

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF FORT DODGE
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND METER REPLACEMENT

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before 10:00 a.m., March 28, 2017, in the office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 10:00 a.m., March 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, for consideration by the Fort Dodge City Council at its meeting on April 10, 2017. The City of Fort Dodge reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-Bid Conference: A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Municipal Building of the City of Fort Dodge, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. Potential bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. Representatives of the Owner and the Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Owner will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. The project shall have a final completion date of **July 17, 2018**. Work on the project may commence upon issuance of the written Notice to proceed, which is anticipated on or about April 17, 2017.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work prior to the completion date deadline, liquidated damages of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per calendar day will be assessed.

Bid Security. Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security, as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, 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, in form acceptable to the City, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount fixed in the Instruction to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check, a certified check, or a bank money order drawn on a FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on a FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the Jurisdiction. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

Contract Documents. The contract documents are on file with the City Engineer and may be examined at the Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA. Hard copies of the project documents may be obtained from Snyder & Associates, Inc. 2727 SW Snyder Blvd, Ankeny, Iowa 50023 for a refundable deposit of \$25. Electronic contract documents are available by clicking on the "Bids" tab at www.snyder-associates.com and choosing the Fort Dodge AMI Project on the left. Downloads are free, but require the user to register for a free membership. Project information, engineer's cost opinion, plan holder information, and electronic documents are available at no cost at this website.

Iowa Preference. By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

Sales Tax Exemption. A sales tax exemption certificate will be available for all materials purchased for incorporation in the project.

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvements. A public hearing will be held by the City of Fort Dodge on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvements at its meeting at 6:00 p.m., April 10, 2017, in said Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA.

General Nature of Public Improvement. The work includes all materials, equipment, software, transportation and labor necessary to complete the improvements. The proposed project includes the following: design, installation, implementation, and integration of a fixed network Advanced Metering Infrastructure system for automated reading of water meters; replacement of approximately 10,165 water meters, size 1 inch and smaller; and installation of new endpoint units on all new meters and retrofitting approximately 635 existing water meters with new endpoints as required to communicate with the fixed network data collection system.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Fort Dodge on this _____ day of February, 2017

Jeff Nemmers, City Clerk

Posted on City of Fort Dodge website on_____.

Posted to Contractors Update Network on _____.