TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WATER, STREET & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
TO SERVE THE WEST PHILLIPSBURG COMMUNITY PHASE 2

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01. COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Water, Street & Drainage Improvements to serve the West Phillipsburg Community Phase 2** will be received, by **Tift County Board of Commissioners**, at **225 Tift Avenue North, Tifton, GA 31794**, until **11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 17, 2026,** local time, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

1.02. CONTRACTOR LICENSE

Any Contractor submitting a bid must be a pre-qualified Georgia Department of Transportation Contractor. All Watermain Construction must be installed by a Licensed Utility Contractor. License numbers must be written on the face of the bid envelope. No bid will be opened unless the license number is clearly shown. See Instructions to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

1.03. SCOPE OF WORK

The work to be done shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct the proposed **Water, Street & Drainage Improvements to serve the West Phillipsburg Community Phase 2** as shown on the construction drawings. In general, construction consists of +/- 3,600 linear feet of twenty-foot-wide urban roadway including curb and gutter, storm drainage pipe and boxes, base and asphalt, +/- 1,230 linear feet of 2-inch PVC water main replacement with the transfer of existing water services, fire hydrants, etc., and all associated measures for the complete project. Time allotted for completion of work is **180** consecutive calendar days to substantial completion. Work shall be complete and ready for contract close-out with **194** consecutive calendar days. All work shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The work will be awarded in **one (1) Contract**.

1.04. PLANS AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Watkins & Associates, LLC, 1606 Whiddon Mill Road, Tifton, Georgia 31793, (229) 388-8823 (Office of the Engineer), upon payment of a non-refundable fee of $300.00 (cash or check) or $309.00 (credit/debit card) for each set. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Tift County Board of Commissioners, 225 Tift Avenue North, Tifton, Georgia 31794, or at the Office of the Engineer at Watkins & Associates, LLC, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Upon receipt of the required payment, Watkins & Associates,

LLC will transmit the digital Bidding Documents by electronic download link. The date the Bidding Documents are transmitted shall be considered the prospective Bidder's official date of receipt. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be issued. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for the completeness or accuracy of any full or partial sets of the Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from sources other than those issued by the Office of the Engineer.

1.05. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Plan holders list, addenda and bid results are available at www.watkinseng.com.

1.06. PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Prequalification may be required of Bidders prior to the award of contract. At the Owner's request, detailed written evidence such as financial data, bonding capacity, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data may be necessary to assist Owner in determining Contractor's qualifications shall be provided per the Instructions to Bidders contained in the contract documents.

1.07. BONDS

All bid forms must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified cashier's check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with "A" minimum rating performance and financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". The successful bidder, if awarded the Contract, will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount. All bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current Circular 570 Listing. Each Bond 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.

1.08. PERMITS

All anticipated federal, state, or local permits required for the project have been applied for and are expected to be approved prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

1.09. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

All qualifying Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the **Tift County Board of Commissioners** must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

1.10. FUNDING SOURCES

Any Contract or Contracts awarded under this Advertisement for Bids will be funded by a grant from the Local Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and One Georgia

Authority.

1.11. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner. Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and to re-advertise.

Owner: **Tift County Board of Commissioners**
By: **Tony McBrayer**
Title: **Chairman**
Date: **October 19, 2026**
November 2, 2026

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