

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**Town of Brandon, VT - NH 019-3(496)**

Submitted bids will be publicly announced starting at 2:00 PM, prevailing time on April 14, 2017 at Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Square, Brandon, VT. The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-MANDATORY ELECTRONIC BIDDING:** Bidders are hereby notified that only electronic bids will be accepted by the Owner for this proposal. For more information on electronic bidding, visit <https://www.BidExpress.com/>.

**BID BOND:** Bid bond is required to be submitted in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the BID, payable to the Town of Brandon. Electronic bid bonds or paper bonds will be accepted. Bidders supplying a paper bid bond shall upload a copy with the Electronic Proposal File and shall provide the original within 24 hours following Bid Opening to the Town of Brandon. Bidders supplying Cashier's Check shall provide the original prior to the time and date of Bid Opening to the Town of Brandon.

**PREBID CONFERENCE:** A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for the project on March 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Square, Brandon, VT.

**PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS:** All bidders on this project shall be on the Agency of Transportation's prequalified list under the categories Roads and Highway Construction shall have submitted a complete prequalification application to the Agency of Transportation, Contract Administration, a minimum of 10 working days prior to the bid opening. All bidders on this project must also obtain unconditioned project-specific approval through the "Standard Form - Request for Proposal" CA-82 form. This form must be submitted to the Agency of Transportation, Contract Administration, by noon on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day prior to the bid opening. These documents are available at: <http://vtranscontracts.vermont.gov/prequalification>. For information contact Jon Winter at (802) 828-2643.

**LOCATION:** Beginning at a point on US Route 7 approximately 5.373 km northerly of the Pittsford / Brandon town line and extending northerly through Brandon Village 1.852 km to a point just north of the Vermont Route 73 (West) intersection of US Route 7.

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Work to be performed under this project includes: the removal and disposal of concrete road, widening and full depth reconstruction of US Route 7, reconstruction of side roads, sidewalks, construction of parking areas, grading, drainage, water, sewer, relocation of aerial and underground utilities, paving , traffic signals, signs, pavement markings and related appurtenances.

**CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE:** The Contract shall be completed on or before Friday, November 1, 2019.

**OBTAINING PLANS:** Plans can be obtained at no charge via the Electronic Bidding website at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/14951/home>.

**REGISTRATION FOR ELECTRONIC BIDDING:** Interested parties intending to bid on the project must register with Bid Express. Registration shall also include generation of a Digital ID by an authorized signatory for the Bidder, for the purposes of digital signature of the Bid submittal. Digital ID shall be created, printed, notarized and sent to Bid Express for verification at minimum 7 working days prior to the Bid Date. Bid forms will only be accessible upon verification of Digital ID, which can take up to 5 days. See [https://www.infotechfl.com/downloads/bidx/webinars/Bidexpress\\_QSG.pdf](https://www.infotechfl.com/downloads/bidx/webinars/Bidexpress_QSG.pdf) for more information. Bidders shall sign up as plan holder on the webpage to register as a bidder for the project. A fee of \$25 will be incurred for those who wish to bid electronically on a pay-per solicitation basis; or Bid Express offers a \$50 monthly subscription for unlimited electronic bid submission for all agencies posting solicitations on the **bidexpress.com** website. Customer support hours for Bid Express are 7:00am to 8:00pm EST, Monday through Friday excluding holidays, at (888) 352-2439 or [support@bidexpress.com](mailto:support@bidexpress.com).

**ENGINEERS ESTIMATE:** For this Proposal the Engineer's Estimate falls in the category of \$20,000,000+.

**PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:**  
Brandon Town Office, 49 Center Street, Brandon, VT 05733

**STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:** This contract is governed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation ("VTrans") 2011 Standard Specifications for Construction.

**QUESTIONS:** During the advertisement phase of this project all questions shall be addressed solely to Daryl Burlett, Municipal Project Manager, Town of Brandon, 49 Center Street, Brandon, VT 05733, (802) 247-3635 x211 or via email [dburlett@townofbrandon.com](mailto:dburlett@townofbrandon.com). Questions specifically related to electronic bidding process shall be directed to Bid Express customer support as noted above.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) CERTIFICATION:** Certification is required by the Equal Employment Opportunity regulations of the Secretary of labor (41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1)) and must be submitted by bidders and proposed subcontractors only in connection with contracts and subcontracts which are subject to the equal opportunity clause. Generally only contracts and subcontracts of \$10,000 or under are exempt as set forth in 41 CFR 60-1.5. See Appendix A for Contractors EEO Certification Form (CA-109). This form is included in the Electronic Bid forms on BidExpress.com, and must be digitally signed and included in the Electronic Bid submission.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:** All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. See Appendix B for

Debarment and Non-Collusion Affidavit (CA-91). This affidavit form is included in the Electronic Bid forms on BidExpress.com, and must be digitally signed and included in the Electronic Bid submission.

**DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT:** All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the Bidder has not within the last three (3) years been, suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal or State Agency; does not have a proposed suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or ineligibility determination pending; and has not been indicted, convicted or had civil judgment rendered against (it, him, her, them) by a court having jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. See Appendix B for Debarment and Non-Collusion Affidavit (CA-91). This affidavit is included in the Electronic Bid forms on BidExpress.com, and must be digitally signed and included in the Electronic Bid submission.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONTRACTS:** The Town of Brandon hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender or national origin for an award. This is consistent with the Town's requirement to comply with provisions of Title VI.

**DAVIS BACON WAGE REQUIREMENTS:** Bidders agree to abide by the Davis Bacon Wage Rate Schedules, which are appended to these Contract Documents.

**BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS:** Buy America requirements of 23 CFR 635.410 are applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects. All steel or iron products permanently incorporated into Federal-aid projects shall be products that have been entirely manufactured within the United States. All manufacturing processes of the steel or iron material, in a product, must occur within the United States to be considered of domestic origin. This includes process such as rolling, extruding, machining, bending, grinding, and drilling. The action of applying a coating to a material is deemed a manufacturing process subject to Buy America. Coating includes epoxy coating, galvanizing, painting, and any other coating that protects or enhances the value of the material.

This requirement does not prevent a minimal use of foreign materials, provided the cost of foreign materials used does not exceed 0.1 percent of the total Contract price or \$2,500, whichever is greater. The cost of foreign steel or iron is defined as its value delivered to the project.