

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, (the Board), at Des Moines Water Works, at its office, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa, until 10 a.m., on the 18th day of June, 2024, and opened immediately thereafter at such place and time, for furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials for the

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The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

Provide materials, equipment, and labor necessary, including excavation with shoring in accordance with Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) Rules and Regulations and OSHA requirements, installation, backfill, compaction, dewatering, testing, surface restoration, cleanup, and miscellaneous associated work, to complete installation of approximately 1,180 feet of 12-inch polyvinyl chloride water main, 847 feet of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride water main, 65 feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main, connections to existing mains, appurtenances, disconnections of mains to be abandoned, and removals of old surface facilities.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT THE BID OPENING BY ELECTRONIC MEETING AND TO LIMIT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BID OPENING TO ATTENDANCE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

The construction of the improvements shall be in accordance with the project plans and specifications and general stipulations for said improvements as approved by the Board.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid. The Board also reserves the right to accept the bid that it determines to be in the best interest of the Board in accordance with Chapter 26 and Subchapters II and III of Chapter 73A, Code of Iowa.

The Proposal shall be made out on a preprinted form furnished by the Board and must be accompanied in a separate envelope by a Bid Bond or other security ("bid security") permitted by statute. The amount of the bid security shall be ten percent (10%) of the bid submitted by the bidder. The bid security shall be made payable to the Board. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. The bid security shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a Contract within ten (10) days after the award of Contract and post bond satisfactory to the Board. The Contractor's Bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Board, guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained, protect and save harmless the Board from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operation of the Contractor, guarantee materials and workmanship to be free of defects for a period of two (2) years from and after completion and acceptance by the Board, guarantee surface restoration work in public right-of-way to be free of defects for a period of four (4) years from and after completion and acceptance by the Board, and shall otherwise in all respects comply with the Code of Iowa.

The Board reserves the right to defer acceptance of any Proposal for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of receipt of bids.

The Notice to Proceed will be issued after the Contract is signed and the Contract, the Contractor's Bond, and the insurance certificates required by the Contract are received by the Board. Work shall begin within ten (10) calendar days after the date set forth in the written Notice to Proceed. The improvements shall be completed within the time frames set forth in the "Contract Completion Dates" listed in the 01 00 00. Bidders are urged to consult the Contract Documents before submitting a proposal. Those documents include, among other things, liquidated damage provisions.

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish Contractor Liability insurance certificates in amounts to cover contractor liability for work to be completed. All policies shall be in the amount and form and written by companies satisfactory to the Board. All certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the Board prior to commencement of any operation.

Des Moines Water Works is a “Designated Exempt Entity” recognized as such by the Iowa Department of Revenue. Bidders shall not include in proposal amounts payable by Contractor, any subcontractor, or the Board on account of taxes imposed by any taxing authority upon the sale, purchase, or use of materials, supplies, and equipment covered by the Contract or any equipment supplied pursuant to the Contract. A Tax Exemption Certificate and Authorization Letter will be provided to the Contractor and any subcontractors and shall be used to secure all building materials, supplies, and equipment intended for completion of this Contract without payment of sales or use tax by the Contractor or any subcontractors.

Copies of said Contract Documents may be obtained from and are now on file in the Engineering Services Department, Des Moines Water Works, 2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa, for examination by bidders.

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