

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the Offices of Sopris Engineering, LLC, 502 Main Street, Suite A3, Carbondale, Colorado 81623, until 5:00 P.M., Friday, April 24th 2026, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all materials, labor and equipment in performing all operations necessary for the **Ragged Mountain Fire District Dry Hydrants**. Construction is anticipated to begin and finish prior to October 31st, 2026.

Plans and specifications may be inspected at the Offices of Sopris Engineering, LLC, 502 Main Street, Suite A3, Carbondale, Colorado 81623, and are available Tuesday, March 10th, 2026.

The Proposal Guarantees accompanying the three lowest proposals may be held until the Contract is awarded, provided this period does not exceed sixty calendar days. The Proposal Guarantees accompanying the other proposals will be returned promptly after the bid prices have been compared.

On-site pre-bid will be held on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026. The first meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. the GORDON Property site on County Road 265, in Gunnison County. The second meeting will be held immediately following, at the GRIFFIN Property site at 433 County Road 77, in Gunnison County. Attendance at the on-site meetings is a qualification for contract award. Failure to attend will result in an incomplete bid proposal. Maps to both sites will be included with the plans and specifications.

This solicitation for bids may be canceled by the Owner, and any bid of proposal may be rejected in whole or in part for good cause when in the best interests of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or accept what is, in its judgement, the best bid. If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, whose bid is deemed by the Owner to be in the best interests of the projects.

The Proposal and Proposal Guarantees must be placed in one envelope securely sealed therein and labeled: ***"Bid Proposal for Ragged Mountain Fire District Dry Hydrants"***.

Qualification for Award

In order to receive an award for the above construction, the contractor must have successfully met the requirements of pre-qualification as described herein. Bids received from bidders who are not pre-qualified will not be opened. A contractor must possess adequate tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit. The determination of whether a contractor possesses these criteria is at the sole discretion of the Owner. Additional criteria for pre-qualification are as follows and must be delivered to Sopris Engineering, LLC, no later than 5:00 P.M.,

Tuesday April, 15th, 2026 Satisfactory completion of a similar contract for water pipeline, fire hydrant and underground large storage tank requirements of Criteria 1 through 4 inclusive.

1. Demonstrated record of successful and timely completion of work awarded during the last 5 years.
2. Experience shall include water pipe, fire hydrant and underground large concrete vaults, and associated materials and appurtenances.
3. Attendance at pre-bid conferences on site, at the GORDON site at 1:00 P.M. (MDT) and also at the GRIFFIN site immediately following, on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026.