**********ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**********

BID NUMBER: 20-99714

PROJECT NAME: Snow Emergency Route Sign Installations

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: City Project 1885

ANTICIPATED START DATE: April 12, 2021

The City of Duluth, Minnesota requests sealed bids for the above named project. Bids may be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com until the bid deadline above. The City Purchasing Agent will conduct a public bid opening in City Hall, Room 120, immediately after the deadline for receiving bids.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAJOR WORK ITEMS: This project will include the installation of approximately 2266 Snow Emergency Route signs citywide. All materials, including posts, bases, hardware, and sign panels will be provided to the Contractor for installation. Approximately 2005 signs will be driven in soil; approximately 258 signs will be mounted to concrete; and approximately 3 signs will be driven through bituminous into soil. Spacing varies on roadway configuration (i.e. one way/two way traffic, city blocks/long segment, parking/no parking). The project will also include the removal of 19 existing snow emergency signs.

PREBID MEETING: N/A

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Purchasing, purchasing@duluthmn.gov

Plans and specifications may be viewed and downloaded at no cost at www.bidexpress.com. Bidders must create a free account with Bid Express®; and login to search for city projects (search by “City of Duluth” or bid number). Bid Express® does charge a nominal fee for bid submission. Visit https://www.bidexpress.com/vendor_resources for more information.

Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the City Engineering office, Minnesota Builder's Exchange, Builder's Exchange of Wisconsin, and Blue Book Building and Construction Network.


Due to the closure of City Hall as a result of the pandemic, all bids must be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com. Bid bonds must also be submitted electronically – either thru Surety2000 or SuretyWave's SurePath Network in the BidExpress solicitation, or emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov prior to the bid opening. If submitting a certified check or bank draft, bidder must contact Purchasing seven days prior to bid opening to make arrangements.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Duluth, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five per cent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted by the bid deadline. Electronic surety may be submitted through Bid Express; copies of paper bid bonds may be emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov, but must be sent and received prior to the bid opening date and time. Bids may be withdrawn without forfeiture of surety if the request is submitted by the Bidder and received at the Purchasing Office in writing or by e-mail prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The City Purchasing Agent or her designee will conduct a public bid opening immediately after the deadline for receiving bids. Bidders may view the opening by going to the Purchasing web page (https://www.duluthmn.gov/bids-request-for-proposals/) and selecting the appropriate link.

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The City of Duluth is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Not less than prevailing wages as included in the specifications and provisions must be paid on this project. A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Community Benefits provisions will be required for any bid that is over or could virtually go over $150,000.

The contractor must take affirmative action to ensure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, creed, sex or national origin, and must meet the affirmative action goals. Contractors are encouraged to subcontract with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises when possible. Contractor will comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

The City of Duluth reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids.

Amanda Ashbach, City Purchasing Agent