# EFFINGHAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for improvements to the Grande View Development and Effingham County Industrial Development Authority **“300,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank”** project (the “**Project**”) in Effingham County, Georgia, will be received by the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority (“**ECIDA**”), at the office, 777 Old Augusta Rd S, Rincon, GA 31326 **until 3:00 pm, local time, on August 12, 2025**.

This project (EDA Investment No. 04-79-07880) will be partially funded with Federal funds from the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

This Invitation to Bid is issued pursuant to and is subject to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq. (the “**Construction Law**”), and bidders must comply with all requirements of the Construction Law. Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein but which are defined in the Construction Law, or the below-referenced Bidding Documents shall have the same meaning herein as therein.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Jeff Bampfield PE at 777 Old Augusta Rd S, Rincon, GA 31326. Electronic and facsimile submission will not be accepted. Bids received after 3:00 pm, local time, on August 12, 2025, will not be considered. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as “Bid for Effingham County Industrial Development Authority 300,000 Elevated Storage Tank” and must include the bidder’s name, address, and contact information. All bids must be on the required bid form.

Bids will be opened publicly at 3:00 pm local time on August 12, 2025, at the office of ECIDA, 777 Old Augusta Rd S, Rincon, GA 31326. ECIDA will award the bid no later than August 27, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. local time.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. If the bid from the lowest responsive, responsible bidder is more than the Project budget, ECIDA may negotiate with that bidder to obtain a price within budget.

The successful bidder will be required to pay sales and use tax on materials purchased or used on this project. Bidders must comply with O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-14-8.2 regarding a Georgia utility contractor’s license to the extent such license is required to perform the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the date of the bid opening. ECIDA reserves the right to reject all bids or any bid that is non-responsive or not responsible, to waive technicalities or informalities, and to issue change orders altering the original scope of work to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for the Project completion.

A bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. A payment and performance bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract Price, shall be required of the successful bidder. Each bond shall be in the form prescribed by the Bidding Documents and shall be accompanied by a “Power of Attorney” authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond. The surety must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Project work is defined by the Bidding Documents and includes but is not limited to the following: Elevated Water Storage Tank infrastructure to serve the industrial site known as the Grande View Development. The Work includes installation of a 300,000 gallon Composite or Spheroid Tank (please specify in bid) and appurtenances necessary to tie into the water main (separate contract).

These terms and conditions apply to this Invitation to Bid:

1. All responses and supporting materials as well as correspondence relating to this Invitation to Bid will become property of the ECIDA when received. All expenses for preparing and submitting responses are the sole cost of the party submitting the response. ECIDA is not obligated to any party to reimburse such expenses. Labeling information provided in submittals “proprietary” or “confidential” or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Submittals are subject to the provisions of the Georgia “Open Records Act,” O.C.G.A. §50-18-70, *et seq*.
2. All applicable Federal and State of Georgia laws, Effingham County ordinances, and license requirements and regulations of all agencies having jurisdiction shall apply to the bidders throughout and are incorporated herein.
3. Any person or entity that is in arrears to ECIDA with respect to any debt, or (ii) is in default with respect to any obligation to ECIDA, is considered, without limitation, to be not responsible and no bid shall be accepted from, and no contract will be awarded to, any such person or entity.
4. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, qualifying contractors and subcontractors performing work within the State of Georgia on a contract with ECIDA must register and participate in a federal work authorization program. A certification form verifying participation in such a program will be required of all bidders in addition to the S.A.V.E. Program Affidavit required by ECIDA in compliance with O.C.G.A.
5. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-36-1, no bids will be considered without an executed E-Verify affidavit. A non-collusion affidavit must be completed and submitted with the bid.
6. All contracts are subject to Federal, State, and local contract provisions; locally owned firms, small businesses and minority-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held at the ECIDA office located at 777 Old Augusta Rd S, Rincon, GA 31326, on **July 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. local time**. All prime bidders wishing to submit bids are required to have a representative in attendance. For subcontractors, attendance at the pre-bid meeting is recommended.

# The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents:

# Hussey Gay Bell

**Attention: Jeff Bampfield**

**329 Commercial Drive**

**Savannah, GA 31406** **jbampfield@husseygaybell.com**

Prospective bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM local time **and** may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

1. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at *no charge* from the Issuing Office by sending an email request to Hussey Gay Bell at jbampfield@husseygaybell.com.
2. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a nonrefundable amount of $150.00 for each set.
3. All questions should be submitted to the Issuing Office by email to jbampfield@husseygaybell.com. Any/All questions will be due by July 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. local time.

The conditions and requirements of bidding on this Project are summarized in this Invitation to Bid, but this Invitation to Bid is qualified in its entirety by the complete package of Bidding Documents.