

SECTION 00020INVITATION TO BIDBID NO. 2021-02

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Town of Bethel, Connecticut

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1 School Street

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2021 Various Water Main Replacements Project

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Sealed bids for the **2021 Various Water Main Replacements Project, Bethel, Connecticut** will be received by the Town of Bethel, Public Works Department at the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT, 06801 until 11:30 A.M., local time April 27, 2021 and then at said office virtually opened via a Zoom meeting and read aloud at 11:45 A.M.

Link to Virtual Zoom Bid Opening: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2964804903>  
Meeting ID: 296 480 4903

Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Each bidder must submit a single sealed envelope, the outside of which must be clearly marked "2021 Various Water Main Replacements Project". The sealed Bids will be safeguarded until virtual Zoom public opening.

In general, the Work involves construction and installation of water main replacements, including but not limited to, reconnecting services, hydrants, valves, fittings, connection to existing water mains, associated earthwork, and restoration.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

1. Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Engineering Department, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT, 06801;

Contract Documents may be examined and/or obtained at the Wright-Pierce On-Line Plan Room.

The Issuing Office is Wright-Pierce, 169 Main Street, 700 Plaza Middlesex, Middletown, CT 06457, but paper sets will not be available at the Wright-Pierce Office. Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF format by the Bidder at <http://www.wright-pierce.com/projects>. Paper copies can be purchased by the Bidder directly from the Wright-Pierce Online Plan Room only. Partial sets will not be distributed. No refunds will be given for the return of additional paper sets purchased by bidders.

Bidders will be furnished one PDF set of Bidding Documents. There will be a \$50 charge for the first download of PDF format Bidding Documents. To be considered a responsive Bidder, the Contractor shall have obtained at least one set of Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office (via the Wright-Pierce Online Plan Room). The Bid will not be awarded to a Bidder unless a record for obtaining at least one set of Bidding Documents exists in the Issuing Office. To meet this requirement and to establish the record of receipt, a prospective Bidder must obtain Bidding Documents using the name that is to appear on the Bid Form.

This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) provision, which requires iron and steel products used in this project be produced in the United States. For more information please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement>

A non-mandatory pre-bid virtual Zoom conference will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10 A.M. Attendance is non-mandatory, and participation is encouraged.

Link to Zoom Pre-bid Conference:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81693336345?pwd=bmhmUkF5WXRiNEs3b29MWCtsMUhmUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 9333 6345

Passcode: Ada5r9

A completed Bid Form, Experience Statement, Executive Order No. 3 Compliance Statement, Certification of Bidder Requiring Equal Opportunity, Non-Collusion Affidavit, MBE/WBE Subcontract Participation on Clean Water Fund Construction Projects Requirements Understanding Form, Contractor Prequalification Certificate, Contractor Update (Bid) Statement, and bid security in the amount of five percent of the Total Base Bid must be submitted with the Bid. If the total project cost is more than \$500,000 the General Contractor must hold a current Prequalification Certificate for the designated classification (sewer and water lines) from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and must submit a copy of the General Contractor's DAS Prequalification Certificate and Update (Bid) Statement with the bid. Note that subcontractors contracting to the General Contractor for which their portion of the estimated cost is more than \$500,000, must also hold a current Prequalification Certificate for the designated classification (sewer and water lines) from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and must submit a copy of the contractor's DAS Prequalification Certificate and Update (Bid) Statement with the bid. The Bid Security may be either a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut, or a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Connecticut. Bid Security shall be made payable to Town of Bethel, Connecticut. Bids submitted without Bid Security will not be considered. No Bid may be withdrawn for 90 days after receipt of Bids unless released by the Owner.

The bid opening will occur at least 30 days from the date of publication of the formal advertisement of the project, pursuant to RCSA Section 22a-482-4(j)2(B).

The apparent low bidder must furnish, within 14 days after the receipt of Bids, completed Minority Business Enterprise / Women's Business Enterprise Subcontractor Verification Forms, provided in the Contract Documents, along with corresponding Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) certification for each subcontractor. The requirement for MBE/WBE subcontractor participation, expressed as a percentage of the **total contract amount**, shall be a minimum of 8.0 percent with the following makeup:

MBE 3.0 percent      WBE 5.0 percent

Failure to meet or exceed the required percentage shall render a bid-non responsive and cause the rejection of the bid.

The successful bidder must furnish within 10 calendar days after the Notice of Award the required number of copies of the signed Agreement, plus a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 100% Performance Bond, 100% Payment Bond, and begin execution of this contract within 10 calendar days following the Notice to Proceed.

Any contract or contracts awarded under the Advertisement to Bid are expected to be funded in part by a Loan from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health's State of Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Neither the State of Connecticut nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this advertisement or any resulting contract. This procurement is subject to the requirements contained in Section 22a-482-4, (g), (h), (j) and (o) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Successful Bidder must comply with the following:

Minority and Women Business Enterprises Requirements: Each Bidder shall take special notice of the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Subcontract Participation in sub-agreements. Failure to complete the requirements of this program may result in finding that the bidder is non-responsive and therefore, not entitled to be awarded this contract. Requirements are detailed in the Bidding Documents.

Non-discrimination in Employment and Labor Standards: Bidders on this work and all subcontractors will be required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 3 and No. 17 regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, as well as provisions in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 and Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11478. A Compliance Certification Form is required with bid (Section 00406). Requirements under these Orders are detailed in the Bidding Documents.

Department of Labor Regulations: The Contractor must comply with all the Safety and Health Regulations (CFR29 Part 1926 and all subsequent amendments) as promulgated by the US Department of Labor on June 24, 1974; the Department of Labor Regulations relating to Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 3; Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 5, and Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHA) (29 CFR Part 1910).

Environmental Regulations: In addition to the state regulations cited above, the Contractor must comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15). Contractors are urged to become familiar with the requirements of these regulations.

Connecticut Department of Labor Prevailing Wages: The Contractor must comply with Section 31-53 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, including annual adjustments in Prevailing Wages. State prevailing wage rates are to be paid for a project with an estimated cost greater than \$100,000.

Federal Department of Labor Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages: The Contractor must comply with U.S. Department of Labor Davis-Bacon Act, including reporting requirements and required contract language for any project whose total cost is greater than \$2,000.

The Board of Selectman upon recommendation of the Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept and/or reject any portion of said bid, including bid alternates; to waive any technicality in any bid or part thereof and to accept any bid as provided for in Section 8-13c of the Charter of the Town of Bethel.

The Contract will be awarded to the low, responsive and responsible/qualified bidder.

The Town of Bethel is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

Dated at Bethel, Connecticut, this March 26, 2021.

Town of Bethel  
Purchasing Authority  
Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman  
Robert V. Kozlowski, Comptroller

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