

## INVITATION TO BID

### 1.1 COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed bids for construction of the **FY 2024 CDBG - East Walnut Water System Improvements** will be received until the bid closing time of **May 27, 2025 at 3:00PM** 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 **Any bid received after the bid closing time and date will not be considered by the Owner.** No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State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 install approximately 7,400 LF of 6" and 2" water main including, but not limited to fire hydrants, valves, service tubing, meter relocations, storm culverts, pavement replacement, earthwork, grassing, soil erosion and sedimentation control measures, and appurtenances necessary to provide a complete installation.

Time allotted for completion of work is **180 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. 117-58. 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.

BABA requires products purchased in connection with infrastructure projects funded by Federal financial assistance programs to be produced in the United States, known as the “Buy America Preference (BAP)”. Specifically, this is a statutory requirement that Federal funding for infrastructure projects use “covered materials” that are “American-made.” The BAP applies to the following products: Iron and steel; Manufactured products; and Construction materials. **For FY2024 awards, BAP will include Iron & Steel and Specifically Listed Construction Materials. Specifically Listed Construction materials consists of metals other than iron and steel (nonferrous metals), lumber, composite building materials, and plastic and polymer-based pipe and tube (e.g., PVC pipe).**

#### 1.4 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Complete digital specifications and contract documents are available at [www.cartersloope.com/outforbid](http://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 **9646485** 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](mailto: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.