



**Chugach Electric Association, Inc.**

**Via e-mail**

**INVITATION TO BID**

July 16, 2024

**TO:** Chugach Electric Association, Inc., 2024-2025 Outside Electrical Line Construction Contract Contractors

You are invited to submit a Bid for Chugach Work Order E2320072, Southern Intertie Transmission Repair.

This project will replace the uphill (left) pole of 3-pole Structure GWPT 40-1 on the Girdwood Tap to Portage Tap 115 kV/138 kV transmission line broke during winter storms in November 2023. The dropped conductor from this pole was attached to the center pole below the center phase using a horizontal post/suspension insulator combination as a temporary repair. The structure now needs to be permanently repaired by replacing the uphill broken pole with a new pole, pole top assembly, and down guys. All new materials for the uphill pole will be required except for the two existing rock anchors and one phase of existing conductor. The existing rock hole foundation can be reused although the new wood pole (class H1) will be one class larger than the existing wood pole (class 1). The uphill phase conductor will be transferred from its temporary location on the center pole to the new insulator assembly on the uphill pole.

This project is subject to the union signatory sections of Chugach's Outside or Generation Agreements contained in Exhibit N of the 2024-2025 Outside Electrical Line Construction Contract.

Contractors are not required to be signatory to a current collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 1547 in order to bid on the project. The signatory requirement only becomes applicable to the successful bidder once a contract is awarded. The successful bidder can comply by either establishing that; 1) it is signatory to a current collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 1547; 2) by executing a collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 1547, or 3) by executing an agreement with IBEW Local 1547 to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the most current agreement between IBEW Local 1547 and the Alaska Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. If the successful bidder elects the third option, the agreement will be limited to the scope of the work and duration of the project.

Please base your bids on the following conditions:

- All Contractor bids must be valid until 5:00 pm on August 30, 2024. After that time, the Contractor shall have the option of retracting its bid. Projects awarded as late as and including the last day the Contractor's bids are valid are not subject to contractor claim for delay of award.
- Contractor shall begin work within seven (7) calendar days of Notice to Proceed. Anticipated project window dates are September 10 – September 22.
- Completion for this project is 72 hours after line de-energization switching has been completed.
- No clearing is anticipated for this project.



- As-built drawings are required.
- Liquidated damages in the amount of \$15,000.00 per day shall apply if the Contractor fails to meet the required completion period given above.
- A Bid Bond is required. A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Bid shall be provided with the Bid documents. A certified check made payable to “Chugach Electric Association, Inc.” may be substituted for the Bid Bond.
- Written releases of liens are required.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Anchorage time, July 18, 2024 at Chugach North Campus Building N1 in the North Girdwood Conference room. Contractor representation and attendance of this Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory. A site visit is not planned for this bid.

RFB documentation is available on Chugach’s website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com), under Inside Chugach, Bid Opportunities tab. Contractors can access the RFB documentation under the “View advertisement and associated documents” button in WO E2320072.

All bids are to be delivered either in person at Chugach’s North Campus Building N1 at the front desk, 1200 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Anchorage, Alaska or submitted by email To: [supat\\_chanonto@chugachelectric.com](mailto:supat_chanonto@chugachelectric.com) CC: [Marge\\_Wisthoff@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Marge_Wisthoff@chugachelectric.com) and must be received prior to 2:00 P.M. Anchorage time, August 1, 2024.

**Notice to Proceed shall not be issued until Chugach has received (1) all bonds required by this Invitation to Bid (ITB) in the required amounts and forms and properly executed by the appropriate individuals, (2) a site specific HSE plan, (3) all documentation required in the Bid Documents including insurance certificates, proof of builder’s risk insurance, and an MS Project based schedule. The contract time allowed for completion of this contract shall not be extended or suspended by any delay by Contractor in providing these documents necessary for the Notice to Proceed to be issued. If the total amount of the winning bid should exceed \$2,000,000.00, the NTP will be delayed pending Chugach Electric Association’s Board Approval.**

No work shall begin until the successful Bidder has been issued a written Notice to Proceed.

A Pre-Construction Conference will be required.

All work shall be performed in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, orders, statutes, rules and regulations.

The Contractor shall furnish all material required for the project that is not indicated on Chugach’s material issue form. Chugach must approve all Contractor-furnished material prior to installation.



The Contractor shall secure locates and assume responsibility for damage to any and all overhead and underground facilities.

Construction of this project will involve work on or around energized equipment. Outages will be granted based on the outage schedule contained in Section 3.2 in the Special Provisions of the Bid Documents.

Outages will be subject to advanced coordination/notification and Chugach electrical system requirements in effect for the time period the outage is requested. Outages are subject to system conditions.

Contractor shall take delivery of all available materials within seven (7) days of Notice to Proceed.

Contractor's workmanship shall be warranted for two (2) years following Chugach acceptance of the project completion documentation.

The Contractor will not energize new or existing primary facilities in the absence of Chugach's Site Representative unless advanced written approval is secured from Chugach.

Project is being permitted. Permitting constraint are possible, but unlikely if contractor access is by foot and helicopter.

Payment for Contractor work is accomplished through use of a Construction Completion Report (CCR) prepared by Chugach's Site Representative and signed off by the Contractor's representative. Total payment is made on actual units completed not on estimated units stated in the Bid Documents unless otherwise stated in writing. Chugach has no obligation to subsequently reconcile or assist in reconciling the Contractor's billing records.

Chugach reserves the right to define and waive irregularities, to accept or reject any or all proposals/bids, in whole or in part, and to reissue, withdraw or cancel the solicitation/project in its entirety for any reason including its subsequent determination to perform the Work in-house without liability of any type to Bidder, including but not limited to any costs associated with Bid preparations and submittal.

All questions regarding the bid documents are to be directed to Chugach's Site Engineer, Supat Chanonto, via email: [supat\\_chanonto@chugachelectrical.com](mailto:supat_chanonto@chugachelectrical.com). Questions shall be submitted no later than 12:00 PM, July 22, 2024. Answers to Bidder's questions will be returned no later than 5:00 PM, July 29, 2024.

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Carlson", is written over the company name.

Bill Carlson, PE  
Manager, PROJECTS

cc: W.O. E2320072 File