

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for Water Main Improvements and Lead Service Line Replacements, for the City of Berne (herein called the "OWNER") will be received by the Owner in the council chambers located in the Berne City Building at 158 West Franklin Street until March 5, 2026 at 11:00 am (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:

Water Mains: Installation of approximately 2,065 linear feet of 6-inch C900 PVC water main by open cut, 550 linear feet of 8-inch C900 PVC water main by open cut, 735 linear feet of 6-inch C900 CertaLok PVC water main by horizontal directional drilling, 300 linear feet of 8-inch C900 CertaLok PVC water main by horizontal directional drilling, 760 linear feet of 8-inch HDPE water main by horizontal directional drilling, 45 linear feet of 8-inch HDPE water main by open cut, 50 linear feet of 4-inch C900 PVC water main by open cut, new ADA-compliant sidewalks, valves, hydrants, service lines, pavement repair, cleanup and site restoration, maintenance of traffic, and all other work necessary for a complete installation.

Lead Service Line Replacements: Hydro-excavation investigations of approximately 19 customer-side water service lines to identify existing service line material, size, and depth. Based on the results of the investigations, coordinate and replace identified lead and galvanized pipe downstream of lead for utility-side only or full water service line replacements. There are 88 lead service line replacements anticipated. Water service line replacement will consist of connecting to the existing or new water main, installation of water service lines, new curb stops, confirmation of electrical grounding, repairing pavement, surface repair, maintenance of traffic and other incidental work necessary for a complete installation.

A list of addresses requiring lead service line replacements is included in **Appendix A**.

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.

The construction of the project is expected to be funded in part by a State Revolving Fund (SRF) as administered by the Indiana Finance Authority. The Contractor to whom the Work is awarded shall comply with all requirements of said agency.

In accordance with the Davis-Bacon requirements, all contractor and subcontractors are required to pay not less than the Federal prevailing wage rates published by the U.S. Department of Labor for each classification of Work performed on this project.

Bidders are notified that there is a 7% MBE and 5% WBE participation goal on this project.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder and must be approved by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs [and the State Revolving Fund Loan as administered by the Indiana Finance Authority].

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 90 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 Drawings and 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 City of Berne's Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 158 West Franklin Street, Berne, IN; 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. ([www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/](http://www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/)) for a non-refundable fee. A

complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$75.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$100.00.

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

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 pm (local time) on February 23, 2026 in the council chambers located in the Berne City Building at 158 West Franklin Street in Berne, Indiana. Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference.

City of Berne  
Berne Waterworks

/S/ Gregg Sprunger, Mayor

Attest: /S/Kalla Caffee , Clerk-Treasurer



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