

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TO BIDDERS
CITY OF AMES, IOWA
161 KV TRANSMISSION LINE RECONSTRUCTION – IOWA DOT I-35 & 290TH STREET PROJECT
ELECTRIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Ames, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2026, at which time and place the City Council will hear objections to the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for said 161 kV Transmission Line Reconstruction – Iowa DOT I-35 & 290th Street Project, City of Ames Contract No. 2027-012.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council for said project in accordance with the plans and specifications now posted online at ames.bids.ionwave.net (AmesBids), and said bids **shall be submitted electronically in AmesBids at [amesbids.ionwave.net](https://ames.bids.ionwave.net) prior to 2:00 p.m. local time, on the 16th day of September, 2026**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via Teams at the web address:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/261939903871505?p=M6fbTb3kaAyN5Qa2jd>. All bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein will not be considered. Bidders must be a registered supplier to submit a bid in AmesBids. Bidders are encouraged to create an account and upload their bids and all required attachments early. Contractor assumes all risk associated with submission of their bid.

The City Manager shall announce the results of the bidding, together with his recommendations thereon, to the Council at its meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. local time on September 22, 2026.

Complete digital bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents by inputting Quest project # 10323198 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact Quest CDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdm.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Complete digital bidding documents are also available at [amesbids.ionwave.net](https://ames.bids.ionwave.net) at no cost. Paper copies thereof may be obtained by submitting a request to the City Purchasing Division by emailing purchasing@cityofames.org. Quest CDN and AmesBids are the only authorized sources for bid documents. Bid documents obtained from any other source may be incomplete. Bidders using a Bid Form not obtained from Quest CDN or City of Ames Purchasing Division are advised to contact the City of Ames Purchasing Division to provide a contact name and email address to enable receipt of necessary addenda. **Reproduction of these documents without the express permission of the City of Ames is prohibited.**

The general nature of the work on which bids are requested is furnishing labor and materials to modify the City of Ames existing 161 kV transmission line along I-35 near the intersection of 290th Street to accommodate construction operations for the Iowa DOT's road construction project.

Written questions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026. Said questions may be submitted to amesbid.ionwave.net or emailed to Amanda Moore at amanda.moore@cityofames.org.

All bids shall be submitted in AmesBids on or before the time set herein for the bid opening. Bids shall be made on the Bid Form furnished in AmesBids.

Each bid shall include the bid security as defined in Code of Iowa Section 26.8 and as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Ames reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after receipt of bids, and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of its contract price. Said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City Council and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless the City from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the contract and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvement in good repair for a period of one (1) year from and after the completion and acceptance by the City.

After award and approval of contract and performance bond, work on this contract shall substantially completed no later than July 28, 2028.

The City does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City.

As required by *Iowa Administrative Code 875, Chapter 156*, the bidder shall complete and submit the Bidder Status Form with its bid and certify its state or country of domicile by completing the address section of the Bid Form.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provision grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

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

John A. Haila, Mayor
Renee Hall, City Clerk