

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR THE MUCHIKINOCK CREEK TRUNK SEWER – PHASE 1 FOR THE CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Altoona, at City Hall, 900 Venbury Dr., Suite A, Altoona, Iowa, 50009-0338, until 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of February, 2022 for the construction of the Muchikinock Creek Trunk Sewer – Phase 1 as described in the plans and specifications therefore, now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced by the City Clerk at the time and date specified above.

Also, at 6:30 P.M. on the 21st day of February, 2022, the City Council of said City will, in said Council Chambers, or at such time, date and place as then may be fixed, to act upon proposals and enter into a contract for the construction of said improvements.

The location of the work to be done and the kinds and sizes of materials proposed to be used are as follows:

MUCHIKINOCK CREEK TRUNK SEWER – PHASE 1

Construct the Muchikinock Creek Trunk Sewer – Phase 1 including all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for construction of approximately 13,495 linear feet of sanitary sewer installed in open cut, 15" –36" diameter, 1,780 linear feet of sanitary sewer trenchless installation, 15"–36" diameter, excavation, backfill, manholes, surface restoration and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup. The project is generally located near NE 62nd Ave. from NE Berwick Dr. to east of NE 46th St.

The method of construction of all improvements shall be by contract in accordance with the specifications and general stipulations for said improvements approved by the City Council.

All proposals and bids in connection therewith shall be submitted to the City Clerk of said City on or before the time herein set for receipt of bids. All bids shall be made on official bidding blanks furnished by the City, and any alterations in the official form of bid will entitle the City, at its option, to reject the bid involved from consideration. Each bid shall be sealed and plainly identified.

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Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Municipality and must be accompanied by bid security, as follows: a certified or cashier's check, drawn on a solvent Iowa bank or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid, or a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa in a penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the bid.

The bid security should be made payable to the CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. The bid security shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within 15 days after the award of contract and post bond satisfactory to the City insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract and the maintenance of said work, if required, pursuant to the provisions of this notice and the other contract documents.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa Statutes; provided that the award of contract will be made to the lowest responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, which shall be determined without regard to state or local law whereby preference is given on factors other than the amount of the bid.

Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and technicalities and to enter into such contract as it shall deem for the best interest of the City. Bids will be evaluated on the basis set forth in the specifications.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of letting.

The work shall commence within ten (10) days after written Notice to Proceed and shall be completed by October 15, 2022.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by responsible surety approved by the City and shall (1) guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and terms and conditions therein contained, and (2) the prompt payment for all materials and labor, and (3) the maintenance of improvements in good repair for not less than four (4) years from the time of acceptance of the improvements by the City.

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Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day will be assessed for each day that work shall remain uncompleted after the end of the contract period.

Payment to the Contractor will be on the basis of monthly estimates equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed and payments made to material suppliers for materials ordered specifically for the project or delivered to the site during the preceding calendar month. Such monthly payments shall in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally completed. Upon completion of the work and its acceptance by the City, the Contractor will be paid an amount which, together with previous payments, will equal ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract price of the contract. Final payment of the remaining amount due will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion and acceptance by the City of the completed contract, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa. No such partial or final payments will be due until the Contractor has certified to the City that the materials, labor and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

The City will issue a sales tax exemption certificate applicable to all materials purchased for the project.

Prior to completion, the City, with the approval of the Engineer and with the concurrence of the Contractor, may use any completed or substantially completed portions of the work. Such use shall not constitute an acceptance of such portions of the work.

The City shall have the right to enter the premises for the purpose of doing work not covered by the contract documents. This provision shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor of the sole responsibility for the care and protection of the work, or the restoration of any damaged work except such as may be caused by agents or employees of the City.

Bidding Documents governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. of West Des Moines, Iowa, which specifications and the proceedings of the City referring to and defining said improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.

Copies of said Bidding Documents are now on file with the City Clerk and may be examined by Bidders. Copies may be obtained from VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., 3000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 at no charge.

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This notice is given by order of the Council of the City of Altoona, Iowa.

City of Altoona, Iowa

Dean O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randy Pierce, City Clerk