



**PRE-BID MEETING AGENDA
SW17-23 FENCE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES**

I. INTRODUCTIONS [Mirtha Solis]

Rose Guevara, Utility Purchasing & Contracts Manager
Mirtha Solis, Senior Purchasing Agent
Jesus Hernandez, Purchasing Agent
Gisela Dagnino, Utility Chief Operations Officer
Enrique Ochoa, Stormwater Operations Manager

A. Meeting Sign In

- This pre-bid meeting will be recorded. Please mute your microphones.
- We will open up for questions at the end of the pre-bid meeting
- Please sign-in by including your name, company, phone number and email in the chatroom message.

B. Bid Schedule Dates are as follow [Mirtha Solis]:

Activity	Date	Time
Questions Deadline	03/08/2023	5:00pm
Answers Post	03/10/2023	5:00pm
Bid Deadline	03/15/2023	10:30am
Bid Opening	03/15/2023	11:00am

C. Cone of Silence

The Cone of Silence is in effect.

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Email questions to:

TO: Jesus Hernandez, Purchasing Agent

Email Addresses: purchasing.info@epwater.org

Subject for Email: SW17-23 FENCE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS [Mirtha Solis]:

A. Bid Documents and USB Drive:

- Checklist – First page of the solicitation
- Bidders are required to submit one (1) original proposal signed in blue ink

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- PDF Electronic Version of the signed Bid Proposal
- Excel format of the Bid Form
- USB Drive must have the bid number and company name written on the USB Drive.

B. Delivery of Hard copies of Bid Proposal

Delivery Hard copy in person in a sealed envelope to the EPWater Purchasing Clerk at the Purchasing and Contracts Department (First floor).

Check-in with the Security Guard. He will let you in to the Purchasing and Contracts Department for Acceptance. The Bid will need to be Date and Time stamped by the Purchasing Clerk or Purchasing staff.

Include the following on the sealed envelope:

“BID ENCLOSED”

Bid No. SW17-23 FENCE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSTALLATION SERVICES
El Paso Water Utility
Attn: Jesus Hernandez, Purchasing Agent
Purchasing & Contracts Administration
1154 Hawkins Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF WORK [Enrique Ochoa]

EPWater has several hundred facilities located in El Paso County that are fenced. From time to time, these fences can be damaged and in need of repair. Furthermore, there are times when the fence may need to be upgraded. For example, adding razor ribbon to a three-strand barbed wire installation or upgrading from a six-foot-tall fence to a seven-foot-tall fence.

The purpose of this bid specification is to engage the services of a contractor to perform this type of work on an “as-needed,” “on-call” basis at the direction of EPWater. Accordingly, services to be performed under this contract shall be the material and labor unit prices awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. No separate project management, supervision, additional labor, transportation, travel time, overtime, holiday pay, or mobilization charges will be accepted under this contract.

Quantity

For the purposes of this bid, there are no guaranteed quantities. Repairs and upgrades shall be as directed by work order depending on EPWater operational needs and trouble reports from EPWater personnel. All concrete required for the placement of fence posts shall be included in the fence post bid item and will not be paid separately.

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Certification

The bidder shall certify that all materials comply with ASTM standards defined in the Materials subsection. If the materials are not manufactured in the United States of America, the submittal shall include a certification from the manufacturer stating the materials comply.

All accessories shall be hot dip galvanized in accordance with ASTM A 123 or as specified. Hardware coatings shall conform to ASTM A 153. Steel pipe and other frameworks shall be hot dip galvanized in accordance with ASTM F 1083. The product of the yield strength and section modulus shall not be less than that for pipe conforming to ASTM 1083. The product shall be new from recognized, reputable manufacturers. The manufacturers shall have a minimum of two (2) years of experience. Used, re-rolled, or re-galvanized material is not acceptable. The wire shall consist of zinc-5% aluminum-mischmetal alloy-coated steel wire.

1. Chain-link fabric descriptions

Nine-foot total height - Shall consist of 1-1/2-inch chain-link fabric, 9-gauge, and extend from grade elevation to a height of nine feet. The top of the fence shall have one 45-degree arm for the three strands of barbed wire and barbed tape as shown on the typical perimeter fence detail and shall be furnished and installed by the Fence Contractor.

Seven-foot total height – Shall consist of 1-1/2-inch chain-link fabric, 9-gauge, and extend from existing grade to a height of seven feet. The top of the fence shall have one 45-degree arm for the three strands of barbed wire and barbed tape as shown on the typical perimeter fence detail and shall be furnished and installed by the Fence Contractor.

Six-foot total height - Shall consist of 1-1/2-inch chain-link fabric, 9-gauge, and extend from existing grade to a height of six feet. The top of the fence shall have a top rail as shown on the typical perimeter fence detail and shall be furnished and installed by the Fence Contractor.

2. Gates

Gates shall be either swing pedestrian gates or double swing vehicle gates. The gates shall consist of 1-1/2-inch chain-link fabric 9-gauge wire and extend from the bottom to the height of the gates. The top of the fence shall have one 45-degree arm for the three strands of barbed wire and barbed tape and shall be furnished and installed by the fence contractor, complete with a barbed tape coil.

3. Concrete header for chain-link fencing embedment

The work performed for the concrete header bid item, complete in place, shall include full compensation for all required site preparation, excavation, removal, and proper disposal of excavated materials, backfill, and compaction and incidentals.

Ready-mixed concrete conforming to ASTM C-94 or site-mixed concrete. The cement shall meet ASTM C150, Type I. Aggregate shall conform to ASTM C33. All concrete and concrete placement shall not be paid directly but shall be subsidiary to the various contract items except concrete for the fencing embedment header.

Existing utilities, facilities, and private property

The Contractor shall be fully responsible to locate all underground facilities. The Contractor shall be responsible for notifying the Utility if any unknown facilities are uncovered and for protecting those facilities after they are uncovered. The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to private

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property caused by the construction project. The Contractor, upon receipt of a complaint of damage, shall, within 30 days, respond in writing with a proposal to repair said damage or a letter with reasons explaining why the damage was not caused by the construction. The damage shall be repaired completely within 60 days of the complaint.

Location

Fenced facilities are located throughout the EPWater water distribution and stormwater system, located primarily within the city limits of the City of El Paso, with some facilities located in the County of El Paso outside the city limits. All work orders shall be provided by EPWater Operations personnel with specific locations and descriptions of required work.

Response time requirement

The contractor shall provide a reliable, designated point of contact that can always be reached. Local support personnel must be available to respond to emergencies 365 days per year arising from operation and installation issues. Contractor personnel must be onsite with appropriate equipment and tools to any site in the EPWater system as directed within 24 hours from the time EPWater personnel call for such assistance.

Entry to the premises of ANY EPWater facilities may be denied to individuals without identification, as addressed above.

7. ALLOWANCE- The allowance shall be used for any unanticipated fence maintenance, repair, and installations, required that are not listed in the contract line items at the owner's direction only.

IV. QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

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V. THIS MEETING HAS CONCLUDED [Mirtha Solis]

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