

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**  
**FOR**  
**DESERT GROUNDING REMEDIATION**  
**SPECIFICATIONS NO. M-2950**

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California hereby invites sealed bids for Desert Grounding Remediation at five locations in Riverside County and San Bernardino County, California in accordance with Specifications No. M-2950.

**Project description:** The project consists of furnishing and installing effective grounding systems including transient voltage surge suppression and RF surge suppression systems, installing multiple interconnected deep driven or chemical type ground rods, correcting deficiencies in the existing grounding system, removing unused conductors, and other incidental and appurtenant work.

**Note that if the bid is over \$25,000, the successful bidder shall furnish a labor and material payment bond in accordance with the contract documents.**

**Note that if the bid is over \$100,000, the bidder shall submit with its bid, a bidder's security in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders." The bidder's security shall be in amount not less than 10 percent of the aggregate amount of the bid.**

**Bid Opening:** Bids shall be submitted to Metropolitan at its office at 700 North Alameda Street, Specifications Desk (Room 3-132), Los Angeles, California 90012, in accordance with the requirements of the "Instructions to Bidders," on or before 2:00 p.m., July 16, 2009, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids received by Metropolitan after the time specified will be returned unopened pursuant to California Government Code § 53068.

**Mandatory Pre-bid Job Site Meeting:** To be eligible to bid on this work, prospective contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference scheduled for 9:00 a.m., July 1, 2009 at Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, located at 6001 Iron Mountain Road, Earp, CA 92242. The directions to the facility from the Los Angeles area are as follows: take Freeway 10 East past Indio and exit Desert Center. Go north on Highway 177 for 27 miles to intersection with Highway 62. Go east on Highway 62 for 7.4 miles and turn North on Iron Mountain Pump Plant Road. Follow the Metropolitan Water District signs until you reach the facility. Metropolitan staff will direct prospective bidders from the security gate. The facility telephone number is (760) 663-4911 then press "3" for the Administration Office. Immediately following the pre-bid conference, a tour of all sites included in the project will be given. This tour is expected to last 10 hours (including travel to and from each site and lunch break). The tour will end at Site 1, Hinds Pumping Plant near Desert Center in Riverside County. The tour of two mountain top communications sites at Iron Mountain will require a four wheel drive vehicle capable of driving in an off road environment with large sharp rocks, loose sand and stones and variable inclines to reach the locations. Meals will not be provided for attendees of the tour. Construction attire is recommended as tour is held outside at field locations. Attendance at the pre-bid conference by subcontractors is not required.

At this conference the Engineer and other representatives of Metropolitan will discuss the work to be performed under these specifications. Contractors attending the mandatory pre-bid conference are encouraged to register on Metropolitan's on-line bid system to download and print the bid documents and bring them to the pre-bid conference. Prospective bidders are invited to present any relevant questions at the conference. However, whenever possible, questions for the conference should be prepared in written form and sent to Metropolitan's office by email to [specsdesk@mwdh2o.com](mailto:specsdesk@mwdh2o.com), or fax to (213) 576-5420 no later than 3 working days prior to the opening of bids.

All prospective contractors bidding on this work shall have a valid California contractor's license, classification "C-10" at the time of submitting the bid.

**Contract Documents:** Contract documents are available free of charge on Metropolitan's on-line bid system called "NetConnect." To log on to NetConnect go to: <https://vendors.planetbids.com/NetConnect/QuickSearch.cfm>.

Metropolitan has adopted a policy encouraging the participation of Small Business Enterprise and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SBE/DVBE) firms in its contracts. Information and assistance in establishing or verifying SBE/DVBE status is available from Metropolitan's Business Outreach Office at (213) 217-7444 or the Small Business Administration Website at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

**The successful bidder and its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall comply with provisions of the California Labor Code, including those relating to payment of prevailing rates of wages.**

June 18, 2009

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