

SECTION 00 11 13
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
(Advertisement for Bids)

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Porter, 303 Franklin Street, Porter, Indiana 46304 until 2:00 PM CST on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud regarding the DUNES KANKAKEE TRAIL - CALUMET SPUR project listed below. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: This work shall include, but is not limited to construction of multi-use trails and trailheads, landscaping and park amenities between the Dunes Kankakee Trail at Indiana State Road 49 and the NICTD Dune Park Train Station in Porter County, Indiana.

COMPLETION DATE: This work shall be substantially completed on or before December 31, 2013; with a milestone completion date of June 28, 2013 for trail, boardwalk, site furnishings and sign elements (excluding plantings and invasive plant clearing).

BID DOCUMENTS: Plans, Specifications and Plan Documents are available for examination in the office of the Porter Building & Development Department and SEH of Indiana, LLC. Electronic copies of the Plans, Specifications and Plan Documents may be obtained at the office of SEH of Indiana, LLC upon payment of \$50.00 per set payable to the Town of Porter (non-refundable). A set consists of a set of plans and a set of specifications and bidding documents in electronic PDF format. Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms contained in the Contract Documents.

All contractors and subcontractors listed in each bid must be properly licensed in the Town of Porter at the time of award. Contractors may contact the Porter Building & Development Department to inquire on Contractor licensing and requirements, at (219) 926-2771 or the Porter website, www.townofporter.com, Building & Development Department for applications.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal for a period of 60 days following the date set for receiving bids. The Town of Porter reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days, and said bids shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Town of Porter further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the Town of Porter or to reject all bids.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 PM CST on Monday March 4, 2013 at the Town of Porter Building and Development Office located at 303 Franklin Street, Porter, Indiana 46304. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the Conference.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Town of Porter or an acceptable Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana.

BONDS: A performance bond and payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.

INDIANA REQUIREMENT: Standard Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2009) which includes non-collusion affidavit will be required.

Contractors and Sub-Contractors are required to pay not less than the construction wage as determined by the Indiana Department of Labor Division of Employment standards for work done on the project.

Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin and each bidder must conform with the anti-discrimination provisions of IC 5-16-6. An Affirmative Action Statement must be submitted at time of bid.

"Each successful bidder and any and all levels of subcontractors, regardless of tier, as a condition of being awarded a contract or subcontract, will agree to abide by the provisions of the

will agree to abide by the provisions of the "heavy/highway" Wage Determination findings provided by the Indiana Department of Labor as executed and effective January 2013. The Project Manager and/or Construction Manager is authorized to negotiate and enter into a project labor agreement on behalf of the Town of Porter, Indiana, (or a corporation created to benefit the said entity in construction, alteration, or repair) and the local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers and will be bound by the provisions of that Agreement in the same manner as any other provisions of the contract."

The Town of Porter and the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) requires a total of 15% Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and 5% Women Business Enterprises (WBE) spending amounts as part of the Base Bid, any and all Add Alternates and the Final Contract. Contractor is required to employ subcontractors, suppliers and / or services to meet or exceed the above requirements. Acknowledgment and executed form Document 00 43 35 must be completed and signed to be considered as a responsive bidder. Documentation of planned efforts is required to be listed in Documents 00 43 36 and 00 43 37 (List of Proposed Subcontractors and Suppliers) and submitted to the Engineer within forty eight (48) hours of the bid opening. If, at any time during the construction period, it is revealed that the Contractor is not achieving the expected requirements as contracted at the time of the award, the Contractor will be given thirty (30) days notice to submit a corrective action plan acceptable to Porter and RDA. Failure to submit such a plan and make corrective actions will result in automatic suspension of payments for those specified percentage of spending amounts.

The General Contractor shall establish and regularly maintain a Buy Indiana/Northwest Indiana Plan to demonstrate the Project's progress toward the utilization of Indiana/Northwest Indiana businesses for employees, goods and services. This plan will be submitted within 30 days of Contract approval and will be monitored as a component of the RDA's minority compliance program. Furthermore, RDA-funded projects shall be exempt from Owner's local preference requirements that provide a fiscal advantage to bidders within a particular municipality, as well as, local hiring requirements within a particular municipality. The General Contractor shall report on its efforts to utilize Lake and Porter County-based companies as well as the number of Lake and Porter County residents employed on RDA funded projects to the Owner.

TOWN OF PORTER

Porter County, Indiana

BY: Michael S. Barry

TITLE: Director of Development/
Building Commissioner

DATE: February 21, 2013

(February 22, 2013)