

NOTICE OF HEARING AND LETTING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIFT STATION & FORCE MAIN FOR THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of West Branch, Iowa will meet in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 110 Poplar Street, West Branch, Iowa, on the 19th day of November, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at which time a hearing will be held and said Council proposes to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the Lift Station & Force Main project and work incidental thereto for said City.

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of West Branch, Iowa, at City Hall, 110 North Poplar Street, West Branch, Iowa, until 2:00 P.M. on the 12th day of December, 2012, for the construction of Lift Station & Force Main as described in the plans and specifications therefor, now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Proposals will be opened and the amount of the bids announced by the City Clerk at the time and date specified above. Proposals will be acted upon by said City at the December 17th Council Meeting or at such later time and place as then may be fixed.

The nature and extent of the improvements are as follows:

LIFT STATION & FORCE MAIN

Construct improvements including all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for excavation, backfill, and site work; reinforced and precast concrete; 16-inch force main with interstate crossing; packaged control building; demolition; modification of existing lift station; piping and appurtenances; manholes; submersible pumps; electrical and control equipment including conduit, cables, wiring, motor controls, starters, switches, fixtures, generator and transfer switch; overflow channel, metering manhole and miscellaneous associated work, including cleanup.

All work and materials are to be in accordance with the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost now on file in the office of the City Clerk of West Branch, Iowa, and by this reference made a part thereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

All proposals and bids in connection therewith shall be submitted to the City Clerk of said City on or before the time herein set for receiving bids. All proposals shall be made on official bidding blanks furnished by the City, and any alterations in the official form of proposal will entitle the Council, at its option, to reject the proposal involved from consideration. Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly identified.

Each proposal shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the municipality and must be accompanied in a sealed envelope by either (1) a certified or cashier's check drawn on a solvent Iowa bank or a 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, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, or (2) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in the penal sum of five percent (5%) of the bid.

The bid security should be made payable to the CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. The bid security shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within 10 days after the award of contract and post bond satisfactory to the City insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract and the maintenance of said work, if required, pursuant to the provisions of this notice and other contract documents. Bidders shall use the bid bond form bound in the specifications.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to projects and provisions grown, and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and preference will be given to Iowa domestic labor in the construction of the improvements.

The award of contract will be made to the lowest responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid, which shall be determined without regard to state or local law whereby preference is given on factors other than the amount of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and technicalities and to enter into such contract as it shall deem for the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) from the date of receiving bids.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the City Council and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment

for all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the City from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor, and shall guarantee the work against faulty workmanship and materials for a period of two (2) years after its completion and acceptance by the City Council.

The work under the contract shall commence within ten (10) days after date set forth in written Notice to Proceed and shall be completed by October 1, 2013.

Liquidated damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per consecutive calendar day will be assessed for each day that work shall remain uncompleted after the end of the contract period, with due allowance for extensions of the contract period due to conditions beyond the control of the Contractor. Inclement weather shall not be considered for extension of the contract period.

Payment of the cost of said project will be made from any one or a combination of the following sources at the sole discretion of the City Council: (1) cash to be derived from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of Sewer Revenue Bonds, which will be payable solely and only out of the future net revenues of the sewer utility, and/or from such other cash funds on hand of said City as may be lawfully used for said purpose; (2) cash derived from the proceeds of the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of said City; or (3) cash from such general funds of said City as may be legally used for such purpose.

Payment to the Contractor will be based on monthly estimates equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the work completed including materials and equipment delivered to the job during the preceding calendar month, and will be based upon an estimate prepared by the Contractor on the first day of the month, subject to the approval of the Engineer.

At least ten (10) days before each progress payment falls due (but not more often than once a month), the Contractor will submit to the Engineer a partial payment estimate filled out and signed by the Contractor covering the work performed during the period covered by the partial payment estimate and supported by such data as the Engineer may reasonably require. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at or near the site, the partial payment estimate shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the Owner, as will establish the Owner's title to the material and equipment and protect his interest therein, including applicable insurance. The Engineer will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of each partial payment estimate, either indicate in writing his approval of payment and present the partial payment estimate to the Owner, or return the partial payment

estimate to the Contractor indicating in writing his reasons for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the partial payment estimate. The Owner will, within thirty (30) days of presentation to him of an approved partial payment estimate, pay the Contractor a progress payment on the basis of the approved partial payment estimate. The Owner shall retain five (5) percent of the amount of each payment until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the contract documents.

The request for payment may also include an allowance for the cost of such major materials and equipment which are suitably stored either at or near the site.

Prior to substantial completion, the Owner, with the approval of the Engineer and with the concurrence of the Contractor, may use any completed or substantially completed portions of the work. Such use shall not constitute an acceptance of such portions of the work.

The Owner shall have the right to enter the premises for the purpose of doing work not covered by the contract documents. This provision shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor of the sole responsibility for the care and protection of the work, or the restoration of any damaged work except such as may be caused by agents or employees of the Owner.

Upon completion and acceptance of the work, the Engineer shall issue a certificate that the work has been accepted by him under the conditions of the contract documents. Final payment will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion of the work and acceptance by the City subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa.

The Contractor will indemnify and save the Owner or the Owner's agents harmless from all claims growing out of the lawful demands of subcontractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, materialmen, and furnishers of machinery and parts thereof, equipment, tools, and all supplies, incurred in the furtherance of the performance of the work. The Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature designated above have been paid, discharged, or waived. If the Contractor fails to do so the Owner may, after having notified the Contractor, either pay unpaid bills or withhold from the Contractor's unpaid compensation a sum of money deemed reasonably sufficient to pay any and all such lawful claims until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all liabilities have been fully discharged whereupon payment to the Contractor shall be resumed, in accordance with the terms of the contract documents, but in no event shall the provisions of this sentence be construed to impose any obligations upon the Owner to either the

Contractor, his Surety, or any third party. In paying any unpaid bills of the Contractor, any payment so made by the Owner shall be considered as a payment made under the contract documents by the Owner to the Contractor and the Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for any such payments made in good faith.

The City will issue a sales tax exemption certificate applicable for all materials purchased for the project.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC. of Coralville, Iowa, which plans and specifications and the proceedings of the City Council referring to and defining said improvements are hereby made a part of this notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.

Copies of said plans and specifications are now on file in the office of the City Clerk, for examination by bidders. Copies are available from TECHNIGRAPHICS, 415 Highland Avenue, Suite 100, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. Contact Jill Chambers at 319-354-5950 or email jchambers@techiowa.com. A refundable deposit of \$30 is required. Please make checks to Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. Mail said deposit checks to Technigraphics, 415 Highland Avenue, Suite 100, Iowa City, Iowa 52240, Attn: Jill Chambers. Upon receiving deposit check, plans and specifications will be mailed out. When plans and specifications are returned in good condition within 14 days of the award date of the project, deposit checks will be returned.

This notice is given by order of the Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa.

CITY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA
Don Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Matt Muckler, City Administrator