

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF "PIERCE AVE. NW OVER WILLOW CREEK BRIDGE RAILING REPLACEMENT PROJECT", IN AND FOR THE CITY OF MASON CITY, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals, subject to the conditions contained herein, will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Mason City, Iowa, at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, 10 First Street NW, Mason City, Iowa, until 11:00 o'clock a.m. CDT on the 15th day of August, 2024 for:

Construction of "Pierce Ave. NW over Willow Creek Bridge Railing Replacement Project", as hereinafter described in general and as described in detail in the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mason City, Iowa.

Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Proposals received will be opened, read aloud, tabulated, and referred to the City Council for consideration at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th day of August, 2024 in the Mason City Room, Mason City Public Library, 225 2nd Street SE, Mason City, Iowa. Bids will be acted upon at such time or at such later time as may then be fixed. Prior thereto, at said time specified above, a hearing will be held on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for said Improvements, and at said hearing any interested person may appear and file objections thereto.

The extent of the work involved is the furnishing of labor and new materials required for repairs that include: remove and replace handrails on bridge on Pierce Ave. NW over Willow Creek.

The Proposal shall be made out on the form furnished by the City of Mason City and obtained from WHKS & Co., Engineers, Planners, and Surveyors, and must be accompanied in a sealed envelope by either: (1) a certified check, or a cashier's check drawn on an Iowa bank, or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 10% of bid amount; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 10% of bid amount; or (3) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of 10% of bid amount.

The bid security shall be made payable to the City Clerk of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

The bid security must not contain any conditions either in 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 contract within ten (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 the other contract documents. The City will accept bid bond forms that meet the requirements of Iowa Code section 26.8.

Sales Tax Exemption. Contractors and subcontractors shall not include sales tax for material purchases. At the time of the contract acceptance by the City Council, the prime contractor and all subcontractors will be issued a certificate of exemption.

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Bidders shall not be permitted to withdraw their bids for a period of forty-five (45) days after the same are opened.

The City of Mason City, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair 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 the award.

Prospective bidders' or contractor's attention is specifically called to the Mason City Human Rights Commission Specifications which mandates that female and minority business enterprises shall be afforded the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this project. Prospective bidders' or contractor's attention is also directed to the fact that the Mason City Human Rights Commission will notify firms designated as Minority, Women, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, of this project and determine if they are interested in participating as subcontractors for this project. Prospective bidders or contractors shall then be notified by the Commission of those interested parties.

The established DBE goal for this project is 0% of the total amount bid.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa.

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 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.

Bidders will be required to complete a Bidder Status Form from the Iowa Department of Labor regarding the Contractor's resident status within the State of Iowa. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

The Contractor shall commence work after the Notice to Proceed is issued and work shall be completed on or before May 1, 2025.

Payment to the Contractor for said Project will be made in cash derived from the proceeds of the issuance of bonds as may be legally used for such purposes, governmental grants and/or from cash on hand. Any combination of the above methods of payment may be used at the discretion of the City.

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The Contractor will be paid each month ninety-five (95) percent of the Engineer's estimate of the value of acceptable work completed at the end of the preceding month. Final payment will be made in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 26 and 573, as amended. No partial or final payment 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 successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City and which shall guarantee a faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the City from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvements constructed for a period of two (2) years after completion and acceptance by the City.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by WHKS & Co., Engineers, Planners, and Surveyors, which plans and specifications and the proceedings of the City referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of the Notice by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed in compliance therewith. Copies of said plans and specifications are now on file with the City Clerk and at the offices of WHKS & Co., and may be examined by the bidders.

Plans and specifications are available to download free of charge at www.questcdn.com. Plans and specifications for private use may also be obtained from WHKS & Co., Engineers, Planners, and Surveyors, 1412 6th Street SW, Mason City, IA 50402-1467, for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. If the plans and specifications are not returned to WHKS & Co. within fourteen (14) days after the award of the project and in reusable condition, the deposit shall be forfeited.

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.

Published upon order of the City Council of the City of Mason City, Iowa.

CITY OF Mason City, IOWA

Attest: _____ /s/ Aaron Burnett
City Clerk