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Advertisement for Bids

Notice is hereby given that The City of Blanchard/Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority here in after called the "Owner" will received sealed bids City Hall, located at 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010, until 11:00 am, Friday, April 1st, 2022, for

Water System Improvements

Old Town Water Line Replacement, Phase 1 18226 CDBG 17

Project to include replacing approximately 8,100 l.f. of existing water lines and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 11:00 am, in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Blanchard City Hall, 122 N. Main Street, Blanchard, Oklahoma.

All bids must include assurances that the following provisions will be complied with:

1. **Federal Labor Standards Provisions**

US Department of Labor, 29 CFR 5; Subpart A - Davis-Bacon Act; Subpart B - Fringe Benefit Provision.

2. **Section 3** Final Rule became effective on November 30, 2020, and is codified at 24 CFR Part 75. The regulation simplifies the

Section 3 requirements and established that Section 3 requirements apply to housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects assisted under HUD program that provide housing and community development assistance when the total amount of HUD assistance to the project exceeds a minimum funding threshold. The regulation also improves alignment with current business practices by requiring the reporting of labor hours rather than new hires. The Benchmark Notice establishes the current numeric goals for compliance with Section 3 requirements.

3. **Section 109** of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, natural origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits or be subjected to discrimination.

4. **Non-Segregated Facilities** Certification that assures the bidder does not maintain or provide any segregated facilities.

5. **Executive Order 11246** EEO provisions require affirmative action and prohibits federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or natural origin.

6. Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise provisions which encourage minority-owned business and women-owned businesses to bid on the project.

7. Circular 570 provide assurances that surety companies executing bonds appear on the Treasury Department's list and are authorized to transact business in the State where the project is located.

All bids received at said time will be publicly opened and read aloud, and all bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours thereafter. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned. All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall.

Contract to be awarded to the low responsive bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall, 122 N. Main St, Blanchard, OK 73010

2. Office of the Engineer, 103 N. Mercedes Drive, Suite A, Norman, OK 73069

A complete set of Plans & Specs, to prospective bidders, may be obtained from Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of non-refundable fee of \$100.00.

Addenda will be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or delivered only to those potential bidders on the Plan Holders List for the project which maintained in the engineer's office. If obtaining bid documents from other sources, please contact Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. to be added to the Plan Holder's List.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specs and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any

other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

Burn Ban

ONLY Grady County remains under a burn ban in response to high fire danger as verified by Grady County fire chiefs.

This ban is effective immediately and prohibits all fires, campfires, bonfires, burning trash or other materials due to the tinder dry conditions.

Business & Employment Notice

The City of Blanchard is preparing to carry out the CDBG Grant Waterline Replacement Project through the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project, the following job types may be available:

Laborers, Pipe Layers, Equipment Operators

All job openings will be posted at Blanchard City Hall. To the greatest extent feasible, employment and training positions will be made available to qualified persons who permanently reside in McClain County or in the City of Blanchard. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the City of Blanchard, City Hall, 122 N. Main, Blanchard, OK 73010-0480.

Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made and to the greatest extent feasible, businesses located in and owned by persons residing in McClain County will possibly be utilized:

Waterline Replacement Project Equipment Rental

Materials- Waterline PVC Pipe, Valves, Fire Hydrants

All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

Any person residing or firm located in the above-named areas may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting City Hall, at 405-485-9392 within ten (10) days of this notice.

Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, March 24th** at 12Noon held at the Chamber Office, 115 North Main Street.

Lunch is \$5.00.



Fair Housing Month

APRIL is 'Fair Housing Month'. The City encourages each citizen to implement the provisions of the City's Fair Housing



Ordinance and requests that any person, or group of persons, planning activities to promote fair housing to inform the City Clerk of such activities. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.

Farmers Market

The 2022 Blanchard Farmers Market begins the first Saturday in April.

More information is forthcoming!



Spring will begin on **Thursday, March 20th** at 2:20p.m. CDT. The word equinox is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal nite." The Vernal, or spring, equinox is the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from south to north, signaling the beginning of nature's renewal in the Northern Hemisphere.



The City of Blanchard is looking for

qualified people to fill the following positions:

1. **Police Officers** (Full-time with Benefits).
2. **Reserve Officers** (No benefits).

3. **Volunteer Firefighters (Pension Only).**
4. **911 Communications Specialist (Full-time with Benefits).**
5. **Utility (water/sewer) Laborers (Full-time with Benefits).**

Benefits for full-time employment include but not limited to:

- Health, Dental and Vision paid for by the City for the employee;
- Nationwide Retirement Solutions Plan;
- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (OPPRS) - Police Officers Only;
- 10 paid Vacation days per year;
- 10 paid Sick days per year;
- 9 paid Holidays per year;
- No cost Life Insurance paid by the City;
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by the City.

The City of Blanchard is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For more information, please contact the Human Resource Officer at 405-485-9392 or download an application at www.cityofblanchard.us.

March Meetings

- 14th ~ Traffic Court (2pm)
- 17th ~ Code/Juvenile Court (4pm)
- 22nd ~ BMIA (6pm)
- 22nd ~ City Council (6pm)

March Special Events

- 12th ~ St Patty Day Parade (4pm)
- 13th ~ Daylite Saving Time Begins (2am)
- 14th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
- 15th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)

- 16th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
- 17th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
- 17th ~ St Patrick's Day
- 18th ~ Spring Break (School Closed)
- 20th ~ Spring Begins (2:20pm)

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **March 4th** that NO oil or gas wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Park Events

The upcoming 2022 events are:

- March 12th** • St. Patrick's Day Parade
- May 5th** • Cinco De Mayo
- Fridays in June** • Movies and Concerts in the Park
- July 2nd** • Independence Day Celebration
- August 19th & 20th** • Bluegrass Festival
- September 24th** • Mufflers on Main
- October 22nd** • Ride for the Memorial Poker Run
- October 31st** • Pumpkinfest
- November 12th** • Veterans Day Parade
- December 10th** • Christmas Events & Parade of Lites
- March - October** • Pop Up Parties (food truck & live music)

Details of each event will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

Planning Commission Action

The Blanchard Planning Commission did not meet last nite due to a lack of quorum.

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, April 14th** at **6:00p.m.**

Police Blotter

Blanchard Jail Activity:

3.10.22 ~ RENNERT, George arrested on Blanchard and McClain County Warrants and Reckless Driving, Possession of Marijuana, Transporting Open Container, and Driving under Suspension.

Sales Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of March was more than one percent (1.32%) than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$7,173,539.25 retail sales in Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	285,172.32	5.12
Aug '21	342,497.79	20.77
Sep '21	235,561.39	-17.32
Oct '21	323,921.58	14.22
Nov '21	287,938.29	0.31
Dec '21	350,605.48	33.82
Jan '22	312,172.64	11.53
Feb '22	344,353.16	28.88
Mar '22	286,941.57	-0.60
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	2,769,164.22	10.41

School Board Election

A run-off election for the Blanchard School Board will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th**.

Voters will select one of the 2 top candidates for Office No. 2 serving a new 5-year term on the Board:

Kristi Mitchell or Justin Smith.

Please exercise your constitutional right to **VOTE! Tuesday, April 5th, 7 am - 7 pm.**

Senior Dining

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at **11:30am, Monday thru Friday:**

MENU

- **14th ~ Goulash, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.**
- **15th ~ Chicken Patty, Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert.**
- **16th ~ Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert.**
- **17th ~ Navy Beans, Spinach, Beets, Cornbread, Dessert.**
- **18th ~ Smoke Sausage, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert.**

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS. For more information, call (405) 485-9260.



The Blanchard Public School District will be on Spring Break beginning **Monday, March 14th** thru **Friday, March 18th**. **NO Classes** for students.

Spring Forward



Daylight Saving Time begins at **2 a.m.** when clocks will "spring forward" one-hour on **Sunday, March 13th**. **REMEMBER!** When you change the clocks, change your smoke and CO² detector batteries.

St Patrick's Day



If you're inclined toward legend, lore and festivities of the Saint and how the Irish honor him, then check out this St. Patrick's Day site at www.st-patricks-day.com, where you'll find everything from parades to recipes. In Dublin Ireland, the St. Patrick's Day Festival at www.stpatricksday.ie is described as four (4) days of "madness and mayhem." St. Patrick's Day is **Thursday, March 17th**.

St Patty's Day Parade



The annual St Patty's Day Parade will be tomorrow (**Saturday, March 12th**) beginning at **4:30pm**. Parade lineup begins at **3:30pm** at Legacy Bank and the parade kicks off at **4:30pm**.

Events will feature the annual parade, games, live entertainment, Irish jigs, costume contests and plenty more activities and fun for the whole family on Main Street following the parade.

Use Tax Collections

The sales tax collections for the month of March was more than thirteen percent (13.43%) less than the monthly budgeted amount based on \$2,047,780.50 retail sales for Blanchard.

Month	\$ Amount	% +/-
Jul '21	82,173.33	-12.03
Aug '21	97,410.72	24.96
Sep '21	88,542.03	13.13
Oct '21	84,860.61	-0.72
Nov '21	92,540.91	25.20
Dec '21	97,188.31	18.03
Jan '22	127,864.59	55.28
Feb '22	133,267.93	7.25
Mar '22	81,911.22	-35.47
Apr '22		
May '22		
Jun '22		
Totals	885,759.65	3.69