

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

NOTICE OF TAKING OF BIDS FOR THE “2017 FIBER-TO-THE-HOME PROJECT - ELECTRONICS” FOR THE COON RAPIDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES (CRMU) AT COON RAPIDS, IOWA.

Notice is hereby given that bids for the construction, including the supply of necessary labor, materials, and equipment, to install the new fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project known as 2017 FTTH PROJECT - ELECTRONICS, will be received by the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities (CRMU) at Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, 123 3rd Avenue South, Coon Rapids, Iowa 50058 on or before 10:00 o'clock A.M., C.S.T., March 8, 2017, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read. The Project is located in the City of Coon Rapids, Carroll and Guthrie Counties in the State of Iowa. On March 16, 2017 at 7:00 A.M. at the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, 123 3rd Avenue South, Coon Rapids, Iowa 50058, the bids will be considered and acted upon by the Board of Trustees.

At, 7:00 A.M., C.S.T., February 23, 2017 at the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, 123 3rd Avenue South, Coon Rapids, Iowa 50058, the Board of Trustees of the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and estimated cost of the project. At said hearing any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract or estimated cost of said improvements.

FTTH Electronics Project

This project is for the installation of the electronics in the central office and subscriber locations to activate the new fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) system in Coon Rapids, Iowa. The project will place the optical network terminal and associated equipment in the central office and the subscriber electronics at each subscriber's location. The new fiber optic cable runs from the CRMU Network Operations Center, located at 123 3rd Avenue South, Coon Rapids, Iowa, to the existing and potential electric subscribers in Coon Rapids. Individual fibers have been provided for each subscriber to provide connectivity for the delivery and receipt of all communication services

All of the above work shall be provided in accordance with the plans, specifications and proposed contract. The time for completion of construction of the Project shall be on or before September 29, 2017.

The plans, specifications, and construction sheets together with all necessary forms and other documents for Bidders (the “Construction Documents”) may be obtained from the **Owner**, or from Engineer, OAK HILL CONSULTING, INC., 1308 West Highway 13, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337, Telephone (952) 895-8851. The first set is provided at no charge, additional sets may be purchased upon payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which payment will not be subject to refund unless the complete set of Construction Documents is returned to the Owner in good condition within 14 days after award of the Contract. The plans, specifications, and construction sheets may be examined at the offices of the **Owner** or Engineer.

Bidders shall have on file with the Engineer's office at least five (5) days in advance of the scheduled bid date, the Bidder's qualifications on forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Engineer. Questions relating to Bidder's qualifications may be resolved prior to the opening of Bids. Bids will be accepted only from original purchasers or from some other qualified Bidder to whom such a set has been transferred by the original purchaser with the approval of the Owner.

Each proposal shall be made out on a blank form furnished by Owner or the Engineer and must be accompanied by bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, 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 a form acceptable to the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the proposal and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an 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 with corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Iowa and satisfactory to the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities. A bid bond shall contain no conditions except as provided in Iowa Code Section 26.8. The bid shall contain no conditions except as provided in the specifications.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to 100% of its contract price. Said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the contract and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvement caused by failures in materials and construction for a period of no less than one (1) year from and after acceptance of the completed Project.

All proposals and bid bond shall be sealed in a single envelope and plainly marked, "SEALED BID FOR COON RAPIDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 2017 FTTH PROJECT - ELECTRONICS". The envelope shall also show the bidders name and date and time of bid opening. Any alteration of the proposal form may be cause for rejection of the proposal.

Such bid security shall be forfeited to Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract and furnish within ten (10) days after the award of contract a corporate surety bond satisfactory to Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

Payment for said work to be performed will be made from cash on hand or borrowed funds. Payment to the contractor will be made on the basis of eighty percent (80%) of the contract value of the material price of stored materials in Owner approved on-site storage and ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the labor and material price upon completion and acceptance by the Engineer and Owner. The remaining five percent (5%) will be paid upon successful completion of the Project and submittal of all final contract documents.

Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period.

Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities is not obligated to take the lowest cost bid and reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any or all minor irregularities, and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities.

Any attempt to obtain low bid status by selectively bidding of multiple manufacturers low dollar products such that the cost of spares on inventories are unduly affected may be grounds for total bid rejection. The Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities is interested in initial and long term system performance and consideration. The Contract may be awarded by the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities as it deems to be in the best interests of the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities.

By virtue of the statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the state of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under the state statutes.

To the extent required by Iowa law, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the Proposal may result in the Proposal being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Issued upon order of the Board of Trustees of the Coon Rapids Municipal Utilities, Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2017.

COON RAPIDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
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