

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that electronic bids for the construction of: Missoula Water – Worden & Howell Water Main Replacement Project will be received by the City Clerk, City of Missoula, 435 Ryman Street, Missoula, Montana, 59802 until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the: Mayor's Conference Room, City of Missoula, 412 Ryman Street, Missoula, Montana 59802.

This project generally consists of, but is not limited to, the installation of approximately 2,250 LF of new 8-inch ductile iron water main, new fire hydrant assemblies, connections to existing mains, installations of new appurtenances, water service connections, water service swaps, abandonments of existing water mains, and surface restoration of disturbed areas including asphalt, concrete, landscaping, and irrigation.

The City of Missoula requires bidders submit electronic bids as prescribed on the City's electronic bidding site, www.questcdn.com. Prospective Bidders must purchase contract documents through QuestCDN. QuestCDN is a web-based platform for construction project advertisements, bid documents distribution and plan holder lists. Prospective bidders will need the seven-digit QuestCDN project number (#6896270) to locate the job on the QuestCDN website search page. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased contract documents through QuestCDN.

Obtaining bidding documents and submitting a bid:

1. Proceed to the City of Missoula web site www.ci.missoula.mt.us/bids, click on the "e-bidding site". You then will be directed to the City's QuestCDN electronic bidding project list.

2. Select the project listed in this advertisement from the list of projects. Prospective bidders may view the bid documents at no cost under 'view bid documents'. To be considered a plan holder, you must register for a free membership on QuestCDN and download the contract documents in digital form under 'download bid documents'. There is a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 to download the documents. Planholders that wish to bid the project, will be required to pay an additional non-refundable fee of \$15.00.

3. You will be asked to sign into your account or create a free QuestCDN account by clicking the 'join' link. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading the project, and vbid online bid submittal.

4. The QuestCDN ebiddoc number for this project is: 6896270.

5. To access the bid form, click the online bidding button at the top of bid advertisement. The on-line bid button will be available when the project is published and open for bidding.

6. All addendums will be issued through the City's QuestCDN electronic bidding site. You must download the bid documents to be a plan holder and receive any addenda. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor, subcontractor, vendor and/or any individual and/or corporation to review all addendums twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference at the Missoula Water Conference Room, 1345 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana, on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. local time. Interested contractors are required to attend.

Actual prior experience performing the type of work in this project is an important factor for performance of this project. The Bidder is required to submit at the time of the bid with the bid proposal packet proof of experience performing work of a similar nature. Lack of experience in successfully completing projects of a similar size, with similar complexity may be construed as constituting a non-qualified bidder as determined by the City of Missoula.

The City of Missoula's Apprenticeship Bidder's Preference Program will apply to this project. The Bidder can claim this preference if they choose by completing the required forms in the bidding documents and submitting them with their bid. For a more detailed explanation of this preference program, see the entirety of the bidding documents.

Questions regarding the project manual, drawings and specifications shall be directed to the Engineer: Territorial-Landworks, Inc. c/o Cory Davis, P.E. at 1817 South Ave W Suite A, (P.O. Box 3851) Missoula, MT, 59806, via phone at (406) 721-0142 or email at coryd@territoriallandworks.com. Questions submitted after 12:00 p.m. (noon), local time, on Thursday, March 26, 2020 are not guaranteed to be answered before the bid due date and time.

Each proposal (only electronic bids will be accepted) must be accompanied by cashier's check, certified check, or bank money order drawn and issued by a national banking association located in the State of Montana, or by any banking corporation incorporated in the State of Montana, or by a bid bond or bonds executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the required contract. The bid security shall identify the same firm as is noted on the bid proposal form. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required of the successful bidder in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the aggregate of the proposal for the faithful performance of the contract, and protection of the City of Missoula and Missoula Water against liability.

Contractor and any of the contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) except as listed in MCA 39-9-211. Information on registration can be obtained from the Department of Labor and Industry by calling 1-406-444-7734. Contractor is required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project. Successful contractors and vendors are required to comply with City of Missoula business licensing requirements.

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as set out in the bid proposal.

The contractor performing works on a "Public works contract" shall not pay less than the latest Montana Labor Standard Provisions minimum wage rate. A copy of said wage rate is attached as part of the contract documents. The provisions of this part do not apply in those instances in which the standard prevailing rate of wages is determined by federal law. "Public works contract" means a contract for construction services let by the state, county, municipality, school district, or political subdivision or for non-construction services let by the state, county, municipality, or political subdivision in which the total cost of the contract is in excess of \$25,000.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement is subject to all appropriate federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated on the basis of race, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital or familial status, creed, ex-offender status, physical condition, political belief, public assistance status or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, except where these criteria are reasonable bona fide occupational qualifications.

City of Missoula reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject any and all bids received, and, if all bids are rejected, to re-advertise under the same or new specifications, or to make such an award as in the judgment of its officials best meets the Agency's requirements.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids, as specified above.

The City of Missoula provides accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in any service, program, or activity of the City. To request accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 406-552-6079.

City of Missoula is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Contractor(s) is required to be an Equal Opportunity Employer and must comply with the City of Missoula's Affirmative Action Policy.

Bid announcements and bid results are posted on the city's website at www.ci.missoula.mt.us/bids and on the City of Missoula's QuestCDN webpage.

Any objections to published specifications must be filed in written form with the City Clerk prior to bid opening.

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