

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 **November 22nd, 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 **2016/17 US Highway 69 Improvements Program (S. Duff Safety and Access Project)**.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for The **South Duff Avenue Traffic Signal** project, shall be filed in the office of the city clerk of the City of Ames, Iowa, prior to **1:00PM** local time on the **16th** day of **November, 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 235**, 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 Public Works Department. One set of bidding documents for the above project is available without charge to prospective bidders, i.e. qualified general contractors. A \$20.00 fee will apply to additional sets and to bidding documents requested by other than prospective bidders as defined herein. The City of Ames Public Works Department is the only authorized source of bidding documents and proposal forms. Bidding documents and proposal forms obtained from any other source may have an incomplete set of documents. Bidders using bidding documents and/or proposal forms not obtained from the City of Ames Public Works Department are advised to contact the City of Ames Public Works Department 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: Construction and installation of new traffic signal pole footings, traffic signal poles with mast arms, conduit, hand holes, pedestrian ramps, pedestrian push button stations, controller cabinet, battery backup system, raised PCC median, PCC curb and gutter, PCC driveways, pavement removal, and HMA paving along South Duff Avenue from the Squaw Creek Bridge to SE 5th Street, and 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 shall commence as soon as possible after award, approval of contract and performance bond and shall be completed no later than **October 15, 2016**. Should the contractor fail to complete the work by this date, liquidated damages of **\$500** per calendar day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated contract completion date.

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