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STATE 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.



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REBECCA M WYKE
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DIRECTOR

July 2, 2007

Dear State of Maine Bidder:

As you may be aware, the State of Maine is implementing a new integrated financial, procurement and cash management system called AdvantageME. AdvantageME includes a synchronized Vendor Self Service (VSS) application. When we go live, we invite you to register in VSS so that you can receive and respond to our solicitations and receive awards (contracts and/or purchase orders) from the state.

The AdvantageME system will go live on July 5, 2007, and the VSS application will be available for new vendor registration at noon on that date. In the meantime, you're welcome to use the link below to access the text and video demos we have prepared to assist you in registering as a vendor with the State of Maine.

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

We are also establishing a help desk, which will be available to you when the system goes live. On or after July 5, you can contact the help desk by telephone at (207) 624-7889 or by email at VSS.helpdesk@maine.gov.

We look forward to doing business with you through AdvantageME.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty M. Lamoreau".

Betty M. Lamoreau, Director