

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TO BIDDERS  
CITY OF AMES, IOWA  
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the **2021/22 Shared Use Path System Expansion – loway Creek** Project No. TAP-U-0155(709)—8I-85, will be received on February 21, 2023, by the Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Contracts, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010 until **10:00 A.M.** CDT for various items of construction and maintenance work.

The City Manager shall announce the results of the bidding, together with his recommendations thereon, to the City Council at its meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M. CDT on February 28, 2023, at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010, at which time and place the City Council will hear objections to the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for said **2021/22 Shared Use Path System Expansion – loway Creek**.

The general nature of the work on which bids are requested is: **Construction of a concrete shared use path along the north side of loway Creek from 0.5 miles east of S. Duff Avenue to S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and other associated work as specified in the contract documents.**

Plans, specifications and proposal forms for the work may be seen at the Office of Contracts until noon on the day previous to the letting.

Proposal guaranties are to be sent to the Office of Contracts at the address above. Iowa DOT personnel will be available to accept proposal guaranties during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Iowa DOT uses the Bid Express website – [www.bix.com](http://www.bix.com) - as an official depository for electronic bid submittal. The Iowa DOT will ensure this depository is available for a two-hour period prior to the deadline for submission of bids. If there is an interruption of communications or loss of service by Bid Express during this two-hour period, the Iowa DOT will delay the deadline for bid submissions to allow potential bidders to submit bids. Instructions will be communicated to potential bidders.

Opening and reading of the bids will be performed at the Office of Contracts after 10:30 A.M. on the day bids are to be received, unless otherwise specified by the Iowa DOT.

All proposals must be filed on the forms furnished by the Office of Contracts, sealed and plainly marked. Proposals containing any reservations not provided for in the forms furnished will be rejected. The Iowa DOT reserves the right to waive technicalities and reject any or all bids.

A proposal guarantee, not less than the amount as set forth in the proposal form, shall be filed with each proposal. The proposal guarantee shall be in the form of a certified check or credit union certified share draft, cashier's check, money order or bank draft drawn on a solvent bank or credit union. Certified checks or credit union certified share drafts shall bear an endorsement signed by a responsible official of such bank or credit union as to the amount certified. Cashier's checks, money orders or bank drafts shall be made payable either to the contracting authority or bidder; and, where made payable to the bidder, shall contain an

unqualified endorsement to the contracting authority signed by the bidder or the bidder's authorized agent. A properly completed Proposal Guaranty/Bid Bond (form 131084) or a properly completed Contractor's Annual Bid Bond (form 650043) may be used in lieu of the monetary options specified above. Both forms are available from the Office of Contracts.

Per Iowa Code section 423.3 (80), the contracting authority will issue an exemption certificate for the purchase or use of building materials, supplies and equipment used in the performance of the construction contract.

Failure to execute a contract and file an acceptable performance bond and certificate of insurance within 30 days of the approval date for awarding the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the denial of the award and forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Iowa DOT (or other approved contracting authority) hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

On federal-aid projects, where disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals have been established, the bidder is required to complete and submit form 102115 with the bid documents. On all projects without DBE goals, the contractor must show that affirmative action has been made to seek out and consider DBEs as potential subcontractors.

Some projects may be listed in multiple proposals (as an individual project or part of a combined package of projects). The contracting authority will determine which combination of proposals produce the lowest bid for these projects.

A listing of projects open for bids and details for each project will be available to potential bidders and suppliers three weeks prior to the letting date at [www.bidx.com/ia/main](http://www.bidx.com/ia/main) or [www.iowadot.gov/contracts/index.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/contracts/index.htm) or by calling the Office of Contracts at 515-239-1414.

Minimum wage rates for all federal-aid projects have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the specifications. However, this does not apply to projects off the federal-aid highway system. All federal-aid projects are subject to the Contract Work Hours Standards Act, as amended (title I of Pub. L. 87-581, Aug. 13, 1962, 75 Stat.357) and implementing regulations.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within Iowa, and also, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state or foreign country both on projects in which there are no federal funds involved.

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

John Haila, Mayor  
Renee Hall, City Clerk