

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the project: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts – Alewife Brook Floatables Control (Contract 4) and CAM 400 Sewer Separation (Contract 13) Project.

Nature and scope of work

The Work for the Alewife Brook Floatables Control (Contract 4) Milestone Number 1 includes, but is not limited to the replacement of CAM 002 and CAM 401B Regulator structures and installation of floatables control structures; installation of floatables control at CAM 001 regulator structure; and the Combined Sewer Manhole Replacement at Magoun Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

The Work for the CAM 400 Sewer Separation (Contract 13) Milestone Number 2 includes, but is not limited to; common manhole separations at 13 locations on City Streets and on the Grace easement; the rehabilitation of sewer and drain pipe by open trench, CIPP sectional and full length liner, pipe bursting, and mechanical pipe sleeves; the replacements of lampholes with manholes; installation of 15-inch Diameter PVC sewer at the intersection of Columbus Ave and Alewife Brook Parkway with Flap Gate; the installation of 30-inch Diameter RCP Drain and 5'x7' drain vault at the intersection of Columbus Ave and Kimball Street, the installation of deep sump manholes with isolation gate valve; modification to CAM 400 regulator structure; separation of pit for structure S75COM1905T; The work includes the reconnection and relocation of sanitary sewers, water services and sewer services; curb, roadway and sidewalk construction restoration; and restoration of all disturbed areas

The time for completion of this project is 273 calendar days for Milestone Number 1 - Alewife Brook Floatables Control (Contract 4) from the written Notice to Proceed and 424 calendar days for Milestone Number 2 - CAM 400 Sewer Separation Project (Contract 13) from the written Notice to Proceed.

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

The estimated project value is: \$5.8 million dollars.

Plans and specifications will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to Noon on Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 from **Thursday, November 19, 2009** upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of \$150.00 for each set in the form of a check made payable to the City of Cambridge. For the mailing of the plans and specifications, the bidder must prepay a mailing and handling fee of \$25.00 per set. **NO PARTIAL SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.**

Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until **Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 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 2:00pm Thursday, December 3, 2009 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 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. Bonds 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 City of Cambridge reserves the right to reject any or all general bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Cambridge are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The "**Fair Share**" construction goal for this project is a **minimum of eight and one quarter (8.25) percent MBE participation and two point zero nine (2.09) percent WBE participation** by state-certified MBEs and WBEs. The bidder shall submit completed MBE/WBE forms (EEO-DEP-190 & EEO-DEP-191) and Vendor Information Forms (VIF) with the bid. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The project requires compliance with the Massachusetts Diesel Retrofit Program (MDRP) by use of after-engine emission controls that are EPA certified, or their equivalent, on all of the off-road (non-registered) diesel vehicles/equipment used at the job site.

This project is funded in part by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust").

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

1. Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program;
2. Minority Business Enterprise Program;
3. Cambridge Employment Plan: minority/women/resident hiring ordinance.
4. Cambridge Responsible Employer Plan
5. Living Wage Ordinance
6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
7. 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: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Cambridge Department of Public Works
147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Cynthia H. Griffin
Purchasing Agent

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