

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF TAKING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF HARLAN, IOWA

Sealed proposals must be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Harlan, Iowa, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 711 Durant Street, Harlan, Iowa 51537, before 2:00 P.M. on the 29th day of July, 2024, for the construction of the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, and work incidental thereto, as described in the plans and specifications therefor, now on file in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced in said Council Chambers by the City Clerk at the time and date specified above.

Also, at 5:15 P.M. on the 6th day of August, 2024, the City Council of said City will, in Council Chamber, 711 Durant Street, Harlan, Iowa 51537, 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.

Work on the improvements shall commence within ten days of the issuance of a written Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will be issued upon approval of the contract by the Council and be completed as stated below.

The work to be done is as follows:

2024 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Provide all labor, equipment and materials necessary to construct approximately 22,117 linear feet of 8-inch through 18-inch diameter cured-in-place pipe lined sanitary sewer, reinstate sewer services, sewer main point repairs, 215 square yards of 4" to 8" thick Portland cement concrete pavement replacement, surface restoration and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup.

All work and materials are to be in accordance with the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost now on file in the office of the City Clerk of Harlan, Iowa, and by this reference made a part thereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Copies of said plans and specifications are now on file in the office of the City Clerk, for examination by bidders. Copies may be obtained from Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., 3000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

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 receiving bids. All proposals shall be made on official bidding blanks furnished by the City, and any alterations in the official form of proposal will entitle the Council, at its option, to reject the proposal involved from consideration. Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly identified.

Each proposal shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the municipality and must be accompanied by bid security in a sealed envelope by either (1) a certified or cashier's check drawn on a solvent Iowa chartered 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 5% of the bid, or (2) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of 5% of the bid.

The bid security should be made payable to THE CITY OF HARLAN, 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 10 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 other contract documents. Bidders shall use the bid bond form included in the specifications.

In accordance with the requirements of the Iowa Department of Labor all bidders must submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form. The Bidder Status Form must be included with and is considered an essential attachment to the Proposal. Any Proposal that does not include a fully completed Bidder Status Form may result in the Proposal being determined non-responsive and rejected.

Bidders will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the Federal grant documents.

Bidders will be required to take affirmative steps to involve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in the work under the contract if the City awards the contract. Bidders shall complete the applicable certification attached to the proposal. The certification shall include a listing of DBEs, the work and estimated dollar amount to be performed by each such enterprise, and the percentage of the total bid to be used for disadvantaged business enterprise(s). The bidder commits itself to the goals for DBE participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions when it submits a properly signed bid.

Any bidder or equipment supplier whose firm or affiliate is listed in the GSA publication "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs" will be prohibited from the bidding process. Anyone submitting a bid who is listed in this publication will be determined to be a nonresponsive bidder in accordance with 40 CFR Part 31.

A Contractor's Suspension/Debarment Certification will be contained in the specifications; however, this certification should not preclude any interested party from ascertaining whether the certifying person is actually on the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs".

Bidders will be required to follow federal prevailing wage rate requirements if the City awards the contract. The federal prevailing wage rates table will be contained in the specifications.

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.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

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.

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

On the basis of the bids received, the City Council may propose award for the contract. Final award will not be made until the proposed award is approved by the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Iowa. It is anticipated that such approval will be made within thirty (30) days after application for approval of the proposed award. No claims for compensable delay shall arise as the result of delay in the approval of award.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bonds to be issued by responsible surety approved by the City Council and listed in the U.S. Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570, as amended) and authorized to transact business in the State of Iowa and shall guarantee (1) the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained, (2) the prompt payment to all persons, firms, subcontractors and corporations furnishing materials for or performing labor in the prosecution of the work, 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.

All Contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) are required to obtain tax exemption certificates from the City of Harlan, Iowa for this project. These tax exemption certificates are only for use on this specific project as covered under the Contract.

The work under the contract shall commence within ten (10) days after date set forth in written Notice to Proceed. All work on the contract shall be completed by July 1, 2025 subject to any extensions of time which may be granted by the City.

Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each calendar day after July 1, 2025 until all work in the contract is completed with due allowance for extensions due to conditions beyond the control of the contractor.

Payment to the Contractor for said improvements will be from any one of the following sources at the sole discretion of the City Council: (1) cash to be derived from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of Sewer Revenue Bonds, which will be payable solely and only out of the future net revenues of the Municipal Sewer Utility, and/or from such other cash funds on hand of said Utility as may be lawfully used for said purpose; (2) cash derived from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of said City; (3) cash from such general funds of said City as may be legally used for such purpose; (4) cash from proceeds of a Community Development Block Grant; or (5) cash from public facilities set-aside fund.

At least ten (10) days before each progress payment falls due (but not more often than once a month), the Contractor will submit to the Engineer a partial payment estimate filled out and signed by the Contractor covering the work performed during the period covered by the partial payment estimate and supported by such data as the Engineer may reasonably require. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at or near the site, the partial payment estimate shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the Owner, as will establish the Owner's title to the material and equipment. The Engineer will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of each partial payment estimate, either indicate in writing his approval of payment and present the partial payment estimate to the Owner, or return the partial payment estimate to the Contractor indicating in writing his reasons for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the partial payment estimate.

The Owner will, within thirty (30) days of presentation to him of an approved partial payment estimate, pay the Contractor a progress payment on the basis of the approved partial payment estimate.

The Owner shall retain five (5) percent of the amount of each payment as provided in the Code of Iowa until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the contract documents.

The request for payment may also include an allowance for the cost of such major materials and equipment which are suitably stored either at or near the site. Proof of purchase amount and verification of insurance for stored materials must be provided with any request for payment of stored materials.

Prior to substantial completion, the Owner, 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 Owner 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 Owner.

Upon completion and acceptance of the work, the Engineer shall issue a certificate that the work has been accepted by him under the conditions of the contract documents. Final payment will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

The Contractor will indemnify and save the Owner or the Owner's agents harmless from all claims growing out of the lawful demands of subcontractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, materialmen, and furnishers of machinery and parts thereof, equipment, tools, and all supplies, incurred in the furtherance of the performance of the work. The Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature designated above have been paid, discharged, or waived. If the Contractor fails to do so the Owner may, after having notified the Contractor, either pay unpaid bills or withhold from the Contractor's unpaid compensation a sum of money deemed reasonably sufficient to pay any and all such lawful claims until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all liabilities have been fully discharged whereupon payment to the Contractor shall be resumed, in accordance with the terms of the contract documents, but in no event shall the provisions of this sentence be construed to impose any obligations upon the Owner to either the Contractor, his Surety, or any third party. In paying any unpaid bills of the Contractor, any payment so made by the Owner shall be considered as a payment made under the contract documents by the Owner to the Contractor and the Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for any such payments made in good faith.

If it is determined that adherence to these Iowa statutory requirements may cause denial of federal funds which would otherwise be available for a public improvement or would otherwise be inconsistent with requirements of any federal law or regulation, the application of Iowa Code Chapters 73 and 73A shall be suspended to the extent necessary to prevent denial of the funds or to eliminate the inconsistency with federal requirements.

SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965 (AS AMENDED).

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.

The contractor agrees to post copies of a notice advising workers of the Contractor's commitments under Section 3 in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

The contractor agrees to provide written notice of employment and contracting opportunities to all known Section 3 Workers and Section 3 Businesses

The contractor agrees to employ, to the greatest extent feasible, Section 3 workers or provide written justification to the recipient that is consistent with 24 CFR Part 75, describing why it was unable to meet minimum numerical Section 3 worker-hours goals, despite its efforts to comply with the provisions of this clause.

The contractor agrees to maintain records documenting Section 3 Workers that were hired to work on previous Section 3 covered projects or activities that were retained by the contractor for subsequent Section 3 covered projects or activities.

The contractor agrees to post contract and job opportunities to the Opportunity Portal and will check the Business Registry for businesses located in the project area.

The contractor agrees to include compliance with Section 3 requirements in every subcontract for Section 3 projects as defined in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.

The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75.

The contractor will certify that they have followed prioritization of effort in 24 CFR part 75.19 for all employment and training opportunities. The contractor will further certify that it meets or exceeds the applicable Section 3 benchmarks, defined in 24 CFR Part 75.23, and if not, shall describe in detail the qualitative efforts it has taken to pursue low- and very low-income persons for economic opportunities.

Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

SECTION 3 BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROPOSAL.

A Section 3 business is one that satisfies one of the following requirements:

1. It is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons.
2. Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 Workers,* or
3. It is a business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.

*A Section 3 Worker is defined as any worker who currently fits or when hired within the past five years fit at least one of the following categories, as documented:

1. The worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the applicable income limit established by HUD.
2. The worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern: or
3. The worker is a Youth Build participant.

Businesses that believe they meet the Section 3 criteria are encouraged to register as a Section 3 Business through HUD's website: <https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/>

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. of West Des Moines, Iowa, which plans and 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 to comply therewith.

Copies of said plans and specifications and form of contract are now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Copies may be obtained from VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., 3000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 at no charge.

Posted upon order of the Council of the City of Harlan, Iowa.

CITY OF HARLAN, IOWA

Dr. Jay Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Schleis, City Clerk