

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF DUBUQUE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

UPPER BEE BRANCH CREEK – STRUCTURES

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for the work comprising each improvement as stated below must be filed before 2 P.M. on April 30, 2015 in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall - First Floor, 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 2:05 p.m. on April 30, 2015 at City Hall - Conference Room B, 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa, for consideration by the City Council (Council) on May 18, 2015. The City of Dubuque, Iowa, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. Work shall be commenced after Notice to Proceed has been issued and shall be substantially complete on or before December 1, 2016 and that final completion will be on or before May 1, 2017.

Bid Security. Each bidder shall accompany its bid with a bid security as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, acceptable to the governmental entity, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the amount of the contract. The bid security shall be in the amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract and shall be 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 the governmental entity may provide for a bidder's bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the governmental entity. The bid bond shall contain no conditions excepted as provided in this section.

Contract Documents. Bids are to be addressed to the City of Dubuque, Iowa, 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, IA 52001, and shall be marked "Sealed Bid–Upper Bee Branch Creek - Structures."

Completed digital project bidding documents are available at www.strand.com or at www.questcdn.com. Download the digital plan documents by inputting the Quest project number 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.

Bidding Documents may be reviewed and paper copies may be obtained from the Issuing Office which is Strand Associates, Inc., 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53715 and at IIW, P.C., 4155 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52002. Overnight mailing of Bidding Documents will not be provided. A refundable deposit of \$50 is required. Deposit will be refunded to all plan holders returning documents within 30 days of the Bid opening.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from Quest CDN.com or from Strand Associates, Inc.

Bidders who submit a Bid must be Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

Plan Holders are requested to provide an e-mail address if they wish to receive addenda and other information electronically. Plan Holders are requested to designate whether they are a prime contractor, subcontractor, or supplier if they want this information posted on the project Plan Holders List.

No Bid will be received unless accompanied by a cashier's, certified or bank check or a Bid Bond equal to at least 10 percent of the maximum Bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that after a Bid is accepted, Bidder will execute and file the Agreement and 100% Performance and Payment Bonds within 15 days after the Notice of Award.

The City of Dubuque reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 55 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

Any Contract to be awarded is expected to be funded entirely or in part by a loan from Iowa Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in appropriate State Statutes and 40 CFR Parts 31, 33, and 35 of the Federal Statutes.

Women and Minority-owned businesses are encouraged to submit Bids for this Project.

Bidders must demonstrate positive efforts to utilize women's and minority owned businesses. This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in 40 CFR 35.3145(d), and P.L. 102-389 and 100-590. In addition, Bidder shall comply with Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432.

General Nature of Public Improvement

Upper Bee Branch Creek – Structures

Project consists of the construction of a variety of cast-in-place concrete including connection structure, inlet structure and Rhomberg Bridge, 22nd Street Bridge, Headwater Overlook, 18' x 8' CIP box culvert, 10' x 6' CIP box culvert, aeration structure, three-baffle box vaults, storm sewer vaults, channel piers, and two kiosks. Excavation, dewatering, soil retention, backfill and restoration for this work will be completed by others under the Upper Bee Branch Creek – Channel, Streets, & Utilities Project, Contract 1-2015.

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

Reciprocal Resident Bidder and Resident Labor Force Preference.

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 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.

Sales Tax. The bidder should not include sales tax in its bid. A sales tax exemption certificate will be available for all material purchased for incorporation in the project.

Pre-Bid Construction Conference. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Dubuque Municipal Services Center. Attendance by Bidders is optional.

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