

NOTICE OF HEARING AND LETTING

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees Secretary of Indianola Municipal Utilities (IMU), Indianola, Iowa, (Owner) at the IMU Office Building located at 210 W. 2nd Avenue, Indianola, Iowa 50125 until 1:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 for the following described public improvement:

**NOFA 7 PHASE #3
INDIANOLA, IOWA
PROJECT NO. 2024-2025-NOFA7-PHASE3-RSNO14**

At the above time and place all bids received by the Board of Trustees Secretary will be opened and publicly read. At 5:30 P.M. on the 14th day of October 2024, the Board of Trustees of Indianola Municipal Utilities will hold a hearing and said Board of Trustees proposes to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost and, at the time, date and place specified above, or at such time, date and place as then may be fixed, to act upon proposals and enter into a contract for the construction of said improvements.

The extent of work on this project is the furnishing of all labor, equipment as noted and incidental materials for the construction of improvements generally described as below. Owner will provide vaults and ground rods. Contractor will provide conduit with fiber cable, pull tape, tracer wire with tracer wire hardware (for future drop locations), fiber marker posts and marker posts with test stations and other incidental materials, not limited to gravel and conduit splices.

The NOFA 7 PHASE #3 consists of two work divisions which are described as follows:

Division 1: This work division consists of the installation of a fiber optic conduit network - (1) 1.5" conduit with tracer wire (tracer placed in conduits without traceable fiber), pull tape, fiber optic cable in some locations, vaults, test station, and fiber marker posts. The new conduit network consists of approximately 8,565 linear feet and an additional 9,580 linear feet (Alternate) of rural build. Conduit installation method will be up to the discretion of the contractor. The main build will be a FTTH extension on start at the intersection of Nevada and 113th Ave and head east down Nevada St and go north along Hwy 65/69 to 14330 Hwy 65/69. The Alternate build consists of lateral road crossings along Nevada and two other laterals: The first will start at the Nevada St and Hwy 65/69 intersection and go east down Nevada; then three more laterals from there, north up 130th Ave to 14921 130th Ave, south down 130th Ave to 15286 130th Ave, and east down Nevada to 131st south to Nevan Trl finishing at 13112 Nevan Trl. The second will start at Nevada St and Hwy 65/69 and go head south down Hwy 65/69 turning west down 128th Ave ending at 15510 18th Ave. Some of the build will be in existing easements. No fiber splicing or testing is involved in this bid. Division 1 and Division 1 Alternate work can start on October 15th, 2024, and must be completed by June 15th, 2025.

Division 2: This work division consists of the installation of a fiber optic conduit network - (1) 1.5" conduit with tracer wire (tracer placed in conduits without traceable fiber), pull tape, fiber optic cable, vaults, test stations, and fiber marker posts. The new conduit network consists of approximately 18,703 linear feet and an additional 2,954 linear feet (Alternate), both which are rural builds. Conduit installation method will be up to the discretion of the contractor. The main build will be a FTTH extension that will start at the intersection of E 17th Ave and John St and continue south down HWY 65/69 then west down McKinley Trail ending at 12250 McKinley Trail. A lateral will start at the HWY 65/69 and McGregor St intersection and run east down

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McGregor St then north up 140th Ave to 13468 140th Ave. The Alternate build consists of multiple streets crossings on McGregor St, HWY 65/69, and laterals on Mckimber Trail and 140th Ave. Some of the build will be inside of existing in existing and proposed easements. No fiber splicing or testing is involved in this bid. Division 2 and Division 2 Alternate work must start on or after July 1st, 2025 and must be completed by December 31st, 2025.

The estimated quantities and work to be done for the project on which bids will be received are as shown on the bid proposal for said project.

All work is to be done in strict compliance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by NewCom Technologies which have been heretofore approved by the Communications Superintendent and which are now on file for public examination in the office of the Board of Trustees Secretary of said Utility and by reference made as a part thereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

All bids shall be made on a form furnished by the Board of Trustees and shall be filed on or before the time specified above, in a sealed envelope addressed to the Board of Trustees Secretary of IMU, Indianola, Iowa, clearly stating that the envelope contains a bid on this project. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond, a cashier's or certified check drawn on an Iowa bank or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be on the form provided with the contract documents.

The bid security submitted should be made payable to INDIANOLA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, and not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. This bid security is provided to the Board as security that if the bidder is awarded the contract by the Board, the bidder will enter into a contract on the form provided by the Board at prices bid and shall furnish the required performance and payment bond to the Board. If the bidder fails to execute the contract and to furnish an acceptable performance and payment bond or provide a Certificate of Insurance within fifteen (15) days after acceptance of the bid by the Board, the bid security may be forfeited or cashed by the Board as liquidated damages.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price guaranteeing faithful performance of the contract and guaranteeing payment to all persons supplying labor, equipment and/or materials in the execution of the work provided for in the contract. Additionally the contractor must provide the Board with a guarantee of maintenance of said improvement in the form of surety for a period of twelve (12) months from the time of acceptance by the Board.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

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Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Work on Division 1 shall commence within ten (10) calendar days of the written notice to proceed (will be on or after October 15th, 2024). Work on Division 2 shall commence within (10) calendar days for the written notice to proceed (will be on or after July 1st, 2025). The work shall be completed per the staging dates provided in the plans.

Division 1 and Division 1 Alternate work installations of all conduit, vaults, fiber and locate system components shall be completed and proofed, and all punch list items completed and accepted by the Engineer, redlined construction sheets and as-builts submitted before June 15th, 2025. All restoration work must be completed by June 30th, 2025. Liquidated damages in the amount of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day will be assessed for each day that the work remains uncompleted after the end of each contract period.

Division 2 and Division 2 Alternate work installations of all conduit, vaults, fiber and locate system components shall be completed and proofed, and all punch list items completed and accepted by the Engineer, redlined construction sheets and as-builts submitted before December 31st, 2025. All restoration work must be completed by May 31st, 2026. Liquidated damages in the amount of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day will be assessed for each day that the work remains uncompleted after the end of each contract period.

Payment for the work will be made by the Board in cash from such funds as may be legally available including cash on hand, proceeds from the sale and issuance of General Obligation Bonds and such other funds including the proceeds from the sale and issuance of such other bonds as may lawfully be issued as the Board may at its sole discretion determine and provide.

Payment will be made to the contractor for the work completed during the preceding calendar month and will be subject to the approval of the Owner. Any such payment by the Board shall in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally completed.

Upon completion of the work and its acceptance by the Board, the Contractor will be paid an amount which, together with previous payments, will equal ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract price of the contract. Final payment of the remaining five percent (5%) will be made not less than thirty-one (31) days after completion and acceptance by resolution of the Board of the completed contract, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa. No such partial or final payments will be due until the Contractor has certified to the Board of Trustees Secretary that the materials, labor and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications.

Bidding forms, electronic copies of Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available, at no cost, from the NewCom Plan Room by emailing NewCom@NewComTech.com (with 2024-2025-NOFA7-Phase3-RSNo14 in the subject line). Interested parties will receive an email to self-register for bid document, plan set and addendum access.

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There will be a pre-bid conference on Tuesday, September 9th, 2024 at 2:00P.M. via a web conference using details as follows:

For presentation view, join the conference from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Use this hyperlink: <https://meet.goto.com/415159181>

Phone - voice only.

dial: [\(408\) 650-3123](tel:4086503123) and use Access Code: [415-159-181](tel:415159181)

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website by requesting access from the Engineer. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a Bidding Documents holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a third-party plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with Addenda, lists of registered Bidding Documents holders, reports on the Site, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, Addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any and/or all technicalities and/or all irregularities.

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