#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS**

Sealed Bids for Water Service Line Potholing for Lawrence Utilities (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at the Utility Operations Center, 9201 Harrison Park Court, Lawrence, Indiana between the hours of 7:30am – 4:00pm (local time) until April 1, 2024. On April 2, 2024 bids will be accepted until 1:00pm (local time). Any bids submitted after 1:00pm (local time) must be hand delivered to the Lawrence Government Center, Public Assembly Room, 9001 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street in Lawrence, Indiana by 1:30pm (local time). Any Bids received later than 1:30pm (local time) on April 2, 2024 will be returned unopened. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:30pm (local time) on April 2, 2024 at the Lawrence Government Center, Public Assembly Room, 9001 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street in Lawrence, Indiana.

#### The Work shall include:

Hydro excavation to uncover and identify water service line materials (estimated to be approximately 535 total), maintenance of traffic, recording and reporting the results, restoration, and other improvements as specified.

The Owner is currently inspecting water meter pits to determine where hydro excavation will be needed to further verify water service line materials. As locations for potholing are determined, location maps will be updated and provided to the Contractor during the Project.

Work shall be constructed under a Unit Price Contract.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on a State Board of Accounts Form 96 (Revised 2013). Each Bid shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Bid Attachment (included with the Contract Specifications) to Form 96, a Financial Statement (completely filled out and signed) and a bid security in the form of an acceptable certified check payable to the Owner or an acceptable Bidder's bond, in an amount of not less than 5% of the total bid price, in accordance with the Contract Specifications.

The Contract will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of IC 5-16-13 for Public Works projects awarded after June 30, 2015. Pursuant to IC 5-16-13-7, the provisions of the law are incorporated by reference.

In accordance with IC 5-16-13-11, Contractor shall submit an Employee Drug Testing Plan with their Bid and contractors of any tier as defined in IC 5-16-13-4 must comply with the drug testing requirements set forth in IC 4-13-18. Contractors shall complete a Drug Testing Plan Certification to be submitted with their Bid.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in bids or bidding procedure, or reject any and all bids, or to accept the bid from the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder as exclusively determined by the Owner. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. No Bidder may withdraw a bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Owner and the Bidder determined by the Owner to be the lowest most responsible and responsive.

Submission of a signed Bid by the Bidder constitutes acknowledgment of and acceptance of all the documents and terms and conditions of the Contractual-Legal Requirements and Technical Sections of the specifications in the Project Manual.

The Contractor to whom the Work is awarded will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion. Pursuant to IC 22-5-1.7, the Contractor will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees of Contractor through the E-Verify Program.

The Contractor to whom the Work is awarded will be required to purchase and maintain insurance coverage as described in the Contract Documents on an "occurrence basis".

Copies of the Specifications for the Work are on file (for viewing purposes only) at the Lawrence Utilities Operation Center located at 9201 Harrison Park Court, Lawrence, IN 46216; and the Engineer's office, Wessler Engineering, 6219 South East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227, Telephone (317) 788-4551. All copies are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. (<a href="www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/">www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/</a>) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$50. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$100.

An up-to-date Planholders List may be viewed at <a href="http://wesslerengineering.com/planroom/">http://wesslerengineering.com/planroom/</a>.

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held.

CITY OF LAWRENCE UTILITIES LAWRENCE, INDIANA

/S/ Tracy Boyd, Chair

Attest: /S/ Tina Whitcomb, Director of Administration and USB Recording Secretary

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