

**STATE OF IOWA
NOTICE-TO-BIDDERS
BID NO. 09-06**

**Markert/Martin Trust Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Wetland Project
Section 18, Township 89 North, Range 30 West
Webster County, Iowa**

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, Division of Soil Conservation, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, until 3:00 p.m. local time, on the 20th day of August, 2009 and opened at a public meeting and read aloud on the date last mentioned.

In general, the work involves, but is not limited to: selective clearing, excavation, grading, steel sheet pile weir construction, and seeding. This project includes 9,698 cubic yards of earthwork, 1,263 square feet of sheet pile, 185 tons of riprap, 36 cubic yards of grout, and 17.8 acres of seeding. The estimated construction cost range for this project is \$100,000 to \$120,000.

Copies of the Contract Documents, including Plans, Construction Specifications, and Bid Package, can be obtained by interested bidders upon receipt of a verbal or written request to the Water Resource Bureau within the Division at the address listed or by calling 515-281-4246.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., on August 5, 2009 at the Webster Soil and Water Conservation District, 1200 1/2 3rd Avenue NW, Fort Dodge, Iowa, 50501, telephone: 515-573-4411. Attendance at the pre-bid conference by prospective bidders is not mandatory, but is encouraged.

Each proposal shall be made on the Proposal and Schedule of Prices form (Document CC) furnished by the Division of Soil Conservation, and must be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's or certified check drawn on an Iowa Bank or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States. The bid bond shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the base bid (no alternates included), made payable to the Division of Soil Conservation. The bid bond may be cashed by the Treasurer of the State of Iowa, as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract within fourteen (14) days following Notice-of-Award and post bond satisfactory to the State insuring the faithful performance of the contract. Bid bonds must be executed by corporations authorized to contract as surety in Iowa. Checks of the lowest two (2) or more bidders may be retained for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days until a contract is awarded or a rejection made. Other checks will be returned after the canvass and tabulation of bids is completed and reported to the Division of Soil Conservation.

Payment to the Contractor for said improvements will be made on the basis of monthly estimates in amounts equal to ninety-five percent (95%) of the work completed. Funding for this project consists of state and federal funds under the Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance/Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price (including accepted alternates). This said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by the State of Iowa; shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the prompt payment of all materials and labor; and shall protect and save harmless the State of Iowa, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Farm Service Agency from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor.

The work under the proposed contract shall be commenced within fourteen (14) days after Notice-to-Proceed is received and shall be completed not later than December 15, 2009.

The Plans and Construction Specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by MER Engineering, Inc. and are hereby made a part of this notice by reference and the proposed contract shall be executed in compliance therewith. Contract Documents (including Plans, Construction Specifications, and Bid Package) may be examined at the following locations:

Division of Soil Conservation
Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
515-281-4246

Webster Soil and Water Conservation District
1200 1/2 3rd Avenue NW
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
515-573-4411

In addition, a copy of the Notice-to-Bidders has been sent to Associated General Contractors of Iowa, P. O. Box 757, Des Moines, IA 50303, 515-283-2424.

Questions concerning the Plans and Construction Specifications should be addressed to Allen J. Hefley, P.E., Engineer, MER Engineering, Inc., 109 Regency West Court, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501, 515-955-3635. All other questions concerning other Contract Documents should be addressed to Michael Bourland, Water Resource Bureau, 515-242-6130. In order to be considered in a final addendum, written questions must be received by 4:00 p.m. no later than August 13, 2009.

Bidders are required to be registered with the Iowa Division of Labor. Information on becoming registered can be obtained by calling the Iowa Division of Labor (515-281-3606). A successful bidder who is a non-Iowa corporation must submit proof to the Division, prior to the execution of the Contract, of authorization by the Secretary of State to do business in Iowa.

The Division of Soil Conservation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and irregularities.

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