

**MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
10 PARK PLAZA
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116**

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. K78CN06, South Coast Rail, New Bedford Pedestrian Bridge in New Bedford, Massachusetts, **(CLASS 4A – STEEL SUPERSTRUCTURE PROJECT VALUE \$23,000,000)** can be submitted at www.bidx.com until **two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on December 1, 2022**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work consists of the construction of a new pedestrian bridge over MassDOT State Highway Route 18. The new pedestrian bridge will provide an ADA compliant pedestrian path of travel from Purchase Street to the west of Route 18 to Acushnet Avenue to the East of Route 18 in New Bedford. The proposed pedestrian bridge over Route 18 will be an approximate 240-foot single span, tied arch bridge. The bridge will span between two piers, one on the west end within the Route 18 right of way and one on the east end within the Acushnet Avenue right of way. The approach connection from Purchase Street to the bridge will be via a pedestrian approach plaza supported by cast in place retaining walls tied into the west pier within the Route 18 right of way. The approach plaza will consist of a combination of sloped walkways and stairs with lighting and other pedestrian accommodations included. The approach connection from Acushnet Avenue to the bridge will be via a stair and two-cab elevator system will be constructed to provide vertical transport from the bridge elevation to the ground elevation at the New Bedford Ferry and MBTA station lot. Temporary support shoring and falsework will be required to construct the span while minimizing disruption to traffic along Route 18 and Acushnet Avenue.

Demolition of the existing pedestrian bridge over Route 18 and Acushnet Avenue, located approximately 300-feet north of the new bridge, and improvements along Pearl Street adjacent to the existing bridge are also included as a "Alternate 01" to this Contract.

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.mbtta.com. Applications for prequalification for this Project will be accepted up until the bid date. Contractors should allow for ample time for the Authority to evaluate and respond to the Prequalification Application prior to the bid opening date. Only contractors prequalified by the bid date will be considered eligible.

Please refer to Section, 00200 - Instruction to Bidders, Section, 1.12, Competency of Bidders, for additional prequalification requirements.

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. Documents will be available starting at 9:00 AM on **October 19, 2022**. Contract Specifications and Drawings shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format. Interested parties may request FTP site credentials by completing the request form on the project page at:

https://bc.mbtta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Bidders 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.

There are no restrictions for the Bidders to view the site of the work from either Purchase Street or Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford. Access to the New Bedford Ferry lot on the east side of Acushnet Avenue is restricted as well as vehicular stopping or walking on any portion of State Highway Route. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on **November 3, 2022**. Bidders are requested to be present at the **MassHire Greater New Bedford Career Center parking lot located at 618 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, Massachusetts, at 9:00 a.m.** to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned. **All attendees are required to provide a completed "COVID-19 Self Certification Form" included at the end of Section 00200 Instructions to Bidders at the time of the site visit.**

A pre-bid conference will be held on November 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. as a virtual on-line meeting. Details regarding the pre-bid conference will be provided upon request of plans and specifications. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is strongly recommended for all prospective bidders. All questions during the bid phase should be directed in writing or by e-mail to the Director of Construction - South Coast Rail, Ms. Kimberly Dobosz, at 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4510, Boston, MA 02116, Telephone Number 617.222.4332, e-mail Address kdobosz@mbta.com.

All Bidder Questions shall be submitted to the MBTA Project Manager in writing via the e-mail address listed above, by no later ten (10) days prior to the date set for the opening of 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:

https://bc.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

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Date: **October 19, 2022**

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