



**INVITATION TO BID NO. 2025-09
557 AND 559 E. PINE STREET HOUSE CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed bids will be received in Council Chambers of the City Center, 324 W. Evans Street Florence, South Carolina, 29501 until **March 4, 2025 at 2:00 pm** from Licensed Contractors to build a single-family residence at 557 E. Pine Street and 559 E. Pine Street.

Bids shall be opened promptly at the above stated time and date and their contents will be made public for the information of the bidder and other interested parties. The bid will not be awarded until the Purchasing Agent and the applicable Department Director have had ample time to review each bid.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with “**Bid No. 2025-09 557 and 559 E. Pine Street**” clearly marked on the outside of the envelope for easy identification by the City of Florence. The City does not accept electronic/mailed bids. Any bids received later than the specified time will not be accepted/considered. The City will not be responsible for late submission caused by the postal service, other carriers, or any other delivery problems regardless of the reason. The City does not accept email/electronic bids. Bids submitted by mail, Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc. must meet these same requirements and should be addressed to:

**City of Florence
City Center
324 W. Evans Street
Florence, SC 29501-3430**

The City of Florence under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity it administers.

La ciudad de Florencia en el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964 y los estatutos, se asegura de que ninguna persona por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad, edad, ser excluido de participar en, ser negado los beneficios de, o ser de otra manera sujeto a discriminación bajo cualquier programa o actividad que administra.

The City of Florence reserves the right to engage in discussions with any or all responsible bidders who submit bids which appear to be eligible for award, for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of and responsiveness to the Invitation to bid requirements herein.

This solicitation does not commit the City of Florence to award a contract/purchase order, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a bid, or to procure or contract for services. The City of Florence reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to cancel this solicitation, and to make an award deemed in its own best interest.

Lynwood F. Givens
Purchasing Agent

MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS

Minority Business Owners (minority or woman owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that minority business and women owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

The successful firm must ensure that all subcontractors, agents, personnel assigned by or employees of prime firm and subcontractors are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Bidders must make positive efforts to provide equal employment opportunity for minority and women owned businesses.

LOCAL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PURCHASING PROGRAM:

When lowest bid is the principal determining factor in a bid selection process it is the intent of the City of Florence to provide preference first to local businesses within the City or County of Florence; however, if no local business is eligible or able to participate, preference shall then be provided by the City to minority business enterprises based on the following guidelines:

- a. For purposes of this policy, a "local business" is defined as a person, firm, contractor, corporation, or other business entity offering the services and/or products being bid by the City that maintain a place of business and have a physical business address located and operating within the City or County of Florence. The business must have been established for not less than one year within the City or County of Florence and have a valid City of Florence Business License for a minimum of 12 months prior to the bid date.
- b. For purposes of this policy, a minority business enterprise (MBE) is defined as an MBE that is certified in accordance with South Carolina Regulations § 19-445.2160, as authorized by §11-35-5270 the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.
- c. When lowest bid is the principal determining factor in the selection process any "local business" as defined in Subsection A above that submits a responsible and responsive bid within 5% (if the business is located within the City of Florence) or 3% (if the business is located within Florence County) of the non-local bidder who submitted the lowest bid may match the bid submitted by the non-local bidder. A "local business" that is within the percentage guidelines of the lowest bid received shall then be eligible for award of the contract.
- d. If the lowest bid is not a "local business" and a "local business" is within the percentage guidelines of the lowest bid received, the "local business", subject to the provision of Subsection H below, shall be awarded the contract if it is willing to provide goods or services at the same price of the lowest bid received.
- e. If conditions of Subsections C above are met and the qualified "local business" declines or is unable to match the lowest bid, then the option to do so moves to the next qualified "local business", if such business' bid is within the percentage guideline of the lowest bid, and is similarly responsible and responsive.

- f. In the event there is no “local business” eligible or willing to match the lowest bid, the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted by an MBE, if any, would be allowed the opportunity to match the bid submitted by the non-local bidder and thereby be awarded the contract when lowest bid is the primary determining factor in the bid selection process.
- g. If a procurement is to be made pursuant to state funding requirements, federal funding requirements, bond covenants, or other outside funding source requirements which prohibit or restrict local or MBE preference, then no local or MBE preference consideration will be given.
- h. The provisions for a local or MBE preference does not prohibit the right of the City to compare quality of materials proposed for purchase and compare qualifications, character, responsibility and fitness of all persons, firms, contractors, corporations, or other business entities submitting bids. Accordingly, the local or MBE preference for a particular procurement may be waived by the City Manager upon written recommendation and justification by the Department Director.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

The successful bidder must have a South Carolina General Contractors License or a South Carolina Residential License and must be authorized to sell the stated product or perform the services outlined in the specifications of this bid document.

All bids must be signed by an authorized officer or agent of the company submitting the bid.

The City will assume no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to the specifications should be directed to and will be issued by the City Purchasing Agent.

DEFINITIONS: Responsible Bidder means a bidder who has the capability in all respects to fully perform the stated requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

Responsive Bidder means a bidder who has submitted a bid which conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid.

PROTEST: Any actual or prospective vendor, bidder, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may formally protest to the Assistant City Manager. The protest shall be submitted in writing within seven (7) days after such aggrieved person or party has received the bid tabulation or the intent to award letter.

DISPUTES: In cases of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets the specifications, the decision of the City of Florence shall be final and binding on all parties. The Purchasing Agent may request in writing, the recommendation of the head of the City agency using the item or other objective sources.

CHANGES: Any changes in this Invitation to Bid after the purchase order/contract agreement has been awarded must be with the written consent of the Purchasing Agent or the City Manager; otherwise, the responsibility for such changes lies with the vendor.

INQUIRIES: Questions concerning this invitation to bid should be directed to the City Purchasing

Agent, Lynwood F. Givens in writing by e-mail at lgivens@cityofflorence.com. The deadline for the submission of all inquiries is **February 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm**. **Any changes to the specifications in the bid package shall be in writing in an addendum. All Addendums will be posted on the City of Florence website at www.cityofflorence.com. It will be the responsibility of bidders to periodically check the website for addendums.**

OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL: Ownership of all data, material and documentation originated and prepared for the City of Florence pursuant to this contract/purchase order shall belong exclusively to the City of Florence.

A complete copy of the City of Florence purchasing policies and procedures manual can be downloaded from the City of Florence website at www.cityofflorence.com

The City determined that according to the South Carolina Code of Law Title 40 Chapter 11 and the South Carolina Code of Regulations Chapter 29, a General Contractor's License will be needed to perform this type of work. The successful vendor must have a general contractor's license.

SCOPE OF WORK

The City of Florence is seeking bids from qualified General Contractors to build a single-family residence at 557 E. Pine Street (Parcel No. 90103-06-003) and 559 E. Pine Street (Parcel No. 90103-06-004).

This project must be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days from the date of the notice to proceed. A penalty of \$250.00 per day may be withheld for non-completion within the time specified.

The respondent shall perform or provide any and all professional services related to the project and obtain all required permits and licenses. Respondent represents that all tasks will be performed in accordance with generally acceptable professional standards and further represents that the advice and consultation provided shall be within its authority and capacity as a professional. Respondent will comply with the regulations, laws, ordinances and requirements of all governmental impact applicable to assigned project.

SPECIFICATIONS | DRAWINGS

1. Approximately 1,255 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Must maintain existing lot grade and positive drainage from the home. The house should sit 10 feet off both sides of property line.
2. Features: Hardie Board siding.
3. Raised concrete slab foundation with 4-inch concrete cap.
4. Roofing: 30-year architectural shingles. ½ inch OSB board. Felt underlay, aluminum flashing, rain diverters where applicable and ridge vents. Decorative vinyl vents (2) installed on front eaves.
5. Interior: Refer to interior specifications if not noted here. **Contractor grade equivalent substitutes are acceptable.** All exterior doors are to open "in". Interior walls and ceiling: ½ inch sheetrock walls, 5/8-inch sheetrock ceiling.
6. Flooring: LVT waterproof 5 mm vinyl plank flooring throughout (Picked by the City).

7. Plumbing: Fiberglass shower unit in master bedroom, fiberglass shower tub combo unit in 2nd bathroom. 50gallon electric hot water heater to code. Vanity sinks in bathrooms with cabinets.
8. Pour garage floor. pour driveway (approx. 26 X 20) with positive drainage to the street, and walkway from driveway to side porch. Walkway from front porch to front sidewalk. Repair/replace damaged sidewalk along Pine Street. Concrete porch (no composite decking).
9. Porch columns will be stacked stone veneer (picked by the City). Install exterior steps/railing as needed to code.
10. Paint Colors – Interior and exterior colors will be picked by the City. Exterior to include foundation wall and siding.
11. Kitchen Granite countertop & backsplash picked by the City.
12. Install shelves/closet hardware in all closets and laundry room. Install doorbell at front door. Install bathroom hardware and mirrors in each bathroom.
13. Installation of gutters and downspouts (front and sides), and cage with lock on outside HVAC unit.
14. Landscaping – Grade lot for proper drainage. Sod the front and side yards. Seed the backyard and planting boxwood type shrubs across the front with pine straw bedding. Termite soil treatment. Install mailbox and post. Install address numbers on the house
15. Miscellaneous – City water & sewer, smoke detectors must be wired direct when one goes off all go off – to code. Bid should include permit fees, business license fees, water & sewer tap fees, payment & performance bond fees, builder's risk insurance premium, trash container and portajon. The winning bidder must apply for City of Florence MS4 to responsibly protect stormwater and roadways with sediment erosion control such as silt fencing rock/gravel for construction entrance and parking, and catch basin inlet protection, etc. **Provide 1 year contractor warranty to the City/homebuyer from date of certificate of Occupancy.**
16. Drawings and specifications may be obtained at the City of Florence City Center Building-Building Florence Together CDC on the second floor of the City Center located at 324 W. Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501 for a non-refundable payment of \$50.00.

MANDATORY PRE-BID Meeting

The pre-bid meeting will be held on **February 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at 557 E. Pine Street.** The purpose of the pre-bid Meeting is to review the scope of work, specifications, and to receive questions from interested general contractors. **Attendance by a responsible representative of the firm is required at the pre-bid meeting. Firms not properly represented at the pre-bid meeting will not be considered for evaluation.**

BID RESPONSE

1. Bid price should include all costs for preparation, material, equipment, labor and supervision to for the construction of a single-family residence pursuant to the Invitation to Bid
2. Work Schedule
3. Proof of South Carolina General Contractor's License

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

Firms are requested to submit three (3) copies of the bid on the City of Florence Bid sheet included in this invitation to bid. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible/responsive bidder that best meets the City of Florence's specification/scope of work, taking into consideration but not limited to the following:

1. Price
2. Experience of the Company
3. Quality of Service
4. Timeliness of completion of work

The City shall have sole discretion in evaluating the bids. The City reserves the right to select the bid that it may determine to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including that of the selected Contractor if satisfactory contract negotiations cannot be concluded.

Bid tabulations will be sent to all bidders via email and posted on the City of Florence website at www.cityofflorence.com.

Before the award of contract/purchase order, any respondent may be required to show that they have the necessary license, facilities, experience, ability, and financial resources to perform the work in a satisfactory manner. Respondents may be required to furnish the City with sworn statements as to their experience. No contract/purchase order will be awarded except to responsible offerors capable of performing the class and type of work required.

TAXES

The City of Florence pays SC Sales Taxes in the amount of 8%. However, the City of Florence is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and will issue exemption certificates, if requested. **INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE TAXES IN YOUR PROPOSAL COSTS.**

PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT BONDS

A performance and payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the final contract price of the construction portion of this project will be required of the successful firm. The successful firm will be required to furnish the required performance and payment bonds within ten (10) business days after written notice of formal award of contract. Work will be required to commence within ten (10) days of written notice to proceed by the Purchasing Agent.

BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

It is required that all firms and all subcontractors awarded a contract agreement with the City of Florence, either secure a business license or update their current business license for the contract amount for any work that is to be done inside the city limits. The successful firm and all subcontractors shall be required to contact the Business License Coordinator, City Center 324 W. Evans Street, 4th Floor, Florence, S.C. prior to commencement of work. The Business License Coordinator's phone number is (843) 665-3173. FAX (843) 665-3171.

SUB-CONTRACTORS LIST

A sub-contractors list is required for all work that is to be done inside the City. The list is to be sent to Lynwood F. Givens, Purchasing Agent at the Office of Purchasing and Contracting, City Center 324 W. Evans Street, Florence, S.C. Please note if any sub-contractors are minority or women-owned businesses.

SC ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

By signing this offer, you certify that your company will comply with, and will remain in compliance with during the term of the agreement, the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the City of Florence upon request any documentation required to establish either:

- (a) That Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to your company or your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or
- (b) That your company and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14.

Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, your company shall agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractor's language requiring your subcontractors to:

- (a) Comply with the applicable requirement of Title 8, Chapter 14, and
- (b) Include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractor's language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

REQUIRED INSURANCE INFORMATION

The firm shall agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the City of Florence, South Carolina, its agents and employees from any claims for property damage or personal injury (including death resulting therefrom). Such claims include, but are not limited to, actual, consequential, incidental or punitive damages. The firm shall agree to maintain sufficient comprehensive general liability insurance, naming the City of Florence, South Carolina, as additional insured, in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 per person. Proof of such insurance shall be given to the Purchasing Agent by an appropriate certificate-of-insurance issued by the firm's insurance agent.

Further, the firm shall agree to insure prior to commencement of work on the project (job), all subcontractors, agents, assigns or employees of prime firm and subcontractor shall agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the City of Florence, South Carolina, its agents and employees from any claims for property damage or personal injury (including death resulting therefrom). Such claims include but are not limited to, actual, consequential, incidental or punitive damages. Further, prior to commencement of work on the project (job), the firm shall insure that all subcontractors, agents or assigns of the firm, maintain sufficient comprehensive general liability insurance, naming the City of Florence, South Carolina, as additional insured, in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 per person. Proof of such insurance shall be given to the Purchasing Agent by an appropriate certificate-of-insurance issued by applicable entity's insurance agent.

With regards to comprehensive general liability insurance, claims may be made during or after the term or terms of the contract/purchase order agreement.

Vehicle liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence shall be maintained by the firm.

The successful firm shall take out and maintain, during the life of the contract agreement, workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance for all employees to be engaged in services on this project under this agreement in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00, and in case any such services are sublet, the firm shall require all subcontractor(s) also to provide workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for all of the subcontractor's employees to be engaged in such.

BUILDERS INSURANCE

The firm agrees to maintain builder's insurance while the house is under construction until the certificate of occupancy is issued.



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Total cost (including tax) including materials, equipment, fuel, labor, supervision, and all other resources necessary to complete the of the single-family residence at 557 E. Pine Street and 559 E. Pine Street.

557 E. Pine Street \$ _____

559 E. Pine Street \$ _____

TOTAL BID: \$ _____

Is your company a certified MBE/DBE/ WBE: Yes _____ No _____

Authorized Signature Printed Name Date

Company Name

Federal Tax ID. General Contractor's Number

Mailing Address (Include Zip Code)

Telephone Number Fax Number

Email Address