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To: Potential Bidders

PRE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project Name: Duluth Traverse Trail System - Phase IV & V
Project Location: City of Duluth, MN Various Locations

This is a notice to potential bidders of upcoming trail projects that the City of Duluth Parks Department plans to put out for formal bids in February/March 2016. The projects consist of the construction of up to 17.4 miles of single track trail purpose built for mountain bikes. The City is offering this early pre-advertisement in order to afford potential bidders an opportunity to request a site visit and see the trail alignment prior to snow fall. Typical snowfall for this region begins early to mid-November and snow cover can remain on the ground well into April/May. The official bid is scheduled for some time in February/March of 2016 to allow time to refine the specifications and prepare the bid documents. All interested bidders are strongly encouraged to take advantage of a site visit, however it will not be a mandatory requirement for submitting a bid. The City reserves the right to cancel or modify this project at any time; this pre-advertisement is not a guarantee that the project will be bid.

The scope is split between two project locations:

Project Location A: is the construction of approximately 8.7 miles of (Spec 1 Green Singletrack) multi-use two way 48" width easier single track trail purpose built for mountain biking. This is the spine trail of the entire network that connects neighborhoods to trail systems and green spaces. It involves connecting the trail centers at Spirit Mountain, Piedmont Recreation Area and Brewer Park and traverses through a variety of terrain and soil types including a 600-foot climb along a scenic cascading stream.

Project Location B: is the full build out of the Mission Creek Trail Center and consists of approximately 7.7 miles of (Spec 2 Blue Singletrack) traditional intermediate single track multi-use trail purpose built for bikes and a 1.0 mile loop of bike optimized (Spec 5 Blue Bump Pump) upper-intermediate flow trail. This trail center is a backcountry themed park and the landscape reflects that with dramatic terrain, big hardwood forest and limited road access.

The trails are flagged in the field with blue drop-flagging at a sufficient enough density to define the center line of the trail corridor. They are designed and laid out to complement the natural topography and encourage drainage off the trail tread. Trail shall be constructed as a full bench cut trail and follow the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) guidelines for construction of sustainable single track trail.

If you would like to schedule a site visit please contact Jim Shoberg directly by phone at 218.730.4316 or via email at (jshoberg@duluthmn.gov).

Attachments: Project A – Duluth Traverse Trail Phase IV
Project B – Duluth Traverse Trail Phase V – Mission Creek
Project Specifications Matrix