

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CITY OF MOVILLE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – SECTION 1: WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS FOR MOVILLE, IOWA

Sealed bids will be received electronically by the City of Merville, Iowa through Quest CDN, on the **1st day of October, 2026, before 10:00 a.m.**, for the construction of the City of Merville Water System Improvements – Section 1: Water Main Extensions, in and for the City of Merville, Iowa.

The Bidding Documents for the project and virtual bid opening meeting link can be found at the following:

<https://qcpi.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/?group=112&provider=3949&projType=all>

Quest CDN Project Number: 10062958

At the above time and place all bids received by the City will be opened and publicly read with the results being reported to the Council at their meeting on **7th day of October, 2026, at 6:30p.m.**, at 21 Main Street in Merville, Iowa, at which time and place the City may take action on the proposals submitted or at such time as may then be fixed.

The general description of types of construction and their limits for which bids will be received shall be as follows:

Base Bid 1: Open Cut

Includes construction of approximately 9,000 lineal feet of 12 inch water main via open cut, directional drilling, and jack & bore methods, seeding, and other miscellaneous work.

Base Bid 2: Directional Drill

Includes construction of approximately 9,000 lineal feet of 12 inch water main via directional drilling, and jack & bore methods, seeding, and other miscellaneous work.

Project shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder for either Base Bid 1 or Base Bid 2, as determined by the City.

This project is funded through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program and is subject to the requirements of Davis Bacon Wage Rates and American Iron & Steel (AIS). See the project manual for additional information.

This project is one (1) section of a three (3) section project. All 3 sections have similar bidding and construction schedules and are dependent on each other for startup. See the project plans for additional information.

A more detailed description of the kinds and approximate quantities of materials and types of construction for which bids will be received are set forth in the Bid Form included in the specifications prepared by I+S Group, Inc. (ISG) of Storm Lake, Iowa, which, together with the proposed form of contract, have heretofore been approved by the City, and are now on file for public examination in the office of the City Clerk and are by this reference made part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held **September 16th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** at 21 Main Street in Merville, Iowa. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference; however, attendance at this conference is not required to submit a Bid.

All proposals shall be made on official proposal forms furnished by the Engineer.

Bid security shall be provided in the form of a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered bank, or a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, or a bidder's bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the City in an amount equal to Ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the proposal. If bid bond is submitted, it must be in the form provided in these specifications. Said check or share draft may be cashed, or the bid bond forfeited as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within ten (10) days of issuance of a Notice of Award and post bond satisfactory to the City insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract and maintenance of said improvements as required by law. The bid bond should be executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, and must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon.

Bid security must be submitted directly to the City and should not be submitted electronically. Bidders must make sure the City has received your bid security PRIOR to the bidding deadline.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred per

cent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City, and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained, the payment for materials used in the project and the maintenance of said improvements in good repair for not less than **two (2) years** from the time of acceptance of said improvements by the City.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt of bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Payment of the cost of said project will be made from such cash funds of the City may be legally used for said purpose at the discretion of the City, including but not limited to, the net revenue of the water department, the proceeds from the sale of Revenue or General Obligation Bonds, and/or the proceeds from the sale of warrants, as authorized by Section 384.57 of the Code of Iowa, made payable from any or all of the above-mentioned sources.

The Contractor will be paid ninety-seven percent (97%) of the Engineer's estimate of the value of acceptable work completed at the end of the preceding month. Final payment will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion of the work and acceptance by the City, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa.

No such final payment will be due until the Contractor certifies to the City that the materials, labor, and services involved in the final estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications. The City of Merville is exempt from paying Sales and Use Tax and will supply Contractor with an "Iowa Sales Tax Exemption Certificate" and an authorization letter to allow the Contractor to buy equipment and material for the project tax free.

The work on this project shall commence within ten (10) days after receipt by the contractor of a written notice to proceed. The Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued by November 6, 2026. Subject to any changes in the contract period as provided for in these specifications, parts of the work must be substantially completed on or before the following milestones:

Milestone A: Section 3 contractor shall perform preliminary grading operations of the entire site in preparation for all other Section 2 and 3 work to begin. Milestone shall be completed by 05/28/2027.

Milestone B: All sections shall have their respective construction work complete to the extent that allows for startup, sampling, and testing by 06/30/2028.

Milestone C: Section 3 startup, sampling, and testing (with all results passing) shall be completed by 07/28/2028 in order to issue a certificate of substantial completion.

Milestone D: Section 2 startup, sampling, and testing (with all results passing) shall be completed by 08/04/2028 in order to issue a certificate of substantial completion.

Milestone E: Section 1 startup, sampling, and testing (with all results passing) shall be completed by 08/18/2028 in order to issue a certificate of substantial completion.

System transfer from old to new shall be completed by 08/25/2028 in order to issue a certificate of substantial completion.

Milestone F: Final Completion by 09/24/2028

Work shall be completed and ready for final payment by Milestone F.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **\$500** per calendar day will be assessed for each day that the work shall remain uncompleted after the **above referenced completion dates** with due allowance for extensions of the contract period due to conditions beyond control of the Contractor.

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

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 allowed 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.

Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

If it is determined that adherence to these Iowa statutory requirements may cause denial of federal funds which would otherwise be available for a public improvement or would otherwise be inconsistent with requirements of any federal law or regulation, the application of Iowa Code Chapters 73 and 73A shall be suspended to the extent necessary to prevent denial of the funds or to eliminate the inconsistency with federal requirements.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by the Engineer. These plans and specifications, and the proceedings of the City referring to and defining said improvements, are hereby made a part of this Notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.

Copies of said plans and specifications and form of contract are now on file in the office of City Clerk of Merville, IA, for examination by bidders. Copies may be obtained from ISG, 1725 North Lake Avenue, Storm Lake, IA 50588, (712) 732-7745 upon deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which shall be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications within fourteen days after award of the project. If the plans and specifications are not returned within fourteen days after award of the project and in a reusable condition, the deposit shall be forfeited. Plans and specifications may also be obtained by download from the ISG website at www.isginc.com.

Any bidder or equipment supplier whose firm or affiliate is listed in the GSA publication "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs" will be prohibited from the bidding process. Anyone submitting a bid who is listed in this publication will be determined to be a non-responsive bidder in accordance with 40 CFR Part 31.

Published upon order of the City of Merville, Iowa.

City of Merville

BY /s/ James Fisher
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY /s/ Michaela Peterson
City Clerk