

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 2026 MANHOLE REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS, ALGONA, IA, IN AND FOR THE CITY OF ALGONA, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS

Public notice is hereby given that online electronic proposals will be received by the City of Algona, IA, Until 2:00 PM on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for furnishing materials and labor for construction of 2026 Manhole Repair Improvements, Algona, IA as described in plans and specifications thereof now on file in the office of the City Administrator.

Proposals will be opened at 2:00 PM online. Proposals will be acted upon by the City Council at a meeting to be held in the City Hall, beginning at 5:00 PM on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 or at such later time and place as may then be fixed.

The extent of the work involved is the furnishing of labor and new materials for rehabilitation of 76 manholes at various locations throughout the City of Algona including casting and chimney replacement, installation of chimney seals, manhole chemical grouting, cementitious liner, poured-in-place liner, surface restoration, and miscellaneous related work and appurtenances in accordance with the contract documents.

The contract documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). This contract is QuestCDN project number eBidDoc 10268530. A Contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a Planholder. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a Contractor must register with QuestCDN.com. Registering as a Planholder is recommended for all prime Contractors and subcontractors as Planholders will receive automatic notice of addenda and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. Prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

The Proposal shall be made out on the form furnished by the City of Algona and obtained from WHKS & Co., Engineers, Planners, and Surveyors, and must be accompanied in a sealed envelope by either: (1) a certified check, or a cashier's check drawn on an Iowa bank, or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 5% of bid amount; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 5% of bid amount; or (3) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of 5% of bid amount.

The bid security shall be made payable to the City Clerk of the City of Algona, Iowa.

The bid security must not contain any conditions either in 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 contract within ten (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. The City will accept bid bond forms that meet the Requirements of Iowa Code, Section 26.8.

Sales Tax Exemption. Contractors and subcontractors shall not include sales tax for material purchases. At the time of the contract acceptance by the City Council, the prime contractor and all subcontractors will be issued a certificate of exemption.

Bidders shall not be permitted to withdraw their bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the same are opened.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor.

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 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.

Bidders will be required to complete a Bidder Status Form from the Iowa Department of Labor regarding the Contractor's resident status within the State of Iowa. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

The Contractor shall commence work within ten (10) days after the "Notice to Proceed" is issued and shall be fully completed with all construction on or before December 4, 2026.

Payment to the Contractor for said Project will be made in cash derived from the proceeds of the issuance of bonds as may be legally used for such purposes, governmental grants and/or from cash on hand. Any combination of the above methods of payment may be used at the discretion of the Owner.

The Contractor will be paid each month ninety-seven (97) percent of the Engineer's estimate of the value of acceptable work completed at the end of the preceding month. Final payment will be made in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 26 and 573, as amended. No partial or final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified to the City that the materials, labor and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Owner and which shall guarantee a faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the Owner from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvements constructed for a period of two (2) year(s) after completion and acceptance by the Owner.

