

CITY OF DULUTH - INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION: STEAM MAIN INSTALLATION – 1ST ALLEY & 7TH AVENUE EAST

CITY OF DULUTH BID NUMBER: BID #13-27DS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Purchasing Agent in and for the Corporation of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, at his office, Room 100 City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802, (218) 730-5340 until 2:00 PM local time on October 2, 2013 for the above named project. Immediately thereafter, bids will be taken to a conference room in City Hall, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This advertisement is also available on the City of Duluth website at www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bid_information.cfm

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

1. **A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) will be required for any bid that is over or could virtually go over \$150,000.**
2. **Unless a Certificate of Exemption is provided, any out-of-state bidder receiving a bid award will have 8% retained from invoice payments on any contracts over \$50,000. Submit a signed copy from the State of Minnesota when submitting Payment and Performance Bonds. This form may be found at the following web address:
http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Forms_and_Instructions/sde.pdf.**

Scope of project: This work consists of installing approx. 500 ft. of high-pressure steam line along the freeway retaining wall in 1st Alley. High-pressure steam conduit system for direct-buried piping has been pre-purchased by Duluth Steam. This contract will be responsible for labor & material for installation of this piping, as well as all other labor, material, equipment, valving, specialties, etc., as indicated on the drawings.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-through of the site will take place at 10:00 am on Thursday September 19, 2013.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to:

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Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc.
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Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 722-3060
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Each bidder must acknowledge and include in his Bid applicable provisions of the 2013 edition of the City of Duluth Public Works/Utilities Department – Engineering Division Standard Construction Specifications, as this booklet is incorporated by reference and deemed to be a part hereof this project as if fully incorporated and set forth herein. **2013 Edition can be downloaded at the following City website.**

http://www.duluthmn.gov/engineering/spec_book/

Proposal forms, contract documents, plans and specifications, as prepared by the A/E consulting firm of **Foster Jacobs Johnson, Inc.** are on file at the following offices: City Purchasing Office; City Engineer's Office, Duluth Builder's Exchange, F. W. Dodge Plan Room, Reed Construction Data, Minneapolis Builder's Exchange, and St. Paul Builder's Exchange.

Copies of these plans and specifications may be obtained from Sheldon Reproduction, Duluth, Minnesota. Copies of bidding documents may be obtained by bidders with a check of **twenty-five dollars (\$25)** for each set, made out to City of Duluth. **(This plan fee will be refunded by planholders who return the bid documents in good condition).**

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Duluth, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five per cent (5%) of the total bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and prevailing wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project. 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.

The City of Duluth reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Duluth for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The City of Duluth is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

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Dennis Sears
Purchasing Agent