



## INVITATION TO BID

### Aerial Lift Bridge Rehabilitation

**BID NUMBER:** 26-99507

**BIDS DUE:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm Central Time

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Rehabilitation of the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge including re-painting the overhead truss and lower portion of the lift span, lift span pathway grating and concrete replacement, roadway deck grating replacement, structural steel repairs, approach resurfacing, concrete and waterproofing repairs and other miscellaneous items.

**ANTICIPATED START DATE:** September 1, 2026

**INTERMEDIATE CALENDAR DAY COMPLETION DATE 1:** June 15, 2028

**INTERMEDIATE CALENDAR DAY COMPLETION DATE 2:** June 15, 2029

**FINAL COMPLETION DATE:** June 30, 2030

#### PRE-BID MEETING AND SITE VISIT:

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in the US Army Corps of Engineers Lecture Hall located at 600 S. Lake Avenue, Duluth, MN. All interested bidders are strongly encouraged to attend and should enter through the Visitor Center entrance on the lake side of the building. Attendees may participate in a site visit immediately after the pre-bid meeting.

#### QUESTIONS:

Please submit any questions regarding this project via e-mail to [Purchasing@duluthmn.gov](mailto:Purchasing@duluthmn.gov). Responses will be issued as an addendum to this solicitation.

The selected contractor will be issued a construction contract (draft included in the Standard City Contracting Forms in the Bid Express solicitation as well as the [City's Forms & Contracts page](#). Notice to Proceed will be issued once the agreement is fully executed.

Specification 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 the bid number). Bid Express® does charge a nominal fee for bid submission. More information can be found at <https://www.infotechinc.com/bidding>.

Proposal forms, contract documents, plans and specifications may also be on file at the following offices: Minnesota Builder's Exchange and Builder's Exchange of Wisconsin.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

**READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on any single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

Bids must be submitted electronically through Bid Express® at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com). Bid surety in the amount of 5% of the total bid must be submitted with each bid. Bid bonds may be submitted electronically, either through Surety2000 or Tinubu within the Bid Express solicitation or emailed to [purchasing@duluthmn.gov](mailto:purchasing@duluthmn.gov). Paper bid bonds, certified checks or bank drafts payable to the City of Duluth may be mailed or dropped off at

City Hall, 411 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 120, Duluth, MN 55802. Regardless of the method of submission, bid surety must be received by Purchasing prior to the bid opening.

The City Purchasing Agent or their designee will conduct a public bid opening immediately after the deadline for receiving bids. Bidders may view the opening by going to the [City's Bids & Requests for Proposals](http://www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-and-request-for-proposals/) page ([www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-and-request-for-proposals/](http://www.duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-and-request-for-proposals/)) and selecting the appropriate link.

No alternatives to the specification will be considered unless specifically requested. Erasures or other changes to the bid must be initialed and dated, however no special conditions shall be made or included in the bid form by the bidder.

The City of Duluth reserves the right to split the award where there are savings to the City, to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids. Price may not be the only consideration for bid award. Bids must be firm for a minimum of 60 days.

**Responsible Contractor Form A-2, Additional Subcontractors List** - Contractors must complete the Responsible Contractor Form and Attachment A-1 within BidExpress as part of their bid submission. The awarded contractor is *also* required to complete Responsible Contractor Form A-2 whenever additional subcontractors are added to the project and submit when requested. This form can be found in the Standard Contract Documents section of the BidExpress solicitation and as part of the Responsible Contractor Form found at the [City's Forms & Contracts](#) page.

**Please note that additional requirements apply to this project, and any additional required documents must be submitted prior to award/contract execution. Below are some of the requirements. Awarded contractor will work with the City and City's consultant to provide all documentation necessary in a timely manner in order to award and execute a contract.**

1. **Insurance** – Contractor must provide proof of Public Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,500,000 Single Limit prior to the commencement of work. The City of Duluth must be named as an additional insured. Please refer to the draft Contract, Section 8.
2. **Performance & Payment Bonds** – The awarded contractor will be required to submit performance and payments bonds in the full amount of the project cost prior to award.
3. **Out of State Contractor** - Unless a State of Minnesota Certificate of Exemption is provided, any out-of-state bidder receiving a bid award will have 8% retained from invoice payments on any contracts over \$50,000. Submit a signed copy of the [Exemption from Surety Deposits for Non-Minnesota Contractors](#) form when submitting Payment and Performance Bonds.
4. **Prevailing Wage** - Not less than the minimum salaries and prevailing wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project.
5. **Workforce Goals** – Workforce goals for this project are 12% people of color and indigenous and 9% women. See the EEO provisions in the special provisions.

The City of Duluth is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

CITY OF DULUTH  
Patrice Stalvig  
Purchasing Agent