INVITATION TO BIDDERS

RECEIPT OF BIDS. Sealed bids (3 copies) for the construction of the <u>Japanese Garden Overflow</u> <u>Drainage</u>, <u>Project #FWBG2026-1</u> will be received by the Fort Worth Botanic Garden until 2:00 P.M. CDT, Wednesday, October 29, 2025 as further described below:

Deborah Moncrief Garden Center- Admissions Desk Attn: Bob Byers 3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Bids will be accepted by: Courier, FedEx or hand delivery at the address above; Bids to be addressed to Bob Byers, and shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the Assigned Project Number if any, Project title, the name and address of Bidder, and accompanied by the Bid security and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it. Bids will be publicly read aloud at 2:15 PM CDT on October 29, 2025, in the Garden Center Azalea Room.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Major components of the work (approximate) are: Remove and replace submerged and external pumps, replace shutoff valves, provide new buried primary storm overflow and all project-related excavation, boring, and plumbing.

DOCUMENT EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENTS: The Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined or obtained on-line by visiting the FWBG website at https://fwbg.org/business-opportunities/. The Contract Documents may be downloaded, viewed, and printed by interested contractors and/or suppliers.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: To ensure potential bidders are kept up to date of any new information pertinent to this project, all interested parties should email Expressions of Interest in this procurement to FWBG's Project Manager as noted below. The email should include the company's name, contact person and that individual's email address and phone number. All Addenda will be distributed directly to those who have expressed an interest in the procurement and will also be posted in BRIT's website at https://fwbg.org/business-opportunities/.

PRE-BID MEETING: A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the following date, and time: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 11:00 AM, meet at Moncrief Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, 76107. Presentations and any questions and answers provided at the pre-bid conference will be issued as an Addendum to the invitation for bids. Prospective bidders may also e-mail questions or comments to the project manager at the e-mail addresses listed below. Emailed questions will suffice as "questions in writing." If necessary, Addenda will be issued pursuant to the Instructions to Bidders.

AWARD: FWBG reserves the right to waive irregularities and to accept or reject any or all bids. FWBG will award a contract to Bidder considered to have presented the lowest price, best qualifications and competencies.

FUNDING: Any contract awarded under this Invitation to Bidders is funded by private support and/or from revenues generated from City of Fort Worth 2022 Bond Funds and reserved for this Project. **INOUIRIES:** All inquiries relative to this bid invitation should be addressed to:

Bob Byers, Botanical Research Institute of Texas

Email: bbyers@fwbg.org Phone: 817-463-4190