

## ***INVITATION FOR BID***

The Henderson Water and Sewer Commission of the City of Henderson, Kentucky will receive sealed competitive bids at its office at 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420, until 1:30 p.m. local time on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 at which time the bids will be opened and considered for the purchase of the following:

### **CAUSTIC SODA 25% (Membrane Grade) FOR THE HENDERSON WATER UTILITY**

Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained from:

HWU website: <http://tinyurl.com/hwu-bids>

HWU Bobby Gish Administration Building: 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Questions should be directed to the Purchasing Manager, Kathy Manker, at 270-869-6609.

Bidders should submit their sealed bids by customary means, prior to the bid opening time. At the specified time, a video teleconference will be broadcast to the public as allowed under KRS 61.826 and KRS 45A.080(4). No primary location will be set for public attendance as per Kentucky Attorney General Opinion 20-05, and no public attendance will be permitted at this meeting due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19. The Bid Opening will be broadcast on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93788399103?pwd=OUUp3SmtpaGRIZkVnYUVMQVdUNTF2dz09>.

The Water and Sewer Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive informalities and/or technicalities in the bids. Conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks as defined and provided for in K.R.S. 45A.455 are absolutely prohibited.

Clarifications and Addenda will be posted on the HWU procurement web site as listed above.

## SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

As used herein:

- a. The term "solicitation" includes the Invitation for Bid, Solicitation Instructions and Conditions, Bid Form and Technical Specifications, and any Clarifications or Addenda issued by the Owner.
- b. The term "offer" means "bid" or "proposal".
- c. The term "Vendor" shall mean the party responsible for furnishing submittals, equipment, accessories, controls, operation and maintenance manuals and training, startup services and warranting the equipment as required in this Invitation for Bids. Prior to award of contract, a potential Vendor may be referred to by the terms "Bidder" or "Offeror".
- d. The term "Owner" shall mean the Henderson Water Utility (HWU), 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, Kentucky, 42420.
- e. The term "Purchase Order" shall mean the document executed by the Vendor and the Owner.
- f. The term "Nonresident bidder" is defined by KRS 45A.494(3).
- g. The term "Resident bidder" is defined by KRS 45A.494(2).
- h. The term "Qualified bidder" means Kentucky Industries for the Blind, Incorporated; any nonprofit corporation that furthers the purposes of KRS Chapter 163; or a qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with severe disabilities as described in KRS 45A.465(3).

### 2. PREPARATION OF OFFERS

- a. Offerors shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so shall be at the offeror's risk.
- b. Offers shall set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required by the solicitation. Offers that contain an offeror's own special terms and conditions in conflict with the terms of the solicitation or state statutes and regulations may be rejected.
- c. Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation on the bid forms included herein. The offeror shall sign the solicitation in ink and type or print in ink his name, firm, address, telephone number, and date. Erasures or other changes shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the offer. Approved electronic format may also be accepted.
- d. Any explanation or statement which the offeror wishes to make concerning the bid shall be written separately and independently of the proposal or bid, attached to the bid form, and placed in the envelope with the bid. Any such statement or explanation must refer to the bid submitted and shall also be signed by the offeror.
- e. Unit price for each unit offered shall be shown and such price shall include packing and delivery to HWU unless otherwise specified within the Bid Form, and shall include startup and training services where specified in the Technical Specifications. Fuel Surcharges and any other miscellaneous charges should be included in the unit price. A total shall be entered in the amount column of the schedule for each item offered. In case of discrepancy between a unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern.
- f. Cash discounts shall not be considered in making the award of the contract.
- g. Trade discounts shall be deducted by the vendor in calculating the unit price quoted, unless otherwise stated.

- h. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified shall not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.
- i. If applicable, proposal shall include guaranteed time schedules for submission of shop drawings after award of the Purchase Order, and for shipment of equipment after receipt of approved shop drawings. The award of the Purchase Order will be based on the quoted price and an acceptable shop drawing and equipment delivery schedule.
- j. Time, if stated as a number of days, shall include Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. One day is 24 hours; One week is 7 days; One month is 28 days.

### **3. OFFEROR CLARIFICATION – REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

Any explanation desired by an offeror regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation drawings, specifications, etc., **shall be requested in writing to the HWU Purchasing Manager, not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the bid opening date.** Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract shall not be binding. Any information given to a prospective vendor concerning a solicitation shall be furnished to all prospective vendors as an amendment or clarification of the solicitation, if such information is necessary to vendors in submitting offers on the solicitation, or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed vendors.

### **4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA TO SOLICITATIONS**

Receipt of an addendum to a solicitation shall be acknowledged by the offeror. Such acknowledgement shall be received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of offers. Verbal acknowledgement shall not be accepted. Failure to acknowledge addenda may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive.

### **5. PROTEST PROCEDURES**

#### **a. Protests prior to bid opening**

Any protests, prior to bid opening must be submitted in writing and received by HWU at least ten (10) calendar days prior to bid opening. This ten (10) calendar day deadline may be waived by the HWU Purchasing Manager for good cause shown. The HWU Purchasing Manager will issue a response to the protest no later than five (5) calendar days after receipt of the protest. The response shall be in writing and set forth the reasons for the response.

Upon receipt of a protest, the HWU Purchasing Manager will immediately determine if the bid opening should be postponed. If the bid opening is postponed, HWU will notify all prospective bidders who have been furnished a copy of the specifications that a request for review has been received and that the bid opening is postponed. Upon issuance of its response to the protest, HWU will issue an appropriate addendum rescheduling the bid opening.

**b. Protests after bid opening**

Protests after bid opening will be considered only as to issues which were not apparent before bid opening. After bid opening no protests of specifications will be considered.

Any protest after bid opening, including a protest of contract award, must be submitted in writing and received by HWU within five (5) calendar days of the action being protested. No other form of protest will be considered. After the time for protest of contract award has expired, these protest procedures will be considered to be inapplicable, and any disputes will be resolved by HWU under contract provisions or other remedies, if available.

Protests submitted to HWU shall:

- (a) Include the name and address of the protestor.
- (b) Identify clearly the procurement under which the protest is being submitted.
- (c) Identify the action being protested and provide sufficient detailed documentation to support the protest action.
- (d) Indicate the action, ruling or relief desired from HWU.

The HWU Purchasing Manager will review the protest and render his or her decision in writing within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the protest, setting forth reasons for his or her decision.

HWU is responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of the procurement, including protests, contract defaults, disputes or breaches. The decision of the HWU Purchasing Manager as to protests shall be final and conclusive, unless, within five (5) calendar days of the date a decision was rendered by the HWU Purchasing Manager, a written appeal of the same is submitted by the bidder to the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners. Any appeal to the Board of Commissioners shall include:

- (a) A statement of the grounds for review and any supporting documentation.
- (b) A copy of the protest filed with HWU and a copy of the HWU Purchasing Manager's decision.

If the appeal is submitted prior to award of a contract, HWU will not award until the matter is resolved. If the contract has been awarded prior to the appeal, the contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract.

**6. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS**

- a. Offers and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The offeror shall show the opening hour and date specified in the solicitation, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror on the face of the envelope(s).
- b. Telegraphic or facsimile offers shall not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified by telegraphic or facsimile notice, if such notice is received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt. Telegraphic or facsimile modifications shall not mention unit prices or total price; but shall only refer to percentage change or numerical change (i.e., "reduce unit price of item 1 by \$1.00").

- c. Samples of items, if required, shall be submitted within the time specified, and not unless otherwise specified, at no expense to HWU. If not destroyed by testing, samples shall be returned at the offeror's request and expense, unless otherwise specified by the solicitation. Unless a request for their return is made within thirty (30) days of award of contract, all samples shall become property of HWU.

## **7. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS**

Offers may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of offers. An offer may also be withdrawn in person by an offeror or his authorized representative, if his identity is made known and he signs a receipt for the offer, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of offers.

## **8. LATE OFFERS AND MODIFICATIONS**

Offers and modifications of offers received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt shall not be considered for an award of contract, UNLESS:

- a. No bids are received other than the late bid; and
- b. The needs of HWU are determined to preclude the re-solicitation of bids.

## **9. MULTIPLE AND ALTERNATE BIDS**

Bidders shall submit one response only to the solicitation and shall not propose more than one price, model, and brand for each bid item. Multiple or alternate bids offering more than one bid price in total (or by line-item) shall be cause for rejection unless specifically called for in special provisions provided elsewhere in the solicitation.

## **10. AWARD OF CONTRACT**

- a. It is the intent of HWU to award this contract to the vendor offering the lowest evaluated bid price for products which meet the specifications set forth in this document. Any and all anticipated costs for HWU to implement the project will be taken into consideration.
- b. HWU reserves the right to reject any offers and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received. The award of this contract will be contingent upon funds being appropriated for this purchase.
- c. The bidder, if awarded an order or contract, agrees to protect, defend, and save harmless the Henderson Water and Sewer Commission and the Henderson Water Utility against any demand for the use of any patented materials, process, article, or device, that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract and he further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Henderson Water and Sewer Commission and the Henderson Water Utility from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it, for on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties, by or form any of the acts of the contractor, his servants, or agents.
- d. The awarded contract shall agree to offer the prices and the terms and conditions offered herein to any municipality, county or state government; public utility; non-profit hospital; educational institute; special governmental agency; and non-profit corporation performing

governmental functions in Western Kentucky area who wish to participate in a cooperative purchase program with Henderson Water Utility. Other agencies will be responsible for entering into separate agreements with the Contract and for all payments thereunder.

- e. The bidder agrees to hold the proposed pricing for up to 60 days after bid proposal is opened.
- f. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall be deemed to result in a contract without further actions by either party.

#### **11. PRICE ESCALATION:**

It is the intention of both parties that pricing shall remain firm during the term of the agreement.

HWU shall only consider price increases in conjunction with a renewal of the agreement. In the event that economic conditions are such that unit price increases are desired by the Seller upon renewal of the agreement, Seller should submit a written request to HWU with supporting documents justifying such increases at least 90 days prior to the termination date of the agreement. It is agreed that the Unit Prices shall include compensation for the Seller to implement and actively conduct cost and price control activities, and in its request for price increases Seller shall cite sources, specific conditions and document how those conditions affect the cost of its performance, and specific efforts Seller has taken to control and reduce costs. HWU will review the proposed pricing and determine if it is allowable, fair and reasonable, and in the best interest of HWU to extend the agreement.

#### **12. TERM OF CONTRACT & CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Terms and conditions, unless stated otherwise herein, are to be effective for one year from the date of bid acceptance by the Henderson Water and Sewer Commission. This bid will be eligible for 2 one-year extensions (at HWU's discretion).

#### **13. METHOD OF AWARD: BEST VALUE - RANKING APPROACH**

The Owner intends to award a Contract to the Contractor whose bid, conforming to the BID FORM, is the most advantageous on the basis of "best value" for all products, services, and requirements contained herein. An evaluation committee or a designated individual will evaluate the information provided by the Contractor in response to the established measurable criteria contained herein.

***Measurable Criteria: Price 100 Points***

***TOTAL POINTS 100 Points***

Each Contractor is responsible for submitting all relevant, factual and correct information with their Bid to enable the evaluator(s) to afford each Contractor the maximum score based on the available data submitted by the Contractor. The Contractor shall explicitly adhere to the BID FORM which contains adequate space for the Contractor's pricing.

#### **Bid Price (100 Points)**

The bidder with the lowest Bid Price receives the maximum score. The bidder with the next lowest Price receives points by dividing the lowest Price by the next lowest Price and multiplying that percentage by the available points. For Example, 100 points is allocated to the lowest Price criteria for

this procurement, Bidder "A" bids \$3.00 as the lowest bidder and receives the maximum 100 points ( $\$3.00 / \$3.00 = 1.00 \times 100 = 100$ ). Assume Bidder "B" is next lowest bidder at \$4.00, then "B" receives 75 points ( $\$3.00 / \$4.00 = .75 \times 100 = 75$ ).

Best Value scoring is subject to Reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders and Preferences for a Qualified Bidder or the Department of Corrections, Division of Prison Industries (KAR 200 5:410).

The Contractor is required to submit a complete copy of the "Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors, and Contractors Claiming Resident Bidder Status" attached to the BID FORM.

#### **14. KENTUCKY / INDIANA SALES AND USE TAXES**

Sales of tangible personal property or services to HWU are not subject to state sales or use taxes. Henderson Water Utility's Kentucky/Indiana sales tax exemption number will be provided to the successful bidder(s).

#### **15. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS**

Any contracts or orders placed as a result of the offer shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The rights and obligations of the parties thereto shall be determined in accordance with these laws. Any offer conditioned upon governance by the laws of a state other than Kentucky shall not be considered.

Conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks as defined and provided for in KRS 45A.455 are absolutely prohibited. Bidder acknowledges and certifies by submission of his bid that all the provisions of KRS 45A.455 are complied with fully.

A City of Henderson business license is required for all vendors servicing accounts within the City of Henderson. Information regarding the business license can be obtained by calling the business license office at 270-831-1200. Vendors will be allowed ten (10) days after award of bid to submit a copy of their current business license to the Purchasing Manager.

#### **16. PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS- do not apply to this bid**

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 337.505 to 337.550 and federal Davis-Bacon and Related Act Requirements, prevailing wages must be paid by the successful contractor and all of his subcontractors for certain construction contracts. If applicable, a Wage Decision will be enclosed that establishes the minimum rate that must be paid under the contract. Contractor certification concerning labor standards and prevailing wage requirements, ongoing payroll documentation, and other information will also be required for contracts that must comply with prevailing wage requirements.

#### **17. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Gratuities and kickbacks – Use of confidential information (KRS 45A.455)**

- a. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any employee with procurement authority to participate directly in any proceeding or application; request for ruling or other determination; claim or controversy; or other particular matter pertaining to any contract, or subcontract, and any solicitation or proposal therefore, in which to his knowledge:
  - i. He, or any member of his immediate family has a financial interest therein; or

- ii. A business or organization in which he or any member of his immediate family has a financial interest as an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, is a party; or
  - iii. Any other person, business, or organization with whom he or any member of his immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is a party. Direct or indirect participation shall include but not be limited to involvement through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or purchase standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity.
- b. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment, in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or purchase standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling or other determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any contract or subcontract and any solicitation or proposal therefore.
  - c. It is a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
  - d. The prohibition against conflicts of interest and gratuities and kickbacks shall be conspicuously set forth in every local public agency written contract and solicitation therefore.
  - e. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any public employee or former employee knowingly to use confidential information for his actual or anticipated personal gain, or the actual or anticipated personal gain of any other person.

## **18. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS**

During the period of the contract, no modification shall be permitted in any of its conditions and specifications unless the contractor receives written approval from the Purchasing Manager.

If the contractor finds at any time that existing conditions make modification in requirements necessary, he shall promptly report such matter to the Purchasing Manager for consideration and decision. All contract modifications shall be subject to the provisions of 200 KAR 5:311.

## **19. ADDITIONAL CHARGES/FEEES**

The bid price of the product is the complete product price. There will be no fuel surcharges, delivery fees, handling fees, container return fees, or any other fees/charges associated with the purchase, installation or delivery of products.

## **20. SELLER'S INVOICES**

Invoices shall be prepared and transmitted via fax or USPS to HWU at the provided address. Invoices shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: Purchase Order number, Bill of Lading number, delivery location, and an appropriate weight ticket, where applicable.



HWU is a municipality and invoices are processed for payment not less than once per month. Terms are net 30 after receipt of invoice.

## **21. PRECEDENCE OF PROVISIONS**

In the event of an inconsistency between provisions of the solicitation, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Addenda, if issued; (b) Solicitation Instructions and Conditions; (c) General Conditions; (d) other provisions of the contract, whether incorporated by reference or otherwise; and, e) the Technical Specifications.

## **22. NONDISCRIMINATION**

Civil Rights Act of 1964: In accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the regulations of the Federal Department of Transportation (49 CFR, part 21) issued pursuant to such Act, all bidders are hereby notified that HWU will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the responsible bidder with the lowest evaluated bid without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, gender, or age.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In accordance with the provisions of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) which specifically prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities, all bidders are hereby notified that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement shall include a clause that specifically requires compliance with the ADA and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. The ADA further requires that all new construction, reconstruction, and alterations to existing pedestrian facilities be constructed in accordance with Federal accessibility standards.

### 23. INSURANCE

Contractors, including all Subcontractors, furnishing labor, and/or equipment under this requirement shall carry the following insurance in addition to all insurance required by law. Valid certificates of insurance shall be furnished to the Owner prior to the Contractor causing any work to begin.

A. Workman's Compensation	Statutory
B. Broad Form Comprehensive General Liability including coverage for Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Products, Completed Operations, and Broad Form Property Damage, (No deductible clauses are acceptable for these coverages), and Independent Contractors (Subcontractors)	Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
C. Comprehensive Automobile Liability, including Hired Car and Employer's Non-Ownership Liability Coverage.	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
D. Endorsement naming as additional insured "The Henderson Water and Sewer Commission, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, boards, consultants, assigns, volunteers and successors in interest."	
E. Endorsement that Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects HWU. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by HWU shall be separate from Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.	
F. Certificates of insurance, issued by companies authorized to do business in the state of Kentucky, satisfactory in form to the HWU and signed by the Bidder's insurer shall be supplied by Bidder to HWU evidencing that the above insurance is in force and that not less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice will be given to the HWU prior to any cancellation or restrictive modification of the policies. Bidder shall replace any cancelled policy within the thirty (30) day notice period so that there is no lapse in coverage at any time during the period covered by this contract.	

The insurance shall:

- a) Include the interests of the Owner, Contractor, Subcontractor, Engineer, Engineer's consultants and any other individuals, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents and other consultants and subcontractors of any of them each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as an insured or additional insured.
- b) Be written on a Builder's Risk "all-risk" or open peril or special causes of loss policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss and damage to the work, temporary buildings, falsework, and materials and equipment in transit and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire, lightning, extended coverage, theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, earthquake, collapse, debris removal, demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations, water damage, and such other perils or causes of loss.

**BID FORM**

**PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:** Caustic Soda 25% (Membrane Grade)  
(Ordered on as needed basis)  
Henderson Water Utility  
Ref# 202111\_25%Caustic

**THIS BID SUBMITTED TO:** Henderson Water Utility  
111 Fifth Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** All questions regarding this bid solicitation should be directed to the Purchasing Manager as per item #3 in the Solicitation Instructions and Conditions.

**DATE REFERENCES:** Last day for bid clarifications: 4 May 2021 4:00 p.m.  
Bid Closing: 11 May 2021 1:30 a.m.  
Tentative award date: 17 May 2021  
Bid effective date: 18 June 2021

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to furnish equipment as specified or indicated in the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications for the Bid Price(s) and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and the Bid Documents and Specifications. This bid will remain subject to acceptance for ninety days after the day of bid closing.
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement that:
  - a. BIDDER has examined copies of all the Bidding Documents and of the following addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged):

DATE	NUMBER

- b. BIDDER has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications, and all conditions, laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, or furnishing the equipment required.
    - c. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought

by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over the PURCHASER. Bidder acknowledges and certifies by submission of his bid that all the provisions and statutes of KRS 45a.465 are complied with fully.

- d. Specify a unit price in figures for each bid item for which a quantity is given and show the products of the respective unit prices and quantities written in figures in the column provided for that purpose. Round the products by dropping all digits past the cent. Write in ink or type all figures.
- e. Bid Proposals will be considered irregular and will be rejected when the bidder either:
  - i) omits both a unit price for any pay item and an amount for the entire quantity of the same pay item; or
  - ii) submits zero as a unit price for any pay item or as an amount for the entire quantity of the same pay item.

**Bid Form**  
**Caustic Soda 25% (Membrane Grade)**  
**Pricing to be held for 60 days after submittal is opened**

**HWU Part #:** CH032

**Delivery Unit:** bulk or mini-bulk lbs.

**Estimated Annual Quantity / Delivery Location**

South Water Treatment Facility  
4159 Quinns Landing Road  
Robards, KY 42452  
223,000 lbs  
Loads range from 3,432 lbs. to 17,160 lbs.  
Frequency of delivery is dependent on raw water conditions.

Product Brand/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Price per lb: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidder's Contact Information**

Company Bidding \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidders – please attach a “post-it” note or other tag to this page, in your completed bid.**

**Specifications- Caustic Soda 25%**  
**(Membrane Grade)**

1. **SCOPE**. This section covers furnishing and delivery of 25% liquid caustic soda (NaOH) solution, membrane grade for use in the treatment of potable water.
2. **GOVERNING STANDARD**. All caustic soda furnished hereunder shall be in compliance with the latest edition of AWWA B501, except as modified herein. All caustic soda must be listed in most current issue of NSF Listings, Drinking Water Additives, and Health Effects. Proof of NSF approval must be included with bid.
3. **AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE**. If so requested by the Utility, the supplier shall submit an affidavit stating that the caustic soda furnished under the Utility's order complies with all applicable requirements of the governing standard.
4. **BASIS OF REJECTION**. If the caustic soda delivered does not meet the requirements of the governing standard or contract document, a notice of nonperformance will be provided by the Utility to the Contractor within ten (10) days after receipt of the shipment. The results of the Utility's tests shall prevail unless the Contractor notifies the Utility within five (5) days after receipt of the compliant that a retest is desired. Retesting shall be performed as required by the governing standard.  
  
If the caustic soda does not meet the requirements of the governing standard, the Contractor shall remove the caustic soda from the Utility's premises and reimburse the Utility for any amounts paid for the chemical.
5. **IMPURITIES**. The caustic soda supplied hereunder shall contain no soluble material or organic substances in quantities capable of producing deleterious or injurious effects on the health of persons consuming water that has been properly treated with caustic soda.
6. **IDENTIFICATION**. Each shipment of caustic soda shall have provided in writing the net weight of the contents, the name of the manufacturer, the brand or trade name, and any other markings as required from the Department of Transportation.
7. **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING**. Packaging and shipping of caustic soda shall conform to current federal state, and local regulations. Caustic soda shall be shipped in bulk as ordered by the Utility. The net weight of the containers shall not be less than the recorded weight, or more than ten (10) percent greater. Any dispute regarding the weight of caustic soda received shall be resolved as stipulated by the governing standard.
8. **ACCEPTANCE TESTS**. Those covered by the governing standard.

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**Non-Collusive Bid Statement:** The undersigned bidder, having fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that: (1) The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and (2) The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not any employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicate by any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Name of Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Affix seal below if bid is by corporation.

This seal was herewith affixed in the presence of:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR BIDDERS, OFFERORS AND CONTRACTORS  
CLAIMING QUALIFIED BIDDER STATUS**

**FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL:**

I. The bidder or offeror swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that the entity bidding, and all subcontractors therein, meets the requirements to be considered a “qualified bidder” in accordance with 200 KAR 5:410(3); and will continue to comply with such requirements for the duration of any contract awarded. Please identify below the particular “qualified bidder” status claimed by the bidding entity.

\_\_\_\_\_ A nonprofit corporation that furthers the purposes of KRS Chapter 163

\_\_\_\_\_ Per KRS 45A.465 (3), a “Qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with severe disabilities” means an organization that:

- (a) Is organized and operated in the interest of individuals with severe disabilities; and
- (b) Complies with any applicable occupational health and safety law of the United States and the Commonwealth; and
- (c) In the manufacture or provision of products or services listed or purchased under KRS 45A.470, during the fiscal year employs individuals with severe disabilities for not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the man hours of direct labor required for the manufacture or provision of the products or services; and
- (d) Is registered and in good standing as a nonprofit organization with the Secretary of State.

The BIDDING AGENCY reserves the right to request documentation supporting a bidder’s claim of qualified bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request may result in disqualification of the bidder or contract termination.

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Printed Name

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Company Name

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Notary Public

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**REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR BIDDERS, OFFERORS AND CONTRACTORS  
CLAIMING RESIDENT BIDDER STATUS**

**FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL:**

The bidder or offeror hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that, in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2), the entity bidding is an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity that, on the date the contract is first advertised or announced as available for bidding:

1. Is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth;
2. Has for one year prior to and through the date of advertisement
  - a. Filed Kentucky corporate income taxes;
  - b. Made payments to the Kentucky unemployment insurance fund established in KRS 341.49; and
  - c. Maintained a Kentucky workers' compensation policy in effect.

The BIDDING AGENCY reserves the right to request documentation supporting a bidder's claim of resident bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request shall result in disqualification of the bidder or contract termination.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Title

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Company Name

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