

CITY OF WASHINGTON, IOWA

2024 SEALCOAT PROJECT**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that there are on file in the Development Services office of the City of Washington, Iowa, proposed specifications, and form of contract for the public improvements hereinafter described for the 2024 Sealcoat Project.

Sealed proposals for the construction of the said improvements will be received at the office of the City Clerk for the City of Washington, Iowa until **9:00 A.M., March 29, 2024**. At 9:05 A.M. all sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general description of the work involved is as follows:

2024 Sealcoat project is approximately of 30,890.4 SY of seal coat overlay and 0 SY of surface correction.

Bids will be received for work under one contract.

The City will be issuing a sales tax exemption certificate, so the cost of sales tax should not be included in the bid.

Each proposal shall be made on the proposal form prepared for this purpose, which may be obtained from Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. or on a form approved by Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond on the form included in the specifications or another approved form, or a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a bank or credit union in Iowa or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States, and filed in a sealed envelope separate from the one containing the proposal. The contractor's **bid bond**, cashier's or certified check shall be in an amount of **10%** of the bid price made payable to the Treasurer of the City of Washington, Iowa. The bid bond will act as security that, if awarded a contract by resolution of the Council, the Bidder will enter into a contract at the prices bid and furnish the required performance and payment bonds and certificate of insurance. The bid bond will be forfeited and the proceeds retained as liquidated damages if the bidder fails to execute a contract or file acceptable performance and payment bonds and an acceptable certificate of insurance within fifteen (15) days after the acceptance of his proposal by resolution of the council. No Bidder may withdraw a proposal within thirty (30) days after the date set for opening bids.

Payment for said work will be made in cash from proceeds to be received from the **Road Use Tax** funds of said City and/or cash funds of said City that are available and that may be legally used for said purpose.

Payments will be made to the Contractor based on monthly estimates in amounts equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed during the preceding month. Estimates will be prepared the last week of the month by the Contractor and approved by the City of Washington's Engineering Technician. The City of Washington's Engineering Technician will certify the approved estimate to the Council for payment on the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of the following month. Such payment will in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally, completed. The balance of the **five percent** due the Contractor will be paid not earlier than 31 days from the date of final acceptance of said work by the City, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. No such partial or final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified to the City Clerk that the materials, labor, and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications. The Contractor may be required to submit lien waivers prior to

payment approval. The Contractor shall submit a **2-year maintenance bond** for the total amount of the project prior to final payment and acceptance of the project.

All work and equipment is to be in accordance with the specifications and form of contract now on file in the Development Services' office and by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

The work shall be completed by **August 2, 2024**.

Liquidated damages in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per calendar day will be assessed for each day the work shall remain uncompleted after the contract completion date, with due allowance for extensions of the contract period due to conditions beyond the control of the Contractor and approved by the City.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate **surety bond** in an amount equal to one hundred percent (**100%**) of the contract price prior to commencing work on the project. Said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City Council, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions until the time of acceptance of the improvements by the City.

Specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for the City of Washington, Iowa. Said specifications and the proceedings of the City Council 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 in compliance therewith.

Said specifications and proposed contract documents are now on file in the Development Services' office at 215 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa, for examination by bidders. Copies of specifications, form of proposal, and form of contract may be secured at the office of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. by bona fide bidders.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and technicalities in any bid, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem for the best interest of the City.

The Council reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the date of letting.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes. The Iowa Reciprocal Act (SF 2160) applies to the contract with respect to bidders who are not Iowa residents.