



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

*******ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS*******
BIDS DUE March 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm

BID NUMBER: 24-99287

PROJECT NAME: 2024 Gas Excess Flow Valve (EFV) and Bollard Installations, Riser Replacements and Meter Relocations

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 2219

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 1, 2024

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 install Excess Flow Valves (EFV's) on existing gas services, replace copper risers, install bollards, and minor gas meter relocations throughout the City of Duluth. This project will consist of furnishing materials not provided by the City as identified in this document, providing labor and equipment necessary to install EFV's, replace copper risers, install bollards and minor relocation of gas meters. Most gas services will be ½" diameter but a small percentage of 1" diameter gas services may also be included with the project as they are encountered. Restoration of both private and public turfed areas, aggregate driving surfaces, bituminous pavement, concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutter, and sidewalks is included with this project.

PREBID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 2 pm in the Council Chambers (Room 330) at City Hall, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth, Minnesota. Potential bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Shawn Eastman, Senior Engineering Specialist by email at seastman@duluthmn.gov or by phone at (218) 591-9742

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 electronically, either through Surety2000 or SuretyWave 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