

SECTION 00100 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

350,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank
City of Ellsworth
Ellsworth, Iowa

Receipt and Opening of Sealed Proposals. Sealed proposals for the work comprising the repair or improvement as stated below must be filed before 3:00 P.M. on August 20, 2025, in the office of the City Clerk, 1528 DeWitt Street, Ellsworth, Iowa 50075. Sealed proposals will be opened and publicly read with bids being tabulated at that time and place.

The results will be reported to the City of Ellsworth at its meeting at 6:00 P.M. on August 26, 2025 at 1528 DeWitt Street, Ellsworth, Iowa 50075, at which time the City Council may take action on the proposals submitted or at such time as may then be fixed. The City of Ellsworth City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities in any bid, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City of Ellsworth.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. Work on the improvement shall commence upon approval of the contract by the City Council and as stated in the Notice to Proceed. All work under the contract must be substantially complete on or before September 3, 2027 with a final completion date of November 19, 2027. Liquidated damages are as set forth in Section 00500 – Contract.

Bid Security. Each Bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security, as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful Bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon. The Bidder's security shall be in an amount equal to 5 percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications. If the Bidder fails to execute the contract and to furnish an acceptable Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond, or provide a Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after acceptance of the bid by the City, the bid security may be forfeited or cashed by the City as liquidated damages.

Contract Documents. Copies of the project documents are available for a price of \$0.00 per set. This fee is refundable, provided the plans and specifications are returned complete and in reusable condition, and they are returned within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of the project. Please make your check payable to Bolton & Menk, Inc. and send it to 116 North Wilson Avenue, Jefferson, Iowa 50129. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering QuestCDN Project #9792278 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$0.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Preference of Products and Labor. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

Sales Tax Exemption Certificates. The Bidder shall not include sales tax in the bid. The City of Ellsworth will distribute tax exemption certificates and authorization letters to the contractor and all subcontractors who are identified. The contractor and subcontractor may make copies of the tax exemption certificates and provide a copy to each supplier providing construction materials. These tax exemption certificates and authorization letters are applicable only for this specific project under the contract.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is located west of the Water Treatment Facility at 1755 Detroit Street in Ellsworth, Iowa and consists of excavation, site grading, foundation construction, steel tower erection, piping and controls for a 350,000 gallon elevated water storage tank along with construction of a bulk water fill station unit, decommissioning of existing water tower and related appurtenances for all proposed work.

The Notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Ellsworth.

Heidi Eckers
City Clerk