

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LEWIS AND CLARK CONNECTION PHASE 3 FOR ROCK RAPIDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFORE,

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities (the "District"), whose principal office is located at 310 South Third Avenue, Rock Rapids, Iowa will meet at the Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities Office in said City, on the 23rd day of February 2026, at 3:30 o'clock PM, at which time and place a hearing will be held on the proposed DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, form of CONTRACT and ESTIMATE of COST for THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE Lewis and Clark Connection Phase 3 (the "Project) and any interested party may appear to be heard.

Sealed proposals for the Project will be received by the General Manager of Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities, Rock Rapids, Iowa, at the Utility Office at 310 South Third Avenue, Rock Rapids, IA 51246 until 2:30 P.M. on February 18, 2026, and at such time and place will be opened and publicly read. Sealed bids received for the Project will be presented to and considered by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held at the Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities office on the 23rd day of February 2026 at 3:30 o'clock PM, and will be acted upon by the Board of Directors at such meeting or at such later time and place as may then be fixed.

The extent of the WORK involved consists generally of:

Construction of a meter building for direct connection of the City of Rock Rapids to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, including foundation, site work, electrical work, and other miscellaneous appurtenant work required to complete the project.

All WORK and materials are to be in strict compliance with DRAWINGS and SPECIFICATIONS prepared by DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, Iowa, Engineer, which, together with the proposed form of CONTRACT and ESTIMATE OF COST have heretofore been approved by the Board of Directors and are now on file for public examination in the Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities office, are by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

All BIDS must be filed in said office on or before the time herein set, on forms furnished by the Owner, and must be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope and plainly identified. Each BID shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, certified check, cashier's check, or certified credit union share draft in a separate sealed envelope in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the BID. If BID BOND is submitted, it must be on the form provided with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The certified check, cashier's check, or certified credit union share draft shall be drawn on a bank in Iowa, a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America, or said certified share draft shall be drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States and payable to the Treasurer of the OWNER as security that if awarded a contract, the BIDDER will enter into a contract at the prices BID and furnish the required PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS and Certificate of Insurance. The certified check, cashier's check, or certified share draft may be cashed, or the BID BOND forfeited, and the proceeds retained as

liquidated damages if the BIDDER fails to execute a contract or file acceptable PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS or provide an acceptable Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after the acceptance of said BID by resolution of the Board of Directors. No BIDDER may withdraw a BID within thirty-five (35) days after the date set for opening BIDS.

At the hearing, the Board of Directors will receive and consider any objections made by any interested person, to the DRAWINGS and SPECIFICATIONS proposed form of CONTRACT and the ESTIMATE of COST for the WORK.

Payment of the said WORK will be made in cash. Payment will be made in monthly estimates and one final payment. Payment for the WORK completed during the preceding calendar month will be determined by the Engineer pursuant to the GENERAL CONDITIONS and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 Code of Iowa. Upon acceptance by the OWNER, the final payment will be issued on the balance found to be due the CONTRACTOR, including the retained percentages, but except such sums as may be lawfully retained by the OWNER, and shall not be paid to the CONTRACTOR no earlier than thirty-one (31) days after the OWNER'S Final Acceptance of the WORK.

The WORK under the CONTRACT shall commence on or before the date specified in a written NOTICE TO PROCEED and shall be substantially completed and ready for operation by October 15, 2026.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes; provided, however, that the Board may award such CONTRACT as it deems to be in the best interests of the District, which shall be without regard to such factors. 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.

The successful Bidder shall be required to meet Federal requirements outlined in the bid documents, award documents, construction documents, supplemental conditions, and other contract forms.

Out-of-state contractors (as defined by Section 103A.3 of the current Iowa Code), before commencing a contract in excess of \$5,000 in value in Iowa, shall file a bond with the office of the Division of Labor Services of the Department of Employment Services in accordance with Section 91C.7 of the current Code of Iowa.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Rock Rapids Municipal Utilities
310 South Third Avenue
Rock Rapids, IA 51246

DGR Engineering
1302 South Union Street
Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents at no charge by inputting Quest project #10022407 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, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Performance and Payment BONDS acceptable to the Board of Trustees on forms provided in the specifications in amounts equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The Board of Trustees hereby reserves the right to reject any or all BIDS, and to waive informalities and irregularities as it may deem to be for the best interests of the OWNER.

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By /s/ Jennifer Wippert
General Manager