

PRE-BID MEETING
SUSSEX HIGHWAY FIBER EXTENSION FOR
THE CITY OF SEAFORD, DELAWARE
October 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

The following people were in attendance:

Charles Anderson	City Manager
Bill Bennett	Director of Electric
Anthony Pini	AUI
Antwan Branch	Bluestar Technologies
Philip Hearel	Bluestar Technologies

Project Background

- The City is accepting sealed bids to extend an existing fiber optic network north on Sussex Highway to serve a lift station approximately 1450 LF south of Old Furnace road.

Project Scope

The work generally includes:

- Install all hardware and 96-count fiber optic cable. Limits - from 22880 Sussex Highway (behind the Lowes complex) to Sussex Highway pole 30-310/603, North on Sussex Highway to pole 37-310/1956, bore 2" conduit under Sussex Highway from pole 37-310/1956 to pole 37-310/1954. Then proceed from pole 37-310/1954 North near Old Furnace Road to pole 55-310/2029. Then from pole 37-310/1954 South crossing Tharp Road and proceeding to pole 24-210/665 near Stargate Diner.
- The entire run we will have 11 Storage loops as directed by the owner. All storage loops will be 100' of cable minimum.
- All materials will be supplied by the City of Seaford.
- All splicing will be done by the City and is not to be included in this bid.

Project Funding

- This project is funded by the City of Seaford with local funds.

Bidding Requirements

- Bids will be received on October 21, 2020 at 2:30 pm, at **City Hall**, 414 High Street Seaford, DE 19973.
- 5% bid bond requirement.
- A 100% performance bond will be required based on the agreed contract amount.

Contract Requirements

- The contract period is 45 calendar days. City Manager Anderson stated that there was a conflict on the bid sheet which will be corrected by Addendum
- Bid award by City Council is tentatively scheduled for October 27th, 2020.
- No Liquidated damages in contract.
- City of Seaford staff will provide inspection of the work and provide the necessary day to day coordination.
- Photo documentation of sites will be done and contractors are responsible for any damage caused by them.

Special Concerns

- No buildings or trenches are to be left open at night and contractor is to provide access to area businesses and residents at all times.
- Bidders are encouraged to visit the site and make investigations they deem necessary to adequately prepare their bid.
- DOT Utility Permit # SC-0003-20SF has been provided with the bid. All provisions must be adhered to by the contractor during the execution of the work.
- Any entrance or sidewalk closures must be approved in advance by the City of Seaford.

Addenda

- All questions must be submitted in writing no later than six days prior to the bid date – October 15th, 2020.
- The last addendum for the project will be sent out no later than five days prior to the bid date October 16th, 2020.
- Bidders must be registered with the City and be on the project bidders list at City Hall to receive any of the addenda.

It was added that if there are any questions to contact Bill Bennett, Director of Electric at seafordelectric@seafordde.com. Mr. Bennett added that there will be boring that will need to be completed under Route 13. There is also one pole that DP&L has to do make ready work. He is unsure of the time frame when the work will be completed by DP&L.

With no other questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Tracy Torbert, City Clerk