

**INVITATION TO BID  
NORTH BENNINGTON STP BP13(9)**

Sealed bids from pre-qualified contractors shall be accepted until 2:00 PM, prevailing time on March 1, 2018 at the Village of North Bennington, P.O. Box 323, 2 Depot Street, North Bennington, VT 05257 for construction of the project hereinafter described. Bid opening will occur immediately after the bid submittal deadline. The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions.

Sealed BIDS shall be marked in the lower left hand corner: Bid Documents: North Bennington STP BP13(9)

Each BID must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the MUNICIPALITY for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the BID. A BID bond may be used in lieu of a certified check.

All bidders shall be on the current VTrans Contract Administration pre-qualified list “Contractors List of Curb and Sidewalk Category”.

**LOCATION:** Beginning north of Depot Street and extending north approximately 50 linear feet along the east side of Main Street to the railroad tracks and then extending north approximately 400 linear feet along both sides of Main Street to the Shaftsbury town line.

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** Work to be performed under this project includes: The construction of new concrete sidewalks, granite curb and signs.

**CONTRACT COMPLETION TIME:** Completion time for the project will be calculated as calendar days from the date specified in the “Notice to Proceed” as follows:

60	calendar days for substantial completion.
90	calendar days for contract completion.

Liquidated damages will be in the amount of \$ 700 for each calendar day of delay from the date established for substantial completion, and \$ 700 for each calendar day of delay from the date established for contract completion.

**OBTAINING PLANS:** Plans may be obtained from Dufresne Group, 56 Main Street, Suite 200, Springfield, VT 05156; (802) 674-2904 at a cost of \$150.00 per set made payable to Dufresne Group. Plans are not returnable.

**ENGINEERS ESTIMATE:** For this Proposal the Engineers Estimate falls between \$0 and \$300,000.

**PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:**

1. Bennington County Regional Commission, 111 South Street, Bennington, VT 05201.
2. Dufresne Group, 56 Main Street, Suite 200, Springfield, VT 05156.
3. Dufresne Group, 1996 Depot Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

**PREBID CONFERENCE:** A **non-mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held for the project on February 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the North Bennington Village Office (train station on Depot Street), 2 Depot Street, North Bennington, VT 05257.

**STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:** This contract is governed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VAOT) 2011 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

**QUESTIONS:** During the advertisement phase of this project all questions shall be addressed solely to the Local Project Manager, Jim Sullivan, 111 South Street, Suite 203, Bennington, VT 05201. Phone: 802-442-0713 x5.

**PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS:** All bidders on this project shall be on the Agency of Transportation's prequalified list or shall have submitted a complete prequalification application to the Agency of Transportation, Contract Administration, a minimum of 7 working days prior to the bid opening. For information contact Jon Winter at 802-828-2643.

**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 required to be submitted with the Bid Proposal.**

**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 form is required to be submitted with the Bid Proposal.**

**DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT:** ***All bidders are required*** to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the bidder has not within the last three (3) years, 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 form is required to be submitted with the Bid Proposal.**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONTRACTS:** The Village of North Bennington hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure 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.

**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.

**REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:** The Instructions to Bidders Item 11 specifies the items that would result in a proposal rejection. Bidders attention is specifically called to requirements to submit documents with the bid (refer to Instructions to Bid Items 11 d, e, f).