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FEDERAL PROJECT

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ALL PROJECTS:

1. Use pen and ink to complete all paper Bids.
2. As a minimum, the following must be received prior to the time of Bid opening:

For a Paper Bid:

a) a copy of the Notice to Contractors, b) the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments form, c) the completed Schedule of Items, d) two copies of the completed and signed Contract Offer, Agreement & Award form, e) a Bid Guaranty, and f) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

For an Electronic Bid:

a) a completed Bid using Expedite® software and submitted via the Bid Express™ web-based service, b) a Bid Guaranty (as described below) or a faxed copy of a Bid Bond (with original to be delivered within 72 hours), and c) any other certifications or Bid requirements listed in the Bid Documents as due by Bid opening.

3. Include prices for all required items in the Schedule of Items. (“Zero is not considered a Bid price.”)
4. Include a Bid Guaranty. Acceptable forms are:
 - a. a properly completed and signed Bid Bond on the Department’s prescribed form (or on a form that does not contain any significant variations from the Department’s form as determined by the Department) for 5% of the Bid Amount or
 - b. an Official Bank Check, Cashier’s Check, Certified Check, U.S. Postal Money Order or Negotiable Certificate of Deposit in the amount stated in the Notice to Contractors.
5. If a paper Bid is to be sent, Federal Express overnight delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building located at 16 Child Street in Augusta. Other means, such as U.S. Postal Service’s Express Mail has proven not to be reliable.

IN ADDITION, FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS:

6. Complete the DBE Proposed Utilization form in the proper amounts, and deliver to the Civil Rights Office, or fax to (207)624-3431 by 4:30 PM on bid opening day.

If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207)624-3410.

For complete bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of December 2002.

NOTICE

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled, and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain a planholders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments, must provide an email address to Diane Barnes or Mike Babb at the MDOT Contracts mailbox at: MDOT.contracts@maine.gov. Each bid package will require a separate request.

Additionally, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids using the Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment Form.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is not the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via <http://www.BIDX.com>. For information on electronic bidding contact Larry Childs at Larry.Childs@maine.gov.

NOTICE

For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

This should not be much of a change for those of you who use Federal Express or similar services.

Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope as before, and should be marked with the following information:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Name of Contractor:

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bid Guaranty-Bid Bond Form

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT _____

_____, of the City/Town of _____ and State of _____

as Principal, and _____ as Surety, a

Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of _____ and having a usual place of

Business in _____ and hereby held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of

the State of Maine in the sum of _____ for payment which Principal and Surety bind

themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

The condition of this obligation is that the Principal has submitted to the Maine Department of

Transportation, hereafter Department, a certain bid, attached hereto and incorporated as a

part herein, to enter into a written contract for the construction of _____

_____ and if the Department shall accept said bid

and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form attached hereto (properly

completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish bonds for this faithful performance of

said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing material in

connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the

acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full

force, and effect.

Signed and sealed this _____ day of _____ 20____

WITNESS:

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PRINCIPAL:

By _____

By: _____

By: _____

SURETY:

By _____

By: _____

Name of Local Agency: _____

NOTICE

Bidders:

Please use the attached “Request for Information” form when faxing questions and comments concerning specific Contracts that have been Advertised for Bid. Include additional numbered pages as required. Questions are to be faxed to the number listed in the Notice to Contractors. This is the only allowable mechanism for answering Project specific questions. Maine DOT will not be bound to any answers to Project specific questions received during the Bidding phase through other processes.

NOTICE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization

The Apparent Low Bidder must submit the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization form by close of Business (4:30 P.M.) on Bid day.

The Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization Plan form contains additional information that is required by USDOT.

The Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization Plan form must be used.

A copy of the new Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization Plan and instructions for completing it are attached.

Note: Questions about DBE firms, or to obtain a printed copy of the DBE Directory, contact the Civil Rights Office at (207) 624-3066.

MDOT's DBE Directory of Certified firms can also be obtained at www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CONTRACTOR'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PLAN

The Contractor Shall:

1. Submit a completed Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Utilization Plan to the Contract's Engineer by 4:30 P.M. on the Bid day.
2. Extend equal opportunity to MDOT certified DBE firms (as listed in MDOT's DBE Directory of Certified Businesses) in the selection and utilization of Subcontractors and Suppliers.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM:

Insert Contractor name, the name of the person(s) preparing the form, and that person(s) telephone and fax number.

Provide total Bid price, Federal Project Identification Number, and location of the Project work.

In the columns, name each DBE firm to be used, provide the Unit or Item cost of the Work/Product to be provided by the DBE firm, give a brief description of the Work, and the dollar value of the Work.

If no DBE firm is to be utilized, the Contractor must document the reason(s) why no DBE firms are being used. Specific supporting evidence of good faith efforts taken by Contractors to solicit DBE Bidders must be attached. This evidence, as a minimum, includes phone logs, e-mail and/or mail DBE solicitation records, and the documented results of these solicitations.

NOTICE

Maine Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with US DOT regulation 49 CFR Part 26, the Maine Department of Transportation has established a DBE Program for disadvantaged business participation in the federal-aid construction program; MaineDOT contracts covered by the program include consulting, construction, supplies, manufacturing, and service contracts.

For FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008), MaineDOT has established a DBE participation goal of 4.5% to be achieved through race/gender neutral and race/gender conscious means.

Interested parties may view MaineDOT's DBE goal setting methodology for the next 30 days during normal business hours (8-4, M-F) at the Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0016. Appointments may be scheduled by telephone at (207) 624-3519. The goal setting methodology is also available for viewing on the MaineDOT website: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php>.

Public comment will be accepted for 45 days following the last date of publication. The public comment period will be complete on August 28th, 2007. The goal will be submitted for approval to the FHWA on August 1st, 2007 with an update based upon public comment sent to FHWA on August 30th.

Comments on the goal will be accepted for 45 days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be addressed to Jackie LaPerriere, Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016 or by e-mail at: jackie.laperriere@maine.gov.

Several interested stakeholders will be notified directly by e-mail of the goal publication, including Maine SBA, Associated Constructors of Maine, and ACEC, and Maine DBEs.

**MaineDOT CONTRACTOR'S DBE/SUBCONTRACTOR
PROPOSED UTILIZATION FORM**

Low Bidder must furnish this form to Contracts Section Bid Opening day.

Contractor: _____ Telephone: _____ Ext. _____

Prepared by: _____ Fax: _____

BID PRICE: \$ _____ BID DATE: ____/____/____

FEDERAL PROJECT PIN # _____ PROJECT LOCATION: _____

TOTAL DBE _____ % PARTICIPATION FOR THIS SUBMISSION

W B E•	D B E•	Non DBE	Firm Name	Unit/Item Cost	Unit #	Description of Work & Item Number	Actual \$ Value
Total >							

Contractors must make a good faith effort to include Certified DBE firms in all aspects of the project. If no DBE firms are to be part of this project, a detailed explanation is required. Attach supporting evidence to the maximum participation of DBEs on this project. This is a requirement. This evidence must include name of firm(s) contacted, date contacted, and outcome of solicitation.

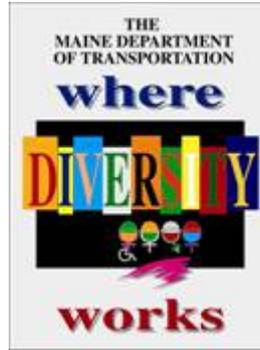
Equal Opportunity Use:

Form received: ____/____/____ Verified by: _____

____ Accepted ____ Rejected _____

cc: Contracts Other _____

- WBEs are non-minority women owned firms certified by MaineDOT
 - DBEs are male and minority owned firms certified by MaineDOT
- For a complete list of certified firms go to <http://www.maine.gov/mdot>



**Maine Department of Transportation
Civil Rights Office**

**Directory of Certified Disadvantaged
Business Enterprises**

Listing can be found at:

www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php

**For additional information and guidance
contact: Civil Rights Office at (207) 624-3066**

September 14, 2007

Vendor Registration

Prospective Bidders must register as a vendor with the Department of Administrative & Financial Services if the vendor is awarded a contract. Vendors will not be able to receive payment without first being registered. Vendors/Contractors will find information and register through the following link –

<http://www.maine.gov/purchases/vendorinfo/vss.htm>