

CALL FOR BIDS
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
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Minneapolis, MN 55401

Public Works

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

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"BIDS FOR 2016 MINNEAPOLIS PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN TIMER PROJECT, S.P. 141-030-024"

To provide all materials, labor, equipment and incidentals necessary for the construction of the 2016 Minneapolis Pedestrian Countdown Timer Project (S.P. 141-030-024) for the City of Minneapolis, all in accordance with the provided specifications and drawings.

Plans and specifications are available for electronic download at: <http://www.questcdn.com> for \$10.00 by entering **eBidDoc™ 4630205** on the "Search Projects" page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance.

All plan holders who order electronic proposals through QuestCDN or purchase hardcopies through the City of Minneapolis Purchasing Department will receive addenda as they are released; however, it is the Contractor's full responsibility to ensure they have received all addenda prior to the submittal of bids.

Please e-mail questions concerning this solicitation to david.schlueter@minneapolismn.gov. Questions received later than 8 days prior to bid opening may not be addressed.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on August 22nd, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Minneapolis Transportation Office - 300 Border Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55405. **All interested bidders should attend this meeting.**

The City of Minneapolis hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any invitations to bid, advertisements, solicitations, or contracts to be entered into pursuant to this Plan, businesses owned and controlled by minorities or women will be afforded maximum feasible opportunity to submit bids and/or proposals in response and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, ancestry, affectional preference, disability, public assistance status, marital status or national origin.

Prospective bidders' attention is called to Minnesota Statutes 13.591 Business Data. This section states in part:

Data submitted by a business to a government entity in response to a request for bids as defined in Section 16C.02, Subdivision 11, are private or non-public until the bids are opened. Once the bids are opened, the name of the bidder and the dollar amount specified in the response are read and become public. All other data in a bidder's response to a bid are private or non-public data until completion of the selection process. For the purposes of this section, "completion of the selection process" means that the government entity has completed its evaluation and has ranked the responses. After a government entity has completed the selection process, all remaining data submitted by all bidders are public with the exception of trade secret data as defined and classified in Section 13.37. A statement by a bidder that submitted data are copyrighted or otherwise protected does not prevent public access to the data contained in the bid.

Bidders are hereby advised that their bid document may become available to the public once a successful bidder has been chosen.

The City of Minneapolis has adopted an Environmental Purchasing Policy (EPP) that is incorporated into all bids. A copy of the policy can be found at this link:

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/approach/policies/sustainability_purchasing

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT(S)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this Invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair Discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assume that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statutes, Section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, Parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, Parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of **8.3% Good Faith Effort** to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Bids shall be received to furnish all labor, equipment, materials, permits and incidentals necessary to accomplish the construction of Project. A single contract to be let.

Prompt Payment: Per Minnesota Statutes 471.425 contractors shall pay all certified small subcontractors for undisputed work completed, within ten (10) days after the City of Minneapolis has paid the contractor for the completed work.

Chapter 471.895 of the Minnesota Statutes prohibits gifts from interested persons to local officials. Local Officials includes any individuals who purchase or advise or recommend on the purchase of goods and/or services.

Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics: Contractor agrees to be bound by the City's Code of Ethics, Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15. Contractor certifies that to the best of its knowledge, all City employees and officers participating in this Agreement have also complied with that Ordinance. It is agreed by the Parties that any violation of the Code of Ethics constitutes grounds for the City to void this Agreement. All questions relative to this section shall be referred to the City and shall be promptly answered.

All successful bidder(s) will be required to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

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Sealed bids will be received and time stamped by receptionist until **10 AM, Local Time, September 1st, 2016** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. **Do not fax** sealed bids to Purchasing.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of **5%** of the total amount bid in the form of a certified check or bidder's corporate surety bond made payable to the Minneapolis Finance Officer.

Successful bidder will be required to enter into a formal contract and provide Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract.

A contractor responding to this solicitation document shall submit to the City of Minneapolis a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes. Section 16C.285 subdivision 3.

Envelopes must bear the name of the firm submitting the bid and be addressed as follows:

**City of Minneapolis Purchasing Department
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S.P. 141-030-024
Bids opened 10 AM, Local Time, September 1st, 2016
330 Second Avenue South - Suite 552
Minneapolis, MN 55401**

The City of Minneapolis reserves the right to waive informalities in bids, to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be typewritten, or printed in ink, and signed in ink in handwriting.

TWO complete bid form responses, including attachments, are to be returned, one of which **must** be an original.

BIDS CONTAINING ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE WILL BE REJECTED UNLESS ALTERATION OR ERASURE IS CROSSED OUT AND CORRECTION PRINTED IN INK OR TYPEWRITTEN AND INITIALED IN INK BESIDE CORRECTION BY THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID.

Automatic Bid/RFP Notification:

Visit the Purchasing website at - http://www.minneapolismn.gov/business/business_doing_business_with_city to sign up for e-mail updates and to view Formal Bids, Informal Bids and RFPs

Taxes:

Effective January 1, 2014, State of Minnesota requires vendors to obtain an ST-3 exemption certificate to substantiate a full (State & Local) sales tax exemption on sales to Minnesota cities, counties, and townships. This form can be found on the City of Minneapolis website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance/procurement>.

Instructions to Bidders

IF the Call for Bids, indicates a bid deposit is required, the bid deposit should be in the form of a certified check, cashiers check or bidder's corporate surety bond. If certified check or cashier check is used, it shall be made payable to the Party named in the Call for Bids. Said bid deposit shall be retained by the City of Minneapolis or Board as liquidated damages and not a penalty, in the event the bid is selected by the City of Minneapolis or Board and the bidder fails to execute a contract, therefore, and upon request of the City of Minneapolis or Board, a performance bond and payment bond, as may be required by the City of Minneapolis subsequent to award of contract.

By submitting a bid, bidder agrees that said liquidated damages shall cover only the damages sustained by the City of Minneapolis or Board, from additional administrative costs, expenses or re-advertising and re-bidding and other damages sustained by the City of Minneapolis or Board as a result of failure of successful bidder to execute a written contract, and a performance bond and payment bond when so required, but shall not cover nor preclude the City of Minneapolis or Board from claiming damages on account of delay, price change, loss of other contracts, loss of income, inability of City of Minneapolis or Board to fulfill other contracts, loss of other benefits of this contract, or damages, direct or consequential arising out of breach of contract by the successful bidder.

Whenever separately numbered categories as to materials, equipment or services are set forth in the specifications and in the bid form, unless specifications or bid form is qualified by the statement "ALL OR NONE", bidder may submit a bid upon each, or all, or any selected number of categories, and in such case separate category shall be considered as a separate bid letting procedure, and the City of Minneapolis shall have the right to make separate awards to the lowest and best bidder in any particular category, or to the overall lowest and best bidder where it is found to be in the best interest of the City.

Bidder is responsible to ensure they are in receipt of all addenda. Contact the buyer if questions.

Visit the MN Department of Revenue website, Sales Tax Fact Sheet 176, for tax updates for Local Governments – Cities, Counties and Townships - <http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/businesses/sut/factsheets/FS176.pdf>

If a lump sum bid for materials and/or equipment includes labor and all incidentals, the bidder is responsible for all applicable sales tax on taxable items required in the performance of the bid and should be included in the total amount bid.

Specification Information

Unless qualified by the provision "NO SUBSTITUTE", the use of the name of a manufacturer brand and/or catalog description in specifying any item does not restrict bidders to that manufacturer, brand or catalog description identification. This is used simply to indicate the character, quality, and/or performance equivalence of the commodity desired, but the commodity on which bids are submitted must be of such character, quality, and/or equivalence that it will serve the purpose for which it is to be used equally well as that specified, and be acceptable to the using department.

In submitting a bid on a commodity other than specified, bidder shall furnish complete data and identification with respect to the commodity he proposes to furnish. Consideration will be given to bids submitted on commodities to the extent that such action is deemed to serve the best interest of the department or boards of the City of Minneapolis.

If a Bidder does not indicate that the commodity he proposes to furnish is other than specified, it will be construed to mean that the bidder proposes to furnish the exact commodity as described.