INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to The Mayor and City Council, City of Jacinto City, Texas, Harris County, will be received at City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas, 77029 until 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 22, 2013, and then publicly opened and read during the August 22nd City Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. held at Council Chambers, 10301 Market Street, Jacinto City, for furnishing all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of "Water System Improvements 2012".

BIDS will be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank forms provided and marked in the upper left hand corner "Bid for Construction of Water System Improvements 2012" to be opened at 6:00 P.M., at the Council Chambers, 10301 Market Street, Thursday, August 22, 2013. BIDS received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work in general under this Contract and includes, but is not limited to the following:

Providing the necessary materials, equipment, supervision, labor and appurtenances to construct approximately 115' of 14-Inch, 930' of 10-Inch including one 18-Inch steel encased street crossing, and 4,895 of 8-Inch including one 14-Inch steel encased street crossing waterline complete with fire hydrants and vales. The construction also includes approximately 120 service connections. This work is located south of Market Street from Flint Street to Kerbey Drive within the City of Jacinto City.

All Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check upon a national or state bank in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the City of Jacinto City, Jacinto City, Texas, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a Contract. The notice of award of Contract shall be given by the Owner within sixty (60) days following the opening of bids. Checks submitted as bid security will be returned to the respective bidders within ten (10) days after bids are opened, except checks, or bonds, which the Owner elects to hold until the successful bidder has executed the Contract. Thereafter, the remaining checks, including security of successful bidder, will be returned within five (5) days. Remaining bid bonds will not be returned unless requested by Bidder.

The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond upon the forms which are attached hereto in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the contract price within 15 days after receipt of the contract documents. Payment and performance bonds shall be issued from sureties with a minimum "A" or "A-" rating from <u>Best's Key Rating Guide</u> and who are licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance to do business in Texas and to issue said bonds. The bonds must be signed by an authorized representative of the surety, and licensed by the State Board of Insurance.

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of LJA Engineering Inc., East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77029 for Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per set, which sum <u>will not be refunded</u>.

Plans and/or Exhibits and Specifications may be examined at the following locations:

| City of Jacinto City City Hall 1301 Mercury Street Jacinto City, Texas 77029 | (713) 674-8424 |
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| LJA Engineering, Inc. East Houston Office 11821 East Freeway, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77029 | (713) 450-1300 |
| McGraw- Hill Construction Dodge 10606 Hempstead Road, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77092 | (713) 316-9411 |
| Houston AGC ISQFT Plan Room 8450 Westpark, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77063 | (800) 364-2059 |
| Associated General Contractors of Texas 2400 Augusta, Suite 305 Houston, Texas 77057 | (713) 334-7100 |
| Amtek Plan Room 4001 Sherwood Lane Houston, Texas 77092 | (713) 956-0100 |

In conformance with applicable statutes, the general prevailing wage rates in the locality in which the work is to be performed have been ascertained, and such rates shall be the minimum paid for labor employed upon this project.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in any bid, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest acceptable bid.

This project will be funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Applicable requirements include, but are not limited to, compliance with Davis-Bacon and Fair Labor Standards Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, and contracting with small, minority and disadvantage firms, as detailed in this project manual.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** for prospective bidders, suppliers, etc., will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at the office of LJA Engineering, Inc., East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77029 in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph 20. Bids from firms other than **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** attendees <u>WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED</u>.

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