

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE DOWNTOWN ALLEY CONVERSION FOR ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, ALGONA, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR FURNISHING OF SUCH WORK.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the General Manager of **Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, Iowa**, at the Utility Offices at 104 West Call Street, Algona, IA 50511 until **1:00 P.M.**, on **February 7, 2012**, for the Downtown Alley Conversion. At said time and place, proposals will be publicly opened and read. The Board of Trustees will meet at Algona Municipal Utilities Offices on February 15, 2012 at 11 A.M., at which time and place the said Board will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the plans, specifications, and proposed form of contract for the Downtown Alley Conversion, which are now on file at the Office of Utilities. At said meeting, or at a later time and place as will then be fixed, the Board will act upon the bid proposals.

The proposed construction is described in general as follows:

The project consists of converting the downtown alleys from overhead to underground electric. This includes installing owner furnished equipment bases for padmount transformers and padmount switches, electric manholes and AMU communication handholes. Contractor to furnish and install conduit, equipment bases, secondary pedestals, single phase and three phase and misc. equipment (approx. 24 blocks of electrical). There are approximately 8 blocks, which includes removal of existing surfacing and the construction of new surfacing, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and relining of sanitary sewer mains.

The above work 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.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$15.00 by inputting Quest project #1830191 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. As an option, one paper set of bidding documents is available without charge to prospective bidders, subcontractor bidders, and suppliers from the office of the Engineer, DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710.

The proposal 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 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 the Algona Municipal Utilities, Algona, Iowa. 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 Utilities 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.

Payment to the Contractor for said construction work will be made from cash on hand or such other funds that legally may be used or obtained for such purposes. Estimates will be paid monthly by the board to the Contractor in accordance with the following schedule:

Ninety-five percent (95%) upon certification of units completed; five percent (5%) thirty-one days after final completion and acceptance.

The construction shall be started after the execution of the Construction Agreement (the Contract) and all Parts shall be fully completed by August 15, 2013. See the "Sequence of Construction" section of the General Items portion of the Technical Specifications for special instructions relating to staging of construction for this project.

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.

Algona Municipal Utilities reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The Utilities also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the Utility.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2012.

ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

By /s/ John Bilsten
General Manager