

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE OF TAKING BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH 6TH STREET PLACE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE INDIANOLA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, INDIANOLA, IOWA.

Sealed proposals shall be filed with the Clerk of the Indianola Municipal Utilities in the Board Room of the Indianola Municipal Building, 210 W. 2nd Avenue, Indianola, Iowa before 2:00 P.M. local time on the 3rd day of February, 2026 for the construction of the North 6th Street Place Water Main Improvements, and work incidental thereto, as described in the plans and specifications therefor, now on file in the office of the Clerk. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced in said Board Room by the Clerk at the time and date specified above.

Proposals will be acted upon by the Board of Trustees of Indianola Municipal Utilities at 5:30 P.M. on the 9th day of February, 2026, or at such later time and place as then may be fixed.

The work to be done is as follows:

NORTH 6TH STREET PLACE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Construct North 6th Street Place Water Main Improvements including all labor, materials and equipment necessary for approximately 1,700 linear feet of 8-inch directionally bored water main, water services, hydrants, valves, 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 Clerk of said Utilities 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 Clerk of said Utilities on or before the time herein set for said receipt of bids. All proposals shall be made on official bidding blanks furnished by the Board, and any alterations in the official form of proposal will entitle the Board, 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 utility 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.

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The bid security should be made payable to the INDIANOLA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES. 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board of Trustees 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 Utility.

The Board reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) 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 Board 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 Board 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 four (4) years after its completion and acceptance by the Board of Trustees.

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.

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Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per consecutive calendar day will be assessed for each day that the project is not completed after October 31, 2026.

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 Board of Trustees.

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 Board 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 Board, 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 Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees 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 Clerk. Copies may be obtained from VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC., 6775 Vista Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266, at no charge.

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This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Indianola Municipal Utilities, Indianola, Iowa.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INDIANOLA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
INDIANOLA, IOWA

Dom Selgrade, Chairperson

Attest:

Monica Thompson, Board of Trustees Secretary