

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the construction of domestic water distribution system improvements for the City of Gladstone will be received by the Community Development Division of Clackamas County until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 1985.

Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Chuck Robbins, Community Development Division, Marylhurst College—O'Hara Hall, P.O. Box 2, Marylhurst, Oregon 97036. At 3:00 p.m., bids will be opened and read aloud in the conference room of the Community Development Division, O'Hara Hall, Marylhurst, Oregon.

The project consists of construction of water distribution system improvements with the following approximate quantities of mainlines:

- 12" D.I. Mainline—3,200 Lineal Feet
- 8" D.I. Mainline—2,400 Lineal Feet
- 6" D.I. Mainline—2,400 Lineal Feet

An alternate bid is requested in the proposal for PVC pipeline materials.

Plans and specifications are available at the offices of CURRAN McLEOD, INC. Consulting Engineers, 7460 S.W. Hunziker Road, Suite D., Tigard, Oregon 97223, telephone: 684-3478. A fifty dollar (\$50) fee is required with each application, half of which is refundable upon the prompt return of the plans and specifications in good condition.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the following locations:

- City Hall, City of Gladstone, Gladstone, OR
- Clackamas County, Community Development Division, O'Hara Hall, Marylhurst, OR
- Northwest Plan Center, 901 S.E. Oak, Portland, OR
- Builders Exchange Cooperative, 1125 S.E. Madison, Portland, OR
- Construction Data Plan Center, 925 N.W. 12th, Portland, OR

Bidders must be prequalified to bid on this project. Bidders not currently prequalified by the Oregon Department of Transportation may apply for prequalification no later than ten (10) days prior to the bid opening on forms available from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

To be considered, bids must be completed on the bidding forms provided, in the manner prescribed in the bidding documents, submitted intact, and accompanied by a 10% bid security in favor of Clackamas County.

Financial assistance for this project is provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, by a Community Development Block Grant through Clackamas County, Oregon. Attention is directed to the Federal and State requirements regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Davis Bacon wage rates, HUD Section 3 requirements and ORS 279.

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informalities. No bidder may withdraw or modify his bid prior to the lapse of thirty (30) days after the bid opening.

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Army veteran helps others benefit from law he missed

"Basically, the law provides that anyone who leaves a job to perform military duty has a right to return to the former job," Sims said.

Sims also pointed out that the former position must be other than temporary, the returning veteran must have received a certificate of satisfactory service such as an honorable discharge, and must apply for reemployment within 90 days of leaving the service.

Sims oversees enforcement of VRR in the U.S. Labor Department's six-state Chicago region. The VRR program is administered by the Labor Department's Veterans' Employment and Training Services (VETS) office.

"Last year in this region," Sims said, "we conducted about 540 investigations, and while the law sounds fairly straightforward and easily understood, it is one of the most tested laws on the books."

Sims explained that the law has been reviewed 18 times by the U.S. Supreme Court, and nearly 900 court decisions pertain to its application.

Sims joined the federal government in 1960 with the Railroad Retirement Board, transferring to the Labor Department in 1965 as a wage-hour compliance specialist. A 1969 graduate of Lewis University in Lockport, Ill., Sims saw his first VRR cases when he joined the Labor-Management Services Administration in 1968 as an investigator.

When responsibility for administering the program was transferred to VETS in 1983, Sims was already running the program in the region and transferred with it.

"While my duties are more supervisory in nature now, I still like to keep my hand in significant cases," he said. "And with the diversity of cases that we pursue, the job always stays fresh."

One reason for diversity is the scope of the law, according to Sims. "Not only are veterans entitled to reemployment, but they must be treated in terms of accrued benefits as if they never left employment," he said. "This means that pension credits and payments must be maintained, length of service type raises must be accrued and seniority also accrues."

Additionally, Sims said that reservists and national guard members are also covered by the law bring an entirely new set of questions.

"Time off work for military training is a particularly difficult problem," Sims said, "and it appears we have a lot to do in terms of educating employers in that area alone."

While Sims' efforts are devoted entirely to assisting veterans, he says his true commitment is to doing the job well. "It is more than a commitment to veterans," he said, "it is a commitment to people. I intend to see to it that the law protects the people for whom it was intended in the most effective and efficient manner."

