

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SLUDGE REMOVAL & DISPOSAL PRESELECTION REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS BRIGHTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE for the TOWN OF BRIGHTON, VERMONT

1. Sealed Bids for the preselection of the Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades Sludge Removal & Disposal will ONLY be received and accepted via online electronic bid service through Quest CDN, <https://www.questcdn.com> until 10:00 A.M. (prevailing local time on Tuesday September 10, 2024 and at such time the Bids will be opened publicly online. Anyone interested in witnessing the public bid opening over the phone or internet is to contact Donna Akerley, dakerley@hoyletanner.com, 603-460-4934 at Hoyle,Tanner for meeting information at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled bid opening. The 5-day lead time is required in case the bid opening time changes.
2. The Project consists of removal and disposal of accumulated sludge in the existing lagoons for inclusion as an allowance in a general construction contract. Sludge Removal & Disposal Contractor ("Seller") shall be required to perform work as specified herein to the awardee of the general contract ("Buyer") at the bid price submitted. Sludge removal and disposal is part of a Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade which will include constructing new headworks, new lagoon aeration system, new blower room, new chemical feed and storage systems, new chlorine contact tank and new operations building.
3. The Bidder shall submit the completed Bid Worksheet along with the Bid security through QuestCDN, www.questcdn.com. No lines on the BID worksheet may be left blank. Failure to fully complete the BID worksheet will prevent the bidder from submitting a bid. The OWNER may waive any informalities or minor defects or reject any or all bids. **An on-site pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am on Friday August 9th, 2024** at the Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility, 365 Meadow Street, Brighton, Vermont. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend in order to prepare acceptable bid submissions.
4. A Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the total Bid submitted must accompany the Bid. Failure to submit such with the Bid will render the Bidder non-responsive.
5. Complete digital Bidding Documents may be obtained or viewed on or after July 30th, 2024 at the website of Hoyle Tanner, www.hoyletanner.com by clicking the Bid Portal Tab and selecting the above referenced project. You must set up your membership with QuestCDN and pay a download fee of \$50 before downloading the Bidding Documents. To set up your free membership using Hoyle Tanner's Bid Portal, click Download Bid Documents, then JOIN or go to QuestCDN, www.questcdn.com, input eBid Doc number **9247797**.
6. If you need assistance setting up your membership registration, downloading, or working with the digital project information, please contact QuestCDN at (952) 233- 1632 or info@questcdn.com.
7. A Bid may be withdrawn through QuestCDN, www.questcdn.com, at any time prior to the date and time of the opening of Bids. If a Bidder wishes to modify their Bid prior to Bid opening, Bidder must withdraw the initial Bid in the manner specified above and submit a new Bid prior to the date and time for the opening of Bids. A Bidder may withdraw any proposal submitted prior to the hour set for the closing of the Bids. No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening.
8. All questions by prospective BIDDERS as to the interpretations of the INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS,

Forms of PROPOSAL, Form of CONTRACT, Plans, Specifications or BONDS, must be submitted in writing to the Consulting Engineer, at least seven (7) calendar days before the date herein set for the opening of BIDS. **All technical questions regarding this project should be directed by email to Laura Clements at lclements@hoyletanner.com.** All interpretations will be provided to prospective BIDDERS at the addresses given by them no later than five (5) calendar days before the date of opening BIDS. Failure of any BIDDER to receive any such ADDENDUM or interpretation shall not relieve such BIDDER from any obligation under its BID as submitted. All ADDENDA so issued shall become part of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The prospective Bidders are responsible for inspecting the site (if they feel one is warranted) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents. The failure or omission of a Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall, in no way, relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to its Bid.

9. This project is funded in part by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) program and USDA Rural Development (RD). Consequently, the following provisions apply to this WORK (more detail for each of these provisions can be found in Instruction to Bidders):
 1. Bid security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders
 2. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements
 3. ~~Performance BOND and Payment BOND each in the amount of 100% of the contract price not applicable to Sludge Removal & Disposal preselection bidders~~
 4. 'AIS' (American Iron and Steel) provisions of P.L. 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act
 5. Federal Wage Rates as determined under the Davis-Bacon Act
 6. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment
10. Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contract: *De Minimis*, Minor Components, Pig iron and direct reduced iron.

11. This project is not subject to the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA).
12. The US Environmental Protection Agency goal for use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 8%. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Fair Share Objectives for this project are:

- 1.85% Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), and
- 3.5% Woman Business Enterprises (WBE)

Bidders shall make a good faith effort to utilize DBEs. A bid addendum will be provided to Sludge Removal & Disposal Preselection bidders, detailing the results of DBE outreach conducted by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates. The general construction contract for the construction of the Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project will have additional DBE requirements.

13. The contractor must comply with Davis-Bacon (DB) and Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA) as stated in C-200 Instruction to Bidders and C-800 Supplementary Conditions. All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor and subcontractors on this project shall not be paid less than the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents. Any laborers and mechanics not listed in the wage determination shall be paid at least as much as the lowest wage rate for other similar trade classifications already contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents.
14. This project is funded in part by the Northern Border Regional Commission.
15. This project is funded in part by a State Grant (including ARPA Grants as applicable), and as such, is subject to Vermont State Grant Conditions noted in C-800 Supplementary Conditions.