

NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING 2016-2017 BUDGET

The City of Blackwell will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall, 121 E. Main, Blackwell, Texas on September 19, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. to present the proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 tax year.

10-1tc REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Robert Lee will receive sealed proposals for CITY OF ROBERT LEE TWDB-DRINKING WATER SRF PROJECT NO. 62514-AUTOMATIC METER READING IMPROVEMENTS, until 2:00 PM, local time, Thursday, October 13, 2016, in person at City Hall (6 East 7th Street), City of Robert Lee or by mail to Kay Torres, City Secretary, City of Robert Lee, P.O. Box 26, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-0026. All proposals will be publically opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM, local time, Thursday, October 13, 2016

Consideration for award of the project will be made at 7:00 PM, local time, Monday, November 14, 2016 at the City Council Meeting, City Hall, City of Robert Lee.

Proposal are sought on furnishing and installing 582 remote read water meters from three quarter inch to two inch in size, providing vehicle mounted reading equipment, providing GPS location of installed meters, performing data conversion and transfer services to integrate with the City's existing billing system, training of City staff and other items of work as required to have an operational remote meter reading system.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of Burgess & Niple, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701 and the City of Robert Lee. Physical Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for \$100.00 from Burgess & Niple, Inc. (Ph #432-689-8909 and Fax #432-689-8911) for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made. Documents may be acquired digitally from www.civcastusa.com for free.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total proposal cost shall be submitted with each Proposal.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Proposals (RFP) are expected to be funded in part by grants/loans from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to this RFP, or any resulting contract.

This RFP is issued in accordance with Section 2269 Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code (Competitive Sealed Proposal Method) and Title 41 CFR Part 105.71

(Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments)

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to SMWBES. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

MBE; CONSTRUCTION 12.94%; SUPPLIES 9.68%; EQUIPMENT 7.12%; SERVICES 10.84%.
WBE; CONSTRUCTION 8.72%; SUPPLIES 9.34%; EQUIPMENT 5.39%; SERVICES 5.72%.

All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of

Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60. Small, minority, and women owned business enterprises are encouraged to respond.

Attention is called to the fact that all laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages in compliance with the prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor, and as set forth in the Contract Documents.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

The City of Robert Lee reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, to waive technicalities, to re-advertise, and to proceed otherwise when the best interests of the city will be realized hereby.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Robert Lee City Council on Monday, November 14, 2016, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date: September 6, 2016

By: Leroy Casey
Mayor, City of Robert Lee

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Scholarship Awarded! 2016 Bronte High School graduate Rankin DeRonde has been awarded a \$1,000 Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) Dream Scholarship. He is among 22 top students who will receive the award to encourage their pursuit of law enforcement/public safety careers by the professional public safety officers of LEEP.



Rankin will pursue a Fire Ecology & Management degree at University of Idaho. "I have worked hard to excel in

my education for the future, saving a lot of money," he wrote in his scholarship application. "I have also invested a lot in my community. With your partnership to continue pursuit of my goals, I will then be ready to fulfill my destiny and become a Wildland Firefighter and someday be Captain."

His experience includes Future Farmers of America (FFA) Wildlife ID - 2nd Team District, 4th Team Area State Qualifier, and FFA Greenhand - 3rd Place Team. He has been with Conservation Fire Team since 2014, a commercial prescribed burn business. "While Rankin is the youngest member of our burn team, his responsible and mature nature and determined work ethic is incentive for our burning on more Saturdays, when he is not in school," wrote Brian Treadwell, owner of Conservation Fire Team. The recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Young Steward Award and Bronte Community Scholarship is a volunteer for local cleanup programs, City of Bronte Community Baseball Assistant Coach, and Special Olympics volunteer. "Perhaps one of the most inspiring qualities about Rankin is his ecological sense of stewardship and conservation," wrote Morgan L. Russell, Extension Range Manager.

DeRonde was Class President all four years of high school, Student Council Class Representative, Varsity Football Team Captain and 2nd Team All District. He was in basketball, agriculture classes, band, lead actor in One Act Play, and Project Celebration - Class Representative. "Rankin is also a state officer for Teens in the Driver Seat, which is a national program promoting teen driving safety," wrote Lisa Gibbs, Ballinger High School CTE Business Teacher.

"Rankin is the first student to take 18 college course hours in a semester through Howard College for dual credit," wrote Jackie Timmerman, Bronte Schools counselor. "He will also be the first Bronte High School graduate that will graduate with 36 college course credits."



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