

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.
INVITATION TO BID

April 23, 2026

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

This project involves the reconstruction and relocation of critical electrical infrastructure between the Portage Substation and the Whittier Tunnel.

Project E2214092 includes the rebuild of existing overhead and underground electrical facilities on the Portage side of the tunnel. All existing overhead structures and 4/0 ACSR conductors from Pole P1A (located just outside the Portage Substation) to Poles P53A and P53B will be removed and replaced with new double-circuit overhead structures using 336 ACSR conductors see attached design drawings for more information. In addition, the existing underground infrastructure consisting of 1/0 CONC and 350 CONC cables running from Poles P53A and P53B to PB 2575 and PB 2174 will be replaced with upgraded underground conduit and cable systems.

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. Bidding is open to all contractors regardless of union signatory statuses. Contractors are not required to be signatory to a current collective bargaining agreement with the IBEW Local 1547 to bid on this 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 work and duration of the project.

Please base your bids on the following conditions:

- All Contractor bids must be valid for at least ninety (90) calendar days after the bid due date. After that time, the Contractor shall have the option of retracting its bid. Projects awarded up to and including the sixtieth day after the bid due date are not subject to contractor claim for delay of award.
- Substantial completion of this project including retirement, installation, energization, and any service cut-overs shall be completed no later than **April 2, 2027**. Completion, clean-up, punch list, as-built drawings, and close out shall be no later than **April 23, 2027**.
- After substantial completion a site visit must be scheduled with AEA, CEA Designer, CEA Inspector, and Contractor to review installation.
- Liquidated damages of \$1,000.00 per calendar day shall apply if the Contractor fails to meet the required completion date.

A bid bond in the amount of 10% of the bid price shall be provided with the Bid documents. A certified check payable to Chugach Electric Association, Inc. may be substituted for the bid bond.

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be conducted for this project.

Bid documentation is available on Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com, under Bid Opportunities. Contractors can find the Bid documentation under the "View advertisement and associated documents" button in WO E2214092.

All bids are to be submitted through Chugach website under Bid Opportunities or by email to:
[Denise Elsenbast@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Denise_Elsenbast@chugachelectric.com) and [Sharlene Oyao@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Sharlene_Oyao@chugachelectric.com) CC:
[Darvin Thornton@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Darvin_Thornton@chugachelectric.com), [Jake Moe@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Jake_Moe@chugachelectric.com), and
[Claire Smith@chugachelectric.com](mailto:Claire_Smith@chugachelectric.com). Bids must be received prior to **2:00 P.M.** Anchorage time, **May 26, 2026.**

An NTP 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 certificate of insurance establishing builders all risk coverage as required by this ITB and specifications, 3) A Project Specific HSE Plan. The contract completion time allowed for this contract shall not be extended or suspended by any delay of Contractor in providing required documents necessary for Chugach to issue the NTP.

No work shall begin until the successful bidder has been issued a written NTP. The Contractor should not expect the NTP to be issued at the time of Notice of Intent to Award.

A Pre-construction conference may be held based on necessity, and construction meetings will be held as required.

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

Required project material not included on Chugach's List of Owner Furnished Material shall be furnished by the Contractor. All Contractor-furnished material shall be approved by Chugach prior to installation.

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

Contractor's work product shall be warrantied for two (2) years following Chugach's acceptance of project completion documentation.

Unit bids shall reflect all work noted on the drawings and staking sheets even if not assigned a separate unit description. Whenever unforeseen or unusual field conditions dictate, Chugach reserves the right to modify their design and/or construction unit(s) to accommodate best trench path routing, best construction practices, as-found utility conflicts, and/or any other situation requiring design and/or construction modifications. Determination of the price for extra work not shown in the bid will be based, to the extent possible, on similar unit prices furnished with the project or OELCC bid units; or Chugach may elect to compensate the Contractor for the work on a time and material basis as set forth in *Section 36 'Change Orders'* of the OELCC.

The Contractor will not energize new or existing primary facilities in the absence of the Chugach site representative/inspector unless advanced written approval is secured from Chugach.

Payment for Contractor work is accomplished through a Construction Completion Report prepared by the Chugach site representative/inspector and signed off by the Contractor's representative. Total payment is made on actual units completed, including any required field unit modifications, 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 bids/proposals, 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/proposer, including but not limited to any costs associated with bid/proposal preparations and submittals.

Bidders shall identify any exceptions to the terms and conditions in the proposed contract included in the ITB and design package. All exceptions must be submitted with questions on **May 5, 2026**. These exceptions will be reviewed and all exceptions that are acceptable to CEA will be shared with all bidders on the same day CEA answers are due back to contractors **May 12, 2026**. Contractors will be able to select from the approved exceptions to put in with their Bids. Exceptions proposed after the provided due date will not be considered.

All questions regarding the bid documents are to be directed to Chugach's Manager of Distribution Construction, via email to Darvin_Thornton@chugachelectric.com, Jake_Moe@chugachelectric.com, and Claire_Smith@chugachelectric.com
CC: Denise_Elsenbast@chugachelectric.com, and Sharlene_Oyao@chugachelectric.com. Questions shall be submitted no later than **12:00 PM, May 5, 2026**.

Dates

- Invitation to Bid on **April 23, 2026**
- Bid Questions and exceptions are due by **May 5, 2026, at 12:00 PM**
- CEA Chugach response to questions and accepted exceptions are due by **May 12, 2026, at 5:00 PM**
- Bids are due **May 26, 2026, prior to 2:00 PM**

CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Darvin Thornton

Darvin Thornton
Manager Distribution Construction

Cc: WO Files E2214092

Bid Sheet

WORK ORDER NUMBERS: E2214092

CONTRACTOR: _____

PROJECT: PTSS 322 Feeder Reconductor -SI

DATE: _____

BIDS ARE DUE PRIOR TO 2:00 P.M.: May 26, 2026

This bid is submitted subject to the terms of the 2024-2025 Outside Electrical Line Construction Contract between Chugach Electric Association, Inc. and the undersigned for the above project as set out in the Invitation to Bid.

Project Bid Quotation: E2214092 \$ _____

Contractor's Alaska License No.: _____

Insurance Expires: _____

Worker's Compensation: _____

Liability: _____

Automobile: _____

Contractor Sell Rate: _____

Contractor Labor Man-Hours: _____

EXCEPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Exceptions or qualifications taken by the Bidder to any of the documents furnished with this Invitation to Bid or clarifications to the Proposal shall be stated below and, if none, Bidder shall state "NONE."

SUBCONTRACTORS

The Bidder shall indicate below the Work intended to be subcontracted to others.

Dated: _____ By Contractor: _____

BID ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OUTSIDE ELECTRICAL LINE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Dated: _____ By Chugach Electric Association, Inc: _____