

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TO BIDDERS

**CITY OF AMES, IOWA
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the **2025-26 Collector Street Pavement Improvements (Bloomington Rd), STP-U-0155(716)--70-85**, Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), Contracts and Specifications Bureau, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010 on **February 17, 2026**, at 10:00 A.M. CDT for various items of construction and maintenance work.

The City Manager shall announce the results of the bidding, together with recommendations thereon, to the City Council at its meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M. CDT on **February 24, 2026**, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010, at which time and place the City Council will hear objections to the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for said **2025-26 Collector Street Pavement Improvements (Bloomington Rd)**

The general nature of the work on which bids are requested: **the asphalt mill and overlay of Bloomington Road from George Washington Carver Avenue to 500 feet west of Eisenhower Avenue. This includes two full depth railroad approach sections, replacement of the 10 foot wide asphalt shared use path with a PCC surface, and general spot repairs or updates of curb and gutter, sewer utilities, sidewalk ADA ramps, and pedestrian crossings.**

Plans, specifications and proposal forms for the work may be seen at the Contracts and Specifications Bureau until noon on the day previous to the letting

A listing of projects open for bids and details for each project will be available to potential bidders and suppliers three weeks prior to the letting date at www.bidx.com/ia/main or by calling the Contracts and Specifications Bureau at 515-239-1414

The Iowa DOT uses the Bid Express website – www.bidx.com - as the official repository for bid submittal. The Iowa DOT will ensure this repository is available for a two-hour period prior to the deadline for submission of bids. If there is an interruption of the bid submittal system, or for other reasons as necessary, the Iowa DOT may delay the deadline for bid submissions to allow potential bidders to submit bids. Instructions will be communicated to potential bidders via the Bid Express agency notifications page. The official bid submission deadline is the cut-off date and time listed on Bid Express for a given letting.

Opening and reading of the bids will be performed by the Contracts and Specifications Bureau one half hour after the bid deadline on the day bids are to be received, unless otherwise specified by the Iowa DOT.

Unless otherwise specified, a bidder shall submit a proposal as per Article 1102.09 of the Standard Specifications. Proposals received after the bid deadline will not be read. Proposals containing any reservations not provided for in the forms furnished will be rejected. The Iowa DOT reserves the right to waive technicalities and reject any or all bids

Unless otherwise specified, a bidder must submit a proposal guaranty/bid bond with each bid as per Article 1102.11 of the Standard Specifications.

Per Iowa Code section 423.3 (80), the contracting authority will issue an exemption certificate for the purchase or use of building materials, supplies and equipment used in the performance of the construction contract.

Failure to execute a contract and file an acceptable performance bond and certificate of insurance within 30 days of the approval date for awarding the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the denial of the award and forfeiture of the proposal guaranty.

The Iowa DOT (or other approved contracting authority), 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 for 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 an award.

On federal-aid projects, where disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals have been established, the bidder is required to complete and submit form 102115 with the bid documents. On all projects without DBE goals, the contractor must show that affirmative action has been made to seek out and consider DBEs as potential subcontractors.

Some projects may be listed in multiple proposals (as an individual project or part of a combined package of projects). The contracting authority will determine which combination of proposals produce the lowest bid for these projects.

Minimum wage rates for all federal-aid projects have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the specifications. However, this does not apply to projects off the federal-aid highway system. All federal-aid projects are subject to the Contract Work Hours Standards Act, as amended (title I of Pub. L. 87-581, Aug. 13, 1962, 75 Stat. 357) and implementing regulations.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within Iowa, and also, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state or foreign country both on projects in which there are no federal funds involved.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Ames, Iowa.

John Haila, Mayor
Renee Hall, City Clerk