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INVITATION TO BID

Bid Number: 26-3913 Date Issued February 26, 2026

Date & Time Bid Opening, Thursday, March 12, 2026 at, 10:15 a.m.

Poplar Street Boring Project North Little Rock Electric Department

Total Project Bid Amount: _____

Expected Number of Days to Complete Boring Project: _____

If you are obtaining this bid from our website, please be reminded that addendums may occur. It is therefore advisable that you review our listings (www.nlr.ar.gov) for attachments including any changes to the bid.

The City of North Little Rock encourages participation of small, minority, and woman-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods, services, professional services, and construction, either as a general contractor or sub-contractor. It is further requested that whenever possible, majority contractors who require sub-contractors, seek qualified small, minority, and woman-owned businesses to partner with them.

The City of North Little Rock is committed to fair and equal opportunity in employment and service delivery regardless of race, color religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, or veteran status. This policy statement reinforces and communicates that commitment to employees.

EXECUTION OF BID

Upon signing this page, the organization certifies that they have read and agree to the requirements set forth in this bid including conditions set forth and pertinent information requests.

Name of Firm: _____ Phone No.: _____

Business Address: _____

Signature of Authorized Person: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____, 2026

UNSIGNED BID COVER SHEET WILL BE REJECTED.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

1. When submitting an "Invitation to Bid," the bidder warrants that the commodities covered by the bid shall be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. In addition, bidder must deliver new commodities of the latest design and model, unless otherwise specified in the "Invitation to Bid."
2. Prices quoted are to be net process, and when an error is made in extending total prices, the City may accept the bid for the lesser amount whether reflected by extension or by the correct multiple of the unit price.
3. Discounts offered will be taken when the City qualifies for such. The beginning date for computing discounts will be the date of invoice or the date of delivery and acceptance, whichever is later.
4. When bidding other than the brand and/or model specified in the "Invitation to Bid," the brand and/or model number must be stated by that item in the "Invitation to Bid," and descriptive literature be submitted with the bid.
5. **REJECTION**
 - A. The City reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any Bid, to negotiate changes and/or modifications with the lowest responsible bidder and to make award to the response deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. Bidders shall be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws.
 - B. The City reserves the right to cancel request for bids without penalty with it is in the best interest of the City. Notice of Cancellation shall be inserted on the City's website (www.nlr.ar.gov).
 - C. Any Bid not conforming to the specifications or requirements set forth by the City in this Bid Request may be rejected.
 - D. Bids may be also rejected if they are made by a Bidder that is deemed un-responsible due to lack of qualifications, capacity, skill, character, experience, reliability, financial stability or quality of services, supplies, materials, equipment or labor.
 - E. The City of North Little Rock reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept in whole or in part, to waive any informalities in bids received, to accept bids on materials or equipment with variations from specifications in those cases where efficiency of operation will not be impaired, and unless otherwise specified by the bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If unit prices and extensions thereof do not coincide, the City of North Little Rock may accept the bid for the lesser amount whether reflected by the extension or by the correct multiple of the unit price
6. The Purchasing office reserves the right to award items, all or none, or by line item(s).
7. Quality, time and probability of performance may be factors in making an award.
8. Bid quotes submitted will remain firm for 30 calendar days from bid opening date; however, the prices may remain firm for a longer period of time if mutually agreeable between bidder and the Department of Commerce.
9. Bidder must submit a completed signed copy of the front page of the "Invitation to Bid" and must submit any other information required in the "Invitation to Bid."
10. In the event a contract is entered into pursuant to the "Invitation to Bid," the bidder shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or qualified applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry. The bidder must include in any and all subcontracts a provision similar to the above.
11. Sales or use tax is not to be included in the bid price, but is to be added by the vendor to the invoice billing to the City.

Although use tax is not to be included in this bid, vendors are to register and pay tax direct to the Arkansas State Revenue Department.

12. Prices quoted shall be "Free on Board" (F.O.B.) to destination at designated facility in North Little Rock. Charges may not be added after the bid is opened.
13. In the event of two or more identical low bids, the contract may be awarded arbitrarily or for any reason to any of such bidders or split in any proportion between them at the discretion of the Department of Commerce..
14. Specifications furnished with this Invitation are intended to establish a desired quality or performance level, or other minimum dimensions and capacities, which will provide the best product available at the lowest possible price. Other than designated brands and/or models approved as equal to designated products shall receive an equal consideration.
15. Samples of items when required, must be furnished free, and, if not called for within 30 days from date of bid opening, will become property of the City.
16. Bids will not be considered if they are:
 1. Submitted after the bid's opening time.
 2. Submitted electronically or faxed (unless authorized by Purchasing Agent).
17. Guarantees and warranties should be submitted with the bid, as they may be a consideration in making an award.

18. CONSTRUCTION

- A. Contractor is to supply the City with evidence of having and maintaining proper and complete insurance, specifically Workman's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas, Public Liability and Property Damage. All premiums and cost shall be paid by the Contractor. In no way will the City be responsible in case of accident.
 - B. When noted, a Certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of total bid shall accompany bid.
 - C. A Performance Bond equaling the total amount of any bid exceeding \$50,000.00 must be provided for any contract for the repair, alteration or erection of any public building, public structure or public improvement (pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 22-9-203).
19. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES** - Liquidated damages shall be assessed beginning on the first day following the maximum delivery or completion time entered on this bid form and/or provided for by the plans and specifications.
 20. **AMBIGUITY IN BID** - Any ambiguity in any bid as the result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the bidder with specifications, instructions, and all conditions of bidding shall be construed in the light most favorable to the City.
 21. The bid number should be stated on the face of the sealed bid envelope. If it is not, the envelope will have to be opened to identify.
 22. Whenever a bid is sought seeking a source of supply for a specified period of time for materials and services, the quantities of usage shown are estimated ONLY. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the participants as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contracts. These quantities are for the bidders information ONLY and will be used for tabulation and presentation of bid and the participant reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as required.

23. The City of North Little Rock will follow procedures to check bidder eligibility through the federal System for Award Management (S.A.M.) as outlined in 2 C.F.R. § 200. This will be completed prior to the award of any contract in which federal grant funds will be expended.
24. Additional information or bid forms may be obtained from:

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, 700 West 29th Street, P.O. Box 5757, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72119
(501)975-8881 www.nlr.ar.gov

Bidding documents must be submitted on or before the bid's opening date and time. Unless noted, bids must be sealed and mailed or delivered to:

**Amy Smith, Purchasing Manager
Commerce Department
700 W. 29th Street, 3rd Floor
North Little Rock, AR 72114**

INVITATION FOR BID

Poplar Street Boring Project North Little Rock Electric Department

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The Contactor shall complete all work as specified or indicated in the documents. The work is generally described as follows:

- North Little Rock Electric is the largest municipal utility in the State of Arkansas. We have around 40,000 customers and are for the most part serve a dense urban service territory. Our system covers around 85 square miles. We serve North Little Rock customers from Burns Park in the west to the Galloway area in the east and from the Arkansas River south of downtown NLR up north to the majority of Sherwood and a small part of Pulaski County.
- North Little Rock Electric Department is asking for bids on boring four runs of two 6" Conduits totaling approximately 1,250 feet and 1 run of two 4" conduits for 150 feet in the downtown area to support the new public improvements currently being constructed. These bores will be under roads in highly congested areas full of existing underground infrastructure.
- The project will take place from the Southwest corner of North Poplar Street and E 4th Street down to the Northeast corner of North Poplar Street and E Washington Ave in downtown North Little Rock.
- Attached is an electric design map that can be used for reference. This bid description will describe the bores by the station numbers 1 through 6 as they are shown in the attached reference map.
 - Pt.2 to Pt.1 – Starting at pt2 at the SW corner of N Poplar and E 4th St bore 56 ft south with two 6" conduits ending next to the existing wooden utility pole
 - Pt.2 to Pt.3 – Starting at pt2 at the SW corner of N Poplar and E 4th St bore 370 ft south with two 6" conduits under Poplar Street and E Broadway St and end at the SE corner of E Broadway and N Poplar.
 - Pt.3 to Pt.4 – Starting at Pt3 at the SE corner of E Broadway and N Poplar bore 360 ft south with two 6" conduits along the E side of Poplar.
 - Pt.5 to Pt.4 – Starting at Pt4 at the NE corner of N Poplar and E Washington bore 290 ft North with two 6" conduits along the E side of Poplar to meet at the end of the previously listed bore.
 - Pt.3 to Pt.6 – Starting at the SE corner of E Broadway and N Poplar St bore 150 ft North with two 4" conduits to a grass parking lot island on the East side of Poplar St

Bidders must provide the overall cost for the completion of all 5 bores and an expected timeline of construction.

2.0 COMPETITION INTENDED

It is the City of North Little Rock's (hereinafter referred to as the "City") intent that this Invitation for Bid (IFB) permit competition.

3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

3.1 Submission of Bids

Before submitting a bid, read the ENTIRE solicitation. Failure to read any part of this solicitation will not relieve a bidder of the obligations. The Bidder is responsible for being familiar with all conditions, instructions, and documents governing this project and bid. Failure to make such investigation and preparations shall not excuse the Vendor from performance of the duties and obligations imposed under the terms of this bid. Pricing must be submitted on Invitation For Bid front page at the designated location. On the front of the envelope when submitting a bid, include Bid number and project title: **Poplar Street Boring Project – Bid Number 26-3913**. Bids must be received by the Commerce Department BEFORE the hour specified on the opening date. Bids may be either mailed or hand delivered to:

Commerce Department
City of North Little Rock
Attn: Amy Smith
700 W. 29th Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114

The City is not responsible for delays from the US Post Office or any other courier. *Faxed and emailed bids will not be accepted.*

3.2 Questions and Inquiries

Contact the following person for questions regarding the bid specifications:

Greg Woodward
gwoodward@nlr.ar.gov

3.3 Firm Pricing for City Acceptance

Bid price must be firm for the City's acceptance for a minimum of ninety (90) days from bid opening date.

3.4 Authority to Bind Firm in Contract

Bids MUST give full firm name and address of bidder. Failure to manually sign bid may disqualify it. Person signing bid should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN AN AGREEMENT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on cover page of bid.

3.5 Late Bids

LATE bids will not be CONSIDERED.

3.6 Basis for Award

The award will be made to the lowest responsive, qualified and responsible bidder based upon the price and meeting the specifications.

- a) The City reserves the right to cancel invitations for bids or requests for proposals without penalty when it is in the best interest of the City. Notice of cancellation shall be addressed on the City's website under Open Bid Opportunities.
- b) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, to negotiate changes and/or modifications with the lowest responsible bidder and to award the bid to bidder deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. Bidders shall be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including those relating to employment of labor without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, handicap, sex, national origin or religious creed.
- c) Any bid not conforming to the specifications or requirements set forth in the bid request may be rejected.
- d) Bids may also be rejected if they are made by a bidder that is deemed unresponsive due to a lack of qualifications, capacity, skill, character, experience, reliability, financial stability or quality of services, supplies, materials, equipment or labor.

3.7 Negotiation with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the City reserves the right to negotiate with the lowest responsive, qualified, responsible bidder. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the low price and the specifications/scope of work to be performed.

3.8 Debarment

By submitting a bid, the bidder is certifying that bidder is not currently debarred by the City, or in a procurement involving federal funds, by the Federal Government.

3.9 W-9 Form Required

Each bidder shall submit a completed W-9 form with their bid.

3.10 City Business/Privilege/Professional Licenses

Contractor must hold a current Business/Privilege License with the City of North Little Rock or with any City within the State of Arkansas and a copy of the business/privilege license must be provided with the bid. Additionally, Bidder must provide a copy of their Professional License/Certificate.

3.11 Acknowledgement of Contract

Respondents acknowledge and understand that upon award of the winning bid, the selected bidder will be required to review and sign a contract with the City of North Little Rock prior to providing any services to the City.

3.12 Subcontracts

The Contractor is fully responsible for all work performed under this Contract even if some of the work is performed by subcontractors.

No subcontract, which the Contractor entered into with respect to performance under this Contract, shall in any way relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for performance of its duties. Contractor must notify the City if he/she intends to use a subcontractor and get City's approval of the subcontractor.

3.13 Payment Terms

Vendor will submit payment request when all work is completed and approved by the City and receives close-out report. Once all approvals have been received according to the specifications, City will remit the amount to the Vendor within thirty (30) days. The City does not expect any change orders in this bid.

4.0 BID SECURITY

- 4.1 Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check upon a national or state bank in a not less than five percent (5% of the total maximum bid price) payable without recourse to the Owner, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute a performance and payment bonds within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of Contract. Such bid guarantee shall be made payable to the City of North Little Rock.
- 4.2 The **Successful** bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from the State of Arkansas to act as surety, or other surety or sureties acceptable to the Owner.

5.0 INSURANCE

- 5.1 Contractor must provide to the City a Certificate of Comprehensive General Liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance if selected.

IN FIELD SERVICE FROM LITTLE ROCK, AR




 NORTH LITTLE ROCK
 ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
 1400 West Maryland Avenue
 (501) 572-0100

WorkOrder NO: N Poplar street main
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 JOB TYPE:

CUSTOMER:
 SERVICE ADDRESS:
 CUSTOMER PHONE:

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR NAME:
 EC PHONE:

GENERAL CONTRACTOR NAME:
 GC PHONE:

SUBSTATION 1: Veigable 1
 CIRCUIT 1:
 SUBSTATION 2:
 CIRCUIT 2:
 UPSTREAM DEVICE:
 LOCATION:

TREE TRIMMING NEEDED:
 YES NO

JOB STAKED: YES NO

JOINT USE TYPE:
 TELEPHONE CATV
 NLRD FIBER: YES NO

AR ONE CALL NO:
 LOCATE START:
 LOCATE EXPRES:

WATER: WASTE WATER:

FOR CONSTRUCTION
 FOREMAN:
 DATE STARTED:
 DATE COMPLETED:

DESIGNED BY: mfinch
 DATE TO CONSTRUCTION:

APPROVED BY: