INVITATION TO BID

 Separate sealed bids for the construction of the <u>City of Hardin Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades</u> will be received by <u>City of Hardin</u> at the City Administration Office located at <u>406 North Cheyenne Avenue</u>, <u>Hardin</u>, <u>MT 59034</u> until <u>2:00 pm</u> local time on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 12</u>, <u>2024</u>, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stipulated time shall be returned unopened.

The project consists of:

- Construction of a new Headworks Facility containing rotary fine screen, grit separation and dewatering, and influent flow metering and automatic sampling.
- Oxidation Ditch improvements including surface aerator and mixer replacement and miscellaneous concrete rehabilitation.
- Construction of a new Clarifier Split Structure and clarifier along with the rehabilitation of the two existing clarifiers.
- Expansion of the existing Administration Building to enclose the existing UV disinfection channel, and construction of a new UV disinfection channel with equipment, and new dedicated laboratory facilities.
- Aerobic Digester aeration equipment improvements and miscellaneous concrete rehabilitation.
- New RAS and WAS control vault and improvements to the existing RAS Pump Station.
- Also included in the project are associated site piping, electrical, instrumentation and control system upgrades throughout the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project is being financed by <u>City of Hardin</u> funds and <u>RRGL, SRF, MT Coal Board, USDA Rural</u> Development, and MCEP.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at QuestCDN. You may download the digital plan documents for a fee. You may also access them at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest Project #9353988 on the QuestCDN project search page. The plans, specifications and the official plan holders list may be examined through this site for no charge. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at www.montanabid.com.

There will be a MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference for all bidders that will be held on Thursday October 24, 2024 at 2:00 PM, local time, onsite at the Hardin Wastewater Treatment Plant, 377 Woodley Ln., Hardin, MT 59034. Representatives of the Public Works Department and HDR Engineering, Inc. will be present to describe the project and answer questions. A tour of the work area will be provided. The pre-bid meeting will have a formal sign-in process, which will become the official record of attendance for the purposes of determining eligible bidders. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for any contractor to submit a bid as a prime. In the event a bidder tenders a bid but did not attend the pre-bid meeting, the bid will be returned unopened. The list of eligible bidders will be included in the Addenda issued for the project.

 CONTRACTOR and any of the CONTRACTOR'S subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by CONTRACTOR or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the City of Hardin and the state of Montana. The CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the "City of Hardin, MT" in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful BIDDERS shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance as required shall be provided by the successful BIDDER(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided with the City of Hardin listed as additional insured.

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No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids, which is 2:00 PM local time, December 12, 2024.

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For further information concerning this project, please contact Jake Ostrander with HDR Engineering at 970 South 29th Street West, Billings, MT 59102, by telephone at (406) 651-6612 or by email at jacob.ostrander@hdrinc.com.

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The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interest of the OWNER.

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American Iron and Steel

Section 746 of title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A – Agriculture, rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contact:

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