NOTICE TO BIDDERS

MELROSE AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Iowa City, Iowa, until **3:00 P.M.** on the **17th day of December, 2026**. Sealed proposals will be opened immediately thereafter. Bids submitted by fax machine shall not be deemed a "sealed bid" for purposes of this Project. Proposals received after this deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened. Proposals will be acted upon by the City Council at a meeting to be held in the Emma J. Harvat Hall at 6:00 P.M. on the **5th day of January, 2025**, or at special meeting called for that purpose.

The Project will involve the following: 93 feet of 12" trenched ductile iron water main, 1424 feet of trenched 16" ductile iron water main, 330 feet of directionally drilled 16" ductile iron water main and 391 feet of 16" ductile iron water main installed in 24" directionally drilled steel casing. Work includes associated valves, fittings, accessories, and surface restoration and is located at Melrose Avenue and Camp Cardinal Blvd.

All work is to be done in strict compliance with the Project Manual prepared by Watersmith Engineering, of Muscatine, Iowa, which has heretofore been approved by the City Council, and are on file for public examination in the Office of the City Clerk.

Each proposal shall be completed on a form furnished by the City and must be submitted in a **sealed envelope**. In addition, a separate sealed envelope shall be submitted containing a completed Bidder Status Form and a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the sum of 10% of the bid. The bid security shall be made payable to the TREASURER OF THE CITY OF IOWA CITY, IOWA, and shall be forfeited to the City of Iowa City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract within **ten (10) calendar days** of the City Council's award of the contract and post bond satisfactory to the City ensuring the faithful performance of the contract and maintenance of said Project, if required, pursuant to the provisions of this notice and the other contract documents. The City shall retain the bid security furnished by the successful bidder until the approved contract form has been executed, a bond has been filed by the bidder guaranteeing the performance of the contract, and the contract and bond have been approved by the City. The City shall promptly return the checks or bidder's bonds of unsuccessful bidders to the bidders as soon as the successful bidder is determined or within thirty days, whichever is sooner.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City, and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all materials and labor, and also protect and save harmless the City from all claims and damages of any kind caused directly or indirectly by the operation of the contract, and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvement for a period of **five (5) year(s)** from and after its completion and formal acceptance by the City Council.

The following limitations shall apply to this Project:

Early Start Date:	**March 1, 2027**
Specified Start Date:	**April 1, 2027**
Substantial Completion Date:	**June 30, 2027**
Final Completion Date:	**July 30, 2027**
Liquidated Damages:	**$1,000.00 per day**

All of the bid items listed in Section 0400 – Proposal shall be completed by the Substantial

Completion Date.

The Project Manual may be examined at the office of the City Clerk. Copies thereof and blank forms may be secured at the office of Technigraphics, a division of Rapids Reproductions located at 415 Highland Ave, Suite 100, Iowa City, Iowa 52240, Phone: (319) 354-5950, Fax: (319) 354-8973, Toll-Free: (800) 779-0093.

Prospective bidders are advised that the City of Iowa City desires to employ minority contractors and subcontractors on City projects. A listing of Targeted Small Business contractors can be obtained from the Iowa Department of Administrative Services at (515) 242-5120.

Bidders shall list on the Form of Proposal the names of persons, firms, companies or other parties with whom the bidder intends to subcontract. This list shall include the type of work and approximate subcontract amount(s).

The Contractor awarded the contract shall submit a list on the Form of Agreement of the proposed subcontractors, together with quantities, unit prices and extended dollar amounts.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference must 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. The Iowa reciprocal resident bidder preference law applies to this Project.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and also reserves the right to waive technicalities and irregularities.

Posted upon order of the City Council of Iowa City, Iowa.

KELLIE GRACE, CITY CLERK