

FILE NO. 5261

INVITATION TO BID

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

Nature and scope of work: **Harvard Square Improvement Project – Contract 3** includes full depth pavement construction, bituminous concrete excavation by cold planer, pavement overlay, granite curbing, brick sidewalk, traffic signal replacement, driveway and curb ramp construction, street light replacement; tree planting, pavement markings, signage, installation of bike racks, trash and recyclable receptacles, pay and display parking and water and drainage improvements.

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

The estimated project value is: **\$3,000,000.00.**

Plans and specification will be available from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm., Monday, Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and 12:00 noon on Friday, at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 from **Thursday July 1, 2010** upon deposit of a nonrefundable fee of \$100.00 for each set in the form of a check made payable to the City of Cambridge. For the mailing of the plans specifications, the bidder must prepay a mailing and handling fee of \$10.00 per set. **NO PARTIAL SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.**

Sealed general bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until **Thursday, July 22, 2010 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 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 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. 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
6. Cambridge CORI Ordinance
7. OSHA Certification

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 July 13, 2010

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Public Works Department Conference Room
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

All contractor questions must be submitted by Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. No responses will be issued for questions received after this deadline.

Bidders must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Highway Department, Room 6260, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA. Plans and specifications will not be available to contractors without a "Certificate of Approval Form" from MHD.

Cynthia H. Griffin
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