

SECTION 00100 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

2026 Watermain Improvements
Algona Municipal Utilities
Algona, Iowa

Receipt and Opening of Sealed Proposals. Sealed proposals for the work comprising the repair or improvement as stated below must be filed online through QuestCDN.com before 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026. Proposals will be opened and publicly read online through Microsoft Teams. Please use the Microsoft Teams Meeting Link or Call-In Number/Conference ID Number below to see and/or hear the bid opening results:

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/3fbxkru2>

Call-In Number: +1 612-428-8778 / Conference ID Number: 853 455 450#

The results will be reported to the Algona Municipal Utilities at its meeting at 11:00 a.m. on May 6, 2026 at which time the Board may take action on the proposals submitted or at such time as may then be fixed. The Algona Municipal Utilities Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities or technicalities in any bid, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Algona Municipal Utilities.

To access the electronic proposal form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective Bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted and pay the required fee for submission of the online bid.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work. Work on the improvement shall commence upon approval of the contract by the Board and as stated in the Notice to Proceed. All work under the contract must be complete on or before September 15, 2026. Liquidated damages are as set forth in Section 00500 - Contract.

Bid Security. Each Bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security, as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful Bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon. The Bidder's security shall be in an amount equal to 5 percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications. If the Bidder fails to execute the contract and to furnish an acceptable Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond or provide a Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) days after acceptance of the bid by the City, the bid security may be forfeited or cashed by the City as liquidated damages.

Contract Documents. Copies of the project documents are available for a price of \$50 per set. This fee is refundable, provided the plans and specifications are returned complete and in reusable condition, and they are returned within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of the project. Please make your check payable to Bolton & Menk, Inc. and send it to 1609 US Highway 18 East, Algona, IA 50511. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering QuestCDN Project #10152860 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$0.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Preference of Products and Labor. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

Sales Tax Exemption Certificates. The Bidder shall not include sales tax in the bid. The Algona Municipal Utilities will distribute tax exemption certificates and authorization letters to the contractor and all subcontractors who are identified. The contractor and subcontractor may make copies of the tax exemption certificates and provide a copy to each supplier providing construction materials. These tax exemption certificates and authorization letters are applicable only for this specific project under the contract.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of approximately 1,600 Linear Feet of 8-inch watermain along Highway 169, 260 Linear Feet of 8-inch watermain along Hall Street and 280 Linear Feet of 6-inch watermain along Smith Street. Work includes open cut and trenchless installation of watermain, erosion control, and project restoration.

The Notice is given by order of the Board of the Algona Municipal Utilities.

John Bilsten
General Manager