## Invitation for Bids Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation Project

Lewis and Clark County is soliciting competitive bids from interested parties for the construction of the Lewis & Clark County – Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation Project, located five miles southwest of Helena, Montana near Grizzly Gulch Drive. The project generally consists of site excavation and grading, installing two culverts, constructing a stream channel with drop structures and a pedestrian trail, installing guardrail, revegetating the site by seeding and containerized plantings, and installing an impermeable HDPE floodplain liner. Project work will begin in late winter and conclude in spring of 2025.

All Bids must be in accordance with the contract documents on file at the Lewis and Clark County – Water Quality Protection District Office, 1930 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena MT 59601. For additional project information, please reach out to the designated point of contact at RESPEC, Matthew Johnson, at <a href="Matthew.Johnson@respec.com">Matthew.Johnson@respec.com</a> or by phone at 406-284-2528. A cone of silence is established for this solicitation which prohibits any bidder, or entity with financial interest in the bid award, from communicating regarding the solicitation with any Lewis and Clark County elected official, employee, or agent other than the designated point of contact. Copies of the contract documents used for preparing a bid may be obtained by going to the Lewis and Clark County webpage at: <a href="https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Grants-and-Purchasing/Bids-and-Proposals-Current">https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Grants-and-Purchasing/Bids-and-Proposals-Current</a> prior to submitting a bid.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. local time in the City County Building Room 226, located at 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59623. Lewis and Clark County strongly urges interested bidders to attend.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond payable to Lewis and Clark County, in an amount not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid.

Bids will be considered based on the most responsible bid submitted and the following criteria: purchase price, product availability, and specifications.

Sealed bids must be received at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Room 345, City-County Building, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59623 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The envelope containing the sealed bid will be labeled with the bidder's name, address, and "Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation Project".

Bids will be opened and read aloud at the public meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. local time in Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT.

All laborers and mechanics employed by the Contractor or Subcontractors in the performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated

against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

Lewis and Clark County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or to accept any bid deemed to be for the public good.