

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana, will receive bids up to **9:00 AM on March 23, 2026** for the **BRIDGE 253 REHABILITATION PROJECT**. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that its bid is delivered on time to the Office of the Elkhart County Commissioners, County Administration Building, 117 N. Second Street, Goshen, IN 46526.

Plans, Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from the **Elkhart County Highway Department, website** at www.elkcohwvy.org starting at **9:00 AM on February 20, 2026**. Plans, Specifications and Bidding Documents may not be obtained prior to this date.

Plans, Specifications and Bidding Documents will be available for inspection at the Elkhart County Highway Department Office, 610 Steury Ave, Goshen, Indiana starting on **February 20, 2026**. A pre-bid meeting will not be held for this project.

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on proposal forms furnished by the County in accordance with Indiana Form 96 and shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Financial Statement form taken from Form 96 for any proposal of \$5,000 or more.

The Contractor shall submit an itemized proposal of the approximate quantities and components of labor and materials to complete the contract. Said proposal shall be upon the standard bid sheets used by Elkhart County, and said sheet must contain an authorized signature of the Contractor, or the bid of the Contractor may, at the discretion of Elkhart County, be rejected and declared invalid. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a non-collusion affidavit as required by the Statutes of Indiana and included on Form 96. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the project and name and address of bidder.

A current Contractor's Financial Statement taken from Form 96 and the Indiana Department of Transportation prequalification certificate may be placed on file with the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County at the Highway Division annually in lieu of executing these documents for each project.

All work may begin on **July 6, 2026** and shall be completed by **November 2, 2026**. Delays in completion beyond that date shall result in liquidated damages levied against the Contractor by Elkhart County. The damage charges shall be \$1,000.00 per day beyond the above stated date and any intermediate completion dates noted in the specifications.

A satisfactory bid bond (10% of bid), payable to the Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County, Indiana executed by the bidder shall be submitted with each bid.

No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of the bids without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Elkhart County for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of closing.

Said work shall be subject to all the provisions of the plans and specifications therefore herein above referred to including the completion date thereof and penalty clause as therein set forth.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all Bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Dated this **9th day of February, 2026**
Board of County Commissioners of Elkhart County

Attest:
Tiara Jackson
Elkhart County 1st Deputy Auditor

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