

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

### **WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS DIVISION 2 – BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS NEW MARKET, IOWA 2023**

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before **2:00 P.M. on March 14, 2024**, in City Hall, 512 Main Street, New Market, Iowa 51646. Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at **2:00 P.M. on March 14, 2024**, in City Hall, 512 Main Street, New Market, Iowa 51646, for consideration by the City of New Market at its meeting at **7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2024**, in City Hall, 512 Main Street, New Market, Iowa 51646. The City of New Market reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. Work on the improvements shall be commenced immediately upon issuance of a written Notice to Proceed and be completed as stated below.

Bid Security. Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, in form acceptable to the City, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, as fixed in the Instruction to Bidders, and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on a FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on a FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the City. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

Contract Documents. **Electronic project documents** are available at no cost at [www.gardenassociates.net](http://www.gardenassociates.net) by clicking on the "Bid Documents" tab and choosing "WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – DIVISION 2 – BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS - NEW MARKET, IOWA – 2023" on the left side of the page. Project information, Engineer's cost opinion and plan holder information is also available at this website. Plan downloads require the user to register for a free membership at QuestCDN.com. The download delivery fee is \$0.00.

**Paper copies** of the bid forms, plans and specifications may be obtained from Garden & Associates, Ltd., 806 Wyoming Street, Creston, IA 50801 upon deposit of **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** which shall be refunded upon return of said plans and specification within fourteen (14) days after award of the project. If said plans and specifications are not returned within the time specified and in good usable condition, the deposit shall be forfeited.

To the extent allowed by Federal law and regulation, by virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

General Nature of Improvements. The work generally consists of the following:

Division 2 – Booster Pump Station Improvements: Lump sum price for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals for the construction of a complete and operational Booster Pump Station as shown on plans and specifications; including but not limited to excavation, site work, 10 FT X 16 FT masonry block building, piping, valves, hydrants, two (2) 65 gpm 5 HP pumps with variable frequency drives, electrical service and systems, grounding, wiring and lighting, pressure transducer, HVAC, water main and connections, backfill, control system at booster pump station and water tower, demolition of existing booster pump station vault and piping, and miscellaneous associated work for complete installation.

Building materials, supplies, and equipment incorporated into said improvement are exempt from Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance sales tax and any applicable local option sales tax and school infrastructure local option sales tax pursuant to Iowa Code Sections: 422.42 (15) & (16), and 422.47 (5). Bidder shall not include payment of Iowa sales tax in Bid. Jurisdiction will provide Purchasing Agent Authorization Letter and Designated Exempt Entity Iowa Construction Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. Contractor will coordinate sales tax exempt purchases with subcontractors and material and equipment suppliers. Contractor will maintain records identifying the materials purchased sales tax exempt and will maintain records verifying the use of said materials on said improvement.

Payment to the Contractor for said improvements will be made in monthly estimates and one final payment. Monthly estimates will be equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed during the preceding calendar month. Such monthly payment will in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally.

Final payment to the Contractor will be made no earlier than thirty (30) days from and after final acceptance of the work by the Jurisdiction. Before final payment is made, the Contractor shall file with the Jurisdiction lien waivers from material suppliers and/or subcontractors showing that they were paid in full for materials supplied and/or work performed on the project.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$975.00)** per working day will be assessed for each day that the work shall remain uncompleted after the end of the contract period with due allowance for extension of contract period due to conditions beyond the control of the Contractor.

Successful Bidder will be required to furnish Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bond acceptable to the City of New Market on the form provided in the specifications in amounts equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Award of the contract will be to the lowest responsive, responsible, qualified bidder submitting the lowest acceptable bid. The City of New Market hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities and to enter into such contract as it may deem to be for the best interest of the City of New Market. A bidder shall not withdraw its proposal for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date designated for opening of proposals.

The work shall commence upon the issuance of a written Notice to Proceed.

The work on the Division 2 under the proposed contract shall be fully completed and ready for final payment **within 175 working days** from the written Notice to Proceed.

It is anticipated that the Notice to Proceed will be issued on or after February 21, 2024 with a late start date of April 1, 2024.

### **American Iron and Steel**

**Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.**

**The following waivers apply to this Contract:**

***De Minimis,***

**Minor Components,**

**Pig iron and direct reduced iron.**

This Notice is given by authority of the City of New Market.

Frank Sefrit  
Mayor, City of New Market

*ATTEST:*

Megan Wright, Clerk