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**BIDS DUE APRIL 26, 2018 AT 2:00 PM**

**BID NO. 18-0058E**

NOAA Award Number: NA17NOS4190062

**WESTERN WATERFRONT TRAIL WAYFINDING AND AMENITIES PROJECT**

The City of Duluth, Minnesota, requests sealed bids for the purchase, fabrication and installation of signs and benches along the entire length of the Western Waterfront Trail in Duluth, MN. The restoration project will use a trail parking lot as a staging area and portion of the Western Waterfront Trail for access to the project area. Installation of eight (8) signs and two (2) benches may be delayed up to two (2) years due to a Kingsbury Bay restoration project. These may be purchased and fabricated, with installation in the affected area at a later date.

Please see the drawings and specifications for more information.

This project is funded, in part, by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Management Program grant. Additional conditions required by the grant are identified in the solicitation documents.

Bids may be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 26, 2018. Electronic bids are preferred; suppliers wishing to submit a paper bid must contact the purchasing office. **E-MAIL BIDS OR BONDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** The City Purchasing Agent will conduct a public bid opening in City Hall, Room 100, immediately after the deadline for receiving bids. Bids must be held firm for 60 days. Contractor will be required to execute city standard construction documents and provide performance and payment bonds for the full amount of the contract prior to Notice to Proceed.

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 must be submitted with the bid. Bids may be withdrawn without forfeiture of surety if the request to withdraw is submitted by the Bidder and received at the Purchasing Office in writing or by e-mail prior to the scheduled bid opening.

Questions pertaining to this project should be emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov.

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). 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 https://www.bidexpress.com/vendor_resources

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

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City Purchasing Agent