

SECTION 00020

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Watertown Department of Public Works invites bids for the 2023 Arsenal Street Corridor Improvements project until 11:00 AM, local time, on Wednesday January 25, 2023, publicly opened online, forthwith, and read aloud:

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BID OPENING</u>
Bid:	2023 Arsenal Street Corridor Improvements Contract No. 2023-30	January 25, 2023, 11:00 AM

The work under this contract consists of curb/sidewalk reconstruction and road resurfacing of approximately 3,422 feet of Arsenal Street between Arsenal Way and Greenough Boulevard; traffic signal reconstruction (4 Locations); in the City of Watertown, Massachusetts.

The work includes unclassified excavation, pavement milling, full depth hot mix asphalt pavement, hot mix asphalt overlay, drainage system modifications, granite curb and edging, cement concrete sidewalk and wheelchair ramps, tree removal, trimming and planting, traffic signal system reconstruction, bus stop improvements, pavement markings, signs, landscaping, and other incidental work.

It is anticipated that the work to be done under this contract shall be completed, including all punch list items by June 30, 2024. Contract extensions shall be at the discretion of the DPW Superintendent and MassWORKS.

Bids must be sealed and submitted to the Purchasing Agent, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472 prior to 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and will be publicly opened, forthwith and read aloud at the Purchasing Department.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

**All bidders must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as follows.** MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Highway Construction, for the project with an estimated value of \$7,271,840.50 will be required. The MassDOT Prequalification Office will provide the City with an official and a waiver contractor bid list for all contractors prequalified in the specified class of work within the parameters of this project. Only those bidders listed in the official or waiver contractor lists issued by the MassDOT Prequalification Office will be allowed to obtain an official proposal book.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

**There will be no pre-bid meeting for this project.**

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond in the contract sum with a corporate surety approved by the Owner (City of Watertown).

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. **Contractors submitting bids must perform at least 50% of the work outlined in the bid documents.**

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

**City of Watertown**

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