NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD) until 10:00 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at the Shell Rock River Watershed District Office, 214 West Main St, Albert Lea, MN 56007, facsimile, or electronic transmissions will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read at said time and place by representatives of the SRRWD. Said proposals are for the furnishing of all labor and materials for the construction, complete in-place, for the Upper Twin Lake Pump Station Construction. The Work shall include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Site earthwork
- Pumping station installation
- Stop log installation
- Box Culvert Installation

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms provided in accordance with the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications dated October 1, 2018 as prepared by WSB & Associates, Inc., which are on file with QuestCDN and may be seen at the office of the Consulting Engineer.

Complete digital Proposal Forms, Plans, and Specifications for use by Contractors submitting a bid are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for a nonrefundable fee of $25.00 by inputting Quest project #5972651 on the website’s Project Search page.

An optional paper set of Proposal Forms, Plans, and Specifications may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers, WSB & Associates, Inc., 3701 40th Avenue Northwest, Suite 100, Rochester Minnesota 55901, for a nonrefundable fee of $50.00 per set, check payable to WSB & Associates, Inc.

Bids will only be accepted from Contractors who purchase digital or paper Bidding Documents as specified above and qualify as a Minnesota Responsible Contractor.

Questions about the meaning or intent of the Request for Bid shall be directed to Luke Lunde at WSB & Associates, in writing (electronic correspondence is acceptable). Questions will be accepted until November 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Interpretation or clarifications considered necessary by SRRWD in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda via QuestCDN. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

Addenda files will be posted on www.questcdn.com Project #5972651 (Quest) or available from the SRRWD office. Bidders are responsible for accessing QuestCDN or the SRRWD office to be aware of all Addenda and acknowledging all Addenda in the Bid forms. Failure to acknowledge Addenda on the Bid form may cause Bid rejection.

To be eligible for this Project, a Contractor must be a responsible contractor as defined by Minn. Stat. §16C.1784, subd. 3 and provide verification of compliance as required by Minn. Stat. § 16.285, subd. 4. In particular, the bid submittal must include a statement signed, under oath, by an owner or officer of the Contractor verifying compliance with each of the responsible contractor criteria in Minn. Stat. §16C.285, subd. 3.

Contractors who do not meet the criteria, fail to verify compliance with any one of the required criteria, or makes a false statement under oath in a verification for compliance shall be ineligible to be awarded the Contract on this Project and may result in the termination of a contract already awarded. The Contractor shall provide to the SRRWD, prior to Notice to Proceed and upon request, copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors.

No bids will be considered unless sealed and timely filed with the Shell Rock River Watershed District and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier’s check, or certified check, or bid bond made payable to the SRRWD for five percent (5%) of the amount bid, to be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event that
the bid be accepted and the bidder fails to enter promptly into a written contract and furnish the required bond.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids, deemed to be most favorable to the interest of the SRRWD. The Award is anticipated to be based on the lowest price, technically adaptable Bid in the best interests of the SRRWD.

All work required to be completed as part of this Project shall be completed by the following dates as outlined in the Contract Documents:

- The Work shall be substantially completed on or before June 1, 2019.
- The Work shall be completed and ready for final payment on or before July 31, 2019.

No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of opening of Bids. The SRRWD reserves the right to reject any or all Bids.

This Project is funded at least in part by State funds and requires Contractor to be familiar and comply with Minnesota prevailing wage requirements as contained in Minn. Stat. § 177.41-.44 and Minnesota Rules 5200.100-1120.

This Project is a public Project subject to public contract procurement. Therefore, data submitted in response to the Request for Bid is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA), Minnesota Statute Ch. 13. The information in the response is private or nonpublic until the bid due date identified in the Request for Bid, at which time the name of the bidder will become public. The remaining information will remain private or nonpublic until the completion of the selection process and will become public when the notice of award of contract is provided by the Shell Rock River Watershed District to the successful bidder. Bidders shall specifically note in bidder’s bid all data in the bid that it considers proprietary information (trade secret) or otherwise private and confidential. All data will be public unless specifically indicated as trade secret data and it must meet the definition of “trade secret” under MGDPA §13.37. A statement by a bidder that submitted data is copyrighted or otherwise protected does not prevent public access to the data contained in the bid.

If the Shell Rock River Watershed District rejects all bids, all bid response information, except names, will remain private or nonpublic until the Shell Rock River Watershed District resolicits bids or abandons the Project. If a re-solicitation of bids does not occur within one year of the bid opening date, the remaining data becomes public.

Bidding this Project is voluntary and by supplying a bid, bidder voluntarily provides information and understands it is subject to MGDPA and will be public information.

DATED: October 1, 2018

BY ORDER OF SHELL ROCK RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

s/s Andy Henschel
District Administrator
Shell Rock River Watershed District

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