

Contract Documents

- Definitions
- Proposal
- Addendum
- Contract
- Project Plans
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Contract (Also Contract Documents)

The written agreement
between the Contracting
Authority and the Contractor...

Cowboy rules for life: Every path has a
few ruddles

1104.01 INTENT OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The intent of the plans and specifications is to provide for the construction and completion of every detail of the work....

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How to get a copy of the Notice to Bidders

- <https://www.iowadot.gov/contracts>

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CONTRACTS

CURRENT LETTING INFORMATION

Highway lettings typically take place on the **third Tuesday of each month**. These lettings include interstate, primary and secondary road work, and maintenance projects.

February 2, 2021 Special Letting Notice to Bidders

Notice to Bidders

December 14, 2020 Notice to Bidders

Letting schedule critical dates

The letting process

New contractor information

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PRIME CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

The Iowa DOT is now requiring online submittal of the Contractor's Financial-Experience-Equipment Statement (Form 650004). The Form 650004 must

LETTING NOTICES

[View current and past notices](#)

How to get a Notice to Bidders from a Past Letting

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CST

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List of Lettings

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List of Lettings

2021

Letting Date ▼	Letting ID	Proposals
February 16, 2021	21/02/16	92
February 2, 2021	21/02/02	1
January 20, 2021	21/01/20	90
(3 Lettings)		

2020

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.bidx.com/ia/lettings>. The page is titled "List of Lettings" and is part of the BidExpress website. The navigation menu includes "IADOT", "Lettings", "Search", "Advantage", "Bid Tab Analysis", and "Small Business Network". The page is dated December 12, 2017, 02:25 PM CST. A red arrow points to the "Letting Date" column header in the table below.

Letting Date	Letting ID	Proposals
December 19, 2017	17/12/19	70
November 21, 2017	17/11/21	53
November 14, 2017	17/11/14	1
October 17, 2017	17/10/17	34
September 19, 2017	17/09/19	22
August 15, 2017	17/08/15	24
July 18, 2017	17/07/18	54
June 20, 2017	17/06/20	40
May 16, 2017	17/05/16	55
April 25, 2017	17/04/25	4
April 18, 2017	17/04/18	70
March 21, 2017	17/03/21	74

How to get a copy of the Notice to Bidders

Click on the "Notice to Bidders"

The screenshot shows the BidExpress website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for IADOT, Lettings, Search, Advantage, Bid Tab Analysis, and Small Business Network. The main content area displays a list of lettings for February 16, 2016. A sidebar on the right contains sections for Time Remaining (13 Days 17 Hours), Also Available (links to Bid Item Master, DOT Electronic Plans and Proposals, etc.), and Downloads (links to Notice to Bidders, DBE.BIN, Awarded Contract Unit Prices, etc.). A red arrow points to the 'Notice to Bidders' link in the Downloads section.

Letting ID: 16/02/16
Cut-Off Time: 10:00:59 AM CST
Opening Time: 11:00:59 AM CST

Proposal	Call Order	Project ID	Items	Amendments	Counties
01-C001-090 RCB CULVERT REPLACEMENT - TWIN BOX	001	160216 S3	20	0	ADAIR
01-C001-091 RCB CULVERT REPLACEMENT - SINGLE BOX	002	160216 S3	20	0	ADAIR
05-C005-061 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS	003	160216 S1	28	0	AUDUBON
05-0443-032 BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY	004	160216 S2	48	0	AUDUBON
06-2186-051 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS	005	160216 S1	75	0	BENTON
11-C011-093 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS	006	160216 S1	34	0	BUENA VISTA
12-C012-093 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS	007	160216 S1	15	0	BUTLER
14-0713-500 DECK JOINT REPAIR	008	160216 S4	6	0	CARROLL
18-C018-066	009	160216 S3	22	0	CHEROKEE

Downloads

- Notice to Bidders
160216NoticeToBidders.pdf
- DBE.BIN
16febdbbe.bin
- Awarded Contract Unit Prices - ENGLISH
201502-201601_SumAwdE.txt
- Iowa State Wage Rates
PREDETERMIN...E IA15-1.1b.pdf
- Predetermined Unit Prices
Predetermined...cesByLetting.pdf
- Scott County Wage Rates
Wage Rate Sco...nty IA16-2.1.pdf

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It will ask you
"Do you want to Open or Save",
Click Open

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List of Lettings > February 16, 2016 [Contact Bid Express](#)


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◀ Letting of February 16, 2016 ▶

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Time Remaining



13 Days 17 Hours

Also Available

- [Bid Item Master - English itemse.txt](#)
- [Bid Item Master - Metric itemsm.txt](#)
- [DOT Electronic Plans and Proposals](#)
- [Plan Holders / Eligible Bidders Questions and Answers](#)

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160216NoticeToBidders.pdf
- [DBE.BIN](#)
16febdbbe.bin
- [Awarded Contract Unit Prices - ENGLISH](#)
201502-201601_SumAwdE.txt
- [Iowa State Wage Rates](#)
PREDETERMIN...E IA15-1.1b.pdf

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E-mail address: dot.contracts@dot.iowa.gov

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

STATE OF IOWA - Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Contracts, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010 on February 16, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. CDT for various items of construction and maintenance work.

Plans, specifications and proposal forms for the work may be seen at the Office of Contracts until noon on the day previous to the letting.

Proposal guaranties are to be sent to the Office of Contracts at the address above. Iowa DOT personnel will be available to accept proposal guaranties during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Iowa DOT uses the Bid Express website – www.bidx.com – as the official depository for bid submittal. The Iowa DOT will ensure this depository is available for a two-hour period prior to the deadline for submission of bids. If there is an interruption of communications or loss of service by Bid Express during this two-hour period, the Iowa DOT will delay the deadline for bid submissions to allow potential bidders to submit bids. Instructions will be communicated to potential bidders.

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All proposals must be filed on the forms furnished by the Office of Contracts, sealed and plainly marked. Proposals containing any reservations not provided for in the forms furnished will be rejected. The Iowa DOT reserves the right to waive technicalities and reject any or all bids.

A proposal guarantee, not less than the amount as set forth in the proposal form, shall be filed with each proposal. The proposal guarantee shall be in the form of a certified check or credit union certified share draft, cashier's check, money order or bank draft drawn on a solvent bank or credit union. Certified checks or credit union certified share drafts shall bear an endorsement signed by a responsible official of such bank or credit union as to the amount certified. Cashier's checks, money orders or bank drafts shall be made payable either to the contracting authority or bidder; and, where made payable to the bidder, shall contain an unqualified endorsement to the contracting authority signed by the bidder or the bidder's authorized agent. A properly completed Proposal Guaranty/Bid Bond (form 131084) or a properly completed Contractor's Annual Bid Bond (form 650040) may be used in lieu of the monetary options specified above. Both forms are available from the Office of Contracts.

Per Iowa Code section 423.3 (80), the contracting authority will issue an exemption certificate for the purchase or use of building materials, supplies and equipment used in the performance of the construction contract.

Failure to execute a contract and file an acceptable performance bond and certificate of insurance within 30 days of the approval date for awarding the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the denial of the award and forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Iowa DOT (or other approved contracting authority) hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

On federal-aid projects, where disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals have been established, the bidder is required to complete and submit form 102115 with the bid documents. On all projects about DBE goals, the contractor must show that affirmative action has been made to seek out and consider DBEs as potential subcontractors.

Some projects may be listed in multiple proposals (as an individual project or part of a combined package of projects). The contracting authority will determine which combination of proposals produce the lowest bid for these projects.

A listing of projects open for bids and details for each project will be available to potential bidders and suppliers three weeks prior to the listing date at www.bids.com/iw/main or www.iowadot.gov/contracts/index.htm, or by calling the Office of Contracts at 515-239-1414.

Minimum wage rates for all federal-aid projects have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the specifications. However, this does not apply to projects off the federal-aid highway system. All federal-aid projects are subject to the Contract Work Hours Standards Act, as amended (title I of Pub. L. 87-581, Aug. 15, 1962, 75 Stat.357) and implementing regulations.

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within Iowa, and also, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state or foreign country both on projects in which there are no federal funds involved.

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STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

- Covers all aspects of highway and bridge construction.
- Made up of 9 Divisions and 238 Sections.
- Apply to all work let by the Department.
- Most recent edition was published in Fall of 2015 (along with GS-15001).
- Currently planned to issue every 3 years
- This will be the last printed edition.

The Standard Specifications are set up in a numbered order of Divisions as follows:

- Division 11. General Requirements and Covenants.
- Division 20. Equipment Requirements.
- Division 21. Earthwork, Subgrades, and Subbases.
- Division 22. Base Courses.
- Division 23. Surface Courses.
- Division 24. Structures.
- Division 25. Incidental Construction.
- Division 26. Roadside Development.
- Division 41. Construction Materials.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

- **XXXX.04 METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**
 - The Method of Measurement for each individual item in every section will always end in .04.
- **XXXX.05 BASIS OF PAYMENT**
 - The Basis of Payment for each individual item in every section will always end in .05.
 - The first four numbers in the item number for each item on the Contract will be the specification number and the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment for each item will always be those four digits with the extensions of .04 and .05.

2599 Items

- Items with an Item Code starting with "2599" are not included in the Standard Specifications.

2599 Items

- To determine the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment for those items you may have to look in a different type of Specification.
 - Developmental Specification
 - Special Provision
 - Change Order if the item was not on the original Contract

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (GS)

- Revisions to the Standard Specifications submitted and approved by members of the Iowa DOT Specification Committee.
- Apply to all work let by the Department.
- Issued every 6 months in April & October.
- Sent out free to subscribers.
- Also available on ERL and website.

Electronic Reference Library (ERL)

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- Construction Manual
- Flagger's Handbook
- Materials IMs
- Specifications
- Standard Plans

A red box highlights the link "Electronic Reference Library (ERL)". A green button labeled "LOANER IPAD CHECKLIST" is also visible on the right side of the main content area.

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Current ERL Issue - October 20, 2020

The April 21, 2020 ERL has moved to "[Archive](#)"

Browse ERL library

The printed version governs if there is a discrepancy between the electronic and printed versions.

▶ [Standard Specifications with GS-15011](#)

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▶ [Standard Culvert Plans](#)

▶ [Standard Bridge Plans](#)

▶ [Sign Truss Standards](#)

▶ [Flagger's Handbook](#)

The following are not Iowa DOT contract documents, but are provided for information purposes:

▶ [Construction Manual](#)

▶ [SUDAS Standard Specifications](#)

Search ERL Library

Select items to be searched:

- All
- Standard Specifications
- Supplemental Specifications
- Materials I.M.s
- Standard Road Plans
- Standard Culvert Plans
- Standard Bridge Plans
- Sign Truss Standards
- Construction Manual
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To Find Standard Specifications for a Previous ERL Version

The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL www.iowadot.gov/erl/archives1/archives.html. The page header includes the Iowa.gov logo, navigation links for Services, Agencies, and Social, and a search icon. Below the header is the Iowa Department of Transportation logo and an alphabetical index (INDEX ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ). The main content area features a large banner with the text "ERL" and "Electronic Reference Library". A sidebar on the left contains a list of navigation links: ERL home, Updates since current ERL issue, Archive, ERL corrections, Read me, Credits, Download ERL e-book, and Specifications. The "Archive" link is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area has a section titled "Archives" with a dropdown menu for "Select an archive year" and a list of years from 2018 to 2010. A red arrow points to the dropdown menu. Below the year list, there is a section titled "Archive" with a link for "ns with GS - 15008".

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Date	Archive
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Oct. 17, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard Specifications with GS - 15005• Materials I.M.s• Standard Road Plans• Standard Culvert Plans• Standard Bridge Plans• Sign Truss Standards• Construction Manual• Flagger's Handbook• SUDAS Standard Specifications

SUPPLEMENTAL **SPECIFICATIONS (SS)**

- Issued as needed to cover work not in the Standard Specifications.
- Approved by DOT Specification Committee.
- Assigned to specific projects as required.
- Established work types and methods.
- Typically the last step before inclusion in the Standard Specifications.
- Available on [DOT website](#) and ERL.

DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS (DS)

- Similar to a Supplemental Specification, but less established.
- Approved by DOT Specification Committee.
- Assigned to specific projects as required.
- Typically include a controller (listed on the website) who is notified and approves each time the DS is used.
- Available on [DOT website](#).

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS (SP)

- Project specific.
- Address an individual item of work not covered by other DOT specifications.
- Can become a Developmental Specification if used multiple times over a period of time.
- Not approved by Specification Committee.
- Issued with proposal.
- Previous SP's available on [DOT website](#).