



City of Duluth
Public Works & Utilities Department
Engineering Division
411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

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

BIDS DUE May 26, 2021 at 2:00 pm

BID NUMBER: 21-99456

PROJECT NAME: MIDDLE BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 1779

ANTICIPATED START DATE: July 1, 2021

The City of Duluth, Minnesota requests sealed bids for the above named project. **Due to the closure of City Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all bids must be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com.** 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://duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-request-for-proposals/>) and selecting the appropriate link.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAJOR WORK ITEMS: Construct upgrades to the existing Middle Booster Station located at 1519 East 6th Street, in the City of Duluth. The project will upgrade the pumping and electrical systems in the existing building. The project work includes upgrading three 350 HP split case water booster pumps, under floor process piping, Above floor process piping, replace concrete floor, interior door, upgrade electrical service from medium voltage to new 1600 amp 480V service, new electrical gear include VFD motor controller, demolish the existing medium voltage electrical system and motor controllers, construct new overhead 20-inch discharge header, construct new 20-inch discharge water main connected to the existing water distributions system, construct new site utilities, and provide surge mitigation tank. The Middle Booster Station is a critical facility and shall remain in operation at all times during construction. The project will be constructed in at least three stages as detailed in the contract documents. Please refer to the Special Provisions for more information.

This project is being financed in whole or in part by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority through the Clean Water or Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Contractor shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and shall include the requirements and clauses in all subcontracts. Please see Appendix A – MN PFA DWRP Contract Packet for more information.

PRE-BID MEETING: A virtual Pre-Bid Conference will be held on May 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM. A link to the virtual pre-bid conference will be sent out to all plan holders or as requested. Potential bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. An opportunity to visit the site following the meeting will be made available from 2:30 to 4:00. Social Distancing and appropriate PPE are required. Additional opportunities to visit the site following the meeting will be available by request and appointment.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Aaron Soderlund, PE; Project Engineer at (218) 730-5083 or by email at: asoderlund@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. More information can be found at https://www.bidexpress.com/vendor_resources

Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the Minnesota Builder's Exchange, BXWI-Fox Valley Plan Room, and Blue Book Building and Construction Network.

Bidders must review the 2019 edition of the City of Duluth Public Works/Utilities Department – Engineering Division Standard Construction Specifications (available at <https://www.duluthmn.gov/engineering/standard-construction-specifications/>) as these Specifications are incorporated by reference.

Bid surety in an amount equal to five per cent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Electronic bid surety can be submitted in Bid Express. **For the duration of the City Hall closure to the public as a result of COVID-19, bid bonds may also be emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov. The emailed bid bond must be received by purchasing office prior to the bid opening, and must be verifiable with the surety company. Any exceptions to submitting bid bonds other than via Bid Express or email must be arranged in advance with the Purchasing office.**

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