensation coverage for employees.
- H. Ability to meet Bid Bond and Performance Bond requirements.

IV. Minimum Criteria Used to Determine Responsibility and Responsiveness of Proposals

Proposals shall be reviewed and evaluated based on their relative responsiveness to the criteria described above and with those criteria's outlined below. The Carroll County Board of Commissioners will make the final approval.

- A. Whether the Bid demonstrates an understanding of the project(s)?
- B. Whether the Bid demonstrates an ability to complete the project in a timely manner?
- C. Whether the Bidder provided references or otherwise demonstrated it has performed satisfactorily in previous contracts of similar size and scope
- D. Whether the Bidder has demonstrated the appropriate capacity, skill and financial resources to provide the requested service?
- E. Whether the Bidder met the insurance requirements and provided proof of same.

All work performed shall be of the highest quality in accordance with good practices, procedures and industry/OSHA standards. The Bidder must conform to all Federal, State and local laws and governmental regulations.

V. Subcontracting

Any person undertaking a part of the work under the terms of the proposal, by virtue of an agreement with the Contractor, must receive the approval of the Carroll County Purchasing Manager prior to any such undertaking. The County may terminate the proposal if the subcontracting is done without this approval.

VI. Safety Measures

Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite and shall erect and properly maintain at all times, as required on job conditions and progress of the work, all necessary safeguards for the protection of the workmen and public.

VII. Proof of Insurance/Performance Bond/Bid Bond

Insurance Requirements. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with performance of the Work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors.

1. General Liability: \$ 1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for comprehensive coverage including bodily injury, personal injury and property damage for premises/operations, products/completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors, and underground, explosion and collapse hazard.
2. Automotive Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage including all owned, hired and non-owned.
3. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the Labor code of the State of Georgia and Employers Liability of \$100,000 per accident.
4. Performance Bond: A Performance Bond shall be required for an amount equal to the bid price. The Performance Bond shall be provided to the County, with ten (10) days, once the successful bidder has been selected by the County.
5. Bid Bond: A 5% Bid Bond is required with the proposal.

A "Certificate of Liability Insurance" showing the Carroll County Board of Commissioners, as the Certificate Holder, must be provided prior and incorporated as part of the award contract.

VIII. Price

The prices and descriptions of material and labor should be in sufficient detail for the Board of Commissioners to be able to make a determination as to whether the price is "responsible and responsive" and in the best interest of County Government and consistent with this Request for Proposal.

- Invoices will be submitted to:

Carroll County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 338
Carrollton, GA 30112
Attention: Don Johnson, Finance Department

- Accounts are NET 30 DAYS.

XI. Method of Selection

The County is using the Competitive Sealed Bids method of source selection for this procurement. An award, if made, will be made to the responsible provider whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, and most responsible and responsive as required by law, taking into consideration the factors set forth in this RFP.

Providers submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion, negotiation and revision of proposals as authorized by O.C.G.A § 36-91-21. Discussions, negotiations and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to an award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In accordance with their requests for proposals, all responsible Bidders found by the governmental entity to have submitted proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for the award shall be given the opportunity to participate in such discussions, negotiations and revisions. However, during the process of discussion, negotiation and revision, the government entity shall not disclose the contents of proposals to competing providers. The final decision with regard to the selection of the bidder shall be made by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. All proposals shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the submission date.

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