

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (Department) is soliciting Bids for fish passage improvements at the Woodland Pulp LLC dam and mill site in Baileyville, Maine. The bidding process is hosted and assisted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT or MDOT).

Sealed Bids addressed to the **Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333** and endorsed on the wrapper “**Bids for Woodland Fish Passage System in the Town of Baileyville, Maine**” will be received from contractors at the Reception Desk, Maine DOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 o’clock A.M. (prevailing time) on **October 8, 2025**. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must have completed, or successfully complete, **Marine Construction prequalification category**, with project specific prequalification requirements indicated below to be considered for the award of this contract.

**Description:** Maine Project No. PH20250514WFP2

**Location:** In Washington County, the Project is located at the Woodland Pulp LLC mill property in Baileyville, Maine.

**Outline of Work:** This Project partially removes an existing fish ladder and includes construction of a new fish lift with exit flume, attraction water supply system, downstream migrant bypass system, access bridge if awarded, and other incidental work.

Note that the fish ladder has been removed from the scope of construction; the design plans have been revised to designate the ladder as Not in Contract, but references to the ladder and its components may remain in the Specifications. Bidders shall interpret such remaining instances as Not in Contract. Impacted components including but not limited Downstream Bypass 1 and AWS Pipe 2 are also designated Not in Contract for bidding purposes but will require redesign for functionality of the fish passage system after award.

**The basis of award will be Section 1 (Base Bid). Bidders must also complete Sections 2 and 3 for additional Intake Work Items and the incremental increase in construction access costs to furnish and install the prefabricated bridge, respectively. However, Sections 2 and/or 3 may be awarded or excluded solely at the Department’s discretion.**

**Prequalification Requirements:** Bidders must provide directly relevant previous project experience working on or within the operating footprint of hydroelectric facilities and constructing and commissioning of fish passage facilities or similar, complex flow control systems to meet Marine Construction prequalification requirements. Bidders must also identify their barge experience and anticipated engineering subcontractor for stability analysis if their work plan includes use of one or more crane barge(s). In addition to the MDOT Prequalification standard process, Bidders must submit project experience documentation described above completed within the last seven (7) years. Contractors who are already prequalified may separately e-mail the additional experience documentation to both [contractor.prequal@maine.gov](mailto:contractor.prequal@maine.gov) per the MDOT process and to the Project Manager at [Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov](mailto:Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov). Project Experience beyond

the last seven (7) years may be submitted but will be reviewed at the sole discretion of the Department. Bidders who submitted accepted project experience documentation under the bid opportunity for Project No. PH20250514WFP are not required to resubmit.

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact George Macdougall at (207) 624-3410. Our webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/> contains a copy of the Price Component Schedule, Plan Holders List, written portions of bid amendments, drawings, bid results and an electronic form for RFI submittal. For Project-specific information, use electronic RFI form or email bid questions to [RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov](mailto:RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov). The Project name and identification number should be in the subject line. Questions received after 12:00 noon of Thursday prior to bid date, or 4 business days prior to bid date if amended, will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other Departmental or MDOT staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Department and MDOT will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Bid Documents, specifications and bid forms can be viewed and obtained digitally at no cost at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. They may be purchased from the Department by check only made payable to Treasurer, State of Maine, and sent to the Department of Marine Resources at 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04330, Attn: Sean Ledwin. Full size plans **\$70.00** by mail. Half size plans **\$40.00** by mail. Specifications **\$30.00** if requested in addition to a plan set or **\$40.00** by mail. Bid Book and/or 8.5x11 Exhibits **\$10.00** if requested in addition to plans and/or specifications or **\$13.00** by mail. Payment must be made in advance, all non-refundable, and a print request specifying which document(s) and the shipment destination must be sent via e-mail to [Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov](mailto:Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov) and [CHerrera@Verdantas.com](mailto:CHerrera@Verdantas.com).

Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by MDOT and must be accompanied by a bid bond at 5% of the bid amount or an official bank check, cashier's check, certified check, certificate of deposit, or United States postal money order in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine as a Bid guarantee. A Contract Performance Surety Bond and a Contract Payment Surety Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

**ONLY PAPER BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A courtesy electronic copy shall be transmitted by e-mail to [Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov](mailto:Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov); multiple-part transmittals are acceptable to send large files.**

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal Laws and the laws of the State of Maine.

All work shall be governed by the Contract, *Division 100 General Conditions*, Plans, Specifications, and all documents incorporated by reference that comprise the Bid Documents (Exhibits A through H). The Bid Documents may be amended as necessary given RFIs or agency reviews.

An optional virtual Bidders' Conference will be held on September 17, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00AM Eastern Time.

A site visit will be held on September 30, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00PM Eastern Time. The site visit is mandatory for new bidders and optional for bidders who previously attended the site visit for Project No. PH20250514WFP. All Bidders planning to attend the site visit must submit their intention to attend listing all representative attendees and expected number of vehicles via email to Sean.M.Ledwin@maine.gov no later than 12:00 noon on September 23, 2025. Bidders who have not submitted their intention to attend prior to the date of the site visit will not be permitted on site. Each Bidder is required to have and use the following safety equipment: hard hat, eye protection, high visibility shirt or vest, safety shoes with hard toes. Requirements such as parking location, other PPE, safety, access, etc. for the site visit will be provided at the time of the virtual Bidders' Conference.