

**TOWN OF PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT
SALT STORAGE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
SAGE HOLLOW ROAD
BID # 2020-09**

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Salt Storage Facility Improvements** will be accepted by the **Director of Finance, Room 204, 33 East Main Street, P.O. Box 71, Portland, CT 06480** electronically via the internet bidding service or by hard copy at the Issuing Office until **11:00 AM** local time on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read over a teleconference. A dial number will be provided to all prospective bidders, and any member of the public upon request, prior to the opening for call-ins. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, no bids may be dropped off at the Town Hall. Bidders are responsible for sending the sealed bids via United States Postal Service or commercial carrier so that they arrive by the deadline. **Project generally consists of installation of a geomembrane liner and geocomposite drain, storm drainage, grading, paving, and site restoration.** Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for free download from the Project's bidding service webpage. To download Bidding Documents: go to the bidding service homepage listed below; select this project's solicitation; sign in and/or register as directed; and select the Bidding Documents for download. A non-refundable \$35 fee to the bidding service is required to submit an electronic Bid. Notify the Issuing Office with questions in this regard. Digital ID is not required for this online bid.

Bidding service homepage: <http://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27674/home>.

The Issuing Office is: **Office of the Finance Director, Room 204, Portland Town Hall, 33 East Main Street, Portland, Connecticut 06480-0071, 860-342-6726.**

Printing Bidding Documents is the responsibility of the prospective Bidder. Printed copies will not be issued by the Town. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents that differ from documents available from the Project's bidding service webpage.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM** local time on **Thursday, May 28, 2020** at the **Portland Salt Storage Facility, Sage Hollow Road, Portland, CT.** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price.

The successful Bidder shall comply with the requirements of Prevailing Wage Rate Laws in accordance with Section 31-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The contractor who is selected to perform this State funded project must comply with CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 46a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive, as amended by June 2015 Special Session Public Act 15-5.

State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-60g. (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women, and/or Disabled owned businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.

For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects, the contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806.

The Contract Documents require affirmative action of the Contractor and subcontractors to ensure equal employment opportunity as noted in Governor's Executive Orders 3 and 17.

The Owner is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be permanently incorporated in the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

Unless provided for by the Instruction to Bidders, no Bid may be withdrawn until sixty (60) days after the Bid Opening.

The Town reserves the right to waive any technical defects in the bids; to reject bids which do not conform to the terms and conditions described in the specifications; to reject any, any part of, or all bids; to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process; and to accept that bid which the Town deems to be in its best interest, whether or not it is the lowest dollar proposed.

All work to be performed in connection with the proposed project will be subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

If the Town determines, in its sole discretion, to proceed with the work, the successful bidder must execute and deliver an Agreement, and furnish valid Certificates of Insurance and performance bond and payment bond to the Town prior to the start of any work.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received any and all addenda to this Invitation To Bid prior to submitting a bid.

This Invitation To Bid is not binding on the Town.

The Town reserves the right to revise or amend the plans and specifications from time to time as it deems necessary.

This Invitation To Bid has been prepared solely to solicit bids and does not constitute a contract offer.

The Town reserves the right to amend, cancel, postpone, withdraw, or resubmit this Invitation To Bid at any time if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

The Town of Portland is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Owner: Town of Portland, Connecticut

By: Tom Robinson, Finance Director

Date: May 19, 2020

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