

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TO BIDDERS**  
**CITY OF AMES, IOWA**  
**FY 2022-23 STORY COUNTY EDGE OF FIELD PROJECT**  
**WATER AND POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT**  
**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Ames, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, 2024, at which time and place the City Council will hear objections to the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for said FY 2022-23 Story County Edge of Field Project. City of Ames Contract No. 2024-195.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council for said project in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the City Clerk's office, and said bids **shall be filed in the City Clerk's office prior to 2:00 p.m. local time** according to the clock in the reception area of the City Clerk's office, **on the July 10, 2024**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room 135 in the City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa. All bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be return to the late bidder unopened. Contractor assumes all risk associated with delivery of their bid to the office of the city clerk prior to the specified time deadline.

The City Manager shall announce the results of the bidding, together with his recommendations thereon, to the Council at its meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. local time on July 23, 2024.

The plans and specifications are now on file in the City Clerk's office. Copies thereof may be obtained at the City Purchasing Division, Finance Department. The City of Ames Purchasing Division is the only authorized source of bid forms. Bid forms obtained from any other source may have an incomplete set of documents. Bidders using a bid form not obtained from the City of Ames Purchasing Division are advised to contact the City of Ames Purchasing Division to provide a contact name, mailing address and phone number to enable receipt of necessary addenda. Reproduction of these documents without the express permission of the City of Ames is prohibited.

This project will construct Edge of Field practices in Story County, consisting of saturated buffers and bioreactors that will treat existing agricultural tile outlets. A saturated buffer is an area of perennial vegetation between agricultural fields and waterways where tile outlets drain. Tile lines connect to a control structure, which distributes water laterally along the buffer. As water drains into the buffer, the living roots of perennial vegetation absorb water and nutrients, like nitrogen. A bioreactor is a buried trench on the edge of a farm field that is traditionally filled with woodchips. Drainage tiles outlet into the woodchips where bacteria convert nitrogen in tile water into nitrogen gas.

All bids shall be submitted to said City Clerk on or before the time set herein for the bid opening. Bids shall be made on the Bid Form furnished by the City of Ames, in **a sealed and plainly marked envelope** indicating it is a bid in response to this notice.

Each bid shall include the bid security as defined in Code of Iowa Section 26.8 and as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Ames reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after receipt of bids, and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of its contract price. Said bond to 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 therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless the City from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the contract and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvement in good repair for a period of two (2) years from and after the completion and acceptance by the City.

After award and approval of contract and performance bond, work on this contract shall substantially completed no later than April 14, 2025.

The City does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City.

As required by *Iowa Administrative Code 875, Chapter 156*, the bidder shall complete and submit the Bidder Status Form with its bid and certify its state or country of domicile by completing the address section of the Bid Form.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provision grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

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

John A. Haila, Mayor  
Renee Hall, City Clerk