

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the project: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts – Western Avenue Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Nature and scope of work

The major components of work to be performed includes, but is not limited to the construction of sewers and drains ranging in size from 10-inch to 48-inch in diameter; cured-in-place pipelining of an existing 42-inch x 48-inch brick sewer; the construction of manholes and catch basins; the installation of 36-inch diameter pipe through an existing corridor beneath a steam tunnel; the construction of a total phosphorous removal structure; the construction of an outfall to the Charles River with an isolation gate structure; the replacement of existing water mains; relocation of existing utilities; full depth roadway construction; asphalt excavation by cold planer; pavement overlay; granite curbing installation, construction of concrete and brick sidewalks, construction of a porous asphalt bicycle track; installation of street trees and landscaping including structural soil and passive irrigation system; roadway lighting and traffic signal construction, pavement markings and traffic signage; coordination with public art installation and streetscape furnishings; and the reconstruction of a public park, including stormwater planter system, granite seating and planter elements, automatic irrigation system, and miscellaneous furnishings and appurtenances.

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: \$17 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, May 31, 2012 upon payment of a refundable 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.

The contract documents may be examined at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Room 303, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139 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.

Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until June 28, 2012 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 Monday June 18, 2012 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.

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. Minority Business Enterprise Program;
2. Cambridge Employment Plan: minority/women/resident hiring ordinance.
3. Cambridge Responsible Employer Plan
4. Living Wage Ordinance
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
6. 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, June 12, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM

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

Cynthia H. Griffin  
Purchasing Agent