

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of **Austin Utilities, Austin Minnesota** at their office located at 1908 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast, Austin, MN 55912, until **1:00 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019**, for the 69 kV 691B03 Circuit Breaker Replacement, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. The bids will be acted upon by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of the removal of the existing oil circuit breaker and installation of new Owner-furnished 69 kV breaker.

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

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for \$15 by inputting **Quest project #6248425** 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 bid forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: [dgr@dgr.com](mailto:dgr@dgr.com), a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required.

Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Utility and must contain either (1) a cashier's check or draft or check or share draft certified and drawn on a solvent State or National bank, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Minnesota, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to Austin Utilities. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within ten (10) days after the award of contract and post satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds. No oral facsimile, telegraphic, or telephonic bids or modifications will be considered.

Cash to be derived from the proceeds of the sale of revenue bonds which will be payable solely and only out of the future net earnings of the Austin Utilities and/or from such other cash funds on hand as may be lawfully used for such purpose. No revenue bond or contract to the extent payable therefrom shall constitute a general obligation of the Utility or be payable in any manner from taxation.

Payment to the Contractor will be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) upon certification of work completed monthly with a ten percent (10%) retention held. The total ten percent (10%) retention held will be released coordinating to the Contract documents.

The construction may be started after the execution of the Construction Agreement (the Contract) and all Parts shall be substantially completed by November 1, 2019. See Section 013213 "Construction Schedule" in the Technical Specifications for special instructions relating to staging of construction for this project.

The Utility may make the Contract award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting the specifications. The Utility 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. The Utilities also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the Utility.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

AUSTIN UTILITIES

By           /s/ Mark Nibaur            
General Manager