

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

BIDS DUE May 4, 2022 2:00PM

BID NUMBER: 22-99382

PROJECT NAME: 2022 Lead Water Service Replacement Project - Phase 1

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 1987

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 16, 2022

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 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/purchasing/bids-request-for-proposals/) and selecting the appropriate link.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAJOR WORK ITEMS: This project will include the removal of existing lead water services while installing 11 new 1" HDPE service using a pulling method whenever possible. Additional excavation pits may be required to install HDPE water service. Back fill and restoration.

This project is funded in whole or in part by the American Rescue Plan Act. Federal supplementary provisions shall apply. The awarded bidder must have an active SAM.gov registration with no exclusions.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will take place at 11:00 am on April 21, 2022 at City Hall, 411 W. 1st Street, Room 236, Duluth, MN. Interested bidders are encouraged to attend.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Tim Sanders, PE, Project Engineer, 218-730-5066, tsanders@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 and BXWI-Fox Valley Plan Room.

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. Paper bid bonds, certified checks or bank drafts may be mailed or dropped off at Purchasing, City Hall Room 120, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802. Regardless of the method of submission, bid bonds must be received by the City prior to the bid opening.

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.

Patti Stalvig, City Purchasing Agent