

SECTION 00010

INVITATION TO BID

Ashfield Street Improvement Project, Buckland, MA

Town of Buckland, Massachusetts invites bids from general contractors for construction of the Ashfield Street Improvement Project in accordance with documents prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. The Ashfield Street project is approximately 500 feet in total length of roadway reconstruction and approximately 1,500 feet in total length of sidewalk improvements and involves the following major items of work on Ashfield St., from Clement St. to Spring St., and at various locations on State St. north of Ashfield St.: water and sewer system improvements, horizontal pipe jacking/boring, concrete sidewalk construction, granite curb, roadway pavement full depth road excavation and backfill, reclaim, grading, stone masonry walls, and HMA paving. The work is estimated to cost \$680,000.00.

No oral interpretation will be made to any bidder as to the meaning of any of the Contract Documents or be effective to modify any of the provisions of the Contract Documents. All questions shall be submitted in writing to the Engineer by March 5, 2021. At least five (5) days prior to the receipt of bids, the Engineer will issue addenda responding to each question.

The award will be to the lowest, responsible, and eligible bidder. The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.

This project is being funded in part by a CDBG 2020 Grant from the Mass. Dept. of Housing & Community Development and in part from the MassDOT Complete Streets Tier 3 Construction Program. The award of the contract is contingent upon the final approval of CDBG and MassDOT funding. Bids are subject to Chapter 30-Section 39M, Federal Labor Provisions, and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149- Sections 26 to 27H inclusive, or by the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and Equal Employment Opportunity. Buckland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General Bids will be received until **11:00 A.M., March 11, 2021** and publicly opened online, forthwith. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the **Town of Buckland**. A MassDOT prequalification must be in place prior to bid award.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167). There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. **Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00.** Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling.