



CITY OF BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS  
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## FOR PUBLICATION

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
MCCOLLUM SIDEPATH PHASE II  
Invitation For Bid (IFB)-26-05

The City of Bentonville, Arkansas is accepting formal, sealed bids from properly qualified and experienced Contractors for the construction, including the supply of necessary labor, materials and equipment, of the McCollum Sidepath Phase II, for the City of Bentonville Parks and Recreation Department. A State of Arkansas Contractor's License is not required to bid on the project; however, no contractor shall submit a bid prior to submitting an initial application (which does not require a full audit) for licensure, and no construction contract shall be executed until the successful bidder has furnished an appropriate license issued by the State of Arkansas Contractor's Licensing Board.

The Public Improvement Project for the McCollum Sidepath Phase II will include the construction of approximately 2,010 linear feet of 10-footwide concrete trail in Bentonville, Arkansas. The trail will begin at Garden Trail & McCollum Drive in Northeast Bentonville at the end of the existing McCollum Phase 1 side path and extend to East of Grace Point Church where the Tiger Blvd overpass project boundary ends and will side path to Tiger Blvd. A significant portion of the trail lies on top of the existing drainage ditch and drainage structures will be required to be constructed, along with other improvements as specified in the project plans. The Scope of Work includes all work required to complete each improvement, and all other works noted on the Project Sheets and Bid Documents for IFB-26-05.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of 5% (five percent) of the Total Bid Price, payable without condition to the City of Bentonville, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance and payment bonds after the Notice of Award has been issued. The Bid Guarantee shall provide that the Bidder or surety must pay the damage, loss, cost, and expense subject to the amount of the Bid Bond directly arising out of the Bidder's default in failing to execute and deliver the Contract and bonds. Personal checks and company checks are NOT acceptable as a Bid Guarantee. Any bid submitted shall be void unless accompanied by a cashier's check drawn upon a bank or trust company doing business in the State of Arkansas or by a corporate bid bond. Bidders shall adhere to the bonding requirements as specified in the IFB-26-05 Bidding Documents.

There will be an OPTIONAL Pre-Bid Meeting held on May 18, 2026 at 2:00 CST, located at CEI Engineering Office, 2600 NE 11th Street Suite 300 Bentonville, Arkansas 72712. Attendance to the Pre-Bid Meeting is optional, but highly encouraged. A city representative will meet Bidders in attendance and begin the pre-bid meeting at 2:00 sharp.

The City reserves the right to cancel this request at any time in accordance with the City's best interest, to reject any Bid received, and to waive irregularities in accordance with the City's best interest. Submitters agree that such rejection shall be without liability on the part of the City of Bentonville for any damage or claim brought by any Bidder because of such rejections, nor shall the Submitter seek any recourse of any kind against the City because of such rejections. The filing of any Bids in response to this Invitation shall constitute an agreement of the Bidder to these conditions.

The awarded Bidder will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds at the time of signing the Contract in amounts equal to the Total Bid Price.

No Bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least 60 days. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or bid alternate, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informalities in bids received where such acceptance, rejections, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.



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The City of Bentonville hereby notifies all bidders that this contract is subject to applicable labor laws, nondiscrimination provisions, wage rate laws and other federal laws including the Fair Labor Standards Acts of 1938. The Work Hours Act of 1962 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 also apply. Build America, Buy America provisions apply to this project.

In accordance with 23 CFR 635.110, any procedures and requirements for qualifying and licensing contractors must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §22-9-903, the City encourages all qualified small, minority owned, and women owned business enterprises to submit Bids for capital improvements, projects, and purchases. Encouragement is also made to all general (prime) contractors that in the event they subcontract portions of their work, consideration is given to the identified groups. The City of Bentonville Purchasing Department encourages qualified small, minority and women owned businesses to participate and submit Bids for City projects/purchases.

All bids must be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared and issued by CEI Engineering Associates, Inc. located at 2600 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Bentonville, Arkansas 72712. Copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com), Quest CDN #10154977, upon payment of \$22.00 dollars per set. Paper copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained from CEI at the above address upon payment of \$100.00. NO PARTIAL SETS will be issued and NO REFUND of payment will be made. Bids from bidders who obtained their documents from any other source will be rejected. Bidders are encouraged to notify CEI Engineering and Associates that they have downloaded the Bid Packet to ensure they are on the distribution list for Addenda and/or Q&A. There may be a 24-48 hour delay from the date of publication for the documents to be available on the City's website.

There will be a Public Bid Opening for IFB-26-05 held at 1:00 CST on May 27, 2026; the Bid Opening will be held at the CEI Engineering Office, located at 2600 NE 11th Street Suite 300 Bentonville, AR 72712. All Bid Submissions must be received by Purchasing and Compliance prior to the Public Bid Opening time. Late Submissions, unsigned Submissions and Submissions which do not contain the required Bid Bond will be rejected, without exception. In accordance with Arkansas Procurement Law and Rules, it is the responsibility of vendors to submit responses at the designated location before the Bid Opening date and time. Bidders who wish to deliver a Bid Submission prior to the Bid Opening date/time may do so by delivering the Bid Submission to the Purchasing and Compliance Department located at the address above.

Any questions pertaining to the bid documents can be directed to the Owner's representative, CEI Engineering Associates, Inc., located at 2600 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Bentonville, Arkansas 72712. The Owner's representative can be reached at (479) 273-9472.

Questions must be submitted via written communication only to owner's representative at [cchols@ceieng.com](mailto:cchols@ceieng.com). The deadline to submit questions related to this Invitation is May 19, 2026, at 4:30 PM CST, after this time the City will only provide clarifications or responses pertaining to items in the Bidding Documents that do not result in a change or Addendum (see Bidding Documents for additional information).

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