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Mr. Edwin Causey, County Manager
County of Sampson
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Subject: American Rescue Plan Act
Plans and Specifications Funding Approval
County of Sampson
Ivanhoe Water System
DWI Project No.: SRP-D-ARP-0114

Dear Mr. Causey:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has concluded its review of the project construction plans and specifications for the subject project. Based on this review, the Division has determined that the project is eligible for funding as follows:

Eligible:

Base Bid:

- Water Main: Installation of approximately 175,598 LF of 8, 6, and 4-inch water mains along the following roads: Lisbon Bridge Rd., Harrels Highway 2, Clear Run School, Tomahawk Highway, Fire Tower Rd., Dr. Kerr Rd., Ivanhoe Rd, Eddie L. Jones Rd., Ivanhoe Rd., Trestle Rd., Alpine Church Rd., Hoover Rd., G. Shaw Rd., Barnhill Rd. Jumping Run Rd., and McCoy Loop.
- Booster Pump Station: Installation of 330 gallons per minute booster pump, backup generator, SCADA and electrical equipment. To include site preparation and demolition work.
- Residential $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1-inch Connections: Installation of approximately 440 residential connections from main to home as provided in detail drawing examples.

Bid Alternate (based on funding):

- Water Main: Installation of approximately 43,446 LF of 8, 6, and 4-inch water mains Longview Lake, Harrels Highway 2, E. 2nd St., Harrells Highway (Parallel Line), and Wildcat Road.
- Residential $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1-inch Connections: Installation of approximately 110 residences from main to home as provided in detail drawing examples.



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Removal and replacement of pavement, roadways, driveways and curbs, and sedimentation and erosion-control devices; electrical, valves, vaults, and associated appurtenances.

Note: Project budgets that include construction easements (permanent and temporary) are eligible for funding disbursement.

Non-Eligible:

Paving of roadways in excess of the excavated area; Spare parts, service contracts, maintenance contracts; and extended warranties.

Change orders caused by subsurface conditions that could have been reasonably discovered as part of an investigation may not be eligible for funding.

Please note that funding is contingent on meeting the schedule provided in your *Letter of Intent to Fund*, or approved funding-deadline extension, as tabulated below:

| <u>Milestone</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| Advertise Project, Receive Bids, Submit Bid Information, <u>and</u> Receive Authority to Award | November 1, 2024 |
| Execute Construction Contract(s) | December 1, 2024 |
| Receive last disbursement – Statutory (ARPA only) | December 31, 2026 |

Only the subject project plans and specifications (including any and all approved addenda) are approved for funding. Bidding with unapproved plans and specifications will delay disbursement and may make portions of the project ineligible for funding.

Submit any addenda pertaining to the subject project plans and specifications no less than seven (7) days before the bid opening via the new Online Supporting Documentation Submittal Form located at <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form>. The link to the online submittal form and a list of frequently asked questions can also be accessed from the Division’s “I Have Funding” page, <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding>. In addition, you must receive all necessary encroachments and permit approvals prior to construction.

A link to download a copy of the *Project Bid Information Form* can be found below. The form must be submitted to your DWI-assigned Grant Management Unit (GMU) project manager via the Online Supporting Documentation Submittal Form located at <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form>. You can reach your assigned GMU project manager, Lynn Kern, by e-mail at lynn.kern@deq.nc.gov, or by telephone at 919.707.9249, with any questions related to this form. Upon review and approval of this information, the Division will authorize you to make the proposed award by issuing the Authority to Award (ATA). Do not proceed with contract execution until you have received the ATA.

If the bids received exceed the amount established via the funding offer, and local funds are not adequate to award contract(s), it will be necessary to consider all alternatives including bid negotiations, requesting additional funds, redesign, and rebidding. You must consult with the Division prior to rejecting all bids. If additional funds are required to complete a project, they may be provided with a loan or an increase. Change-order eligibility will be limited to those items necessary to complete the scope of work in the executed contract.

US Treasury Requirements

Projects with an expected total cost of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more must meet US Treasury requirements for prevailing-wage rates, project labor agreements, and related requirements. Recipients can either provide *plans* and *reports* as the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance \(treasury.gov\)](#) specifies or follow the Division's instructions for Davis-Bacon requirements on <https://www.deq.nc.gov/wi/design/davis-bacon-specifications-complete-02272020/download>.

Neither the State or federal government, nor any of their departments, agencies, or employees, is or will be a party to the invitations to bid, addenda, any resulting contracts, or contract negotiations/changes.

All costs incurred prior to March 3, 2021, are not eligible for ARPA funds, and all ARPA funds must be expended prior to December 31, 2026. The Division will make no disbursement of ARPA funds after December 31, 2026.

Below, please find the following links to the Division-approved plans and specifications / bid documents for the subject project:

1. *Division-approved, stamped set of plans (link good for 30-days): [2000061461 APPROVED 20240515 - Ivanhoe Drawing Set 20240516 20240822 \(nc.gov\)](#)
2. *Division-approved, stamped set of specifications / bid documents (link good for 30-days): [2000061461 APPROVED 2024-08-16 - Specifications 20240816 20240822 \(2\) \(nc.gov\)](#)
3. The Division's Project Bid Information Form, located at the following URL: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/project-bid-information-2016-02-25doc/>

**Please note the Division-approved, stamped set of plans and specifications / bid documents must be available at the project site during the construction phase, and then retained for a minimum of three (3) years after project completion. Laserfiche links are active for 30 days only.*

The Division's construction manager assigned to this project is Eric Karis, who can be reached either by telephone at 919.218.4158 or by e-mail at eric.karis@deq.nc.gov. Please contact him to schedule the pre-construction meeting.

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If you have any questions, please contact Eric Karis either by telephone at 919.218.4158 or by e-mail at eric.karis@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Dustin M. Rhodes

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Attachments: Approved Plans & Specifications (links provided in this PSAL, above)
Project Bid Information Form (link provided in this PSAL, above)

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