ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

All Qualified Bidders are invited to submit bids for the construction of **BLUEGRASS LAKE STORMWATER MITIGATION – LAKE DISCHARGE IMPROVEMENTS – BID 3607**. The Project consists of clearing, grubbing, drainage, tunneling and erosion control for the stormwater improvements.

Bids will be received at the Knox County Procurement Division, 1000 N. Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917 on or before **Wednesday**, **December 4, 2024 until 4:00 p.m. local time**, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the Contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable. Bidders must use the bid envelope cover sheet provided in the project manual and include their Full Name, Address, and Tennessee Contractor's License Number and deposit the bid in the Knox County Procurement Bid Box.

Bidders must obtain Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents electronically from the office of Ardurra Group, Inc., at no cost, by emailing Aaron Crenshaw at <u>acrenshaw@ardurra.com</u> or calling 865-690-6419.

A <u>mandatory</u> pre-bid meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **November 14**, **2024 at 10:00 a.m. local time**. The meeting will be held at the office of the Knox County Procurement Division, 1000 N. Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917. Bidders <u>must</u> have a representative present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting for their bids to be considered.

All Bidders must be licensed Contractors as required by the "CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING ACT OF 1976," and as passed by the 89th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Furthermore, the Contractor should have the necessary licensing classifications as listed in the Rules of Tennessee Board for Licensing General Contractors-Chapter 0680-1.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check or by a Bidder's Bond executed by the Bidder and a surety company licensed to do business in Tennessee in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to execute an acceptable performance and payment bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award notice.

Knox County reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the County.

Bidder agrees to comply with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Requirements & Guidelines. This project is being funded in whole or in part by federal award number 21.027 awarded to Knox County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Questions regarding this bid request shall be directed, in writing, to Brian Hubbs, Construction and Contract Specialist, 1000 N. Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917 at <u>brian.hubbs@knoxcounty.org</u> (Telephone 865-215-5753) no later than **Wednesday**, **November 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. local time**. All technical questions will be addressed by written addendum issued by Knox County Procurement.

Jim Snowden, P.E. Director of Engineering and Public Works Knox County, Tennessee