File No. 7245

INVITATION FOR BID

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the project:

Installation of Meter Transmission Units

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30, §39M, as mostly recently amended, and all other applicable laws.

The estimated project value is: **$700,000**

Plans and specifications will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 12 noon on Friday at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 beginning **Thursday, May 5, 2016** For the mailing of the plans and specifications, the bidder must prepay a mailing and handling fee of $5.00 per set.

Sealed general bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until **Thursday, June 9, 2016 @ 2:00 pm** at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

An original and one copy of the bid forms must be submitted.

All questions must be faxed not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016 to the City of Cambridge Purchasing Department fax #617-349-4008.

All general bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check (**NO CASH**) issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the City of Cambridge or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful general bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bond shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the City of Cambridge.

The successful bidder will also be required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2004 in regard to required OSHA approved safety & health training.

The City of Cambridge reserves the right to reject any or all general bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

No less than the Prevailing wage rates as set forth in the schedule contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

Attention is called to the following programs and ordinances of the City of Cambridge:

1. Cambridge Employment Plan: minority/women/resident hiring ordinance.
2. Cambridge Responsible Employer Plan
3. Minority Business Enterprise Program
4. Living Wage Ordinance.
3. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
4. CORI City Policy

Copies of the above are bound in the bid documents and are fully integral portions of the conditions of the contract with which each contractor and sub-contractor must comply.

A pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held as follows:

Date: **May 25, 2016**

Time: **10:00 AM**

Place: **Walter J. Sullivan Purification Facility**
250 Fresh Pond Parkway
Cambridge, MA 02138

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Purchasing Agent