

INVITATION TO BID

1. RECEIPT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals for the **Fred Thwaites River Trail Improvements Project** in Ionia, MI will be received as original hard copies to:

Ionia City Hall
114 N Kidd St, Ionia, MI 48846
Attn: Precia Garland, City Manager
Email: pgarland@ci.ionia.mi.us
Phone: (616) 527-4170 Ext 5776
Web Address: <https://www.cityofionia.org/city-manager.php>

And electronically to:

RJM Design, Inc.
Attn: Paula Lawrence, PLA
Email: plawrence@rjm-design.com
Telephone: (616) 560-9131
Website: www.rjm-design.com

until **2:00pm EST, Thursday February 16th, 2023**, at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered.

2. SCOPE OF PROJECT

The project consists of constructing the following:

This work is to repave the trail asphalt and add signage mile markers, interpretive board signs, replace the temporary bollards, add site furnishings like benches and bikes racks, pave the parking lot at Cleveland St trail head and add a concrete patio space, and add paint safety striping along the Fred Thwaites River Trail corridor from the Ionia Fairgrounds east roughly 2.5 miles to Quarry Rd, according to the attached Construction Document Drawings and Specifications.

This project will be implemented under one unified AIA contract held by both the Bidder and the Owner. Bids may be submitted by Contractors and Contractor teams that are fully qualified to perform all categories of work described herein.

3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS

A bid may not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled for a period of sixty days after the bid opening.

Addendums may be issued during the bidding period and become part of the Contract Documents. Include resultant costing in the Bid Sum and list Addenda on the Bid Form where indicated.

Low bidder evaluation will be based on the Base Bid number, but the Owner reserves the right to accept specific items within the Bid Proposal form to reach a revised Base Bid number for any reason. Bidders are therefore reminded to spread out their overhead & profit, etc. across the bid form.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled at this time, but each contractor is strongly encouraged to visit the site and contact RJM Design for any questions that may arise. Please submit questions to Design at:

Paula Lawrence, Landscape Architect

Telephone: (616) 560-9131

E-mail: plawrence@rjm-design.com

Complete electronic format (PDF) bid sets of both drawings and specifications will be available at no charge from the office of RJM Design, Inc. via email.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject the bid from any company where such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner, and in full compliance with the "City of Ionia Municipal Standards" manual published July 2006, updated December 2010), and available online at no cost in PDF format at https://cityofionia.org/documents/IoniaMunicipalStandards_A_Revised_December_2010_5LP09.pdf.

Bidders are reminded to review and fully comply with this manual when preparing their bid, and to notify the Owner/Architect via email any questions about them, and/or discrepancies perceived between the Municipal Standards and the Bid documents.

4. FUNDING

The work to be performed under this contract will be financed and paid for by funds received from MDNR Trust Fund Grant and the City of Ionia.

5. BID SURETY

A bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Ionia in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total price shall accompany each bid. This surety shall bind the bidder for a period of forty-five (45) days after the receipt of bids.

6. COMPLETION DATE

Work shall be completed as soon as possible according to the following time-dependent schedule

2023 Schedule

- January 19, 2023: Project issued for Bids & Construction
- February 16, 2023: Bids due and opened
- March 1, 2023: Contract awarded
- Flexible date: Start Construction April or May
- Substantial Completion by: September 30, 2023

Bidders shall indicate in their proposal the date they propose that work would be completed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Precia Garland, City Manager
City of Ionia
Ionia County, Michigan