



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

*******ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS*******
BIDS DUE April 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM

BID NUMBER: 23-99336

PROJECT NAME: 1st Avenue East Reconstruction Project

CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 2100

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 22, 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: Reconstruction of 1st Avenue East – East Superior Street to East 3rd Street, including grading, aggregate base, concrete pavement, bituminous pavement, ADA improvements, sidewalk, curb & gutter, signals, retaining wall, storm sewer, water main, hot water, and utilities.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Alex Popp, Project Engineer by email at apopp@duluthmn.gov or by phone at (218) 730-5087.

The selected contractor will be issued a construction contract (draft included in the Standard City Contracting Forms in the Bid Express solicitation). Notice to Proceed will be issued once the agreement is fully executed.

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, Builders 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: Bid bonds must be issued from a surety company listed on the Circular 570, which is accessible through the Bid Express solicitation. A signed and dated Power of Attorney support document must be attached to the bid bond. Bid surety in the amount of 5% of the total bid payable to the City of Duluth must be submitted with each bid. A pdf of the bid bond may be uploaded to the Bid Express solicitation or emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov; paper copies, certified checks, or bank drafts may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, 411 W. 1st Street, Room 120, Duluth, MN 55802. If bid bonds are emailed, bidders should be aware that the City’s spam filter may prevent receipt of the email. It is the bidder’s responsibility to verify emailed bid bonds have been received by Purchasing. 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.

Patrice Stalvig, City Purchasing Agent