

**STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids from contractors addressed to the Maine Department of Transportation, Augusta, Maine 04333 and endorsed on the wrapper “Bids for stone ballast, Northern Maine” will be received at the MaineDOT Building, Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine, until 11:00 a.m. (prevailing time) on **February 28, 2024** and at that time and place publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from all bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must have completed, or successfully complete, a highway prequalification or project-specific prequalification to be considered for the award of this contract.

MaineDOT accepts electronic bids for bid packages posted on the bidx.com website. Electronic bids do not need to be accompanied by paper bids. MaineDOT will accept a facsimile of the bid bond, but the MaineDOT Contracts Section must receive the original bid bond within 72 hours of the bid opening. Until further notice, MaineDOT will accept dual bids (one paper, one electronic) – with the paper copy taking precedence.

Description: WIN 026746.01

Location: In Aroostook and Penobscot counties, project is located on railroad lines operated by the Maine Northern Railway, on the railroad’s Madawaska, Presque Isle, Houlton and Fort Fairfield subdivisions.

Outline of Work: Supplying, stockpiling and loading Type 4 stone ballast in railroad cars provided by the Maine Northern Railway.

Project-specific questions using the electronic RFI form should be faxed to (207) 624-3431, attn.: **Project Manager Mackenzie Kersbergen**, or emailed to RFI-Contracts.MDOT@maine.gov. Project name and identification number should be in the subject line. For general information, call George Macdougall at (207) 624-3410. Questions received after 12:00 noon of the Monday before bid date will not be answered. Bidders shall not contact any other MaineDOT staff for clarification of Contract provisions, and MaineDOT will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained. TTY users call Maine Relay 711.

Digital bid documents are available online at no cost: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/>. Paper bid documents may be purchased from MaineDOT from 7:00-3:30 M-F by cash, Visa/Mastercard or check payable to “Treasurer, State of Maine” sent to Maine Department of Transportation, **Attn.: Mailroom**, 24 Child St., Augusta, ME 04333-0016. They may be purchased by phone at (207) 624-3536 from 7:00-3:30 M-F, as follows: bid book is \$10 (\$13 by mail) – payment in advance, non-refundable.

Each Bid must be made upon blank forms provided by MaineDOT 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% of the Contract price, will be required of the successful Bidder.

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal laws and to compliance with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements as set forth by MaineDOT.

All work shall be governed by *State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail], and *Standard Details, March 2020 Edition*, price \$10 [\$15 by mail]. They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. *Standard Detail* updates can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/contractors/publications/>.

MaineDOT hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Augusta, Maine
February 7, 2024

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