

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for the Westside Regional Interceptor – Phase 2, for the City of Franklin, Indiana (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner at City Hall, 70 East Monroe Street, Franklin, Indiana until October 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM (local 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:

Installation of approximately 14,565 LF of sanitary force main ranging in size from 10-inch to 16-inch installed via open cut or horizontal directional drilling installation; 1,475 LF of sanitary force main ranging in size from 12-inch to 18-inch installed via horizontal directional drilling; 60 LF of 12-inch sanitary sewer force main in 18-inch casing; 19,462 LF of gravity sanitary sewer ranging in size from 18-inch and 24-inch installed via various methods (open cut, horizontal directional drilling, and jack and bore); 55 sanitary manholes; seven (7) air/vacuum release valve and vaults; epoxy manhole lining; Westside Regional Lift Station (complete); access drives; dewatering; maintenance of traffic; deep ripping/chisel plowing of farm fields; and all other work and appurtenances necessary for a complete installation.

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 and Contractor agrees that pursuant to IC 5-16-13-8, the public work project will not be structured other than in the Contractor tier structure required by law. Contractor shall further be required to comply with the provisions of IC 5-16-13-13, 14 in all respects including but not limited to document preservation and availability for inspection.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder, including but not limited to, the provisions and definitions referenced in IC 5-16-13 and IC 5-16-14.

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.

Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to provide an Indiana Iran Investment Certification.

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" and in accordance with the insurance requirements and hold harmless provisions of the City of Franklin as identified in the Contractor Documents. Additionally, all Contractors (including Tier Contractors) shall be required to comply with IC 5-16-13-9 through 12. A copy of the proposed Contract is included in the Contract Documents.

Copies of the Drawings and Specifications for the work are available for viewing at <http://wesslerengineering.com/planroom/>. All copies are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. (www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$100.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$200.00.

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

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 9:00 AM (local time) on September 23, 2025 at the Franklin City Hall, 70 E Monroe Street. Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

CITY OF FRANKLIN, INDIANA

/S/ Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer

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