

SECTION 00020 - INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the construction of, **Great Diamond Island – Little Diamond Island Submerged Water Main Replacement, Portland** will be received by the Portland Water District, 225 Douglass Street, Portland, Maine until **2:00 p.m., local time, July 7, 2022**. The work shall consist of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Installation of parallel 14" HDPE water mains between Great Diamond Island and Little Diamond Island.
2. Installation of ductile iron pipe, fittings and connections at both ends of the submerged mains.

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 July 7, 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 2632 422 4047, password 77337283 or login online (link below) with password rqF3patdR35.

<https://portlandwaterdistrict.my.webex.com/portlandwaterdistrict.my/j.php?MTID=m52919e28a79f922a84cc88a9bce16e5f>

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 Portland excavator's license and obtain an excavation permit and comply with all rules and regulations associated with the municipal street opening ordinances.

If the cost of ductile iron or hdpe pipe materials escalates between the bid date and shipping date through no fault of the contractor, the Contractor shall notify PWD in writing of the total increase. The Contractor shall supply PWD with invoices, bills of sale or pricing sheets to substantiate the notice. The contract will be adjusted through a change order to account for the cost difference between the shipping price and bid price. The Contractor will be paid for stored materials per the agreement.

Bidder agrees to substantially complete the work on or before December 1, 2023 and achieve final completion by December 15, 2023. No work is allowed between May 15 and September 15. 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.

The Bidder is responsible for determining if there are Addenda to the Project by viewing the P.W.D. project website located at <https://www.pwd.org/construction-bids>. 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.