

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES (hereinafter referred to as the “Owner”).

The Owner will accept sealed bids for – **STEVENS CIRCLE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**, City RFP No. 0333, and will be received by Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing, City of Natchitoches, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457, for the construction of the project described as follows:

“STEVEN CIRCLE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT”

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing and delivered to the City not later than 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 30th, 2026. All bids shall be plainly marked on the front of the sealed envelope as follows: **SEALED BID**, Bid of (Name and address of Contractor), “**STEVENS CIRCLE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**,” City of Natchitoches RFP No. 0333, To be opened at 10:00 A.M., local time, on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, Louisiana Contractor License No. (insert license #).” All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. (Central Standard Time) on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents that were prepared by BALAR Associates, Inc. may be examined at the office of BALAR Associates, Inc., located at 631 Milam Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, LA 71101. Copies may be obtained at the same office upon payment of \$250.00 deposit, which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. As per LA R.S. 38:2212 D, deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit, less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. A PDF electronic format copy of the Contract Documents (Construction Drawings and Specifications) may be emailed upon request at no charge. Please send requests to balar@balar-engineers.com.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, and (3) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount. A Resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation/LLC to sign the bid must also accompany the bid. All Addendums issued must be acknowledged by the bidder. No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

To bid and perform Work covered by these documents, the Contractor must be licensed under Classification IV – Municipal and Public Works Construction in the State of Louisiana.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for N/A at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations under ADA requirements must contact the Owner no later than (7) days prior to bid opening.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Publishing Dates: July 23rd, 2026

/s/ Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

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