

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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Separate sealed Bids for construction of Watertown Municipal Utilities – Mellette Water Tower will be received by Watertown Municipal Utilities (WMU). Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Watertown Municipal Utilities, 901 4th Ave SW, Watertown SD 57201, at 1:30 P.M., local time, on the 26th day of March, 2010.

Bids can be mailed to: Watertown Municipal Utilities
 901 4th Ave SW
 Watertown SD 57201

The scope of work generally consists of furnishing and installing the following approximate quantities:

Contract No. 1 – Mellette Water Tower:

Work generally consists of removing and replacing the existing 1 million gallon (MG) steel standpipe with a new 1 MG composite water tower. The demolition of the existing standpipe includes the removal and disposal of the existing 90 ft high by 44 ft diameter steel standpipe; removal of the existing buried concrete spread footing foundation; removal and modifications to the existing site piping and valves; removal of an existing abandoned antenna equipment shelter; and removal of an existing abandoned buried concrete spread footing from a previous 200,000 gallon standpipe (built in 1896) that was located at the site. The Work associated with the construction of the new 1 MG composite water tower includes the construction of the new water tower; construction of a spread footing foundation; concrete shaft walls; steel tank; and various water tower appurtenances. The Work also includes furnishing and installing all site work including site and process piping, valves, fittings, a fire hydrant, appurtenances, concrete inlet pipe pit, landscaping, restoration, concrete surfaces, site fencing, and seeding.

The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond to the Owner in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award for each bond, in conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The construction performance bond and construction payment bond shall remain in full force until the completion of the Contract as specified in the General Conditions.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security. Bid security will take the form of a bid bond in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bidders maximum Bid price or a cashier's or certified check made payable to Owner in an amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidders maximum Bid price.

The bid security will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into an Agreement within fifteen (15) days after Notice of Award or fails at time of executing the contract to furnish a construction performance bond and construction payment bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR 35.3145(d). The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation concern utilization of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women's Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and are explained in the specifications. The goal for MBE is 1% of the total dollar value of

the project. The goal for WBE is 3% of the total dollar value of the project. **MBE/WBE Subcontractor Solicitation Information shall be enclosed in the required Bid Bond envelope. Failure to include the form in the Bid Bond Envelope will result in the Bid not being read.**

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 (Equal Employment) as amended, 11518 (Small Business Concerns), and 11625 (MBE) as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications are on file and may be seen and examined at the offices of the Engineer, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. (AE2S), the Watertown Municipal Utilities Office, and Builders Exchanges in Fargo, Sioux Falls, and Minneapolis. All bidding document interpretations and clarifications should be directed to the office of AE2S at (218) 299-5610.

Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. of 3101 Frontage Road South, Moorhead, MN, 56560 will furnish to any prospective Bidder a copy of such Plans and Specifications and/or PDF compact disk (CD). The costs are One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for printed plans and specifications and Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a CD. Payment for bidding documents is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

All cost associated with preparation of Bids shall be borne by Bidder.

The work of each construction contract must be completed no later than the following:

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- a) Substantial Completion – May 31, 2011
- b) Final Completion – June 30, 2011

All Bids will be made on the basis of cash payment for such work. Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. After Bid opening, the Owner will return bid security of all except the three lowest responsible Bidders. When the Contract is awarded, the remaining unsuccessful Bidder's Bonds will be returned. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any irregularities, and further reserves the right to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to hold the three (3) low Bids for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid opening to complete financial arrangements.

Done by order of the Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota.

By: /s/ Steve Lehner,
General Manager

Date: February 25, 2010