

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Auburn, Iowa, at City Hall, 209 Pine Street, Auburn, Iowa 51433, before **4:00 P.M. on September 14, 2026**, for 2026 Electric Distribution Improvements for the City of Auburn, Iowa. At said time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be acted upon by the City Council at a subsequent meeting.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of overhead and underground electric utility work throughout the City as shown on the staking sheets.

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of the City Clerk in said City of Auburn, Iowa, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

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 #10315775** 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 at no charge 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.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Utility and must contain bid security as required by Iowa Code Section 26.8. The bidder's security shall be in the form of either (1) a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered bank, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (3) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to City of Auburn, Iowa. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such 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 fifteen (15) days after the award of contract and post satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds.

The sealed envelope containing the bid shall be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED –2026 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS" on the outside of the envelope.

Payment to the Contractor for said construction work will be made from cash on hand of such other funds that legally may be used or obtained for such purposes. Estimates will be paid monthly by the Utility to the Contractor in accordance with the following schedule:

Ninety-seven (97) percent upon certification of units completed; three (3) percent within thirty (30) days after final completion and acceptance.

Construction may be started after the execution of the Construction Agreement (the Contract) and the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Substantial Completion of the project shall be no later than **July 5, 2027**. See the "Construction Schedule" of the Technical Specifications for special instructions relating to this project.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown, and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and preference shall be given to Iowa domestic labor in the construction of said improvements. 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 City Council reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The City Council also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities in the form of the bid and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Utility.

Publication upon order of the City Council of Auburn, Iowa.

Dated this 10th day of August 2026.

CITY OF AUBURN
AUBURN, IOWA

By /s/ Richard Heim
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Katie Baumhover
City Clerk