

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September 2026, until 1:30 p.m., sealed bids will be received by the Director of Operations of Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota, at 901 4th Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota 57201 and will then be publicly opened and read.

The material required is as follows:

Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)

The equipment shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the offices of Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

Material suppliers desiring a copy of the bid forms and specifications for individual use may obtain them from the Office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, PO Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, fax 712-472-2710, website www.dgr.com, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, no deposit required.

Bids shall be made out on a bid form furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by either a certified check, cashier's check or bank draft payable to Watertown Municipal Utilities in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid and drawn on a state or national bank or by Bid Bond in a sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to Watertown Municipal Utilities. The bid security must not contain any conditions either in the body or as an endorsement thereon. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract within fifteen (15) days after the award of contract and post satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds.

The sealed envelope containing the bid shall be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED – FURNISHING OPTICAL GROUND WIRE" on the outside of the envelope.

Payment to the Supplier will be made as described in the Material Agreement.

Delivery of the Optical Ground Wire shall be by the dates set in the General Requirements.

Watertown Municipal Utilities reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The Utility also reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Utility.

This notice is given by order of Watertown Municipal Utilities, Watertown, South Dakota.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2026.

**WATERTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

By /s/ Steve Lehner
General Manager