**SECTION 00100**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Separate sealed bids for construction of **SOUTHWEST SIDE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT – PHASE 4, (OFFICE FILE 1432.5)** will be received by the City Clerk at the office of the City Clerk, Room 204, Civic Center, P.O. Box 5021,Great Falls, Montana 59403, #2 Park Drive, Great Falls, MT 59401, until **9:00 a.m.** local time on **April 17, 2024**, and then publicly opened and read aloud thereafter in the Gibson Conference Room at the Great Falls Civic Center.

The project consists of: approximately 3,560 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC water main replacement; remove and replace 7 fire hydrants; 71 - ¾-inch or 1-inch water service connections; 2,810 Square Yards 1½-inch base course gravel; and 3,750 Square Yards of asphalt removal and replacement.

The contract documents consisting of Drawings and project Manual may be examined or obtained at the office of City Engineer at the Great Falls Public Works Department at 1025 25th Avenue NE, Great Falls, MT 59404, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Required Deposit is **$50.00** per set, which is not refundable. Contact the City Engineering Office at 406-771-1258 with any questions.

There will be a Pre-Bid conference at the City Engineering Office Conference Room at **11:00 a.m**., on **April 10, 2024**. Interested CONTRACTORS are encouraged to attend.

Bidder questions will be accepted until **12 p.m.** local time on **April 12, 2024** and must be provided in writing via e-mail to Matt Proud. Please call for email information, if needed.

CONTRACTOR and any of the CONTRACTOR’S subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. CONTRACTOR is not required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project, but must have registered prior to execution of the Construction Agreement. All laborers and mechanics employed by the CONTRACTOR or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the City of Great Falls and the State of Montana. The CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other class protected by state or federal law.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to City of Great Falls, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful BIDDERS shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful BIDDER(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. Contractor and all subcontractors must be licensed to perform work in the City of Great Falls prior to contract award.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for public opening of bids, which is **9:00 a.m.**, local time on **April 17, 2024.**

The City of Great Falls reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the City’s best interests.

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