NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the General Manager of Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility, Maquoketa, Iowa, at the Utility Office until 1:00 PM, on October 8, 2025, at said time and place, proposals will be publicly opened and read. The Board of Trustees will meet at Utility Offices on October 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM, at which time and place the said Board will consider adoption of the plans and specifications, and proposed form of contract for the Industrial Substation to Power Plant 2 Distribution Tie Circuit project, which are now on file at the office of the Utilities. At said meeting, the Board will conduct a public hearing and take action on the received proposals.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of Installation of conduit and Ownerfurnished power cable and related equipment

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the offices of, Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility, Maquoketa, Iowa, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents at no charge by inputting the **Quest project # 9842061** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, PO Box 511, Rock Rapids, IA 51246, telephone: 712-472-2531, fax: 712-472-2710, email: dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility and must contain bid security as required by Iowa Code Section 26.8. The bidder's security shall be in the form of either (1) a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a state chartered or federally chartered bank, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (3) a Bid Bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body of as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within fifteen (15) days after the award of the contract and post satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds.

The sealed envelope containing the bid shall be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED – INDUSTRIAL SUBSTATION TO POWER PLANT 2 DISTRIBUTION TIE CIRCUIT" on the outside of the envelope.

Payment to the Contractor for said construction work will be made from cash on hand of such other funds that legally may be used or obtained for such purposes. Estimates will be paid monthly by the Utility to the Contractor in accordance with the following schedule:

Ninety-seven (97) percent upon certification of units completed; three (3) percent within thirty (30) days after final completion and acceptance.

Construction may be started after the execution of the Construction Agreement (the Contract) and the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Substantial Completion of the project shall be no later than May 31, 2026. See the "Construction Schedule" of the Technical Specifications for special instructions relating to this project.

This agreement is for services related to a project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown, and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and preference shall be given to Iowa domestic labor in the construction of said improvements. The Owner will, in evaluating Bids, consider the requirements of the resident bidder preference law, and allow such preferences to resident bidders as are required to be allowed under State Law. Bidder shall, when submitting a Bid, furnish an executed Bidder Status Form for the Owner to use when applying the preference law. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The Utilities also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the Utility.

This notice is given by order of the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility, Maquoketa, Iowa.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2025.

MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY
MAQUOKETA, IOWA

By <u>/s/ Chris Krogman</u> General Manager