

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Municipal Utilities Board at the Watertown Municipal Utilities Office, 901 4th Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201 (Issuing Office), up to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, **March 17, 2021** for:

Uptown Substation Switchgear Upgrade

In general, the work will include up grading the bus of the existing GE switchgear from 1200 amp to 2000 amp and upgrading the two mains and bus tie breaker from 1200 amp to 2000 amp. All material for the project is be supplied by the Bidder. No relaying is to be changed other than CT upgrades as needed and new relay settings for breakers being upgraded.

Project is to be completed by October 29th, 2021. A detailed schedule is included in Section 1010 of the specifications. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on February 24th, 2021. See Section 200 “Instructions to Bidders” for the complete information. Selection will be based on quoted price, qualifications to do this type of work, conformity to the specifications and completeness of proposal. Bids shall be submitted on the forms supplied and sealed in an envelope addressed to “Secretary, Municipal Utilities Board”. Two complete copies of the Bid shall be provided.

At the time and place named above such bids will be opened publicly and subsequently acted upon by the Municipal Utilities Board at a Board Meeting. Notice of Award should be by April 1, 2021.

Specification, Drawings, and contract documents for the substation construction may be examined at the office of the Watertown Municipal Utilities, 901 Fourth Avenue SW, Watertown, SD 57201 or obtained from Consulting Engineers Group (CEG), 21875 Grenada Avenue, Lakeville, Minnesota, 55044, Phone 651-463-6250. All questions shall be directed to Consulting Engineers Group, Pete Malamen, Darko Borkovic, or Jacob Romero.

Each bid shall be accompanied by bid deposit as a guaranty that such bidder will enter into a contract with said Municipal Utilities Board in case such bidder is awarded the contract. The bid deposit shall be in the form of a certified check, cashier’s check or bank draft, for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid OR a bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid.

The check or bank draft should be made payable to the Watertown Municipal Utilities of Watertown, SD. The bond should be issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota, such bond to be made payable to the Watertown Municipal Utilities (CHECKS OR BONDS NOT COMPLYING WITH THESE PROVISIONS WILL DISQUALIFY BID.) The check or bond will be retained by the Utilities as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into a contract.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids or any part of any bid, waive irregularities or informalities in any bid, and make awards as deemed to be in the best interest of Watertown Municipal Utilities. Bids received after the specified time for opening will be returned unopened. **Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted.** No bidder may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of opening.

The Watertown Municipal Utilities does not discriminate in employment opportunities or provision of services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.

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