

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

### MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

#### 15 kV INDOOR METALCLAD SWITCHGEAR

**NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for Furnishing 15 kV Indoor Metalclad Switchgear for the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, may be filed in the office of the General Manager of Utilities before 2:00 P.M. local time on March 17, 2026. The office is located at 1 Utility Parkway, PO Box 769, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. 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. All sealed bids received will be opened by the General Manager or his designated representative at the local time stated above on said date. Immediately after the receiving of bids closing time, the bids will be opened, publicly read aloud and recorded. All bids shall be in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The results of the letting and a recommendation for award of the projects will be made after the public hearing to be held by the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility on April 8, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. Said Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on said date at which time any and all interested parties for and against said public improvements may be heard and written objections thereto may be filed on or before the time set for said hearing. The hearing regarding said contract documents and estimated cost for said improvements will be held, as provided for by law, in the Cedar Falls Utilities building, Board Room. The sealed bids for this improvement shall be offered for the construction of said improvement more generally described as:

The equipment is desired to be delivered no later than October 1, 2027. The work is described in general as follows:

Furnishing and installing a new lineup of 15 kV indoor metalclad switchgear including eight (8) vacuum circuit breakers with related controls and accessories.

The above equipment shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file at Cedar Falls Utilities offices in said Cedar Falls, Iowa, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:** Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents at no charge by inputting **Quest project #10077478** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications at no charge for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, PO Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: [dgr@dgr.com](mailto:dgr@dgr.com).

A copy of said plans, specifications, and form of contract, and estimated total cost is now on file in the office of the Board Secretary and may be examined at the office of the Cedar Falls Utilities, 1 Utility Parkway, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

**LEGAL PROVISIONS:** By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown, and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and preference shall be given to Iowa domestic labor in the construction of said improvements. The Owner will, in evaluating Bids, consider the requirements of the resident bidder preference law, and allow such preferences to resident bidders as are required to be allowed under State Law. Bidder shall, when submitting a Bid, furnish an executed Bidder Status Form for the Owner to use when applying the preference law. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the bid may result in the bid being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

**BID SECURITY:** Each bid shall be made out on a blank form furnished by the Utility and must contain bid security as required by Iowa Code Section 26.8. The bidder's security shall be in the form of either (1) a cashier's check or certified check drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered bank, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (2) a certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally chartered credit union, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid; or (3) a bid bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa, in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the amount of the Bid. The bid security shall be made payable to the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within fifteen (15) days after the award of contract and post a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond.

**BIDDER QUALIFICATION:** Bidder qualification evidence shall be submitted in accordance with the Requests for Proposal.

**QUALIFICATION OF INSURERS AND SURETIES:** Insurers and Sureties shall meet the qualification requirements of the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract and/or Supplementary Conditions.

**IDENTIFICATION:** The Project Engineer shall be an employee of DGR Engineering. The Owner's Site Representative shall be an employee of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**STARTING AND COMPLETION DATES:** The Work shall be completed according to the schedule set forth in the Bid Form and in the Agreement. The project shall be substantially complete by October 1, 2027.

**NOTICE OF AWARD:** Agreements awarded under this Notice of Hearing and Letting shall be funded in cash derived from past earnings of said Municipal Electric Utility, and/or from the sale of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds, which bonds shall be payable solely and only out of the net earnings of said Utility, and shall not constitute a general obligation of the City of Cedar Falls or be enforceable in any manner by taxation.

Payment to the Supplier will be made as described in the Material Agreement.

Delivery of the Switchgear shall be by the date set in the General Requirements.

Award of the Contract, if an award is made, will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. It is the intent of the Owner to award one (1) Contract for the Switchgear based on the total price and delivery date.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The Board of Trustees also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and irregularities in the form of the bid and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Utility.

Published upon order of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF  
THE CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

By /s/ Debra S. Iehl  
Secretary