NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHICKASAW COUNTY TOWER SITE PROJECT
CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvement
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Chickasaw County, Iowa on the proposed Contract Documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract) and estimated total cost for the Chickasaw County Tower Site Project at its meeting at 9:15 AM on the 8th day of June, 2020. Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, and as authorized by emergency proclamation of the Governor of the State of Iowa, this meeting of the County Board will be conducted electronically, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, as holding the meeting in person is impossible or impractical. The public can attend telephonically by calling in to the meeting using the dial-in number and following the prompts to enter the access code. DIAL-IN NUMBER 425-436-6390, ACCESS CODE 834237

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals
Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before 9:00 AM on the 2nd day of June, 2020 at the Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office, 8 East Prospect, P.O. Box 311, New Hampton, Iowa 50659. Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered
Sealed proposals will be opened by the Board Chair and bids tabulated at 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of June, 2020. The bid opening will be conducted electronically and interested persons may attend by phone by using the dial-in number and following the prompts to enter the access code. DIAL-IN NUMBER 425-436-6390, ACCESS CODE 834237

Bids will be considered by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors at its meeting at 9:15 AM on the 8th day of June, 2020. As previously indicated, this meeting will be conducted as an electronic meeting and interested persons may attend or participate in the meeting by using the methods described in the public hearing section of this Notice. The Board may award a Contract at said meeting, or at such other time and place as shall then be announced.

Commencement of Work
Work on the improvement shall be commenced any time after a written Notice to Proceed is issued after the Public Hearing and Contract Award on June 8, 2020. The contractor shall achieve final completion as indicated below.

Contract Documents
A copy of said plans, specifications, and form of contract, and estimated total cost is now on file in the office of the Auditor, 8 East Prospect, P.O. Box 311, New Hampton, Iowa 50659. Copies of the project documents can be obtained at the Chickasaw County Website.

Preference of Products and Labor
By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa. In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of
preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

Failure to submit a fully completed and accurate Bidder Status Form with the Proposal may result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive and may result in the Proposal being rejected.

General Nature of the Public Improvement

CHICKASAW COUNTY TOWER SITE PROJECT

This project will require the installation of radio system equipment at three (3) existing tower sites. The following general equipment and services are needed at the three tower sites:

A. Site development planning, basic environmental review, drawings/documentation, zoning assistance and general construction for three tower sites.
   - General site grading, preparation for shelter installation, security fencing, finish gravel surface materials, etc.
   - Improvements and expansion of existing of access roads into the sites
   - Primary electrical service, wiring to and within shelters, etc.
B. Qty of two (2) prefabricated radio equipment shelters, including foundations, delivery and installation (Lawler and Nashua tower sites)
C. Qty of two (2) propane-fueled emergency generators, including automatic transfer switch, installation and wiring, propane tank and installation (Lawler and Nashua tower sites)

The tower sites have existing tower structures. No tower construction, climbing or antenna installation is required of the contractors selected for this project.

The tower sites are located at: 2323 South Linn Drive, New Hampton, IA, 2960 – 210th St, Lawler, IA, and 2950 Asherton Ave, Nashua IA.

Bid Security

Each Bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful Bidder will enter into a Contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of Contract a corporate Surety Bond, in a form acceptable to Chickasaw County, for the faithful performance of the Contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the Contract. The Bidder’s security shall be in the amount fixed in the Invitation to Bid and shall be in the form of a cashier’s check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a Bid Bond on the form provided in the Contract Documents with corporate Surety satisfactory to the Chickasaw County. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

Chickasaw County reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Performance and Payment Bond

Each successful Bidder will be required to furnish a corporate Surety Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of its Contract price. Said Bond shall be issued by a responsible Surety approved
by Chickasaw County and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless Chickasaw County from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contract.

**Title VI Compliance**
Chickasaw County in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**Sales Tax Exemption**
Chickasaw County will issue a sales tax exemption certificate to the Contractor for all material purchased for incorporation into the project. Tax exemption certificates are applicable only for the specific project for which the tax exemption certificate is issued.

**Completion of Work**
The Contractor shall fully complete the project by no later than May, 2021.

Should the Contractor fail to fully complete the work by May, 2021, liquidated damages in the amount of $250.00 per calendar day thereafter will be assessed until the project is determined to be fully complete.

Chickasaw County does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Chickasaw County.

This Notice is given by authority of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

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Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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