

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF **ELDRED SHERWOOD PARK WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK COUNTY, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals, subject to the conditions contained herein, will be received by the Executive Director of the Hancock County Conservation Board of Hancock County, Iowa, at the Hancock County Conservation office, 545 State Street, Garner, Iowa, 50438 until 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 for:

Construction of "**ELDRED SHERWOOD PARK WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**", as hereinafter described in general and as described in detail in the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the Hancock County Conservation Executive Director, Garner, Iowa.

Proposals received will be opened, read aloud, tabulated, and referred to the County Conservation Board for consideration at 6:30 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, in the Hancock County Conservation Office, Garner, Iowa. Bids will be acted upon at such time or at such later time as may then be fixed. On February 15, 2022, in the Board Room in the Hancock County Conservation Office, a hearing was held on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for said Improvements, and at said hearing was approved.

The extent of the work involved is the furnishing of labor and new materials for the construction of water & sanitary sewer systems including, but not limited to the following:

**ELDRED SHERWOOD PARK WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Project includes all labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct approximately 1,200 of new sanitary sewer main and manholes, 1,900 feet of water main piping, and service lines, including miscellaneous work including cleanup.

The Proposal shall be made out on the form furnished by the County of Hancock County and obtained from WHKS & Co., Engineers, Planners, and Surveyors, and must be accompanied in a sealed envelope by either: (1) a certified check, or a cashier's check drawn on an Iowa bank, or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 5% of bid amount; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount of 5% of bid amount; or (3) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of 5% of bid amount.

The bid security shall be made payable to the Hancock County Conservation Board of the County of Hancock County, Iowa.

The bid security must not contain any conditions either in body or as an endorsement thereon. The bid security shall be forfeited to the County as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into contract within ten (10) days after the award of contract and post bond satisfactory to the County insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract and the maintenance of said work, if required, pursuant to the provisions of this notice and the other contract documents. The County will accept bid bond forms that meet the Requirements of Iowa Code, Section 26.8.

Sales Tax Exemption. Contractors and subcontractors shall not include sales tax for material purchases. At the time of the contract acceptance by the Hancock County Conservation Board, the prime contractor and all subcontractors will be issued a certificate of exemption.

Bidders shall not be permitted to withdraw their bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the same are opened.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and produced within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

Bidders will be required to complete a Bidder Status Form from the Iowa Department of Labor regarding the Contractor's resident status within the State of Iowa. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

The Contractor shall commence work after the Notice to Proceed is issued and shall be completed on or before October 28, 2022. Work will NOT be allowed between May 20, 2022 and September 12, 2022, as this is main camping season. If work begins and is not completed prior to May 20, 2022, contractor shall halt all work at a reasonable stopping point and entire site shall be cleaned up prior to May 20, 2022 and Contractor materials and equipment shall be removed from the project site, no additional mobilization will be allowed.

Payment to the Contractor for said Project will be made in cash derived from the proceeds of the issuance of bonds as may be legally used for such purposes, governmental grants and/or from cash on hand. Any combination of the above methods of payment may be used at the discretion of the Owner.

The Contractor will be paid each month ninety-five (95) percent of the Engineer's estimate of the value of acceptable work completed at the end of the preceding month. Final payment will be made in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 26 and 573, as amended. No partial or final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified to the County that the materials, labor and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Owner and which shall guarantee a faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the Owner from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvements constructed for a period of two (2) year(s) after completion and acceptance by the Owner.

