

INVITATION TO BID

1. **Invitation to Bid:** Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. (OWNER) will receive bids for Wooden Crosstie Replacement Project. Sealed bids may be filed until 3:00 PM Local Time on Friday, **August 13th, 2010** at the office of the President of the Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. *Sealed Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked: "SEALED BID – APNC Wooden Crosstie Replacement Project"*. The office is located at Appanoose County Community Railroad Inc., 1303 South 21st Street, Centerville, IA 52544. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the President or designed representative on Monday, **August 16, 2010** at 3:00 PM Local Time.
2. **Bid Deadline:** Sealed bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form and must be received not later than **3:00 PM, Local Time, August 13, 2010**.
3. **Project Description:** Wooden Crosstie Replacement Project –Replacement of approximately 5350 ties over 9.5 miles between Milepost 22.5 and Milepost 32.0. Project includes marking ties to be replaced, furnishing and installing ties, removing and disposing of existing ties, dressing ballast and tamping in tie replacement locations as required to complete the project.
4. **Pre-Bid Conference:** A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time on **Friday, August 6, 2010** at the office of the Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. located at 1303 South 21st Street, Centerville, Iowa at which the Engineer will review the project and answer questions. After said meeting all perspective bidders are strongly encouraged to take a tour of the site with Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. personnel. All individuals attending the pre-bid meeting shall provide and wear personal protective equipment including hard hat, safety glasses with side shields, high visibility vests, and laced safety toe work boots at least six inches high.
5. **Identification:** Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. (OWNER) designates Westbrook Associated Engineers as ENGINEER for this project. All questions and correspondence shall be directed to Jeff Koch, PE, Westbrook Associated Engineers, 619 East Hoxie Street, Spring Green, WI 53588. (608)588-7866 or email jkoch@westbrookeng.com.
6. **Project Manual:** Additional copies of the project manual may be obtained from APNC at a cost of \$25.00 per copy, none of which will be refunded. Or you may also download from Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council website at www.charitonvalleyplanning.com.
7. **Subcontractors:** Bidders shall declare in the Bid Form all Subcontractors and the items of work to be subcontracted.

8. **Bid Bonds and Bid Security:** Bidders will be required to furnish bid bonds or bid security in the amount of 5% of the bid amount. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount for the contract as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No additional time will be allowed for providing the required bonds.
9. **Starting and Completion Dates:** The work shall be completed according to the schedule set forth in the Bid Form and in the Agreement. The work under this contract will commence immediately following the receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Ordering materials and preparing submittal shall be considered commencing work. Work shall be substantially complete on or before **September 1, 2011** and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with General Conditions on or before **November 1, 2011**.
10. **Qualifications on Insurers and Sureties:** Insurers and Sureties shall meet the qualification requirements of the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract Surety companies must be listed in circular 570.
11. **Notice of Award:** Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc. (OWNER) reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities on bids and the decision as to what constitutes a technicality shall be made by OWNER and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, conditional bids. OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

If the contract is to be awarded, OWNER will give the Successful Bidder a Notice to Award within 60 working days after the bid opening unless extended by mutual agreement between OWNER and the Successful Bidder.

The project will be partially funded with Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and therefore is subject to the Federal laws and regulations associated with that program.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2010.

By Appanoose County Community Railroad, Inc.