

00020 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the Water Service Line Investigation and Replacement – Broadway, Poplar Grove, and Franklin project will be received by the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU), Evansville, Indiana at the Sunrise Pump Station, located at 1200 Waterworks Road, Evansville, Indiana 47708 until 3:00 p.m., local time, on March 24, 2026. Bids are to be placed in a drop box* located outside of Room 100 at the EWSU offices in the Civic Center Complex at 1 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard until approximately 2:20pm local time. (*If drop box is locked, approximately 40 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting, the bid will only be accepted by an EWSU staff member in the scheduled meeting room prior to the scheduled meeting time.) Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.

The work for which bids are to be received consists of:

1. Execution of rights-of-entry with EWSU customers for water service line investigation and, if applicable, water service line replacement.
2. Investigation of service lines at designated areas within EWSU's service area.
3. Documentation of water service line material and connectors utilizing supplied, digital documentation form.
4. As determined by EWSU or EWSU's program manager, replacement of water service lines and/or water service line appurtenances.

Work shall also include all supervision, equipment, traffic control, granular backfill, pavement restoration (milling included), flushing, testing, and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work described in the Specifications. All work must be ready for satisfactory and continuous operation, in accordance with the Specifications.

The above referenced project description includes items that are part of the Itemized Base Bid. The Contractor shall be responsible for all work described in the specifications pertaining to the Itemized Base Bid, regardless of the installation method chosen.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Advertisement for Bids is expected to be funded by a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, administered by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). The Contractor to whom the work is awarded shall comply with all requirements of said agencies. Where conflict exists between this specification and the federal agency specifications, the more stringent shall apply. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting contract. This procedure will be subject to all requirements of said agencies.

The Work is being financed in whole or in part by the SRF which requires Contractor to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C.6102), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, EPA Civil Rights regulations (40 CFR Part 7), and subsequent regulations, ensures access to facilities or programs

regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. The Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of the contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.

Contractors and subcontractors are required to pay in accordance with Davis-Bacon requirements. Wage rates on the project shall not be less than the federal wage scale published by the U.S. Department of Labor available on the day of bid. Information explaining other prevailing wage laws which apply to this work is also contained in these specifications.

The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility further reserves the right to waive informalities, and to award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder (or bidders), all to the advantage of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility, or to reject all Proposals.

A Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. (local time) on March 10, 2026, virtually via an online meeting platform or phone conference. Instructions for virtual access will be provided in advance of meeting through a notification to both known plan holders and external plan rooms. Email questions regarding virtual access to eplans@ewsu.com.

The contract documents, including specifications, are on file at the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility, 1 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47708, and may be secured from the Utility by submitting a Project Access request form through <https://ewsu.com/forms/project-access>. If you have additional questions regarding the access process, please email eplans@ewsu.com.

Dated this the 24th day of February, 2026

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