

## **BID**

### **CASH RENT ON AIRPORT FARMLAND**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Crookston until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011, at the City Clerk-Treasurer's office, City Hall, 124 North Broadway, Crookston, Minnesota 56716.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at a public meeting held in the Conference Room, City Hall, Crookston, Minnesota, at 2:00 p.m. on August 5, 2011.

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### **INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES**

**Written Farm Lease.** The successful bidder will be required to sign a farm lease substantially conforming to the sample lease form marked "Draft Cash Farm Lease", copies of which are available at the City Clerk-Treasurer's office. Bidders should read the draft lease and consult with their attorney concerning any questions about the document before submitting a bid.

**Length of Lease.** Bidders will be submitting sealed bids with the understanding that the lease they will be required to sign covers three (3) farm seasons, beginning with the 2012 farm season.

**Lump Sum Proposal.** Bidders must bid a lump sum figure for annual cash rent payable each lease year at times specified in the sample lease. All acreage figures given to the bidders are for convenience only. The City of Crookston does not promise or warrant the acreages stated. Bidders must verify actual acres available for tillage. No adjustments in the

price bid will be made either upward or downward after written proposals have been received because the actual acreage available differs from stated acreage or from the bidder's acreage determination.

**Map/Cropping Restrictions.** The aerial map, which is made a part of the sample lease, is available for review at the City Clerk-Treasurer's office. Bidders must review the map and by submitting a bid, guarantee that they have reviewed the map. The map shows approximate 356 acres of tillable land. The map illustrates different cropping approaches on the Airport lands. These cropping restrictions and other airport related operating requirements are also explained in the sample lease.

**Withdrawal of Bids.** After sealed bids have been received, they may not be withdrawn by the bidder until 30 days after the opening of the bids.

**Follow-up Oral Bidding.** Immediately after the opening and tabulation of the bids, the top three (3) bidders will be given an opportunity to orally raise their bids by multiples of \$250.00 until close of oral bidding as determined by the City of Crookston.

**Reservations.** The City of Crookston reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to make any changes in the sample farm lease after completion of bidding as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate so long as such changes do not materially alter the nature and basic terms of the agreement.

**Bidders Must Use Bid Form.** Bidders must complete the following Bid Form and submit the same in a sealed envelope to the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office. The envelope should be worded on the outside as "Bid for Cash Rent of Airport Farmland".

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

I (we) the undersigned have read the various documents which comprise the information on this proposal including, but not limited to, the map, sample farm lease, the advertisement for proposals and this Proposal.

I (we) have viewed the land (s) available for renting and have satisfied myself (ourselves) concerning the acres available, soils, drainage and all other pertinent conditions.

I (we) hereby bid for the land (s) available at the Airport Farmland the lump sum figure, stated on an annual basis, payable each farm season for three (3) farm seasons beginning with the 2012 farm season:

**Lump Sum Annual Bid:**

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Bidders Signature

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Bidders Signature