

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District, 453 North McKinley Street, Warren, Minnesota 56762 until **1:00 o'clock PM** on **March 31, 2023** for the rental of fully operated excavation equipment. Proposals are being requested for tractors, mowers, draglines, dozers, scrapers, blades and crawler mounted draglines or backhoes.

The works to be done consists of, but is not limited to, mowing, the clearing and disposal of trees and brush, the removal of sediment from drainage channels, disposal of rocks, the construction of dikes, the installation of culverts, and the leveling of spoil banks. The work required and the locations of the work will be designated by the Engineer of the District (henceforth "Engineer").

The equipment must be modern and in good operating condition and furnished with capable and experienced operators. Deficient operations or maintenance which results in reduced production or poor workmanship will be cause for contract cancellation.

All equipment proposed will be considered and evaluated based on many factors including but not limited to the following: price, horsepower, machine rating, machine weight, track length, track width, track gauge, buckets available, boom lengths available, counter weights available and other factors.

Work will be paid by the hour and payment will be based on the actual time worked, except where bids in mileage are requested and work is approved by the District Engineer to be billed by mile prior to commencement of work. The minimum hours per week will be 40 unless delayed by weather or equipment operating problems.

The District may cancel the contract at any time without cause by paying a demobilization payment of five hours' rental rate for each type of equipment authorized for use by the Engineer. The contractor may cancel the contract at any time without cause but forfeits the right to any mobilization or demobilization payments.

Demobilization and mobilization payments will not be paid unless agreed upon by the Engineer prior to the commencement of the work, except when work is canceled by the District. If mobilization or demobilization payments are agreed to, the mobilization and demobilization payment will be included in the last payment for hourly work satisfactorily completed.

The type of equipment best suited for each project is dependent on the weather and other unknown job conditions. The District intends to rent equipment which in its opinion, will perform the required work at the least cost. Its evaluation factors will depend on conditions expected and encountered which will likely change along the course of the work. The District will release and rent different equipment from time to time as it deems necessary to economically perform the required work.

The contractor, in making this proposal, promises to furnish the equipment listed for the prices shown subject to its availability. Contractor does not promise to make or keep the equipment available to the District. Contractor understands, however, the equipment availability may be a factor in the District's evaluation of equipment.

The contractor will be required to furnish to and maintain with the District current certificates of workmen's compensation insurance and liability insurance.

The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award contracts to other than the apparent low bidder.

Dated at Warren, Minnesota this 27th day of February, 2023.



Brad Blawat, Secretary