

SECTION 00020 INVITATION TO BID

The Lower Brule Rural Water System in Lower Brule, South Dakota, will receive sealed bids for their Tank Improvements Project until 2 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2026. Bids can be delivered to the Lower Brule Rural Water Administration Building at 808 Little Bend Road, Lower Brule, SD 57548 where the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above time.

Bids are invited for the following items:

Improvements to the 450,000-gallon welded steel ground storage tank consisting of placing a new gate valve in the vault, sandblast and recoat interior surfaces, grounding, overflow screen, signage and related items. Improvements to the 400,000-gallon water tower consisting of signage, grounding, overflow screen, moving coaxial cable and related items.

The approximate quantities included in the Bid Form are subject to increase or decrease. It will be agreed by bidders that all quantities of work will be performed in accordance with the provisions of the plans and specifications and at the unit price bid. Bidders agree to furnish all labor, material, and equipment necessary to complete all the work as shown in the plans and specifications.

The complete set of Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications, is on file with the Lower Brule Rural Water Service and/or at the office of Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates, 2100 North Sanborn Blvd, Mitchell, South Dakota 57301. A paper copy of the contract documents and plans can be ordered with a non-refundable payment of \$20 plus applicable sales taxes. The contract documents and plans will also be made available at the SPN web site www.spn-assoc.com with a non-refundable payment of \$20. Upon request, one copy of the contract documents and plans will be furnished at no charge as required by SDCL 5-18B-1 to each contractor who is a South Dakota resident and who intends to bid the project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the Lower Brule Rural Water Service in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. A bid bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid will be accepted in lieu of a certified check or bank draft. Surety for bid bond must be authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota.

Bidders are advised that any contracts awarded on this project will be partially funded by the United States Bureau of Reclamation. All requirements of the funding agency for construction projects shall be met by all contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project.

Bids may be held by the Lower Brule Rural Water Service for a period of not more than thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids, investigating the qualifications of the bidders and completing financial arrangements prior to awarding the Work. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and make awards based on the Owner's best interest.

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