**TIME AND PLACE OF OPENING BIDS:**

 Sealed proposals for the improvement described herein will be received at the **City of Decatur Purchasing Division** located on the first floor of the Civic Center, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois, 62523, until ***10:00 AM, February 20, 2019,*** and thereafter publicly opened and read.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

The proposed improvement is officially known as:

**2019 VALVE & HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

**CITY PROJECT 2019-23**

The proposed project herein specified and described includes the following work:

*Replacing 6”, 12” and 16” valves and fire hydrants throughout the city. There will be 4 line stops, 2 – 12” and 2 – 16. Three locations are scheduled for night or weekend replacements and one fire hydrant shall be replaced during the summer school break.*

*The work also includes items of pavement and landscape restoration, and traffic control.*

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

1. **A MANDATORY PRE-BID WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE DECATUR CIVIC CENTER.** In addition to project questions, the opportunity will be provided to discuss the City’s minority participation goals. **Attendance is required to bid on the project, a telephone conference will be setup for bidders who cannot attend the meeting in-person. Contact City Engineering at 217-424-2747 to receive conference number and password.**
2. Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Decatur Blue Print, Inc. 230 West Wood Street, Decatur, Illinois, 62523, (217) 423-7589, [www.decaturblue.com](http://www.decaturblue.com)**. To receive updates or addenda you must be on the Plan Holders list for this project through Decatur Blue Print.**
3. Payment shall be made to Decatur Blue Print, Inc. **No refund will be made for the plans, specification, or proposal forms returned.**
4. Plans and specifications are **available for viewing** at the following locations:

 **www.decaturblue.com City of Decatur**

 **Plans & Portals Engineering Division**

 **Public Projects** **#1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza**

 **DFS Public Plan Room Decatur, Illinois 62523**

1. The City of Decatur hereinafter referred to as “City” or “Owner”, will not release the Engineer's Estimate of Cost in advance of the scheduled time and date of the bid opening. Bid tabulations will be available on the City’s web site at www.decaturil.gov/Departments/PublicWorks under Contractor Project Bid Information, and Decatur Blue Print’s web site at [www.decaturblue.com](http://www.decaturblue.com) /Plans & Portals /Public Projects/DFS Public Plan Room/City of Decatur Bid Tabs, after the award of a contract has been approved by the City of Decatur’s City Council.
2. All proposals must be accompanied by a BANK DRAFT, CASHIER’S CHECK, OR CERTIFIED CHECK made payable to Treasurer, Decatur, Illinois, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid or BID BOND in the same amount.

1. The contractor shall at all times during the term of this Contract pay the applicable prevailing wage for Macon County for the month during which the work is performed, as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor.
2. Before the Contractor and any Subcontractor commences work, the Contractor and any Subcontractor shall have in place a written Substance Abuse Prevention Program for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees which meets or exceeds the requirements in P. A. 95-0635 or shall have a collective bargaining agreement in effect dealing with the subject matter of P. A. 95-0635.
3. The following **Minority Participation Goals for Public Works Contracts** are in effect for this contract:

 (1) Ten percent (10%) of the total dollar amount of the contract should be performed by minority business enterprises; and,

 (2) Eighteen percent (18%) of the total hours worked should be performed by minority workers.

 All Contractors shall provide evidence of meeting the City’s minority participation goals prior to the award of this project and prior to all payments made for work completed or provide the City of Decatur documentation on their good faith efforts to comply with the participation goals. Required information and documentation is included in the Project Manual and to be submitted with the bid proposal.

**REJECTION OF BIDS:**

 The Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, reserves the right to accept, renegotiate or reject any or all proposals and to waive any variance from the requirements of the instructions for bidders. At the discretion of the Council, required items may be submitted after the bid opening if there is sufficient compliance with instructions at the time of the bid opening to permit the City to determine the price bid.

 January 30, 2019 Matthew C. Newell, PE

 Date Advertised Public Works Director