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Bid #2589

NATURAL GAS WELDING SERVICES – GAS DEPARTMENT

Sealed bids and electronic submitted bids for the above will be received until **10:00 AM CDT, Tuesday, July 14, 2026**, and publicly opened in the City of Alexandria Council Chambers or Council Committee Room.

Please file bid by one of the following means:

Hand-Delivered or Express Delivery:

Attention: Donna Jones, City Clerk
City of Alexandria - City Hall
915 Third Street, First Floor
Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: 318-449-5090

Mailed via USPS:

Attention: Donna Jones, City Clerk
City of Alexandria - City Hall
PO Box 71
Alexandria, LA 71309-0071

Electronic Bid Submission: Central Bidding

Pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 38:2212 B.(6)(a) through E. (1-7) and R.S. 38:2212.1 B.(4)(a), vendors/contractors have the option to submit their bids and bid bonds electronically. Bids and bonds to be filed electronically shall be posted with **Central Bidding** at www.centrauctionhouse.com (phone 1-225-810-4814). Registration will need to be completed prior to posting of bid.

Complete bid specifications are available for viewing and downloading at the City of Alexandria's website www.cityofalexandriala.com; on the left hand side of the opening page, go to the heading "Business" then drop down to "RFP/RFQ/Bids"; the current bids will be listed for your convenience.

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Office: (318) 441-6180
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Date Specifications Prepared: June 2, 2026

Bid Bond Requirements: A bid bond or check for N/A% of the total amount of bid.

Performance Bond Requirements: In the event bid is accepted, a performance bond shall be required in the amount of N/A%.

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INTRODUCTION

NATURAL GAS WELDING SERVICES – GAS DEPARTMENT

The City of Alexandria Gas Department is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors to provide professional welding services for the maintenance, repair, and expansion of its natural gas distribution system located in Alexandria, Louisiana.

The City of Alexandria Gas Department owns and operates a municipal natural gas distribution system serving residential, commercial, and industrial customers throughout the City of Alexandria and surrounding areas. The system includes:

- Steel and polyethylene distribution mains
- Steel transmission lines
- Service lines
- Regulator stations
- Metering and control facilities

To maintain system integrity and ensure public safety, the Gas Department requires qualified welding contractors capable of supporting both **planned and emergency operations**.

The selected contractor(s) will support Gas Department operations by performing high-quality welding services in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local pipeline safety regulations and industry standards.

Completed bid packet should be returned as issued by the City of Alexandria with ALL PAGES intact and all specification response columns filled in. Incomplete columns or missing pages, to include addendum pages, may result in the bidder's (proposer's) entire bid being rejected.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:
NATURAL GAS WELDING SERVICES

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDERS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Pursuant to LA R.S 38:2212.1. C.(1)(2), any manufacturer's preference in this proposal is descriptive, but non-restrictive, and is used only to indicate minimum requirement for type, grade and quality unless otherwise specified.
2. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 B.(1), the provisions and requirement of this bid shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by the City of Alexandria. Therefore, conditions and specifications on this bid form shall be strictly enforced and any and all alterations, deviations, and non-compliance to said conditions and specifications, either on the bid form or by separate attachment, shall be grounds for immediate disqualification.
3. Preference shall be given to bidders quoting F.O.B. Destination (the City of Alexandria using department), FREIGHT PREPAID, unless otherwise requested.
4. Each bidder shall submit his proposal on the proposal form furnished by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department. The complete bid package must be returned as issued by the City with all pages intact and all specification response columns filled in. Incomplete columns or missing pages, to include addendum pages, shall result in the vendor's entire bid package being rejected.
5. Literature, brochures, and other related paperwork attached to the bid should be identified with the name of the bidder and bid item number.
6. In case of a mathematical discrepancy between unit price and extensions, the unit price shall prevail.
7. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 F., the bid specifications may contemplate a fixed escalation or de-escalation in accordance with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistic's Consumer Price Index or the Producer Price Index. Bids based on specifications which are subject to a recognized escalation index shall be legal and valid for any item of a public work, at the discretion of the City.
8. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212.1. F., any public procurement unit may participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Alexandria to acquire quantities of the above listed items under a contract with the City of Alexandria for items awarded by public bid, pursuant to the cooperative purchasing provisions of Part VII of Chapter 17 of Subtitle III of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:1701 et seq.
9. The City of Alexandria reserves the right to award by item or by total bid, unless otherwise specified in the bid specifications. (Price(s) should be itemized.)
10. All erasures or corrections on the bid form must be initialed and the City of Alexandria may rely on the apparent authority represented by the initials.
11. The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject for cause any and all bids or parts of bids, or accept bids most beneficial to the City.

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:
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General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)

12. Any bid submitted which contains additions, conditional or alternate bids, or irregularities which may make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning, thus requiring clarification after the specified date and time of bid opening shall be rejected.
13. Bids shall be opened publicly in the City Council Chambers or Council Committee Room.
14. Cash discounts may be accepted, but SHALL NOT be considered in making award.
15. Regarding a bid for purchase of materials, supplies or services, not to include construction of any public works, a written notice of acceptance mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
16. When any bid is accepted for the construction or doing of any public works, a written contract shall be executed by and between the City of Alexandria and the Contractor. No contract shall be binding upon the City until it has been executed by the City and delivered to the successful bidder. Should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to execute the contract, the award shall then be made to the next lowest responsible bidder, or re-advertised for public bid, said decision to be in the sole judgment of the City of Alexandria. This action may result in the loss of bidding privileges for a period of one (1) year.
17. The City of Alexandria shall schedule for payment the invoices for articles or services purchased under this bid within thirty (30) days after due and proper delivery accompanied by invoice.
18. The City of Alexandria is exempt from all sales taxes. A sales tax exempt form shall be furnished by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, if requested.
19. Bidder(s) awarded item(s) by the City of Alexandria shall be responsible for supplying all products at the awarded price(s). Failure may result in the City's cancellation of the remaining items awarded.
20. Regarding Service Contracts and Procurement Contracts, the terms of the contract shall be binding upon any and all parties involved until goods and supplies are delivered, services have been rendered, and/or work has been completed and accepted by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Alexandria and all payments required to be made to the Contractor have been made. However, a contract may be terminated under any and all of the following conditions:
 - (a) By mutual agreement and consent of either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party;
 - (b) By the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Alexandria, as a consequence of the failure of the Contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract or the progress or quality of work to be performed in a satisfactory manner, proper allowance being made for circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor; or
 - (c) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described in the contract.

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General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)

If the contract is terminated for any of the terms and conditions authorized in sub-paragraph (b) above, Contractor shall be formally notified in writing by the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department by means of certified mail informing him of cancellation of the contract, giving specific reasons for said cancellation. Contractor shall have the right to appeal to the City Council within ten (10) days from the date that said notification is placed in the U.S. Mail. Contractor's appeal shall be accomplished by means of a letter addressed to the City Council and delivered to the City Clerk, stating that an appeal to the decision of cancellation is desired. The City Council shall thereafter hold a hearing on the appeal, giving all parties the opportunity to present any and all evidence concerning the decision of cancellation. After hearing the appeal, the city Council may, by a majority vote, sustain, modify, or reverse the findings for said decision and shall provide, if requested by Contractor, a written determination of its findings.

21. Contractors submitting bids for Public Works construction projects in excess of \$1.00 must show his Contractor's License Number on the front of the bid envelope, except for certain projects for which a Contractor's License Number is not required by the State Contractor's Licensing Board. Failure to comply with this directive shall result in automatic bid rejection, furthermore, any Contractor who submits a bid for a type of construction for which he is not properly licensed shall be acting in violation of LA R.S. 37:2163, and shall be subject to all provisions for violation and penalties thereof. Contractors who are owned by, and are submitting a bid as a subsidiary of a parent company, whose name is listed in the State of Louisiana's Roster of Licensed Contractors, may do so by including a letter of proof of ownership from the parent company with the submitted bid package. The letter must be signed as per LA R.S. 38:2212 B.(5)(a)(b)(c) (see Item #22 below).

22. All bids submitted via USPS (registered or certified), overnight courier or hand delivered, shall be signed by hand and in ink by an authorized company representative per LA R.S. 38:2212 B.(5)(a)(b)(c), which states:

(c)(i) Evidence of agency, corporate, or partnership authority shall be required for submission of a bid to the division of administration or the State of Louisiana. The authority of the signature of the person submitting the bid shall be deemed sufficient and acceptable if any of the following conditions are met:

(aa) The signature on the bid is that of any corporate officer listed on the most current annual report on file with the Secretary of State, or the signature on the bid is that of any member of a partnership or partnership in commendam listed in the most current partnership records on file with the Secretary of State.

(bb) The signature on the bid is that of an authorized representative of the corporation, partnership, or other legal entity and the bid is accompanied by a corporate resolution, certification as to the corporate principle, or other documents indicating authority which are acceptable to the public entity.

(cc) The corporation, partnership, or other legal entity has filed in the appropriate records of the Secretary of State in which the public entity is located, an affidavit, resolution, or other acknowledged or authentic document indicating the names of all parties authorized to submit bids for public contracts. Such document on file with the Secretary of State shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon the principal until specifically rescinded and canceled from the records of the office.

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General Conditions for Bidders - Please Read Carefully (Continued)

23. In-State preferences shall not apply to procurements involving federal funds.
24. Pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 O.(2)(a)(b), any modifications of plans and specifications will be made through an addendum. No addendum shall be issued within seventy-two (72) hours of the bid opening, excluding weekends and legal holidays, without the extension of the bid opening date. An extension of at least seven (7) but no more than thirty (30) working days is required but, re-advertising is not required. The addendum shall be transmitted by any one of the following methods: (1) facsimile transmission; (2) e-mail; (3) by hand; or (4) posted on the City of Alexandria's website (www.cityofalexandrialala.com) and posted on Central Bidding's website (www.centralauctionhouse.com) if applicable.
25. All Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded procurements, including operating assistance funding contracts, are to follow the Master Agreement, to include all applicable federal clauses.
- a. Any bidder that is found listed on the Federal Government's *System for Award Management* (SAM) website, at www.sam.gov/portal/sam , under the advanced search feature for *Excluded Parties List System* (EPLS), shall automatically be rejected for the award of this bid, by Category and/or in its entirety. This applies to any portion of the bid that is a procurement funded by FTA.
26. Under the City's *AFEAT (Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility, and Teamwork Program)*, participation by minority and/or disadvantaged business enterprise firms is encouraged. Inquiries about the *AFEAT* Program should be directed to the Division of Finance. As a part of its RFP response, each Bidder ***shall*** submit documentation of its bona fide effort to secure subcontractors that meet the City's *AFEAT* goals. Each bidder ***shall*** also submit proof of engagement of any subcontractor selected because of its solicitations. The Bidder's bona fide efforts and engagement(s) are a consideration in bid review and rating.

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Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility and Teamwork Program (AFEAT)

Dear Vendor:

Under the City's *AFEAT (Alexandria Fairness, Equality, Accessibility, and Teamwork Program)*, participation by minority and/or disadvantaged business enterprise firms is encouraged. The AFEAT Program should be inquired about through the Division of Finance. The goals for qualifying disadvantaged, minority and female owned business in the use of professional service agreements with prime contractors will help effectuate the goals of increasing: the competitive viability of small business, minority, and women business enterprise by providing contract, technical, educational, and management assistance; business ownership by small business persons, minority persons, and women (including professional service opportunities); and the procurement by the City of professional services, articles, equipment, supplies, and materials from business concerns owned by small business concerns, minority persons, and women.

Prime contractors offering subcontracting should take specific action to ensure that a bona fide effort is made to achieve maximum results towards meeting the established goals. Primes shall document efforts and shall implement steps at least as extensive as the following in a good faith effort to reach or exceed the established goals:

- A. Establish and maintain a current list of minority and female owned businesses in Alexandria, in Rapides Parish, and in the State of Louisiana.*
- B. Document and maintain a record of all solicitations of offers for subcontracts from minority or female construction contractor and suppliers in Alexandria, in Rapides Parish, and in the State of Louisiana.*
- C. Secure listing of minority and women owned businesses from the City of Alexandria Purchasing Department, the Central Louisiana Business Incubator, and the State of Louisiana Department of Minority Affairs.*
- D. Participate in associations which assist in promoting minority and women owned businesses such as the Central Louisiana Business League, the Central Louisiana Business Incubator, and the Entrepreneurial League System.*
- E. Designate a responsible official to monitor all activity made in the effort to achieve or exceed the established goals; record contacts made, subcontracts entered into with dollar amounts, and other relevant information.*

For more information on AFEAT and the City of Alexandria's Diversity in Action Initiative, and to explore a local and statewide directory of minority businesses, please visit www.diversityinaction.org . Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Department at 318-449-5091 or our Purchasing Department at 318-441-6180.

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Sincerely,

City of Alexandria

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BID SPECIFICATIONS

The contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, tools, equipment, and materials necessary to perform welding-related services, including but not limited to:

1.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.1 Pipe Welding

- Welding of steel natural gas pipelines of various diameters and wall thickness
- Install tie-ins for new construction and system upgrades
- Fabrication and installation of fittings, valves, and appurtenances
- Pressure-containing welds on distribution and transmission components

1.2 Maintenance & Repair

- Leak repair on steel mains and services
- Cut-outs and replacement of damaged or corroded pipe sections
- Emergency repair services (24/7 availability required)

1.3 Specialized Services (if qualified)

- Hot tapping and stopping operations
- Welding associated with regulator station modifications
- Custom fabrication for system components

1.4 Compliance & Documentation

- All welding shall conform to **API 1104-Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities**
- Compliance with **49 CFR Part 192-Transportation of Natural Gas by Pipeline**
- Preparation and submission of:
 - Welding Procedure Specifications (WPS)
 - Procedure Qualification Records (PQR)
 - Welder Qualification Records (WQR)
- Coordination with Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) providers as required

2.0 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Proposers must meet the following requirements:
- Minimum **five (5) years** of experience in natural gas pipeline welding
- Welders certified in accordance with **API 1104**

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BID SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

2.0 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Demonstrated compliance with **City of Alexandria Gas Department Operator Qualification (OQ)** requirements
- Valid Louisiana contractor's license
- Proven experience working on municipal or utility-owned gas systems
- Ability to respond to emergency calls within **2-4 hours**
- Strong safety record with supporting documentation

3.0 SAFETY & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Contractor shall adhere to all applicable safety and regulatory requirements, including:

- OSHA standards (29 CFR 1910 & 1926)
- U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline Safety Regulations
- City of Alexandria Gas Department safety policies and procedures

Contractor Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a written safety program
- Conducting Job Safety Analyses (JSAs) prior to work
- Providing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Participating in City of Alexandria Gas Department safety meetings and audits
- Ensuring all personnel are OQ-qualified for covered tasks

4.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall maintain, at minimum, the following insurance coverage:

- Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 aggregate
- Workers' Compensation: Statutory limits (Louisiana)
- Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit
- Umbrella/Excess Liability: \$2,000,000

Certificates of Insurance shall name the City of Alexandria as an additional insured.

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BID SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

5.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must include the following sections:

- **Company Profile**
 - Legal company name and address
 - Contact person and information
 - Years in business and organizational structure
- **Experience & Qualifications**
 - Description of relevant natural gas welding projects
 - Key personnel resumes
 - Copies of certifications (API 1104, OQ, etc.)
- **Technical Approach**
 - Description of welding methods and procedures
 - Available equipment and resources
 - Emergency response capabilities
- **Safety Program**
 - Safety manual
 - OSHA logs (past 3 years)
 - EMR (Experience Modification Rate)
- **Pricing Proposal**

Provide a detailed fee schedule including:

- Hourly labor rates (welder, helper, supervisor)
- Equipment and rig rates
- Overtime, holiday, and emergency rates
- Mobilization/demobilization costs

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BID SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

5.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

- **Insurance**

3..1 Copy of Insurance coverage

- **References**

3..1 Minimum of three (3) references for similar work

6.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Bid Pricing

City of Alexandria reserves the right to interview proposers and request additional information

7.0 CONTRACT TERM

The contract term shall be one (1) year, with the option for renewal for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on performance and mutual agreement.

8.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any or all proposals
- City of Alexandria may award contracts to one or multiple vendors
- All work must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws
- Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and certifications

9.0 QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

All questions regarding this Bid shall be submitted in writing/email to:

Curtis S. Fogleman
Assistant Director of Utilities
Mobile – (318) 541-1150
Email – curtis.fogleman@cityofalex.com

Deadline for questions is May 21, 2026

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR:
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BID FORM / PRICING SHEET

LABOR RATES

Position/Classification	Regular Hourly Rate (\$)	Overtime Rate (\$)	Holiday Rate (\$)
Certified Welder			
Welder Helper			
Foreman/Supervisor			
Safety Representative			

EQUIPMENT & RIG RATES

Equipment Description	Unit (Hour/Day)	Rate (\$)
Welding Rig (Fully Equipped)		
Service Truck		
Generator		
Air Compressor		
Other (Specify)		

MOBILIZATION / EMERGENCY RATES

Description	Unit	Rate (\$)
Mobilization (One-Time)	Lump Sum	
Demobilization (One-Time)	Lump Sum	
Emergency Call-Out Fee	Per Hour	

UNIT PRICING (as applicable)

Description	Unit	Rate (\$)
Pipeline Welding ($\leq 6"$)	Per Weld	
Pipeline Welding ($\geq 6"$)	Per Weld	
Tie-In Installation	Each	
Leak Repair (Standard)	Each	
Custom Fabrication	Hourly	

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Proposer shall list any additional charges not included above:

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Bidder Information:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ Fax #: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Authorized Printed Name and Title: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

(Per LA R.S. 38:2212(A)(c)(i) - See General Conditions Item #22, Page 4 of these bid specifications.)