

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A Notice to Bidders is hereby given that sealed bids for construction of the **Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array Project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** within the City of Princeton, Iowa, will be received by the **City of Princeton** at **City Hall, 311 3rd Street, Princeton, IA 52768**, until **2:00 PM local time on the 1st day of May 2026** at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. If bids are to be forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the City of Princeton, City Hall, 311 3rd Street, Princeton, IA 52768.

All bids submitted are to be reviewed by the City at a public meeting to be held at City Hall on the 14th day of May 2026 at 6:00 PM. The proposed project shall consist of, but may not be limited to, the following work:

The installation of solar panels for the City of Princeton's Wastewater treatment plant located at the Princeton Wastewater Treatment Lagoons. This work shall include, and is not limited to, the clearing and grubbing of the designated area, the installation of all required electrical work for proper performance, installation of steel frames, panels, and inverter, and seeding and miscellaneous work associated with the project including cleanup.

This project is intended to qualify for federal clean electricity tax credits under code Sections 45Y and 48E. Eligibility for the tax credits requires that the Project satisfy applicable federal "beginning of construction" requirements on or before July 4, 2026. Bidders are hereby advised that compliance with the federal "beginning of construction" requirement is a material condition of this procurement and any resulting contract. Therefore, the **mandatory start date for this project shall be on or before June 25, 2026** to ensure full compliance with the July 4, 2026 deadline.

Two **pre-bid meetings** will be held at the project site to afford the maximum opportunity for Bidders to view the site and ask questions. These meetings are not mandatory, but attendance at one of the meetings is highly encouraged. Meetings will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM and Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

The bid documents may be obtained online from Hutchison Engineering's website at www.hutchisoneng.com and selecting the "Contractor Bidding" tab. Project documents will only be distributed electronically. The bidder will be responsible for making hard copies of the project documents.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract amount shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423.4 and applicable Iowa Administrative Code provisions, tax exempt certificates and authorization letters will be issued to the successful bidder and subcontractors thereby exempting the successful bidder and subcontractors from having to pay sales tax on this project. Sales tax shall not be added to any bid submitted.

It is the intent of the City to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder with the options or exceptions that, in the opinion of the City, is in the best interest of the project. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities or defects in the bidding, or to accept the bid that, in the judgement of the City, will be in its best interest.

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