

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Fargo Regional Water Distribution Extensions: South Segment

City of Fargo Project No. WA2254

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Fargo, North Dakota, City Auditor will receive sealed Bids at the Auditor's Office until **Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the hour of 11:30 AM** local time, for the purpose of furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, and skill required for the construction of the Fargo Regional Water Distribution Extensions: South Segment, and incidental items, for said City, as is more fully described and set forth in the Plans and Specifications which are now on file in the office of the City Engineering Department. Bids shall be either mailed to the City Auditor, City of Fargo, 225 4th St N, Fargo, North Dakota 58102, or delivered to the blue, outside drop box located on the north side of City Hall (same address as mailing address). Bids will be opened and read aloud at approximately 11:45 AM **in the Engineering Conference Room in Fargo City Hall**. The public is encouraged to view the bid opening from their computer, tablet, or smartphone by using the following link: www.fargobidopenings.com.

The Work is comprised of a single Contract: Contract No. 1 – General Construction. The Work for the Contract is generally described as follows:

Contract No. 1: General Construction:

Work generally consists of general construction associated with the furnishing and installation of approximately 1,450 feet of new buried 36-inch diameter PVC water main; installation of approximately 280 feet of new 36-inch fusible PVC water main by non-cased bore; installation of approximately 100 feet of new buried 16-inch diameter PVC water main; installation of a new electric actuator on an existing 24-inch butterfly valve, and associated appurtenances; electrical equipment and Work including bringing power to an electric actuator, furnishing and installing a new programable logic control module, power, and conduit (programming shall be provided by the Owner), at the Fargo Ground Storage Reservoir and Pump Station.

All bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a Bid for the Project. Also refer to Section 00 21 13 - Instructions to Bidders for preparation of bid information.

All Bids shall be prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders contained within the Project Manual. Each Bid shall be accompanied **by a separate envelope** containing a Bid Security in the form of a Bidder's Bond executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, payable to the City of Fargo, in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid. A certified check in lieu of a surety company in the amount of 5% of the total project cost will not be accepted. This is to serve as a guarantee that the successful Bidder will enter into a Contract within ten (10) days of Notice of

Award, in accordance with the terms of the principal's Bid and Contractor's Bond as required by law and regulations and determinations of City of Fargo for the performances of such Work. Only Bids that are accompanied by such a Bond will be considered.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low Bid submitted by a qualified, responsible, and responsive Bidder deemed most favorable to the Owner's interest.

The City of Fargo reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, to hold all Bids for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening Bids.

All Work shall be performed in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file in the Office of City of Fargo, ND where they may be seen and examined. Bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the Bid as required by North Dakota Century Code 43-07-05. **Each Bid shall contain a copy of the Contractor's license or certificate of renewal thereof issued by the Secretary of State in the OUTSIDE envelope.** All Bids must be submitted on the Bid Form furnished by the Engineer. No Bid will be read or considered that does not fully comply with the above provisions and other provisions contained within the Bidding Documents, and any deficient Bid submitted will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Addenda MUST BE acknowledged on the outside of the Bid Envelope OR in the separate envelope containing the Bid Bond and Contractor's License. The City of Fargo REQUIRES the addenda acknowledgement BEFORE the bid envelope will even be opened. If the addenda are not properly acknowledged, the Bid will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with the Presidential Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order include **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS, DAVIS-BACON WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS, and AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL (AIS) REQUIREMENT, AS WELL AS ANY PROTECTED CLASS AS REQUIRED BY LAW,** as explained in the Specifications. These requirements, and any corresponding certifications associated with them, will need to be submitted before final project closeout.

Bidders on this Work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 33 - Participate by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the United States Environmental Protection Agency Programs. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this regulation concern utilization of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women's Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and are explained in the specifications. The goal for MBE is 2% of the total dollar value of the project. The goal for WBE is 3% of the total dollar value of the project.

MBE/WBE Subcontractor Solicitation Information shall be enclosed in the required Bid Bond envelope. Failure to include the form in the Bid Bond envelope will result in the Bid not being opened.

All Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a Bid for the Project. In addition, the Bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. Project Name and Work covered by the Bidder (General).
2. The name of the Bidder.
3. Acknowledgement of all Addenda.
4. Separate envelope containing Bid Bond, a copy of Contractor's License or Renewal Certificate and a copy of the signed MBE/WBE subcontractor solicitation, and SRF Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsible Matters.

Complete digital project Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) by inputting Quest project #8428131 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.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may also be seen and examined at the office of the Engineer, **Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC**, 4170 28th Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58104. The Bidding Documents are available in the form of printed plans and specifications and/or PDF flash drives from Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC. The costs are \$40.00 for flash drives and \$300.00 for printed documents, for each set of Documents obtained. Payment for Bidding Documents is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. All Work shall be done according to the Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the offices of AE2S in Bismarck, Grand Forks, and Williston, ND; Maple Grove, MN, and Builders' exchanges in Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo, ND, in Rapid City, SD, and in Minneapolis, MN.

The work for each contract must be completed no later than the following:

Substantial Completion:	October 31, 2023
Final Completion:	November 30, 2023

All Bids will be made on the basis of cash payment for such work. After Bid opening, the Owner will return Bid security of all except the three lowest responsible Bidders. When the Contract is awarded, the remaining unsuccessful Bidder's Bonds will be returned. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and further reserves the right to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to hold the three (3) low Bids for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid opening to complete financial arrangements.

Dated this 16th day of March 2023.
By: /s/ Steve Sprague, City Auditor
Fargo, North Dakota
North Dakota

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