

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF TAKING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DE SOTO FIRE STATION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF DE SOTO, IOWA

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of De Soto, Iowa, at City Hall, 405 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa 50069, before 2:00 P.M. on the 16th day of October, 2025, for the construction of the De Soto Fire Station Project as described in the plans and specifications therefore, now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced by the City Clerk at the time, date and place specified above.

Also, at 6:00 P.M. on the 21st day of October, 2025, the City Council of said City will, in said Council Chambers, 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.

The location of the work to be done and the kinds and sizes of materials proposed to be used are as follows:

DE SOTO FIRE STATION

Construct a new fire station consisting of an insulated pre-engineered metal building with vertical metal siding and brick veneer on the east side, exterior sitework, and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup. The west half of the building includes 4 apparatus bays with liner panels on the walls and ceiling. The east half of the building includes a training room, kitchen, 2 offices, 2 single user restrooms, storage, mechanical room, and a decontamination room with washer, dryer and shower with stud walls with gyp board finish. The hose tower is 10 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and 30 feet tall. The exterior sitework includes roughly; 5000 SY of 8" curb and gutter PCC pavement, 2100 SY of 6" curb and gutter PCC pavement, 7800 CY of modified subbase, 1500 LF of subdrain, 1000 LF of 12"-24" RCP Storm Sewer, 18 storm sewer intakes and structures, service pipe and connections, grading, plantings, traffic control, testing and other miscellaneous associated work.

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 De Soto, Iowa and by this reference made a part thereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

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 said receipt of 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, as follows: a certified or cashier's check, drawn on a solvent Iowa 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 five percent (5%) of the bid, or a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa in a penal sum of five percent (5%) of the bid.

The bid security should be made payable to the CITY OF DE SOTO, 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 the other contract documents. Bidders will use the bid bond form included in the specifications.

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.

Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities in any bid and to accept the bid which it deems to be to 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 deadline for submission of proposals.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by 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 for 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 guarantee the work against faulty workmanship and materials for a period of two (2) years after its completion and acceptance by the City.

The work will commence within ten (10) calendar days after the date set forth in written Notice to Proceed and shall be completed by October 31, 2026.

Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day will be assessed for each day the work shall remain uncompleted after the end of the contract period. Separate damage assessments may be made for each of the completion dates with due allowance for extensions of the contract period due to conditions beyond the control of the Contractor.

A sales tax exemption certificate will be available for all material purchased for incorporation in the project.

Payment for said improvements will be made in cash from sale of general obligation bonds or notes, water revenue bonds or notes, or from such funds as are legally available for said purposes. Any combination of the above methods of payment may be used at the discretion of the City.

Payment to the Contractor will be on the basis of monthly estimates equivalent to ninety-seven percent (97%) of the contract value of the work completed and payments made to material suppliers for materials ordered specifically for the project and delivered to the site during the preceding calendar month. Estimates will be prepared each month by the Contractor, subject to the approval of the Engineer, who will certify to the City for payment each approved estimate on or before the tenth (10th) day of the following month. Such monthly payments shall in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally completed. Upon completion of the work and its acceptance by the City, the Contractor will be paid an amount which, together with previous payments, will equal ninety-seven percent (97%) of the contract price of the contract. Final payment of the remaining three percent (3%) will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion and acceptance by resolution of the City of the completed contract, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa. No such partial or final payments will be due until the Contractor has certified to the Clerk that the materials, labor and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements, and also the prior proceedings of the City referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference and the proposed contract shall be executed in compliance 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., 6775 Vista Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 at no charge.

Published upon order of the Council of the City of De Soto, Iowa.

CITY OF DE SOTO, IOWA

Mitch Crozier, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Thomas , City Clerk