

SECTION 00030

City of St. Charles

Legal Notice

Invitation for Bid

Sealed bids will be received by the City of St. Charles at the Office of the Purchasing Manager, Two East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 no later than **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016** for the **Sub 9 Civil** . All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud in the Council Chambers located at, Two East Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174, at **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016**.

The proposed improvements include: installation only for electric vaults, various concrete encased and non-encased PVC conduit for electric and communication purposes, streetlight footers, mass grading, ground grid, cable trough, miscellaneous concrete foundations, perimeter fence, gravel fill, fire hydrant relocation and miscellaneous other work as shown on the plans. Note that Contractor is responsible for all material except for the six Utility Concrete Products electric vaults shown on the plans. The City has purchased the manholes and they will be awaiting the Contractor excavation. Contractor is responsible for unloading manholes with a crane at the jobsite and completion of the installation, including the grounding, adjustment rings, and frame & cover.

The pricing format will be lump sum with some unit costs noted. **The Lump Sum price will not equal the sum of all of the unit costs.** None of the quantities in the summary of unit costs are guaranteed. City reserves the right to increase or decrease unit costs as required to complete the work and address changes that arise. Unit costs would be used for scope increases and decreases as necessary. There are some unit costs that are not part of this project, but such are being asked for in the event that the contractor building the solar plant might use the selected contractor to execute some elements of civil work. Such items are found in Division B on the unit cost sheet below. These prices will be binding per the bid should the City choose to award these items to the contractor. The contractor may or may not choose to honor these prices to the solar plant developer.

Additional special unit cost – the City is requesting a time and equipment rate, per day, for cable removal and scrapping from an existing duct bank. The deliverable for this work is that the cable is pulled out of the duct, mule tape installed in the duct, and the scrap cable piled up in an assigned area at the Public Works facility. The City would provide a crew to cut the cable in the manhole and attach the contractor's pulling

means. The Contractor will not be required to enter a confined space. City will procure any required ROW permits, and will provide flaggers should lanes need to be blocked. Contractor is responsible for other traffic control and protection. The preferred method of removal would be the utilization of a specialized piece of equipment that pulls the cable out, chops it in pieces a few feet long, and drops it into a dump truck. The pieces of scrap cable would be transported to our Public Works facility and dumped in a specially assigned area. Alternatively, a Contractor could pull out using other means and coil or chop, and then load and deliver. Using the special equipment cable chopper, the work is estimated to take 15 days. The City may choose to award this part of the work to a different contractor than the substation work. The City expects this work to be done in April or May, 2016.

Bidder shall find additional detailed notes and clarifications in the Special Provision Section below.

Any person, firm or corporation submitting a proposal shall have been in business a minimum of five years, and shall be fully experienced in all aspects of the project described above. The successful bidder must provide proof of this past experience to the City of St. Charles as part of their bid submittal. Bidders are advised of the following requirements of this contract: 1) Illinois Prevailing Wage of the State of Illinois, Kane County; 2) ~~10% Bid Security with the bid submittal in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders;~~ 3) ~~115% Performance and Payment Bond and;~~ 4) Certificate of Insurance meeting the City's requirements;

Bid Documents and Proposal forms may be obtained at no charge at the City of St. Charles website at, <http://www.stcharlesil.gov/bids-proposals> after Friday, January 29, 2016. Addenda will be available to document holders via the website. It is the responsibility of the contractor to frequently check the City's website for any future addendums. Contractors will be required to submit all addendum acknowledgement forms with their bid submittal. All questions shall be directed to Mr. Thomas Bruhl, Electric Services Manager, at 630-377-4401 or at tbruhl@stcharlesil.gov.

Pre-bid meeting:

~~Bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on XXXXX at 11:00 a.m. The pre-bid meeting will occur at the project site visit and include a review the scope of the project and to offer bidders an opportunity to present questions regarding the project.~~

The City expressly reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the one that appears to be in the best interest of the City. The City expressly reserves the right to waive any informalities, discrepancies or technical irregularities in a bid if to do so is in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to defer the acceptance of any bid and the award of a Contract for a period not exceeding forty-five (45) days after the

date of opening the bids. Prices quoted must be valid for a minimum of 75 days from the date of the bid opening.

The City reserves the right to require the low bidder to file proof of his ability to finance and execute the project. This proof shall include, but not be limited to, a financial statement, list of equipment owned by bidder, backlog of jobs under a Contract only to a Bidder who furnishes satisfactory evidence that he has the ability, sufficient capital, facilities, and plant to enable him to prosecute the work successfully and promptly, and to complete the work within the time specified in the Contract Documents.

The City of St. Charles does not discriminate in admission, access to, treatment, or employment in its programs and activities.

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