SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

Marshall Street Water Improvements

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, December 3, 2026. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Conference Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden
Department of Public Works
115 Horton St.
Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc.
112 East Mississippi Avenue
Ruston, LA 71270

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of $75.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to all others.

Contract documents will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Municipal and Public Works. Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of $50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Negotiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a "no bid".

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – CITY OF MINDEN MARSHALL STREET WATER IMPROVEMENTS – BID NUMBER 01-2027 – ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bidder shall include their full company name, address, and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time, Thursday, November 19, 2026 at the Public Works Control Center at 115 Horton Street, Minden, LA 71055.

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Melaney Sanders, City Clerk

Bid Number 01-2027
To be advertised: November 4, 2026
November 11, 2026
November 18, 2026