

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Municipal Utilities Board of Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama (a component unit of the City of Decatur), operating as Decatur Utilities, at the Decatur Utilities Conference Room at **1002 Central Parkway SW, Decatur, Alabama 35601, on Monday, May 4, 2026 until 2:00 p.m. local time** for furnishing all labor, tools, non-owner provided materials and equipment needed for performing the work according to the Specifications and Contract Documents as hereinafter described. No bids will be received after the time set forth hereinabove and the Proposals will be publicly opened and read.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local time in Decatur Utilities' Auditorium at 1002 Central Parkway SW.

The work will be let under one Contract if award should be made; and the Owner reserves the right to select the Bid considered by the Owner to be in the best interest of the Owner. The principal items of work to be performed under this Contract are outlined herein below:

- *Mixed overhead/underground installation of approximately 36 miles of ADSS fiber optic cable*
- *Work will/may include:*
 - *Attachment of tangents, dead ends, splice closures, and slack loops to wood, steel, and concrete poles*
 - *Placement of conduit (bore and/or trench)*
 - *Fiber optic splicing*
 - *Bi-Directional OTDR Testing*

Specifications and Contract Documents are open to public inspection at the office of Decatur Utilities, 1002 Central Parkway SW, Decatur, Alabama 35601, or may be obtained by contacting the Irby Project Manager, Joe Spikes, at spikes@irby.com.

All bidders must complete and submit a Bidder Application/Prequalification by 5 p.m., April 21, 2024, to spikes@irby.com in order to be reviewed and approved for bidding. For information regarding inspections, locations, and job specifications, contact should be made with Grant Jones (gjones@irby.com) from Irby (providing third party project management). Potential Bidders may attend the pre-bid meeting without being prequalified.

The Contract Award, if made, will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. A "responsive" bid shall be evidenced by: (1) a Proposal Form completed in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and with instructions and/or requests contained in any other sections of the Contract Documents; (2) a Proposal Form not evidencing any apparent unbalanced pricing for performance of the items of work; (3) a Proposal Form without excisions, special conditions or qualifications made by the Bidder; (4) a Proposal Form containing no alternative bids or offerings for any items unless such alternative bids or offerings are requested in the Technical Specifications; (5) the ability to meet or exceed the qualifications and specifications included herein, including, but not limited to, demonstrated knowledge in the installation of ADSS fiber, ability to meet the specified timeline, sufficient labor and resources, resource availability outside of normal working hours and a proven safety record.

No bid may be withdrawn after the time for opening of bids has passed. The Owner reserves the right to hold the bids for a period of up to ninety (90) days after the date of receipt of bids.

A Bid Bond or cashier's check in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid (but not more than \$10,000) must accompany each proposal. The payee of such bond or cashier's check shall be Municipal Utilities Board of Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama. The Bid Bond or cashier's check shall bear the same date as that set for receipt of bids.

The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond for one hundred (100) percent of the bid amount and must secure his bonds from a bonding company's representative or agent authorized and licensed to do business in the State of Alabama. Each Bond shall be countersigned by an agent of the Surety having residence in the State of Alabama, and who is authorized and licensed to do business in the State of Alabama.

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits required by the State, County and City authorities having jurisdiction over the various phases of the work. City of Decatur Codes and Ordinances pertaining to this work may be reviewed in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Decatur, Alabama.

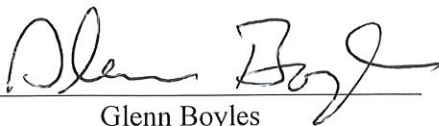
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid and to accept any bid considered to be advantageous to the Owner.

The attention of bidders is called to the provisions of State Law Governing General Contractors, as set forth in Sections 34-8-1 to 34-8-24, inclusive, Code of Alabama of 1975, as amended; and bidders shall be governed by the provisions of said law insofar as it is applicable. The above-mentioned provisions of the Code make it illegal for the Owner to consider a bid from anyone who is not properly licensed under such code provisions. The Owner, therefore, will not consider any bid unless the bidder produces evidence that he is so licensed. Neither will the Owner enter into a Contract with a foreign corporation which is not qualified under State Law to do business in the State of Alabama.

The attention of nonresident bidders is called to the provisions of Alabama Law, Section 39-3-5, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, relating to preference to be given to resident contractors in Alabama over nonresident contractors in the award of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the nonresident contractor, and to the requirements that the bid documents tendered by any nonresident contractor must be accompanied by "a written opinion of an attorney-at-law licensed to practice law in such nonresident contractor's state of domicile as to the preference, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts" (sic).

The bidder is advised that the above referenced act is subject to the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Alabama.

THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD OF
DECATUR, MORGAN COUNTY,
ALABAMA, DECATUR UTILITIES

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