

INVITATION TO BID
City of Portsmouth, NH
Department of Public Works

Sealed bid proposals, **plainly marked,** NH Route 33 Bridge Replacement over Pan Am Railways and Roadway Approaches, Bid Proposal #06-09 **on the outside of the mailing envelope as well as the sealed bid envelope,** addressed to the Finance/Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 03801, will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., August 12, 2008, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Work to be completed under this project generally consists of removal and replacement of the bridge, construction of a mechanically stabilized earth retaining wall, installation of bridge rail, removal of existing pedestrian bridge, replacement of NH Route 33, installation of new storm sewers, installation of new signals at Griffin Road, Islington Street and Peverly Hill Road, installation of a new sidewalk, installation of new guardrail and related approach work. All work shall be furnished and installed in accordance with the project plans and specifications included as part of the contract documents.

Completion time for the project will be calculated as calendar days from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed" and shall be substantially completed by July 31, 2010 and the contract shall be fully completed by August 31, 2010. This contract is subject to liquidated damages, as set forth in the contract documents, if completion dates are not met.

A schedule of the minimum wages for all labor classifications as determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Section 115 of the Federal Highway Act of 1956 is included in the proposal. Unskilled labor may be hired from lists prepared by the NH Department of Employment Security offices designated in the proposal.

All inquiries should be in writing to the Owner's Representative noted below. All inquiries must be submitted by Thursday, July 31, 2008 by 3:00 pm. Answers to the questions submitted by the deadline will be posted on the City's website by Tuesday, August 5, 2008 by close of business in the form of an addendum. The City is not responsible for lost inquiries. City of Portsmouth, Department of Public Works (DPW), ATTN: Deborah A. Finnigan, P.E., 680 Peverly Hill Road Portsmouth, NH 03801, Telephone: (603) 766-1415, Email: dafinnigan@pw.cityofportsmouth.com.

Bid documents must be requested at the Finance/Purchasing Department from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at a charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) (non-refundable), payable by check to The City of Portsmouth. Requests for Bid Documents must include: company name, mailing address, street address, telephone number, FAX number, and the name and title of contact person. Additional charges of \$50.00 will apply for overnight shipping.

A mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Department of Public Works Office at 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 on July 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Bids will be accepted only from contractors pre-qualified by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for bridge construction projects.

A bid may not be withdrawn by the Bidder for a period of sixty calendar days after the bid opening.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the full amount of the Bid will be required by the City to ensure the faithful performance of the contract. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

All Bidders will be required to execute a sworn statement pursuant to Section 112(c) of Title 23 USC, certifying that he or she has not either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, USC 2005d to 2005d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to amend any plans and/or specifications, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, to re-bid, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: City of Portsmouth – Public Works Department, 680 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; VHB, Six Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 607, Bedford, NH 03110; F.W. Dodge Plan Room, 880 Second Street, Manchester, NH 03102; Construction Summary of NH, Inc., 734 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104; AGC of New Hampshire, 48 Grandview Road, Bow, NH 03304.