



City of Duluth
Administrative Services Department
Information Technology Division
411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

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

BIDS DUE June 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm

BID NUMBER: 21-99466

PROJECT NAME: Duluth Downtown Fiber Optic Expansion

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 1989

ANTICIPATED START DATE: September 1, 2021

The City of Duluth, Minnesota requests sealed bids for the above named project. **All bids must be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com.** The City Purchasing Agent or her designee will conduct a virtual 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: This project will construct an expansion to the City of Duluth's fiber optic network to provide fiber connections to Fire Station 1, City Hall, and the Duluth Transportation Center.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: 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. 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. **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