

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for **Case Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements** will be received at the Purchasing Office at the Winchester Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winchester, CT 06098 until 10:00 AM on March 14, 2023 after which they will be brought to the Third Floor Meeting Room and publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be submitted within a sealed envelope addressed to “Purchasing Department, Winchester Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winchester, CT 06098” and clearly marked “BID ENCLOSED for Case Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements.” If a Bid is sent by mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope containing the Bid shall be enclosed in a separate package plainly marked on the outside with the notation “BID ENCLOSED for Case Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements”

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site at the intersection of Gay Street and Case Avenue on March 1, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

The Work under this contract includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the demolition or abandonment of the existing drainage pipe, catch basins, and manholes on Case Avenue, the installation of new 24-inch, and 12-inch reinforced concrete pipe, manholes, catch basins, connection to a field stone culvert in a CTDOT layout on Main Street, and connection to the existing drainage systems on side streets. The project also includes trench paving, full depth reconstruction, full width mill and overlay, the replacement of sidewalks with concrete sidewalks and granite curbing, and wheelchair ramps, pavement markings, and all other incidentals not described in the summary.

Any request for additional information, interpretations, or clarifications of these Contract documents by potential bidders shall be made in writing via email to the Project Engineer, Maria George at meg@envpartners.com no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the scheduled bid opening date. If required, addenda will be posted on Advanced Reprographics website (<https://advancedrepro.net/>).

Bid forms and contract documents will be available at <https://advancedrepro.net/> or for pick-up at Advanced Reprographics, 50 Corporate Avenue Plainville, CT (860.410.1020), Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Go to <https://advancedrepro.net/>, select “PLANROOM” and search for “Case Avenue Roadway and Drainage Improvements” for an electronic copy of the plans. Bidders are responsible for electronic and/or paper bidding document costs. The Town of Winchester will publish the bid notice in the Waterbury Republican. .

All Addenda must be acquired electronically at <https://advancedrepro.net/>. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to review all ADDENDA prior to bid opening at <https://advancedrepro.net/> or at Advanced Reprographics physical location.

The project shall be substantially complete within **150 consecutive calendar days** from the issuance of the notice to proceed, including a time period for trench settlement prior to final paving.

Contract payment will be by the unit price method and the lump sum price method as indicated in Section 00301 – Bid Form. No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

Each bid shall also be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check, or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the value of the Bid. Cash will not be accepted.

The successful Bidder must furnish 100 percent (100%) Construction Performance Bond and 100 percent (100%) Construction Payment Bond.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders, Section 00100.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be the best interest of Town of Winchester.

The Owner reserves the right to omit part or whole of any proposed work to be performed, as described in the Contract Documents, as may be required to maintain the total cost of work within available funds.

The Town has a local ordinance Sec. 147.13a Local Vendor Preference. This ordinance allows the Town to award the bid to any qualified and registered local vendor who has submitted a bid or quote not more than 5% higher than the lowest qualified bid or quote. See Specification Section 00100 Paragraph 25 for additional information.

The Town of Winchester is an equal opportunity employer.

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