

## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS**

Sealed Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Equalization Basin Improvements for the Town of Lowell (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at 501 E Main St., Lowell, IN 46356 until February 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM Central Time. Any Bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The Work shall include:

Modifications to the existing equalization basin which include the removal of the existing liner, access drive, and existing aerators, grading modifications, liner replacement, installation of new concrete access drive, asphalt floor, new aerators, new underdrain system, new drainage pump station, new drainage outfall, electrical work and site work necessary for a complete installation, all in accordance with the Contract Documents and Specifications.

Work shall be constructed under a Lump Sum and 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.

For contracts over \$300,000.00, in accordance with IC 5-16-13-10 and IC 8-23-10-0.5, Contractor must be qualified under either IC 4-13.6-4 or IC 8-23-10 (Indiana Department of Administration or Indiana Department of Transportation) before doing any Work on a Public Works project.

In accordance with IC 22-5-1.7-11.1, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner, and contractors of any tier as defined in IC 5-16-13-4, will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify program (effective July 1, 2011), and comply with the reporting requirements of IC 5-16-13-11.

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.

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 Drawings and Specifications for the Work are on file (for viewing purposes only) at the Town of Lowell, 501 East Main Street, Lowell, Indiana, 46356; and the Engineer's office, Wessler Engineering, 6219 South East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227, Telephone (317) 788-4551 and our West Lafayette office at 1435 Win Hentschel Boulevard, Suite 105, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47906. All copies are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. ([www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/](http://www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/)) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$100. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$150.

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

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM (Central Time) on February 5, 2025 at the Town Hall (501 E. Main Street) in Lowell, Indiana. Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

TOWN OF LOWELL, INDIANA

/S/Craig Hendrix, Town Manager

Attest: /S/Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer

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