

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR ELECTRICAL MATERIALS FOR ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, ALGONA, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SAID EQUIPMENT.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the General Manager of **Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, Iowa**, at the Utility Offices at 104 West Call Street, P.O. Box 10, Algona, IA 50511 before **2:00 PM**, on **February 28, 2018**, for the furnishing of 69 kV SF6 Breakers for Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, Iowa. At said time and place, bids will be publicly opened, read and acted upon. The Board of Trustees at a subsequent meeting to be held on March 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM at which time and place the Board will act upon the 69 kV breaker bids. The equipment required is as follows:

Two (2) new 69 kV SF₆ circuit breakers and related equipment.

The 69 kV circuit breakers shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the offices of Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, Iowa, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Suppliers desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents at no charge by inputting Quest project #5542916 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Utility and must contain either (1) a cashier's check or draft or check or share draft certified and drawn on a solvent State or National bank, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to Algona Municipal Utilities. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within ten (10) days after the award of contract and post a satisfactory Performance Bond. No oral, facsimile, e-mail, telegraphic or telephonic bids or modifications will be considered.

Payment to the Supplier for the equipment shall be made on the basis of ninety-five percent (95%) within thirty-one (31) days after delivery and receipt of the equipment in acceptable condition; five percent (5%) within thirty-one (31) days after final completion, field testing, delivery of field test results, delivery of manuals, Owner's acceptance, and delivery of documentation.

The equipment shall be delivered according to the schedule listed in the Instructions to Bidders.

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

The work on this project shall commence within ten (10) days after receipt by the contractor of a written notice to proceed and shall be substantially completed by August 1, 2018, subject to any changes in the contract period as provided for in these specifications.

The Utility may make the contract award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications. The Utility reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The Utility also reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2018.

ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
ALGONA, IOWA

By /s/ John Bilsten
General Manager