

**MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
100 SUMMER ST., SUITE 1200
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110**

Notice to Bidders

Electronic proposals for the following project will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidx.com forthwith after the bid submission deadline. No paper copies of bids will be accepted. Bidders must have a valid digital ID issued by the Authority in order to bid on projects. Bidders need to apply for a digital ID with Bid Express at least 14 days prior to a scheduled bid opening date.

Electronic bids for MBTA Contract No. **EM1CN01, ON-CALL TREE & VEGETATION REMOVAL SYSTEM-WIDE IN VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND LOCATION, (CLASS 2, - GRADING, DRAINAGE & SITE DEVELOPMENT), and PROJECT VALUE - \$1,000,000.00** can be submitted at www.bidx.com until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on **January 23, 2018**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of providing labor and equipment to support the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) in the removal of trees and vegetation within the MBTA's right-of-way. The selected contractor will perform routine removal of trees and vegetation, as well as removal during emergency and severe weather events. During a severe weather event the selected contractor will stand-by on MBTA property, as directed by the Authority, several hours prior to a weather event and remove trees and vegetation debris that impedes the operation of the MBTA's system-wide infrastructure, including but not limited to transit right-of-way, bus routes and maintenance and bus facilities.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained at www.mbtacom. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Potential bidders must download and submit a completed "Request for Proposal Form" for approval to: plans&specifications@mbta.com

Bidding documents may be downloaded from the MBTA FTP site, or delivered on CD via Fed Ex. Documents will be available starting at 9:00 AM on **December 20, 2017**. Contract Specifications shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format. Interested parties may request FTP site credentials or Fed Ex delivery of the project documents on CD by completing the request form on the project page at: http://www.mbtacom/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Bidder's attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. While there is no DBE goal associated with this contract, the Authority strongly encourages the use of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in all of its contracting opportunities.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not

be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State Contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

A prebid conference will be held on **January 4, 2018** at 2:00 pm. at 100 Summer Street 12th Floor Conference Room No. 5 Boston, MA 617-222-4166. Any request for interpretation of the Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time. All questions during the bid phase should be directed to the MBTA Project Manager, **Terrence P. McCarthy, P.E** at tpmccarthy@mbta.com in writing or emailed to the contact information above. Questions are to be submitted no later than (10) days prior to the date set forth for the opening of the bids.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority. This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:

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Date: **December 20, 2017**

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MassDOT

Luis Manuel Ramírez
General Manager