

SECTION 00020 - INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the construction of **Water Main Replacements in Falmouth Rd., Falmouth** will be received by the Portland Water District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine until **2:00 p.m., local time, April 14, 2022**. The work shall consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Replace approximately 2,300 ft. of 8" water mains and appurtenances.
2. Furnish and maintain a temporary water system where indicated on the drawings.

Currently, the Douglass Street facility is closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions but staffed to allow for receipt of bids by hand delivery. Bids may be hand delivered one (1) hour prior to bid opening time only (from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 14, 2022. The Purchasing Agent will receive bids in person at the customer service entrance at 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine 04104 by contacting Patrick Fitzgerald at 207-774-5961 extension 1007. To attend a Webex meeting of the bid opening at 2:00 p.m. call 1-408-418-9388 access code 2634 576 9070, password 43285222 or login online with password heC8KA22zR7. Meeting link will be provided by request.

Electronic copies of contract documents may be obtained upon request. Contact Patrick Fitzgerald, Purchasing Agent, 207-774-5961, ext. 1007, pfitzgerald@pwd.org to obtain information regarding access to the files. (Paper copies are not available.)

Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Guaranty in form of certified check or bid bond in amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. A performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and labor and material payment bonds in like amount will be required prior to execution of the Agreement.

Bidder must have a Falmouth excavator's license and obtain an excavation permit and comply with all rules and regulations associated with the municipal street opening ordinances.

The Portland Water District will supply the Contractor with all 6" and 8" pipe. The Contractor will supply all other materials. The expected delivery date is September 15, 2022.

Bidder agrees to substantially complete the work on or before November 1, 2022 and achieve final completion on or before November 15, 2022. If substantial completion is not achieved by the specified date, the Bidder further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of \$500.00 for each consecutive calendar day until substantial completion is achieved.

This is an emergency level project due to the high number of main breaks so it's the District intent on completing this year but if material delays prohibit 2022 completion, the contract substantial completion date and final completion will be increased to July 1, 2023 and July 15, 2023 through a change order.

The Bidder is responsible for determining if there are Addenda to the Project by viewing the P.W.D. project website located at www.pwd.org/infrastructure/construction/construction.php. The bidder is responsible for incorporating addenda into their Bid and referencing the number and date on Article 3 – Bidder's Representations of the Bid form. The Portland Water District will not post Bid Addenda any later than 2 days prior to the bid opening without individually notifying all plan holders.

No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after date of opening thereof. Right is reserved to refuse or reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in proposals received and to award work at discretion of the General Manager acting in the best interests of the Portland Water District.