



City of Duluth
Public Works & Utilities Department
Engineering Division
411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

*******ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS*******
BIDS DUE APRIL 30, 2020 AT 2:00 PM

BID NUMBER: 20-10AA

PROJECT NAME: DES HW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BALANCE OF PLANT CONSTRUCTION

ANTICIPATED START DATE: May 20, 2020 or upon Notice to Proceed

The City of Duluth, Minnesota requests sealed bids for the above named project. **Due to the closure of City Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all bids must be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at www.bidexpress.com.** The City Purchasing Agent, or her designee, will open bids immediately after the deadline for receiving bids. The bid opening will be available for public viewing on the web. Bid results will be posted on Bid Express and the city website.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & MAJOR WORK ITEMS: Construct the Balance of Plant (BOP) system as designed in the provided BOP engineering package which, when connected to the packaged Steam Converter System (SCS), results in the completed component of the Hot Water Distribution System local to the Plant. With the exception of electrical power distribution and the prepackaged SCS, the construction scope defined in this IFB will cover the entirety of the Hot Water Distribution System that occurs within the DES property line; mechanical, structural, foundational and architectural. Note the electrical portion of this project will be let separately at a future date, however it will be in this Contractor's scope to carefully and transparently coordinate with the E.C. to turn over a fully functional system to the Owner by the time allotted in the schedule. Please see the Project Manual for more information.

PREBID MEETING: A pre-bid conference and virtual walk-thru of the site will take place on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Meeting information can be found in the full advertisement located in the Proposal Package on Bid Express.

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

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. 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, 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 SuretyWave. **For the duration of the City Hall closure to the public due to COVID-19, copies of bid bonds may be emailed to purchasing@duluthmn.gov. The emailed bid bond must be received by purchasing office prior to the bid opening, and must be verifiable with the surety company.**

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