

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN GRADING IMPROVEMENTS
FOR THE CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
AND THE TAKING OF BIDS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Administrator of the Crawford County Memorial Hospital at the Administration Office at the hospital until **2:00 o'clock P.M.** on the **16th** day of **October, 2008**, for the construction of certain grading improvements and such other work as may be incidental thereto, as described in the plans and specifications therefor now on file in the office of the Administrator entitled:

**2008 GRADING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
DENISON, IOWA**

At said time and place, proposals received will be opened and the results will be announced. Proposals will be considered by the Board of Trustees of the Crawford County Memorial Hospital at a meeting to be held at **6:00 o'clock P.M.** on **October 20, 2008** or at such later time as may then be fixed.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees on the proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for said improvements at a regular meeting to be held in Conference Room A at the Hospital at **6:00 P.M.** on **October 20, 2008**, and at said hearing, any interested person may appear and file objections thereto.

The improvements consist of approximately 228,000 CY of Common Excavation; Clearing & Grubbing; 24,000 CY Topsoil - Strip, Stockpile & Respread; Seeding, Fertilizing and Mulching and other items incidental thereto at the proposed hospital site.

Each proposal shall be made on a form furnished by the Board of Trustees and must be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check drawn on a bank in Iowa or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States or a certified share draft on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States or a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in Iowa and filed in an envelope separate from the one containing the proposal, sealed and in an amount equal to **five percent (5%)** of the amount of the proposal, made payable to the Crawford County Memorial Hospital, and may be cashed by the Board of Trustees as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract within 10 days of award and post bond satisfactory to the Board of Trustees insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract as required by law and the specifications.

Payment to the contractor will be made in cash from funds on hand which may be legally used for such purposes. Payment will be made monthly by the Crawford County Memorial Hospital based on estimates of ninety-five percent (95%) of the work completed in an acceptable manner. The monthly progress payment will be made within thirty (30) days from the date the progress payment is approved by the Board. Five percent (5%) of

each project estimate will be retained and held as a suspended payment. Final payment will be made not less than thirty (30) days after completion of the work and acceptance by the Board. Retention of unpaid funds and final payment shall be in accordance with Chapter 573, Code of Iowa, as amended.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Owner and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and terms and conditions therein contained, shall guarantee the prompt payment for all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the Owner from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor, and shall also guarantee the maintenance of all work and materials in good repair for not less than two (2) years from the time of acceptance of the improvements by the Owner.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by Sundquist Engineering, P.C., Consulting Engineers for the Owner, which plans and specifications and the proceedings referring to and defining said proposed improvements are hereby made a part of this Notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed in compliance therewith. Copies of said plans and specifications are now on file in the Administrator's office at the Hospital, for examination by bidders. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of said plans and specifications from the Engineer at his office at 120 South Main, P.O. Box 220, Denison, Iowa, 51442, upon request and deposit of \$60.00 per set, non-refundable.

The work on the proposed contract shall be commenced within 10 calendar days after written Notice to Proceed is issued, and shall be completed within 60 working days but no later than May 31, 2009. The late start date is November 3, 2008.

All settlement plates and the fill material in the building area, as shown on the plans, shall be placed no later than December 12, 2008.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **\$500 per day** shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day that work proceeds on the project beyond the specified completion dates, excepting authorized extensions thereof. Completion date extensions shall be considered by the Board if inclement weather adversely affects the Contractor's work schedule. Request for such extension shall be made by the Contractor in writing.

An award of **\$500 per day** shall be granted to the Contractor as an incentive for early completion of the fill material in the building area for each calendar day that the work is completed prior to **December 12, 2008**.

A pre-bid meeting shall be held at the construction site for all interested contractors on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. to answer questions regarding the bid. Prospective bidders shall meet the owner's representatives on "N" Avenue on the south side of the site at the time designated above.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, to materials supplied by companies from within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities.

By: /s/ Mark Rinehardt
Administrator
Crawford County Memorial Hospital

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