

INVITATION TO BID
Town of Brandon, VT – BHF 019-3(58)

Submitted bids will be publically announced starting at 10:30AM, prevailing time on Friday, February 2, 2018 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 the Bid Opening to the Town of Brandon.

PROJECT COORDINATION. The Contractor shall be aware that the Town has a separate project to reconstruct Route 7 (Segment 6) in Brandon occurring concurrently. The Brandon BHF 019-3(58) bridge project is located entirely within the construction limits of the Brandon NH 019-3(496) roadway project and construction for both projects is expected near the stone-arch bridge area during the timeframe of this construction contract. Project NH 019-3(496) includes the removal 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. The Contractor shall plan and schedule the work to coordinate with the Route 7 Reconstruction project, and to accommodate Route 7 Reconstruction Contractor operations. Drawings, plans, and renderings of the Segment 6 project are available at <http://brandon.org/learn-about-segment-six/brandon-builds/>. For additional information, contact Daryl Burlett, Municipal Project Manager, Town of Brandon, 49 Center Street, Brandon, VT 05733, (802) 247-3635 x211 or via email dburlett@townofbrandon.com.

All Contractor submittals shall utilize the software Submittal Exchange, which has an on-line system for exchanging, reviewing, and archiving construction documents. Refer to <http://www2.submittalexchange.com/public/about-submittal-exchange/> for information on this software and how it works. All costs for Submittal Exchange will be paid for by the Town.

PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS: All bidders on this project shall be on the Agency of Transportation's prequalified list under the category (ies) Roads and Highway Construction and Bridge Construction and Rehabilitation or 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. For information contact Jon Winter at 802-828-2643.

All bidders shall be on the current VTRANS Contract Administration pre-qualified list "Contractors List of Roads and Highway Construction, Bridge Construction, and Bridge Rehabilitation Categories.

LOCATION: Beginning at a point on US Route 7 approximately 0.320 KM northerly of the intersection of US Route 7 and VT Route 73 East and extending North Westerly approximately 40 meters to the end.

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Work to be performed under this project includes: Rehabilitation of the existing stone masonry twin arch structure, the replacement of the existing sidewalk bridge, construction of two retaining walls, reconstruction of sidewalks, and related roadway work.

CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE: The Contract shall be completed on or before December 7, 2018.

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

REGISTRATION OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING: Interested parties intending to bid on the project must register with Bid Express. Digital IDs are not required; Electronic Signature by authorized signatory for the bidder will be acceptable for bidding. Bidders shall sign up as a 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.

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE: For this Proposal the Engineers Estimate falls between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

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

PREBID CONFERENCE: A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for the project on January 12, 2018 at 10:30AM at Brandon Town Hall, One Conant Square, Brandon.

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. Questions specifically related to electronic bidding shall be directed to Bid Express customer support as noted above.

The deadline for submitting questions related to this project is 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 29, 2018. No exceptions will be made to this requirement.

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 in the Electronic Bid forms on BidExpress.com, and must be electronically 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 form is 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 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 Schedule, 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.