
INVITATION TO BID

PART 1. GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of the **Amphitheater & Front St. Parking Lot** will be received until the closing time of **December 31, 2024 at 11:00 AM** local time. Bids must be submitted by the Bidder electronically through QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be accepted. **Any bid received after the bid closing time and date will not be considered by the Owner.** No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State law. Base Cost of all Bids will be posted by the Owner/Engineer to the QuestCDN website within approximately 30 minutes after the bid closing time. This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968.

1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The work to be completed shall consist of furnishing all labor, material, and equipment to complete grading and install associated paving, restroom structures, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, concrete slabs, storm infrastructure, fencing including, but not limited to storm structures, pavement replacement, earthwork, landscaping, signage, striping, grassing, soil erosion and sedimentation control measures, and appurtenances necessary to provide a complete installation. See Section 01014 for critical construction constraints. Some demolition as well as water, sewer, and power infrastructure will be installed by others.

Time allotted for completion of work is **270 consecutive calendar days**. All Work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.3 FUNDING PROVISIONS

This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract. Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. Section 3 documents are required prior to Notice of Award. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to greatest extent feasible, be directed to Section 3 residents and businesses in the area especially low- and very-low income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. Neither the United States nor any of the departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party of any contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid.

This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs

Act (“IIJA”), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget’s Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022.

1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital specifications and contract documents are available at www.cartersloope.com/outforbid. Bidders may also view the digital plan documents for free by creating a Quest account and entering the Quest project number **9290323** on the website’s project search page. Bidders can download the digital documents for a fee of \$100 payable through the website. Bids must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. There will be an additional \$42.00 bid submittal fee. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with digital project information. All other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Watkinsville, GA, 706-769-4119.

1.5 CONTRACTOR LICENSE

The Scope of Work as described herein is defined as “utility contracting” in accordance with O.C.G.A 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a “Utility Contractor” and must also employ a “Utility Manager” certification holder who will have oversight of all the utility work. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.6 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders must complete the Qualifications of Bidder (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of the Contract. Refer to the specific requirements outlined in the referenced Section.

1.7 BONDS

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier’s check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an “A” minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of “Best’s Key Rating Guide Property Liability”. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.8 PERMITS

The status of Federal, State, and /or Local permits for this project are as follows:

<u>PERMITS/AGENCIES</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
A. Land Disturbance Permit	Submitted
B. NPDES GAR 100001 (Stormwater)	Contractor to Submit
C. Building Permit	N/A

1.9 EASEMENTS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Work will be contained to Rights-of-Way or property leased to the City of Cornelia.

1.10 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the **City of Cornelia** must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.11 FUNDING SOURCES

Funding is to be provided by the Area Development Grant Program which is administered by the Appalachian Regional Commission and by the City of Cornelia.

1.12 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

CITY OF CORNELIA
OWNER

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