



Bluebonnet ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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Sandy Hill High Side and T-2 Addition Construction

BF-1824

Sealed or Electronic Bids TO BE SUBMITTED BY:

Tuesday, February 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm CST

Notice to Bidders

- **Sealed** bids addressed to Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, **Brian Mitschke, 3186 E. Austin St, Giddings TX 78942 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, Friday, February 20, 2026** (Company Name and Address must be located on the outside of envelope/package). Any bid received after the above closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder upon request of the bidder.
- **Electronic** bids to be sent to brian.mitschke@bluebonnet.coop by **2:00 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2026**.
- Interested parties must agree on at least (1) one site visit prior to submission of bid.
- *Construction services to be performed August 2026 with IFC prints available for contractor as requested. (Due to breaker lead times, project will bid in two parts with the understanding that the 138kv breaker installation, testing, and commissioning will be performed in 2027.*
- Incomplete bids will invalidate the bid and the bid will be rejected and returned to the bidder upon request. Any and all exceptions taken to the bid by the bidder shall be listed on the “Exceptions List” when the bid is submitted. The right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities is hereby reserved by Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative.
- Bidder will be responsible for providing a detail description of services that will be provided, an itemized pricing list for the services offered and information needed from BBEC to perform the services.

Sealed Bids sent to:

Bluebonnet Electric Coop

Sandy Hill High Side and T-2 Addition

Attn: Brian Mitschke

3186 East Austin St

Giddings, TX 78942

or via email to

brian.mitschke@bluebonnet.coop

Deadline: 2:00 p.m. CST, Friday, February 20, 2026

Construction Scope of Work

- Provide construction services to install a 138kV ring bus and a 22MVA PWT.
- Provide construction services to install bus pipe and bus support structures to route 138kV bus to the location of four (4) new 138kv circuit breakers, one (1) overhead mobile connection, (1) one existing circuit switcher and (1) one new CPV-2 circuit switcher.
- Provide construction services to install one (1) 138kv a-frame structure, one (1) 138kv h-structure, and one (1) 138kv mono pole structure.
- Provide construction services to install two (2) sets of 138kv PT's with footings.
- Provide construction services to install nine (9) 138kv disconnect switches and structures.
- Provide construction services to excavate and install footing for all substation structures. (Contractor responsible for the removal of all spoils)
- Provide services to remove an existing chain link fence and retaining wall, install a new retaining wall and fence per design, and all civil work required.
- Provide construction services to facilitate the installation of a new circuit switcher and install a 22MVA power transformer with a LTC owned by BBEC.
- Provide construction services to facilitate the installation of a new transformer pad with moat. (9" reveal)
- Provide construction services for the installation of (1) one transformer LV structure (with vacuum interrupter switches) and footings.
- Provide construction services to relocate Station Service to T2 transformer structure and feed BBEC control house.
- Provide construction services to facilitate the installation of one (1) CPV-2 Circuit switcher and footings.
- Provide services to undress the 22 MVA unit and prepare it for transport from the Red Rock service center. (Contractor is responsible for draining oil and oil transportation)
- Provide services to connect the high side, low side and R&C cables on one 22MVA transformer. Install high and low side bushings, radiators, arrestors, grounds, and attach all jumpers and conductor coverings. (Full Dress Out and vacuum fill oil)

- Provide services to test and commission new 22MVA PWT (SFRA, Power Factor, DGA, Alarm checkout, ETC...) Refer to NETA ATS standards.
- Provide services for acceptance testing and commissioning of one (1) circuit switcher, four (4) 138kv circuit breakers and six (6) 138kv PT's. **(Breakers have an ETA of September 2027, so the contractor will have to demobilize and remobilize to set, test, and finish commissioning.)**
- Provide construction services to temporary buss through three breaker locations to allow normal power flow until breakers arrive.

- Provide construction services to install strain bus to connect low voltage switches to the total bay bus work.
- Provide construction services to install one 150kva TWACS transformer with pad.
- Provide services to install five (5) yard lights on designated structures.
- Provide construction services to install the cable and conduit for all substation components.
- Provide construction services to install a new cable entrance into the control house.
- Provide construction services to install ground grid as needed and to ground to all substation components.
- Provide construction services for the installation of two (2) 2-inch conduits to all four (4) corners of the station and set one (1) 30' steel pole at the end of each conduit run (total of 4) for security.
- Provide services to backfill and compact all excavation areas and restore rock to final grade.
- Provide construction services to add on to the existing control house with the addition of (2) two new battery rooms and removal of existing battery room wall. Relay panel lines to be extended for the addition of necessary panels. (Color match existing control house color)
- Provide construction services to install, fully relay test, and commission one (1) transformer protection panel, (1) one SIP telecom panel, and (4) four 138kV circuit breaker panels.
- Provide construction services to install one (1) additional AC panel board and two (2) additional DC panel boards.
- Provide construction services to install one (1) new HVAC wall pack unit to the control house.
- Provide construction services to relocate the existing battery bank with components.
- Provide construction services to install cable tray and control house lighting by design.
- Provide construction services to install dynosphere lightning protection.
- Update all substation drawings to reflect the new construction and/or retirement of the scope of the project.
- Provide as-built prints at the completion of the project in AutoCad 2018 (or newer version) and PDF. **(90 Day Deadline after as-builts have been received)**. (all prints shall be labeled by the name of the print and the date the print was created)

BBEC SCOPE OF WORK

- Provide the R&C, Electrical and Structural drawings for use as “go-by” drawings.
- Provide BBEC construction drawings for review and bill of material creation.
- BBEC to provide all material for this project except for all fencing material, control house addition material, concrete and rebar.
- Provide all necessary drawings that are needed for construction of the project; within reason that is applicable to the project scope.
- Allow reasonable access to the substation for the bidder if needed to accurately bid the project.
- Initiate pre-construction and progress meetings with the contractor that is awarded the project.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDING TO BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

REQUEST FOR BIDS-TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Instructions

The following instructions apply to all bids and become a part of the terms and conditions of any bid submitted, unless bidder takes exception in writing when submitting bid.

Form

Bidder must provide their own itemized bid form that displays cost per itemized expectation from the scope of work section of the bid package.

BIDDER MUST RETURN THE ENTIRE ORIGINAL BID DOCUMENT WITH BID.

Bid Return

Bid must be received, and to ensure proper recognition upon arrival, list the Bidding Company Name, Address and Bid Number on the outside of your envelope.

Authorized Signature

Bids must show full firm name and mailing address of bidder and be manually signed by an authorized sales or quotation representative of the bidder. Firm name and authorized signature should appear on each page of bid where spaces are provided. Submission of a signed bid will be interpreted to mean that bidder has hereby agreed to all terms and conditions set forth in all of the sheets which make up this invitation.

Late Bids

Bids must be received at the location indicated in the bidding documents and received prior to the time indicated on this form. Late bids will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder upon written request.

Withdrawal-Alteration of Bids

Bids cannot be altered after receiving time or opening time. No bid may be withdrawn after opening time without acceptable reason in writing and with the approval of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative.

Firm Prices

Bid prices must be firm for a minimum of 90 days from the date of bid opening.

Best Value

All bidders are hereby notified that Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative shall consider all factors it believes to be relevant in selecting the offer that provides the best value, including, but not limited to, the purchase price, the proximity of the bidder as it relates to his ability to perform the contract for Bluebonnet Electric, the delivery date, the reputation of the bidder and the bidder's goods or services, the quality of the bidder's goods or services, and the bidder's past performance under contracts with Bluebonnet Electric.

Right to Reject Bids

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities and technicalities, to accept the offer considered most advantageous in order to obtain the best value for Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. Causes for rejection of a bid may include, but shall not be limited to, the bidder's current inability to satisfactorily perform the work or service, or the bidder's previous failure to properly and timely perform its obligations under a contract with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any (but not limited to) of the following causes: 1) Failure to use the proposal form furnished by Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative; 2) Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the proposal form; 3) Failure to properly complete the proposal; 4) Evidence of collusion among bidders; or 5) Unauthorized alteration of bid form. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative reserves the right to waive any minor informality or irregularity.

No Bids

If bidder is unable to quote, the bid form should be returned to the purchasing agent before opening time, and reason given for not bidding if bidder desires to bid on future purchases.

Award of Contract

The bid award may be based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- a. The purchase price, including payment discount terms;
- b. The reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's goods or services;
- c. The quality of the bidder's goods or services;
- d. The extent to which the goods or services meet Bluebonnet Electric's needs;
- e. The bidder's past relationship with Bluebonnet;
- f. The total long-term cost to Bluebonnet Electric to acquire the bidder's goods or services; and
- g. Any relevant criteria specifically listed in this request for bid.

Bluebonnet Electric prefers to award the entire contract to a single Contractor; although, Bluebonnet Electric reserves the right to award multiple contracts to secure the best value for Bluebonnet Electric.

Payment of Invoices

Invoices must be scanned and submitted by the successful bidder to Brian Mitschke, Superintendent of Technical Services, brian.mitschke@bluebonnet.coop.

1. The determination of quantities of work acceptably completed under the terms of the contract, or as directed by the Bluebonnet Electric in writing, will be made by the inspector or subcontractor assigned by Bluebonnet Electric.
2. The payment of any current or partial estimate prior to final acceptance of the work by the Owner shall in no way constitute an acknowledgment of the acceptance of the work, nor in any way prejudice or affect the obligation of the Contractor to repair, correct, or replace, at his own expense, any defects, imperfections, or damages resulting from defects or imperfections in the construction. The Project Manager shall be the sole judge of such defects, imperfections, or damage.

Any item of work not covered in the proposal will not be paid for directly, but shall be considered as subsidiary to a regular bid item.

3. Retainage

As security for the faithful and satisfactory completion of the work by the Contractor, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative may retain up to 5 percent of the total dollar amount of work completed on all contracts until acceptance by Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative.

4. Final Acceptance

After Contractor has completed the Work, Contractor shall notify Bluebonnet and request a final inspection of the Work or a sample thereof. Bluebonnet shall inspect or cause to be inspected all or a portion of the Work, and prepare and deliver to Contractor an itemized list of all Work, if any, which is found to be unacceptable.

5. Final Payment

Whenever the improvements provided for by the contract shall have been completely performed on the part of the Contractor as evidenced by the inspector, the contractor will provide a final invoice. All prior estimates upon which payments have been made are subject to necessary corrections or revisions in the final payment. The amount of this final invoice less any sums previously paid under the provisions of the contract, will be paid the Contractor within thirty (30) days after final acceptance provided the Contractor has furnished Bluebonnet Electric satisfactory evidence that all sum of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures, or machinery furnished for and used in the prosecution of the work, or that the person or persons to whom the same may respectively be due have consented to such final payment.

Safety Data Sheets

SDS's must be provided prior to or with receipt of order, and when revised. Containers must be properly labeled and identified in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard. Improperly labeled containers will result in refusal of the shipment and possible change in vendors.

Addenda

In the event of a needed change in the published bid documents, it is understood that all the foregoing terms and conditions and all performance requirements will apply to any published addendum.

All published addenda shall be signed and included with the response package as acknowledgement of the addendum. Bidders are responsible for obtaining all published addenda from Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative assumes no responsibility for the Bidders failure to obtain or properly submit any addendum. Failure to acknowledge and submit any addendum may be cause for the bid to be rejected. Bluebonnet Electric's decision to accept or reject any particular bid due to a failure to acknowledge and submit addenda shall be final.

Examination of Site

Bidders are required, prior to submitting any proposal, to read the specifications carefully, to visit the site of the work, to examine carefully local conditions, to inform themselves by their independent research, test and investigations of the difficulties to be encountered and judge for themselves of the accessibility of the work and all attending circumstances affecting the cost of doing the work or time required for its completion and obtain all information required to make an intelligent proposal. No information given by Bluebonnet Electric other than that contained in the specifications shall be binding upon Bluebonnet Electric. Bidders shall rely exclusively upon their own estimates, investigations, tests and other data which are necessary for full and complete information upon which the proposal may be based. It is mutually agreed that submission of a proposal is evidence that the bidder has made the examination, investigations and test required herein.

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Certification of Bid

Re: Sandy Hill High Side and T2 Addition Construction

I, the undersigned, hereby certify and represent that I am duly authorized to submit this bid on behalf of the firm identified herein and that this firm hereby agrees to be bound by and is willing, capable and does qualify to comply with all the provisions specified herein for completion of the services requested at the terms and conditions as quoted.

Representative's Name:

(Please print or type)

Representative's Signature:

Representative's Title:

Date: _____

Bidding Firm Name and Address:

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Exceptions List