

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**CENTER AND FAIRMOUNT STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

**CONTRACT NUMBER 2013B-40**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids for construction of **Contract Number 2013B-40: Center and Fairmount Street Water Main Replacement Project** will be received by The Metropolitan District, at the office of the District Clerk of the Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800, Hartford, CT, 06142-0800 until 2:00 PM (Local Time), September 16, 2014 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fees, permits, and other related costs necessary to provide for replacement of the existing water mains on Center and Fairmount Streets, along with support equipment and accessories as shown and specified. Bidders are directed to Section 01010 Summary of Work for specific details. The Work shall be located in the City of Hartford; in the State of Connecticut as shown on the Drawings and specified herein.

Contract documents may be obtained from The Metropolitan District's electronic procurement bidding system. Prospective bidders must register at the web site; once registered, prospective bidders can download the bid package from the web site at [www.ebidexchange.com/mdc](http://www.ebidexchange.com/mdc). The Contract documents can also be viewed in person at MDC Headquarters located at 555 Main St., Hartford, CT by making an appointment with the District Clerk's Office at 860.278.7850, Ext. 3207.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of **One Hundred and Twenty (120)** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

The Successful Bidder will be required to submit all copies of the Agreement and all other applicable Contract Documents within **Ten (10) days** of the Notice of Award as outlined in the Contract Document.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the State of Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Neither the State of Connecticut nor any of its Departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to the requirements contained in subsections (h), (j) and (o) of Section 22a-482-4, and Subdivisions (1) through (14) of Subsection 22a-482-4(g) of the RCSA.

The Contractor, and any Subcontractors performing work with a subcontract value of \$500,000 or greater, shall hold a current **DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate in Sewer and Water Lines** from the

Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to C.G.S. §§ 4a-100, C.G.S. §4b-101 and C.G.S. §4b-91. Bidders shall submit with their bids a DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate along with a current Update (Bid) Statement. Any bid submitted without a copy of the DAS Prequalification Certificate and an Update (Bid) Statement shall be invalid. Prior to the commencement of any portion of the Work by a Subcontractor whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000, the Contractor shall provide to the Owner a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate for such Subcontractor along with an Update (Bid) Statement. Bidders do not need to include subcontractor certificates with their bids, but must have them at the time they commence work on the Project.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

This Project and the Work performed thereon is subject to federal prevailing wage laws as well as the prevailing wage laws of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall be responsible for paying the higher of the applicable federal prevailing wages and the applicable state prevailing wages. For so long as the prevailing wages applicable to the Work under Connecticut prevailing wage laws are equal to or greater than the prevailing wages applicable to the Work under federal prevailing wage laws, the Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay Connecticut prevailing wages. Copies of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the U.S. Department of Labor and the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Connecticut Department of Labor are attached to this Invitation to Bid. The acceptance by the Bidder of these wage determinations is a condition of any award of the Contract. By submitting a Bid for this Project, the Bidder is deemed to have accepted such wage determinations. Because of the application of both federal and state wage laws to this Project, the Contractor should be aware that the Contractor will be obligated to certify payrolls and issue compliance statements in accordance with both federal and state procedural requirements.

The Bidder shall be prepared to make good faith efforts to observe the Owner's required Construction Contract Provisions regarding use of minority and women businesses for this project. The Contractor is encouraged to take affirmative steps to assure that minority business enterprises (MBE) and woman business enterprises (WBE) (as such terms are defined below) are utilized to the maximum extent practicable.

The contract participation rates prescribed by Connecticut agencies are 3% of the total contract price for MBEs and 5% of the total contract price for WBEs. To constitute a MBE or a WBE for the purpose of meeting these agency thresholds, an enterprise must be formally certified as such by, at least, one of the following entities: the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the federal Small Business Administration OR other states as evidenced by the appropriate state certificate which specifies the applicable WBE or MBE designation. In the event the certificate from a state other than Connecticut does not contain the applicable designation, the certificate should be presented to the Owner for review and consideration.

In addition to the MBE and WBE participation rates set forth above, the Owner encourages the Bidder to establish and work towards a goal of additional MBE participation of 3% of the contract price for MBEs (for a total MBE participation goal of 6% of the contract price).

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

Bidders shall certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facility that is segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Bidders shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

All Bidders are requested to note that the award of this contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:

1. The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law.
2. The appropriation of adequate funds

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for potential bidders at **11:00 AM on August 26, 2014** at the MDC Training Facility, 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Prospective bidders must attend this conference. All prospective bidders are invited to ask questions to the District and/or the District's Agent(s) during this conference.

John S. Mirtle  
District Clerk