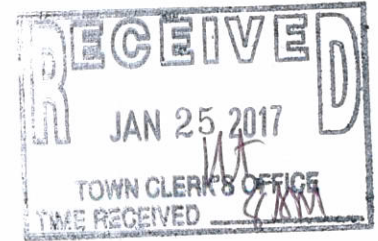


ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS



Sealed bids for “Prospect Street Improvement Project” for the Town of Ware, Massachusetts, acting by its Town Manager, will be received at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104, until 3:00 P.M. on February 22, 2017, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials and equipment necessary for the installation of approximately 1020 LF of 8-inch water main, 600 LF of 8-inch sewer main, and 225 LF of 12-inch drain piping including all appurtenances. The work also includes installation of pavements, sidewalks, driveways and the granite curbing work.

The Contract Documents, including Specifications and Drawings, may be examined at the PVPC, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104; the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 (consult Town for hours); and at the office of Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 136 West Street, Suite 203, Northampton, MA 01060 on and after February 1, 2017, every weekday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Copies thereof may be obtained at PVPC upon payment of \$50.00 made out to the Town of Ware (checks only) for each set, for which a refund will be made if returned to the PVPC in good condition within ten days after the opening of bids. No refund will be made for documents received after this period. If a bidder requests drawings and specifications to be mailed out, an additional check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to PVPC shall be required. This is to cover the cost of mailing and handling and will not be refunded.

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the form of certified check, cashier’s check, treasurer’s check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the value of the bid.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

The Town of Ware encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged-owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

A Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract and provided within ten (10) calendar days of the award letter. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the date of opening thereof.

All contractors must adhere to MassDOT Highway Division procedures for prequalification of contractors. The contractor shall have a single contract bond limit set by MassDOT above the bid amount for this project.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the DHCD Block Grant program. The Town of Ware may cancel this Advertisement for Bid (AFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest. The Town of Ware Town Manager is the Awarding and Contracting Authority. The Town of Ware, through Town Manager and their Board of Selectmen, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town. The Town of Ware will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this AFB.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the thirty (30) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Prospect Street Improvement Project.

Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed to Stantec, Attn: Danny Rebelo at Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 413-387-4518. General questions should be directed to Ted Harvey at the PVPC at 413-781-6045.

TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN MANAGER

Stuart B. Beckley
Town Manager