

INFORMATION FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

In conformance with Title 5 M.R.S.A., Section 1747, the State of Maine Department of Education (DOE) will pre-qualify General Contractors to bid on the new MSAD 17 Middle School construction project located in South Paris, Maine. The Department of Education will administer the review of qualifications as referenced in Title 5, §§1747-1749 and inform the Bureau of General Services (BGS) of the results.

Interested General Contractors are required to complete a Pre-Bid Qualification Application and be notified of their pre-qualification status in order to receive the bidding documents and participate in the bidding process.

General Contractors that are currently pre-qualified by The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) in the “Buildings” category are not required to submit a new application for this project, however, they are required to send a notice of intent to pre-qualify for this specific project by e-mail to valerie.chiang@maine.gov by the deadline noted below. Confirmation of receipt will be returned. The notice of intent to pre-qualify shall include:

- A letter from their bond company with current bond values- single/aggregate limits, and amount under contract;
- A narrative on project-relevant experience, with project data including project title, location, size, contract amount, contact information;
- Any other updates to the previously submitted pre-qualification application.

General Contractors that are not currently pre-qualified by DOT in the “Buildings” category are directed to complete the State of Maine Prequalification Application for this specific project. The pre-bid qualification application may be downloaded from: [Contractor Prequalification | Maine Department of Transportation](#) In addition to submitting a new application, General Contractors that are not currently pre-qualified by DOT in the “Buildings” category are required to send a notice of intent to pre-qualify for this specific project by e-mail to Valerie Chiang at valerie.chiang@maine.gov by the deadline noted below. Confirmation of receipt will be returned. The notice of intent to pre-qualify shall include:

- A statement indicating they are not currently on the pre-qualified list administered by DOT;
- A statement of interest in the project.

Questions may be directed to Valerie Chiang, (207) 462-0132 or valerie.chiang@maine.gov. The application must be completed and returned electronically to both valerie.chiang@maine.gov and contractor.prequal@maine.gov, no later than **September 16, 2026 at 2:00p.m.** Confirmation of receipt will be returned.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. This deadline supersedes all other published instructions for application acceptance including Section 2.2.2 of the application and the notice on the DOT Contractor Prequalification web page.

The project consists of the construction of a new 6th - 8th grade middle school building, approximately 126,000 square feet on the existing MSAD 17 Middle School campus site. The project includes site improvements and demolition of the existing MSAD 17 Oxford Hills Middle School as part of the new school building construction. Estimated project construction cost is \$73M.

Bidding documents prepared by Harriman will be available to pre-qualified General Contractors no earlier than November 11, 2026, with a Notice to Proceed anticipated in Spring 2027, and Building Substantial Completion by Summer 2029. The building is phased construction on an occupied site.

Bid document information will be provided in subsequent legal advertisements and BGS website postings.