

## SECTION I

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose Park, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the following Improvement:

**North Avenue Lighting Improvements Project  
Indian Boundary Road to Riverwoods Drive  
DCEO Project Nos. HD220227 & HD220228  
Village of Melrose Park, Illinois**

This project will include removal of existing street lighting, located in the median along North Avenue, and replacing with new light poles located in an opposite configuration behind the back of curb. This work will also include pedestrian scale light poles along the multi-use path at locations indicated on the plans and performing other related work.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall Community Meeting Room.

Sealed bids will be received during regular business hours up to the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 12th day of April 2024, at the Village Clerk's Office, in the Village Hall located 1000 North 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois 60160, and will be publicly opened and read at that time and at that location.

Electronic copies of the bidding documents are available from the office of the Design Engineer, Ciorba Group, via email request to klopez@ciorba.com. The Engineer has been authorized to refuse to issue plans, specifications and proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that she considers to be unqualified. No proposals will be issued after 5:00 P.M. on the 22nd day of March 2024.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. The following will be required to be submitted along with all proposals:

- Bid bond, cashier's check or certified check in an amount not less than **Five Percent (5%)** of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into, and the performance of the contract is properly secured. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Melrose Park. No bid proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such bid bond or check.
- Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Utilization Plan to be reviewed and approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) (see Section IX for description). The Plan must list specific subcontractors, distributors, or supplier's names that will be used to meet DCEO MBE, WBE, and PBE project goals.
- The Village of Melrose Park is requiring Bidders to submit a Statement of Qualifications in accordance with the Proposal (see Section VII). A copy of the Bidders IDOT "Certification or Eligibility" indicating that the Contractor is qualified to perform Electrical Work (Category 014).
- Acknowledgement of all addenda issued.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the proposals without the consent of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose Park for a period of 45 days after the scheduled time of opening bids.

The bidder is specifically advised that the Village is a grantee of the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Village, and this Project is subject to the provisions of a Grant Agreement entered into and between the State of Illinois and the Village. Payments

to the Contractor will be made by the Village only insofar as the payments are in compliance with the terms of the Agreement and the Village has determined that the work subject to such payments is in accordance with the terms of the aforesaid agreement and is eligible for reimbursement from the grant.

The successful bidder for the construction of the improvement will be required to file a performance bond equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid, with sureties to be approved by the President and Board of Trustees, which performance bonds shall be conditioned upon proper and faithful performance by the Contractor of the work specified in accordance with the plans and specification therefore, according to the time and terms and conditions of the contract; and also that the bidder and contractor shall properly pay all debts incurred by the Contractor in the execution of the work, including those for labor and materials furnished. The successful bidder will be required to furnish sufficient insurance or guaranty of indemnity to the Village of Melrose Park, Illinois and the Engineer against any and all claims which might arise for damages to persons or property due to the negligence of the Contractor or Subcontractors, or their officers, agents, employees or servants, during the construction of said improvement and until the said improvement has been finally accepted as complete by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose Park, Illinois.

The Village reserves the rights to determine the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, to waive irregularities, and to reject any or all bid proposals.

The Contractor and Subcontractor shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130), and other applicable Federal Laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards.

Dated at Melrose Park, Illinois, this 15th day of March 2024.

President and Board of Trustees  
Village of Melrose Park, Illinois

By: /s/Ronald M. Serpico  
Village President

Attest: /s/ Mary Ann Paolantonio  
Village Clerk