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**GRAND AVENUE NORDIC SKI TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

**PROJECT # 1506  
BID NO. 18-0084**

**BIDS DUE THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 AT 2:00 PM**

The City of Duluth, Minnesota, requests sealed bids for construction of 3.3 kilometers of new cross country ski trails as part of the Grand Avenue Nordic Center. The major items of work include clearing and grubbing, common excavation, aggregate surfacing, stormwater controls, erosion control, turf establishment, concrete curb & gutter and culvert and drainage system improvements. Please see the drawings and specifications for more information. *Note: An addendum for this project will be issued by late February with plans and specifications for the snowmaking and lighting components.*

This project must be completed by November 16, 2018; with substantial completion by October 26, 2018

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted on **THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 AT 2:00 PM** in Room 303 at City Hall. All interested bidders **MUST** attend. After the prebid conference, interested bidders will have an opportunity to walk the trail system. Appropriate dress for the conditions and snow shoes are recommended. The walk-through is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

This project is funded in part with funds from a Federal Recreational Trail Program grant. Contractor shall comply with all federal requirements.

Prevailing wages must be paid on this project. If the project cost exceeds \$150,000, a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) will be required. The standard construction contract, PLA, contract conditions and other forms can be found at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/forms/>. Contractors are encouraged to review the City of Duluth Standard Construction Specifications, which are also available on the city website at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/engineering/standard-construction-specifications/>

Bids may be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 22, 2018. **Electronic bids are preferred**; suppliers wishing to submit a sealed paper bid must contact the purchasing office. **E-MAIL BIDS 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.

Questions pertaining to this project should be emailed to [purchasing@duluthmn.gov](mailto:purchasing@duluthmn.gov).

Specifications may be viewed and downloaded at no cost at [www.bidexpress.com](http://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](https://www.bidexpress.com/vendor_resources)

Bids must be held for 60 days. The City of Duluth reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids.

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