

City of Duluth Purchasing Division 411 W. 1st St., Room 100 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 730-5340

BID NO. 17-0612 <u>REBID</u>: HOT WATER PACKAGED ENERGY TRANSFER STATIONS FOR BUILDINGS (Specifications Revised)

Duluth Energy Systems (DES) in Duluth, MN, is undergoing a conversion from a steam-based district energy distribution network to a hot-water-based district energy network. The current once-through steam distribution network under Superior Street in downtown will be replaced with supply-and-return hot water piping. The future distribution system will provide hot water to DES customers in place of the steam service they receive today. The City of Duluth and DES invite you to submit a sealed bid to provide packaged hot water energy transfer stations (ETS) for the buildings involved in the conversion.

There will be no prebid meeting for this project. Bidders should submit questions to <u>purchasing@duluthmn.gov</u>. All questions must be submitted by December 18, 2017. Answers will be issued in the form of an addendum.

Bids may be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at <u>www.bidexpress.com</u> until 2:00 p.m. local time on **Thursday, December 21, 2017**. Electronic bids are preferred; suppliers wishing to submit a paper bid must contact the purchasing office. <u>EMAIL BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED</u>. The City Purchasing Agent will conduct a public bid opening in City Hall, Room 100, immediately after the deadline for receiving bids.

Specifications may be viewed and downloaded at no cost at <u>www.bidexpress.com</u>. Bidders must create a free account with Bid Express®; and login to search for city projects (search by "City of Duluth" or bid number). Bidders will be required to create an Info Tech Digital ID in order to bid, which can take up to five (5) business days to process. Please allow ample time to obtain your digital id prior to the bid deadline. Bid Express® does charge a nominal fee for bid submission. More information can be found at <u>https://www.bidexpress.com/vendor_resources</u>

The City of Duluth reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids.

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