

**Filter Improvements**  
**Lime-Softening Water Treatment Plant**  
**City of Fargo, North Dakota**  
**Apex Project #22.351.0034**  
**City of Fargo Project #WA2255**

**Section 00030 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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Sealed bids for the Filter Improvements, according to the drawings and specifications will be received by the City Auditor or their designee at the City of Fargo (225 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, Fargo, ND 58102) until 11:30 a.m. on April 26, 2023 and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Engineering Conference Room at 11:45am. Bidders may also deposit their bid in the Drop Box located at the entrance of the City Hall employee parking ramp, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North (Write "Filter Improvements" on the outside of the envelope). Bidders are encouraged to view this bid opening from their computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting [www.fargobidopenings.com](http://www.fargobidopenings.com) . The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Apex Engineering Group, Inc. – 4733 Amber Valley Parkway South, Fargo, ND 58104  
Fargo Water Treatment Plant – 435 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58102

The Contract Documents are available for download from the QuestCDN.com web site for \$60.00 (QuestCDN Project #8433425). Bidders may also obtain hard copies of the Contract Documents from the office of Apex Engineering Group, Inc., 4733 Amber Valley Parkway South, Fargo, ND 58104 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$250.00.

Bids shall be based upon cash payment for the following general items:

Filter Improvements including installation of owner-procured underdrains and media, new stainless steel piping, new valves and actuators, new lighting, and other miscellaneous appurtenances.

Bids will be received as Lump Sum bids for separate General Construction Work, Electrical Construction Work, and combined General and Electrical Construction Work. The Owner intends to award the Bid based on the lowest combined Bid, which is in their best interest. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

*A pre-bid conference will be held at the Fargo Water Treatment Plant (435 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South) on April 13, 2023 at 2:00 pm followed by a site tour. Attendance is strongly encouraged.*

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's Bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after Notice of Award, shall execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of their Bid and a Contractor's Bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. The Bid Bond of the three lowest Bidders will be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but not longer than sixty (60) days. The Bid security is a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract for the work described in the Proposal. The bidder shall submit a Bid Bond to the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

All Bidders shall have a valid North Dakota Contractor's license of the appropriate Class for the work, as required by Section 43-07-05 (NDCC). Bidders shall enclose a copy of the license or Certificate of Renewal in the same envelope as the Bidder's Bond, as required under Section 43-07-12 (NDCC). Failure to do so will render the Bid invalid.

Receipt of all Addenda issued during bidding shall be acknowledged by the Bidder on the outside of the Bid Envelope. Failure to acknowledge any Addenda issued during bidding shall render the Bid invalid.

No Bid will be read or considered unless it fully complies with the Bond and license requirements. Any deficient Bid will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish both a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 33 – Participation 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. To demonstrate a good faith effort to comply, bidders must include the MBE/WBE subcontractor solicitation form in the bid package.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. The requirements for bidders and contractor under this regulation are explained in the specifications.

The Work under this Contract shall be Substantially Completed by May 15, 2024 and shall achieve Final Completion by December 15, 2024. Other milestones and constraints referenced in the specifications shall be adhered to.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF: Apex Engineering Group, Inc. by email at [Tim.Paustian@ApexEngGroup.com](mailto:Tim.Paustian@ApexEngGroup.com). All questions must be received in writing or by email on or before seven (7) days prior to the bid opening. Responses to technical questions will be issued by addendum within five (5) days prior to the bid opening.

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Steve Sprague, City Auditor  
Fargo, North Dakota