

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

UPPER FRANKLIN AVENUE AREA SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT No. 13

CONTRACT NUMBER 2011-32

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for construction of Contract Number 2011-32 Upper Franklin Avenue Area Sewer Separation Project No. 13 will be received by the Metropolitan District, at the office of the District Clerk of the Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, P.O. Box 800, Hartford, CT, 06142-0800 until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project includes the following major items; installation of 3,300 linear feet of new sanitary sewers, 9,500 linear feet of storm sewers and 6,800 linear feet of water main replacements. The project also includes exterior and interior separation of approximately 400 buildings in the Project Area; 5,400 linear feet of cured-in-place liners; 4,200 linear feet of new or water service renewals; 12,500 square yards of road reconstruction; 65,000 square yards of pavement mill and overlay, sidewalk, curbing and other restoration. Bidders are directed to Section 01010, Summary of Work for additional information. The Work is located in the City of Hartford, Connecticut.

Contract documents may be obtained from the Metropolitan District's new electronic procurement bidding system; once registered, prospective bidders can download the bid package from the web site at www.ebidexchange.com/mdc.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of **One Hundred and Twenty (120) days**, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

The Successful Bidder will be required to submit all copies of the Agreement and all other applicable Contract Documents within **Ten (10) days** of the Notice of Award as outlined in the Contract Document.

The Contractor, and any Subcontractors performing work with a subcontract value of \$500,000 or greater, shall hold a current **DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate** Sewer and Water Lines from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut according to C.G.S. § 4a-100, C.G.S. § 4b-101 and C.G.S. § 4b-91. Bidders shall submit with their bids a DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate along with a current Update (Bid) Statement. Any bid submitted without a copy of the DAS Prequalification Certificate and an Update (Bid) Statement shall be invalid. Prior to the commencement of any portion of the Work by a Subcontractor whose subcontract value is equal to or greater than \$500,000, the Contractor shall provide to the Owner a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate for such Subcontractor along with an Update (Bid) Statement. Bidders do not need to include subcontractor certificates with their bids, but must have them at the time they commence work on the Project.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

This Project and the Work performed thereon is subject to federal prevailing wage laws as well as the prevailing wage laws of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall be responsible for paying the higher of the applicable federal prevailing wages and the applicable state prevailing wages. For so long as the prevailing wages applicable to the Work under Connecticut prevailing wage laws are equal to or greater than the prevailing wages applicable to the Work under federal prevailing wage laws, the Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay Connecticut prevailing wages. A copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Connecticut Department of Labor is attached to this Invitation to Bid along with a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. The acceptance by the Bidder of these wage determinations is a condition of any award of the Contract. By submitting a Bid for this Project, the Bidder is deemed to have accepted such wage determinations. Because of the application of both federal and state wage laws to this Project, the Contractor should be aware that the Contractor will be obligated to certify payrolls and issue compliance statements in accordance with both federal and state procedural requirements.

Copies of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the U.S. Department of Labor and the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Connecticut Department of Labor are attached to this Invitation to Bid. The acceptance by the Bidder of these wage determinations is a condition of any award of the Contract. By submitting a Bid for this Project, the Bidder is deemed to have accepted such wage determinations.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

Work performed under any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation to Bid may also be funded, in whole or in part, by a loan and/or grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies sections 22a-482-1 to 22a-482-4, inclusive, shall apply to all contracts awarded under this Invitation to Bid which are more specifically described in the Instructions to Bidders and the Supplemental Conditions which are a part of the Contract Documents.

Bidders on this work are required to comply with 40 CFR Part 33.240 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's policy on the increased utilization of Minority Business Enterprise's (MBE's). The requirements for bidders and contractors covered by this policy are explained in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders on this work are required to comply with 40 CFR Part 33.240 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's policy on the increased utilization of Women Business Enterprise's (WBE's). The requirements for bidders and contractors covered by this policy are explained in the Instructions to Bidders.

The minimum participation rate required by the Connecticut DEEP is 3% of the total contract price for MBEs and 5% of the total contract price for WBEs. To constitute an MBE or a WBE for the purpose of meeting the Connecticut DEEP requirements, an enterprise must fall within the definition of MBE or WBE under 40 C.F.R. Part 33 which requires, among other things, that the enterprise be certified by an agency or entity whose certification criteria matches that of US EPA.

The Bidder shall be prepared to abide by the Metropolitan District required Construction Contract Provisions regarding use of minority and women businesses for this project. The Contractor must take affirmative steps to assure that minority business enterprises (MBE) and woman business enterprises (WBE) (as such terms are defined below) are used to the maximum extent practicable.

In addition to the minimum MBE and WBE participation set forth above, the Metropolitan District requires that the Bidder establish and work towards a goal of additional MBE participation of 3% of the contract price for MBEs (for a total MBE participation of 6% of the contract price). For the purposes of reaching this additional participation goal, an enterprise must be certified as an MBE by an agency or entity whose certification criteria matches that of US EPA, and may also be certified by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's and State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 11246, 3, 17, 16 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders.

Bidders shall certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facility that is segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Bidders shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

All Bidders are requested to note that the award of this contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:

1. The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law.
2. The appropriation of adequate funds, by the proper agencies

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 10:00AM for potential bidders at the MDC Training Facility, Room C, 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, Connecticut. Prospective bidders must attend this conference. All prospective bidders are invited to ask questions to the District and/or the District's Agent(s) during this conference.

Prospective bidders are required to register on the Metropolitan District's new electronic procurement bidding system. Once registered, prospective bidders and other registered users can download the bid package directly from our web site at www.ebidexchange.com/mdc.

Direct all inquiries to Emily McCarran, CDM, 100 Great Meadow, Suite 104 Wethersfield, CT 06109, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, via email at mccarranea@cdm.com.

Kristine Shaw
District Clerk