

INVITATION TO BID

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

Restoration of the Cambridge Street Underpass

Nature and Scope of Work

The proposed project has BID ALTERNATIVE #1 for the full depth pavement reconstruction of Cambridge Street westbound in the vicinity of Massachusetts Avenue. Please read the description below of the BASE BID and BID ALTERNATIVE #1 bid.

BASE BID

This project will rehabilitate the Cambridge Street Underpass structure, including underpass walls and ceiling, approach retaining walls, roadway surface, and lighting. The base bid includes the replacement of the existing railing atop the retaining walls and underpass structure and the removal and reconstruction of the concrete roadway wearing surfaces both within the underpass and on the adjacent invert slabs. In addition, the Cambridge Street at Quincy Street intersection will be reconfigured with new sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, and a raised crosswalk. The Cambridge Street westbound median at Massachusetts Avenue is to be reconstructed. The base bid includes hot mix asphalt pavement milling and resurfacing on Broadway and on Cambridge Street eastbound and westbound between the underpass and Quincy Street, and the installation of overhead guide signs, post mounted guide signs, and pavement markings on Cambridge Street eastbound and westbound, Peabody Street, Quincy Street, and Broadway.

BID ALTERNATIVE #1

Bid Alternative #1 includes full depth pavement reconstruction, removal and resetting of granite curbing, and reconstruction of concrete buffers on Cambridge Street westbound and Peabody Street in the vicinity of Massachusetts Avenue.

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: **\$ 3,750,000**

Plans and specifications will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Friday, at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 from **Thursday, AUGUST 16, 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 \$10.00 per set. **NO PARTIAL SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.**

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

All contractor questions must be submitted by THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012, by 4:00 p.m. No responses will be issued for questions received after this deadline.

Sealed general bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 @ 2:00pm**. At which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All general bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check 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. 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. The City of Cambridge reserves the right to reject any sub-bid on any sub-trade if it determines that such sub-bid does not represent the sub-bid of a person competent to perform the work as specified or that less than three such sub-bids were received and that the prices are not reasonable for acceptance without further competition.

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. Cambridge Living Wage Ordinance
5. OSHA Certification
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: **THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012**

Time: **10:00 AM**

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

Cynthia H. Griffin
Purchasing Agent