ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TIME AND PLACE OF OPENING BIDS:

Sealed proposals for the improvement described herein will be received at the **City Purchasing Division** located on the first floor of the Civic Center, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois, 62523, until ***11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009***, and thereafter publicly opened and read.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The proposed improvement is officially known as:

M. L. King Water Main
L17-2553
City Project 03-23

The proposed project herein specified and described includes the following work:

Constructing new ductile iron water mains between the South Water Treatment Plant, the Garfield Avenue Water Tower and the Division Street Water Tower. Water main sizes range from 48" to 6". Included are 26" and 42" casing pipes bored and jacked across railroads and roadways. Surface restoration includes concrete pavement, curb and gutter and sidewalk replacement.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

1. Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Decatur Blue Print, Inc. 230 W. Wood Street, Decatur, Illinois, 62523, (217) 423-7589.

2. Payment shall be made to the Decatur Blue Print, Inc. 230 W. Wood Street, Decatur, Illinois in the amount of $60.00, by BANK CASHIER'S CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CERTIFIED CHECK or COMPANY CHECK made payable to the order of Decatur Blue Print, Inc. **No refund will be made for the plans, specifications, or proposal forms returned.**

3. Plans and specifications are **available for viewing** at the following locations:

Dodge Reports
1620 South 5th St.
Springfield, Illinois 62703

McGraw Hill Dodge
114 West St.Clair
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Reed Market Data
30 Technology Parkway South
Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092-2912
Attn.: Document Processing Center

Illowa Builders Exchange
520 24th Street
Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Greater Peoria Contractors & Suppliers Association, Inc.
1811 West Altorfer Drive
Peoria, Illinois 61615

City of Decatur, Public Works Engineering Division
#1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, Illinois 62523

Bidtool.net
Attn.: Peter Lucnik
Plan Acquisition Manager
One Oakbrook Terrace, Suite 510
Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois 60181

Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs
Small and Minority Business Advocacy Unit
100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-400
Chicago, IL 60610

4. No refund will be made for plans, specifications or proposal forms returned.

5. The City of Decatur's Public Works Department will not release the Engineer's Estimate of Cost in advance of the scheduled time and date of the bid opening. Bid tabulations will be available on the City's web site at www.decaturil.gov under Departments / Public Works / Contractor Project Bid Information after the award of a contract has been approved by the City of Decatur City Council.

6. All proposals must be accompanied by a BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR CERTIFIED CHECK made payable to Treasurer, Decatur, Illinois, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or BID BOND in the same amount.

7. Prior to award, the top three (3) bidders shall provide a copy of their Workers Compensation Experience Modifier or equivalent documentation for the current year and the previous two (2) years with explanation for any year's Experience Modifier that is not a credit.

8. The contractor shall at all times during the term of this Contract pay the applicable prevailing wage for the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor.

9. Before the Contractor and any Subcontractor commences work, the Contractor and any Subcontractor shall have in place a written Substance Abuse Prevention Program for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees which meets or exceeds the requirements in P. A. 95-0635 or shall have a collective bargaining agreement in effect dealing with the subject matter of P. A. 95-0635.

10. All Contractors submitting bids for public works projects over the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) shall comply with City Code Chapter 6, Section 14 entitled Responsible Bidder which requires participation in apprenticeship and training programs approved and applicable to the work to be performed on the project which are registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or its successor organization. Approved documentation of compliance must be received prior to the award of a contract.

11. Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the Procedures for Providing Financial Assistance from the Public Water Supply Loan Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Davis-Bacon

Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, and the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570). This procurement is also subject to the loan recipient's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The loan recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4. And finally, bidders are required to comply with Section 1605 of the ARRA, which specifies that all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4.

12. **A Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **September 2, 2009, at 10:00 AM.**, local time at the **City of Decatur**, Public Works Department, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois 62523-1196. For information phone Steve Bainbridge, P.E. at Bainbridge, Gee, Milanski & Associates at 217/423-8600. The purpose of the conference is primarily to discuss the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and any other questioned contractual requirements. Attendance by bidders is recommended, but is not mandatory.

13. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the Bid. No Bid shall be withdrawn without the consent of the Owner for a period of 90 days after the scheduled time of receiving bids

REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals and to waive technicalities.

August 9, 2009	Richard G. Marley, P. E
Date Advertised	Director of Public Works