

******ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS********

BIDS DUE February 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm Local Time

BID NUMBER: 20-99156

PROJECT NAME: 2020 Gas Blanket Project - City Wide

STATE/CITY PROJECT NUMBER: 1891

ANTICIPATED START DATE: March 16, 2020

The City of Duluth, Minnesota requests sealed bids for the above named project. Bids may be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 26, 2020. The City Purchasing Agent will conduct a public bid opening in City Hall, Room 120, immediately after the deadline for receiving bids.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAJOR WORK ITEMS: Construction of ½ inch,1 inch and 2 inch P.E. gas services and 1 inch, 2 inch, 3 inch, 4 inch, 6 inch, and 8" high pressure P.E. gas mains, PE connections and related work at various locations in the City of Duluth and surrounding areas. Additionally, any turf or pavement restoration required. Approximately 300 EFVs will be installed as part of this project. Amended lists of gas services where EFVs shall be installed may be issued by the City at any time during the contract. Detailed drawings describing the applicable gas service modifications will be issued by the Engineering Department throughout the project. Quantities shown in the proposal are estimates and actual quantities of listed bid items may exceed or may not approach the amount estimated.

PREBID MEETING: A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-thru of the site will take place on Wednesday February 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM in Room 236. All bidders must attend.

Questions pertaining to this project should be directed to: Tim Sanders, PE, Project Engineer, tsanders@duluthmn.gov 218-730-5066

Plans and 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

Plans and specifications are on file for inspection at the City Engineering office, Duluth Builders Exchange, Minnesota Builder's Exchange, BXWI-Fox Valley Plan Room, and Blue Book Building and Construction Network.

Bidders must review the 2019 edition of the City of Duluth Public Works/Utilities Department – Engineering Division Standard Construction Specifications (available at http://www.duluthmn.gov/engineering/standard-construction-specifications/) as these Specifications are incorporated by reference.

Bid surety in an amount equal to five per cent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Electronic bid surety can be submitted using Surety 2000 or Sure Path. Paper bid surety must be mailed or dropped off in person at the purchasing office prior to the bid opening. Please clearly mark the envelope with the name of the bidder and the bid number.

Not less than prevailing wages as included in the specifications and provisions must be paid on this project. A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and Community Benefits provisions will be required for any bid that is over or could virtually go over \$150,000.

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. Contractor will comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

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

Amanda Ashbach, City Purchasing Agent