

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF AMES, IOWA
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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 **6:00PM** local time on **September 13, 2016** at the Council Chambers in the City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa, at which time and place the City Council will hear objections to the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for said **SQUAW CREEK WATER MAIN PROTECTION PROJECT**.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for The **SQUAW CREEK WATER MAIN PROTECTINO PROJECT**, shall be filed in the office of the city clerk of the City of Ames, Iowa, prior to **2:00PM** local time on the **7th** day of **September, 2016**, for work in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the city clerk. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above time in **Room 135**, City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa,

The plans and specifications are now on file in the office of the city clerk. Copies thereof may be obtained at the office of the City of Ames Public Works Department. One set of bidding documents for the above project is available without charge to prospective bidders, subcontractor bidders, suppliers, and contractor plan room services. A fee of **\$20** applies to additional sets and to bidding documents requested by other than prospective bidders, subcontractor bidders, suppliers, and contractor plan room services as defined herein. **The Public Works Department** is the only authorized sources of proposal forms. Proposal forms obtained from any other source may have an incomplete set of documents. Bidders using a proposal form not obtained from **The Public Works Department** are advised to contact the City of Ames to provide a contact name, mailing address and phone number 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: Protection of existing 24-inch water main under Squaw Creek south of Lincoln Way. Protection will be provided by bank stabilization including flattening slopes, installation of revetment stone and soil filled rock, vegetation, and temporary rolled erosion control products and through creek channel modification including construction of a rock flume structure utilizing stone revetment and weir stones to mitigate the effects of the existing low-head dam. Project also includes other miscellaneous related work and appurtenances in accordance with the contract documents.

All bids shall be submitted to said City Clerk on or before the time set herein for the bid opening. Bids shall be made on the Proposal Form furnished by the City of Ames, in a **sealed and plainly marked envelope** indicating it is a bid in response to this notice. The envelope included with the bid documents may be used to submit your bid.

Each bidder shall accompany its bid with 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 **two (2) years** from and after the completion and acceptance by the City. The guaranteed maintenance period shall be **four (4) years** for new paving.

Work on the project shall begin as soon as possible after award and approval of contract and performance bond. The project shall be completed within **50 working days** with a late start date of **October 1, 2016**. Should the contractor fail to complete the work within the allotted working days, liquidated damages of **\$1,000** per working day will be assessed until the project is complete.

The contractor shall not include sales or use taxes in the bid. Pursuant to Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code, the contractor will be authorized to purchase building materials that will be incorporated into real property on this project tax-free. Iowa Construction Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be issued by the City which will authorize suppliers of building materials to sell materials exempt from Iowa sales tax and any applicable local option sales tax and school infrastructure local option sales tax to the entity listed on the certificate. Upon award of the contract, the successful contractor will be required to provide project information on the contractor, and each subcontractor and supplier requiring the exemption certificates.

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.

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.

The City of Ames, Iowa in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d 4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

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

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor
Diane R. Voss, City Clerk