

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

A Request for Proposals for Bid Number 2015-23, IT Virtualization Project, will be received in the office of the Purchasing and Stores Manager, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, located in the Emergency Operations & Support Addition, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Ellyson Industrial Park, Pensacola, FL 32514, until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at which time proposals submitted will be publicly opened in the adjacent Room 2202, Finance Conference Room. Proposals received after 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, July 21, 2015 will be returned unopened. It is the intent of the ECUA to secure the services of a qualified firm to provide a Server Virtualization Solution for its computing environment.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the bidding documents are to be submitted to the IT Director (Johan Daane) in writing via email at [john.daane@ecua.fl.gov](mailto:john.daane@ecua.fl.gov) up to seven (7) days prior to the proposals being opened. Interpretations or clarification considered necessary by the Mr. Daane in response to such questions will be issued by addenda to the ECUA website to all parties registered to receive documents about this bid. Questions received less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date for the opening of bids will not be answered. Only questions answered by addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; rebid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, ECUA may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which ECUA selects – with all decisions being made based upon what ECUA believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. ECUA further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of ECUA at the unit price which was bid. The ECUA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, and disability/handicapped status, veteran status, or any other legally protected status in employment or provision of service.

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