

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana, will receive bids up to **9:00 A.M. on May 23rd, 2022**, for the **Elkhart Redundancy Fiber Optic Project**. It is the responsibility of the bidder to insure that its bid is delivered on time to the Office of the Elkhart County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 117 N. Second Street, Goshen, IN 46526.

Plans, Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from the **Elkhart County Highway Department, website** at elkcohwyr.dreamhosters.com on **May 6th, 2022**. Plans, Specifications and Bidding Documents may not be obtained prior to this date.

Plans, Specifications and Bidding Documents will be available for inspection at the Elkhart County Highway Department Office, 610 Steury Ave, Goshen, Indiana starting on **May 6th, 2022**. A **pre-bid meeting** will be held at **10:00 A.M. on May 19th, 2022** at the Elkhart County Highway Department, 610 Steury Ave, Goshen, IN 46528. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, however attendance is recommended to receive the latest updates and have questions answered in the timeliest manner. Bidders who fail to participate in the pre-bid meeting and submit a bid do so at the risk of not having the best information.

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on proposal forms furnished by the County in accordance with Revised Indiana Form 96 and shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Financial Statement form taken from Form 96A for any proposal of \$5,000 or more.

The Contractor shall submit an itemized proposal of the approximate quantities and components of labor and materials to complete the contract. Said proposal shall be upon the standard bid sheets used by Elkhart County, and said sheet must contain an authorized signature of the Contractor, or the bid of the Contractor may, at the discretion of Elkhart County, be rejected and declared invalid. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit as required by the Statutes of Indiana. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the project and name and address of bidder.

Bids will be accepted only from bidders who have sufficient and qualified experience. Proof of qualifications must be submitted with the bid.

A current Contractor's Financial Statement taken from Form 96A and the Indiana Department of Transportation pre-qualification certificate may be placed on file with the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County at the Highway Department annually in lieu of executing these documents for each project.

Work may begin on **June 6, 2022**, with an intermediate completion of **July 11, 2022** and shall be completed by **September 9, 2022**. Please find intermediate completion information in the specifications. Delays in completion beyond that date shall result in liquidated damages levied against the Contractor by Elkhart County. The damage charges shall be one-thousand dollars (\$1000) per day per beyond the above stated date and any intermediate completion dates noted in the specifications.

A satisfactory bid bond (10% of bid), payable to the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana executed by the bidder shall be submitted with each bid.

No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of closing.

Said work shall be subject to all the provisions of the plans and specifications therefore herein above referred to including the completion date thereof and penalty clause as therein set forth.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2022
Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County
By Patricia A. Pickens, Auditor

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