



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

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

BIDS DUE March 2, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. Local Time

BID NUMBER: 23-99250

PROJECT NAME: 2023 GAS BLANKET PROJECT FOR MAINS AND SERVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 2123

ANTICIPATED START DATE: APRIL 17, 2023

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: The project consists of constructing new high-pressure plastic (PE) gas services typically ranging from ½” to 2” in size, and mains ranging from 1” to 8” in size at various locations as directed by the Engineer. Significant portions of the gas main and service shall be horizontally directional drilled as indicated on the plans or as directed by the Engineer. Some materials for the project are being provided by the City because of limited availability, complete details about supplied materials are in the special provisions. Other tasks such as bollard installations, EFV installations, riser replacements, and miscellaneous repairs may also be included with this project at any time. Restoration of both private and public turfed areas, aggregate driving surfaces, bituminous pavement, concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutter, and concrete sidewalks is included.

PREBID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will take place on February 16, 2023 at 10 am in Room 155 of City Hall – 411 W 1st St, Duluth, Minnesota. Potential Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Howard Smith, P.E., Senior Engineer by email at hsmith@duluthmn.gov or by phone at (218) 730-5092

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 Builder's Exchange of Wisconsin.

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 electronically, either through Surety2000 or Tinubu within the Bid Express solicitation, or emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov. Paper bid bonds, certified checks, or bank drafts may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, 411 W. 1st Street, Room 120, Duluth, MN 55802. Regardless of the method of submission, bid surety must be received by Purchasing 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