

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL
RFP# 13-09 - HISTORIC BRIDGE AND ABUTMENT REMOVAL PROJECT
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any proposals that are deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

All inquiries should be in writing to Deborah Finnigan at 603-766-1415 or Email: dafinnigan@pw.cityofportsmouth.com

Proposal documents are available below and from the Finance/Purchasing Department from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Prevailing Local Time, Monday through Friday (telephone 610-7227). Requests for Bid Documents must include: company name, mailing address, street address, telephone number, FAX number, and the name and title of contact person. Charges will apply for overnight shipping.

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DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION



**Route 33/Greenland over the Boston & Maine Railroads’ Hampton Branch
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The bridge is a single span; concrete encased steel beam structure with a reinforced concrete bridge deck carrying two lanes of traffic. The bridge is approximately 45 feet long and 24 feet wide. The bridge abutments are skewed to the roadway at about a 54 degree skew angle. Concrete abutments support the bridge superstructure. According to record plans, the current bridge superstructure was built in 1930. The date of the abutments is unknown.

The abutments and wingwalls consist of cast-in-place reinforced concrete and stone masonry. The abutments are in poor condition with heavy delaminations and concrete spalling along the face of walls. The exposed height from the bearing seat to the existing ground is approximately 17 feet. The two southern wingwalls are both flared back from the face of abutments at about a 45 degree angle. The southwest wingwall is approximately 50 feet long. The southeast wingwall is approximately 15 feet long. The construction of the first phase of the new bridge will require partial removal of these two southern wingwalls.

The bridge railing is heavily deteriorated and in poor to critical condition on each bridge fascia and missing in some locations.

The bridge wearing surface is bituminous concrete pavement. The pavement is in poor condition with significant, longitudinal and transverse cracking and voids.

Nine 4" diameter steel conduits hang from the underside of the deck in the southern exterior bay between beams. The concrete deck is rust-stained and has some section loss at the support hanger connections. No other utilities were noted on the bridge. The utility owner will be abandoning the conduit, once the utility work has been completed.

The bridge and its abutments are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for its engineering significance.

The bridge is available for inspection since it is located in a public right-of-way.

Funding

The successful proposer may apply through the City of Portsmouth to the NH Department of Transportation for funds of up to the estimated cost of demolishing the structure up to seventy - five thousand (\$75,000) dollars.

Project Schedule, Work and Coordination

The need to remove the existing bridge and construct the new bridge in phases will determine when the bridge and abutments can be removed. As previously noted, the construction of the first phase of the new bridge will require partial removal of these two southern wingwalls in November 2008 and the remaining abutments and bridge will be removed in August 2009. Therefore, the bridge and/or abutments will need to be removed based on the construction schedule as determined by the contractor, so these are approximate dates.

During and after, the partial removal of the two southern wingwalls, the remaining bridge and abutments must be maintained for safe travel of vehicular traffic at all times.

The contractor shall give you 3 days notice to remove the material and the material to be removed for each phase shall be removed within five (5) business days.

All work will be done in conformance with the current New Hampshire Department of Transportation Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction.

There are maximum dimensions that will be allowed to pass over State highways. The successful proposer may be required to obtain a permit from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Permit Office at (603) 271-2693. The bidder will also be responsible for all permits working over the railroad.

Submittal Requirements

Proposals shall include the following:

- Brief history of the firm.
- Description of how the preservation covenants will be met.
- Description of how the bridge would be dismantled (partial removal of the southern wingwalls, moved, reused and preserved and site cleanup.
- Submission of a completed Bid Proposal Form and Agreement; form attached.

- Names and qualifications of specific project staff that will play the primary role in this project.
- Three (3) references, including current contact name and phone number.
- A bid bond or a certified check made payable to the “**City of Portsmouth**”, in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid price. Cash cannot be accepted.

Evaluation Criteria

The City’s evaluation criteria are as follows:

- 1) Firm’s ability to perform the dismantling of the bridge.
- 2) Firm’s commitment to meet preservation covenants. The successful bidder’s proposal will satisfactorily meet historic preservation requirements as enunciated in “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings”.
- 3) Bid Price
- 4) Conformance with Submittal Requirements

Selection and Closing

Upon review and ranking of all responsive proposals the City will notify the highest scoring firm in writing.

Within ten (10) days of such written notification, bidder shall provide a twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollar deposit to secure clean up of the site. The site clean up includes the removal of the bridge and abutments. All rubbish and debris will be removed and the site will be left in a clean and safe condition within fourteen (14) days from start of removal. The deposit will be returned upon the final inspection and approval of the site by the City. The return of this deposit takes approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks after approval. The City reserves the right to retain this site clean up deposit if the site is deemed unsatisfactory, unsafe, or the work is not completed within the given timeframe. The City shall be the sole judge of what shall constitute a satisfactory clean up and shall work with the bidder to ensure a clean, safe and acceptable site.

The contractor shall follow all local ordinances, which includes an ordinance about noise. A construction management plan shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the 1st phase of the bridge removal.

Thereafter the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the City of Portsmouth will seek approval by the Governor and Executive Council. This process takes 4 to 6 weeks. If approval is received, the N.H. Department of Transportation will provide a Bill of Sale at the time of closing.

The sale will be “AS IS, AS SHOWN”

Permanent restrictive covenants regarding the preservation and maintenance of this structure must be signed by the successful bidder at closing.

Reservation of Rights

The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any proposal that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

The City also reserves the right to make such inquiries regarding the firm’s qualifications and reputation as it deems necessary to evaluate the firm. The firm may be requested to execute releases to obtain information from third parties. Failure to execute a release upon request may result in disqualification.

Additional Information

Historic covenant information and questions concerning these covenants should be addressed to Joyce McKay, Bureau of Environment, New Hampshire Department of Transportation at (603) 271-3226.

Any other questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be addressed to Deborah Finnigan, PE, of the Department of Public Works at (603) 766-1415.

PROPOSAL FORM AND AGREEMENT FOR SALE AND REMOVAL

OF HISTORIC BRIDGE

(Historic Covenants)

I, _____
(Print Name)

of _____
(Fill in complete address and phone number)

hereby bid \$ _____
(Fill in dollar amount) **MINIMUM BID: \$1.00**

for Item No. _____ of the _____ sale.

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I/We agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State of New Hampshire and the City of Portsmouth, its agents and employees from any and all claims or demands of any nature.

A certified check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of my bid is attached hereto. I/We shall submit the balance within ten (10) days upon Governor and Executive Council Approval, which takes approximately four (4) to six (6) weeks after the bid opening. The successful bidder must remove the structure in two phases. I agree to meet the timeline set by the City’s contractor. **An additional separate, certified check for the \$20,000 deposit will be required from the successful bidder and will be returned upon the approval of the site clean up.** The site clean up includes the removal of the bridge superstructure/truss and abutments. All rubbish and debris will be removed and the site will be left in a clean and safe condition within 10 business days from start of removal. The deposit will be returned upon final inspection and approval of the site by the City. The return of this deposit takes approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks after site approval. The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to retain this site clean up deposit if the site is deemed unsatisfactory or unsafe. The City shall be the sole judge of what shall constitute a satisfactory clean up and shall work with the bidder to ensure a clean, safe and acceptable site. Any questions regarding the scope of work in regards to the site clean up should be addressed to Deborah Finnigan of the Department of Public Works.

I understand that the award of this historic bridge is not dependent on the highest bid. The successful bidder(s) will be the one whose proposal most satisfactorily meets the evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal which includes historic preservation requirements as enunciated in “The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation Historic Buildings”. Permanent restrictive covenants regarding the preservation and maintenance of this structure must be signed by the successful bidder at closing.

Upon receipt of the total bid and approval by the Governor and Executive Council, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation will issue a Bill of Sale. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities and/or reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever.

There are maximum dimensions that are allowed to pass over State Highways and City roadways. If I am the successful bidder I will be required to obtain a permit prior to the structures being moved along or across any State-maintained highway. The permit may require the bridge and abutments to be partially dismantled. If such a move is anticipated, bidders are advised to contact the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Permit office at (603) 271-2693. Any clean up still required after the deadline shall be performed by the City and the cost deducted from the deposit. I/We further understand that if all structures are not removed by the deadline the bid will be forfeited and the City shall have the right to re-advertise the structure for sale and removal.

I/We further understand and agree that if I/We are the successful bidder that the 10% deposit is non-refundable if I/We are unable to meet the terms of this Agreement. The City expressly reserves the right to make a claim for damages and for such other remedies as may be available at law and in equity should the bidder not perform.

Witness Date

Signature Date