

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the project: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts – Storm Water Quality Sampling Stations & SCADA Expansion Project.

Nature and scope of work

The project area is distributed across six separate locations: (1) the intersection of Columbus Ave and Harris Ave, (2) in front of #125 CambridgePark Drive, (3) the Alewife Stormwater Wetland north of CambridgePark Drive, (4) Western Ave east of Memorial Drive, (5) the intersection of Sparks St and Foster Street, and (6) the general area of Concord Avenue and Fresh Pond Parkway near the Fresh Pond rotaries.

The major components of work to be performed include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Installation of permanent water quality sampling stations at four locations, and a portable water quality sampler at one location. Minor concrete and site work associated with the water quality sampling stations.
- B. Installation of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) equipment at seven control panels located in one general area.
- C. Portions of the work occur on property owned by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), or encroach upon private property, or occur where there are other active construction projects. This work is subject to applicable permits, easements, rights of entry, vehicle restrictions and sequencing requirements.

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: \$500,000 dollars.

All work to be completed by January 8, 2016.

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 21, 2015 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 Thursday, June 11, 2015 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 4:00pm Thursday, June 4, 2015 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 project requires compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Diesel Retrofit Program 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.

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

Prevailing 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 Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

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: Thursday, May 28, 2015
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Cambridge Department of Public Works
147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Amy L. Witts
Purchasing Agent

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