

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OSAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES MITCHELL FIBER PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Osage Municipal Utilities at 720 Chestnut Street, Osage, Iowa on July 7th, on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated costs) for the Mitchell fiber project improvement as described below, at its meeting at 8:30 o'clock a.m. At the hearing, the Municipal Utility will receive and consider any objections made by any interested party to the plans and specifications, proposed form of contract, and the estimate of the construction cost for the project. The Board will then make its determination by resolution.

Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before 8:30 o'clock a.m. at the Osage Municipal Utilities office at 720 Chestnut Street, Osage, Iowa, according to the clock in the utility office. 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. The bidders will also be required to submit a Bidder Status Form with the bid. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected. A copy of the form can be found on the Iowa Workforce website. Further requirements for bidding are set forth below.

Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 8:31 o'clock a.m. on July 7, 2020, in the office of Osage Municipal Utilities, 720 Chestnut Street, Osage, Iowa for consideration by the Board of Directors of Osage Municipal Utilities at its meeting on that same date and time.

The estimated cost of the project as estimated by the engineering consultants is \$535,000.

Project description: Provide installation of materials for a 27.97 miles, FTTH build to be located in and around the community of Mitchell, IA. The entire fiber build project is located within and around the city of Mitchell, Iowa. Exact route is noted in specifications. Bidder is encouraged to visit the fiber trunk line route.

Documents: Plans and specifications may be obtained and inspected at Osage Municipal Utilities, 720 Chestnut Street, Osage, Iowa 50461. Telephone: 641-832-3731, Fax: 641-732-5498, Email: jbyrnes@osage.net. Questions regarding the plans and specifications may be directed to the office of the Designer: R&S Fiber Optic Services, 2882 106th Street, Decorah, Iowa. Telephone: 605-651-0014, Email: rsfiberptic@gmail.com.

Bidders Qualifications: Company must specialize in the installation of fiber optic with five years documented experience. Company must have installed at least a 10-mile fiber optic trunk line. Must provide documentation on company history for past five (5) years with project sizes and Owner references.

Conditions: The installation of materials shall be in accordance with the specifications now on file at the Offices of Osage Municipal Utilities in said City of Osage, Iowa, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Utility and must contain either (1) a cashier's check or draft or check certified and drawn on a solvent State or National bank, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to the Osage Municipal Utilities. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to Osage Municipal Utilities as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within ten (10) days after the award of bid and post a satisfactory Performance Bond.

Delivery and installation of the fiber project is *desired* to commence by Summer/Fall 2020 and no later than Fall/Winter of 2020. Prefer to have Fiber Project completed by December 31st, 2020.

The Osage Municipal Utilities Board reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The Board also reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

Temporary Services: Temporary services determined to be necessary at the site are to be procured by the bid holder.

Security of Work Site: Bid holder will be responsible for securing the work site from the date of project commencement through project completion.

Prevailing Wage: All work done under this contract is subject to all requirements of the Department of Labor, State of Iowa, and must pay the prevailing wage rate as determined by the Department of Labor and the Owner.

Drug Free Work Place: Contractors must comply with the Drug Free Workplace Act (Source: P.A. 86-1459).

Registration: Bidders shall be expected to comply with chapter 91C of the Code of Iowa concerning registration of construction contractors and the successful bidder shall be required to supply Osage Municipal Utilities of proof of said compliance.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2020.

/s/ Jen Frein
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Attested: /s/ Josh Byrnes
General Manager