The City of Irondale

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

AUTOMALL GATEWAY PROJECT

Bid No. 2026-04

Please note, the City of Irondale is updating its online bid notification system to better communicate with those interested in bidding on City projects. To receive notifications, bidders need to register in the City's bid listings. **Those already registered in VSS will need to add their NIGP commodity codes. Previously entered codes were removed from all vendor records in VSS during the system update. Please note, NIGP commodity codes are required for vendors to receive bid notifications.**

Sealed bids for the **Automall Gateway Project** will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Irondale, 101 20th Street South, Irondale, Alabama, 35210 **until 11:00 AM CST on December 16th, 2026** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud within Irondale City Hall.

No bids will be accepted or opened after the date and time set forth herein.
The project includes, but is not limited to, the installation of landscaping and stone banding for the construction of an Automall Gateway at I-459 & Grants Mill Road. The proposed gateway project includes installation of trees, shrubs, groundcover, rock mulch, metal edging and irrigation.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of Irondale, Alabama, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the total amount bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. The bid Bond shall bear the same date as set for the receipt of Bids. The Bid Bond shall be signed by an agent authorized to do business in the State of Alabama.

The contractor whose bid is selected must furnish performance and statutory Labor and Material Payment Bonds and insurance in compliance with bid specification requirements at the signing of the Contract.
Drawings and Specifications are available for viewing, free of charge, at cityofirondale.gov/bidlistings. Please contact Robbin Gregory at Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, Inc., an LJA Company, by phone at 205-942-2486 or via email at rgregory@gonzalez-strength.com for information on obtaining these plans and specifications.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by Gonzalez-Strength or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the Provision of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and must show such evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered. The bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered; Bidder must also include their current license number on the Proposal Form. Non-resident contractors shall be required to comply with the requirements of Alabama law as set forth in Ala. Code §39-2-14. The City will not consider any Bid unless the Bidder produces evidence that they are properly licensed. Neither will the City enter into a Contract with a foreign corporation that is not qualified under Alabama law to do business in Alabama. Preference will be

given to Alabama contractors pursuant to Ala. Code §39-3-5. Domestic products shall be utilized for the Project if available as required under Ala. Code §39-3-1.
No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of thirty (30) days.

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at the same location where bids will be received, at **11:00 AM CST, on December 1st, 2026**, for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering Bidder's questions. **Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory**.

This project is being bid without sales taxes according to Act 2013-205 (of the Alabama Legislature). However, sales tax for the base bid and all other bid items must be accounted for on the contractor's Bid Proposal Form. ABC Form C-3A indicates how the sales tax shall be accounted for on the bid proposal form and shall be modified by the project architect as appropriate for bid items on each project.

Completion Time: Work shall commence on the earlier of either the date of the owner's written "Notice to Proceed" or the contractor's receipt of the fully executed contract and shall be **"Substantially Complete" within 150 Consecutive Calendar Days thereafter.**

Supervision: Contractor to provide Superintendent(s) to ensure proper supervision for all work.

The Bid/Contract award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder as evidenced by the City's receipt of a completed Bid Proposal Form and other documents that have been submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and in accordance with stipulations within other sections of the Bid Specifications. To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted completed on original proposal forms provided in the bid package. The outside of the sealed envelope must contain the Bid Name: Automall Gateway Project, the Bid opening date and time, and the Alabama General Contractors License Number. This Invitation-to-Bid, the Bid Specifications, and the Bid Proposal form(s) will comprise the total bid package and should be read very carefully. Bidders must provide all information and signatures on the Bid/Proposal form(s) as requested. Bids may be disqualified for non-compliance or may be deemed as non-responsive if bid documents are not submitted as requested. Once the bid is awarded and the Contract is completed the Contractor must have a current business license or purchase a business license with the City of Irondale prior to work performed and an order to proceed is issued.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed, no later than **December 7th, 2026, at 5:00 pm CST**, to Robbin Gregory, via email at rgregory@gonzalez-strength.com. Answers to questions, clarifications, corrections, and additions to the Bid Specifications will be issued in the form of Addendums to the Specifications which will not be distributed by delivery or mail but, rather, shall only be posted on the City's website by **5:00 pm CST on December 10th, 2026**. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to frequently visit the City's website to view or download such Addendums, if any are issued.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, to waive any formality in any Bid, and to waive technical errors if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

E-Verify and No-Boycott Clause:

All bidders are required to be compliant with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, No. 2011-535 Code of Alabama (1975), codified at §31-13-9, as amended, regarding employment practices. For all bidders that employ persons in the State of Alabama, documentation of enrollment in E-Verify should be included with the bid and will be required as a condition for the award of any contract. All bidders are advised that the award of the contract is conditioned on the bidder not knowingly employing, hiring for employment or continuing to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. The awarded contract will contain a provision whereby the bidder pledges not to violate federal immigration law.

Legislative Act 2016-312 (the "Act") prohibits the City from entering into contracts with any business entity that is actively engaged in or plans to engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a

jurisdiction with which the State can enjoy open trade; unless such business entity provides the good or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest business entity in compliance with the Act. All bidders understand and agree that in the awarded contract, the lowest responsive bidder must either certify that it is in compliance with the Act and agree that it will not violate the Act during the term of the contract; or agree to offer the good or services for at least 20% less than the lowest business entity certifying compliance with the Act.

Insurance Requirements:

The Contractor will be required to provide certificates of insurance showing that it carries, or has in force, automobile liability insurance, general liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. Limits of liability for automobile liability insurance shall be, at a minimum, $2,000,000.00 combined single limit. Limits of liability for general liability insurance shall be, at a minimum, $2,000,000.00 per occurrence, $2,000,000.00 personal and advertising injury, $2,000,000.00 general aggregate and $2,000,000.00 products/completed operations aggregate. General liability insurance will include coverage for contractually assumed liability and explosion, collapse, and underground (X, C & U) hazards. If the general liability insurance coverage is on a claims-made basis, the Contractor will maintain coverage in force for a period of two (2) years following completion of the work specified in the agreement at the limits specified in this paragraph. Workers' compensation insurance shall provide statutory workers' compensation coverage and employers' liability coverage with limits of, at a minimum, $1,000,000.00 each accident, $1,000,000.00 disease- each employee and, $1,000,000.00 disease – policy limit. The Contractor will be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions. The Contractor's insurance is primary. If the Contractor carries higher insurance limits than those specified, the higher insurance limits will apply.

If the Contractor is not required by law to carry workers' compensation insurance, the Contractor acknowledges that the Contractor is responsible for any workers' compensation-like benefits. The Contractor will be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions. The Contractor's insurance will be primary. If the Contractor carries higher coverage limits than those specified above, the higher coverage limits apply.

The certificate of insurance shall provide the City of Irondale, Alabama (City) with thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation of any of the coverages named in said certificate and provide the City with waivers of subrogation for the coverages listed on the certificate.

The City will be named as additional insured under the Contractor's general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance policies. The Contractor shall require certificates of insurance from subcontractors. Subcontractors will carry limits of insurance equal to or greater than those carried by the Contractor. These certificates shall evidence waivers of subrogation in favor of the Contractor and the City, and shall be made available to the City upon request.

The City and Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, an LJA Company, will be named as additional insured under the Contractor's automobile liability insurance, general liability insurance, pollution liability insurance (only if fuel is stored on site) and umbrella liability insurance coverages. The City will be a named insured under the builder's risk insurance coverage.

At the City's discretion, the Contractor may be required to have in force builder's risk coverage and/or higher liability limits than that mentioned above and/or broader coverage than normally carried by the Contractor.

Subcontractors will carry limits of insurance equal to or greater than those carried by the successful bidder. The subcontractor's certificates of insurance shall evidence waivers of subrogation in favor of the successful bidder and the City of Irondale and shall be made available to the City of Irondale upon request.

Questions concerning insurance coverage may be directed to Leigh Allison at (205) 951-1383.

Indemnification:

The Contractor agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its officials, representatives, agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments, liability and expense, including attorney's fees and litigation expenses, in whole or in part arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the Contractor, its employees, or its subcontractors in connection with the Mini Gateways Project. This obligation survives the payment of any losses by the Contractor's insurance carrier.

Legal Action:

Any legal action arising from the performance of this contract shall only be proper in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Birmingham Division. The contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Alabama.

Assignment of Contract:

The contract may not be assigned by the Contractor without the prior written permission of the City of Irondale.

Owner:

City of Irondale, Alabama

101 20th Street South

Irondale, Alabama 35210

Architect:

Gonzalez-Strength & Associates, Inc.

1550 Woods of Riverchase Drive, Suite 200

Hoover, Alabama 35244

Attn: Robbin Gregory

rgregory@gonzalez-strength.com

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Leigh Allison

City Clerk

City of Irondale, Alabama