

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Utility Operations Director of Austin Utilities, at 1908 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Austin, MN 55912, until **2:00 P.M.** on the **4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024**, for the Murphy Creek Substation Improvements Project at which time, the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of construction additions to an existing substation site. The work consists of installation of concrete foundations, conduit, ground grid, power and control cable, buswork, and miscellaneous equipment at the Murphy Creek Substation, Austin MN. The project also includes installing an Owner-furnished 69 kV circuit breaker, steel, and switches.

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of Austin Utilities, Austin, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota “Responsible Contractor” law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Contractors desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for \$22 by inputting **Quest project #9014504** on the website’s Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, PO Box 511, Rock Rapids, IA 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail [dgr@dgr.com](mailto:dgr@dgr.com), upon payment of \$50.00, none of which is refundable.

All bids shall be made on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to Austin Utilities, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of Austin Utilities in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Contractor will be made on the basis of ninety five percent (95%) upon certification of work completed; five percent (5%) within thirty-one (31) days after final completion and acceptance.

The construction shall be performed upon a Notice to Proceed issuance. Substantial completion of the project shall be no later than December 16, 2024. See the specifications for more details on construction timing requirements.

Austin Utilities 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. Austin

Utilities also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Austin Utilities.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

AUSTIN UTILITIES  
AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

By /s/ Alex Bumgardner  
Utility Operations Director