

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that the Clay, Dickinson and Emmet County Boards of Supervisors will meet at the Dickinson County Courthouse in Spirit Lake, Iowa, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., at which time said Boards propose to adopt plans, specifications and form of contract and to receive bids for the 2016 OPEN DITCH CLEANOUT in JOINT DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 61, IN CLAY, DICKINSON AND EMMET COUNTY, IOWA, and to enter into the contract for the construction of said improvements. Proposals will be acted upon by the Boards at a meeting to be held on the day and hour above specified or such later time and date as may then be specified.

The proposed cleanout and repairs are in general as follows: Furnishing all labor, tools and equipment necessary for 94,890 cubic yards of excavation, repairing 13 outlets, clearing and grubbing, seeding and fertilizing, together with related subsidiary and incidental work in Joint Drainage District No. 61 in Clay, Dickinson and Emmet County, Iowa.

All materials are to be in strict compliance with specifications prepared by Jacobson-Westergard & Associates of Estherville, Iowa, which, together with the proposed form of contract, have heretofore been approved by the Boards and are now on file for public examination in the office of the Clay, Dickinson and Emmet County Auditors, and are by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Each proposal shall have been sealed in an envelope and marked "Proposal for 2016 OPEN DITCH CLEANOUT in Joint Drainage District No. 61, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet County, Iowa." Each bid must be accompanied in a separate envelope by a bid bond, cash or certified check in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid, in no case to exceed \$10,000, drawn on and certified by an Iowa Bank, made payable to the Dickinson County Auditor as security that the bidder will furnish the required bonds, and enter into a contract within 15 days after the award of the contract to them.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond in the amount of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety approved by the Boards and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and the conditions therein contained, and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all materials and labor, and protect and save harmless the Boards from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contractor for a period of one year from and after the acceptance of the work by the

Boards and guaranteeing the complete project against defective workmanship and/or materials for a period of one year from and after acceptance.

The Contractor shall have all work shall be completed by **September 1, 2017**. **No leveling of spoil shall be done until crops have been harvested on crop ground. No leveling will be done on CRP acres between May 15th and August 1st**. Approval must be obtained from the Engineer prior to commencing leveling operations. If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the specified time, he shall forfeit to the Boards \$200.00 for each calendar day after this date that the work is incomplete.

Use of any excavator for cleanout which is not classified as a long-reach machine must be approved by the Engineer.

No benching will be allowed to reach the bottom of the ditch.

Excavation shall be done from **both sides** of the ditch throughout the length of the cleanout.

Payments shall be made in cash or stamped warrants paying 5% interest based on monthly estimates of work and material delivered and completed during the preceding month. The Boards shall pay the Contractor 90 percent of the monthly estimate. Final payment shall be made to the Contractor as set forth in the contract documents and as provided for in Chapter 455 of the Code of Iowa as amended.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., 105 South 6th Street, Estherville, IA 51334. A deposit of \$100.00 will be required for plans and specifications, all of which will be refunded to bona fide bidders, provided plans and specifications are returned in good condition within 14 days after the award of the contract.

Published upon order of the Boards of Supervisors, acting as Trustees for Joint Drainage District No. 61, Clay, Dickinson and Emmet County, Iowa.

CLAY, DICKINSON AND EMMET COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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