

## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

TOWN OF CROMWELL (Hereinafter called "TOWN") is seeking Separate sealed BIDS for IMPROVEMENTS AT CROMWELL LANDING PARK in Cromwell, Connecticut. Bids will be received by the Town of Cromwell , Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut 06416 Public Works Department at the Department's Office until 10:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, August 21, 2020.

The project involves the construction of a fishing platform, handicapped parking, and various landscape improvements. The project is expected to commence on or about September 20, 2020 and be completed within sixty (60) calendar days. The foregoing is a general outline of work only and shall not be construed as a complete description of the WORK to be performed under this contract. Information for BIDDERS, BID, BID BOND, Form of Agreement, Form of Performance BOND, Form of Payment BOND, General Conditions, SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS, Technical SPECIFICATIONS, Drawings and other CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained directly from Joseph Merritt & Company, 650 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114, 860-296-2500 or Merritt Planroom at [www.merrittplanroom.com](http://www.merrittplanroom.com), at a cost to the bidder beginning July 21, 2020.

BIDS must be in writing on forms provided by the TOWN and must be accompanied by a certified check or BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%) of the BID. The successful BIDDER will be required to furnish and pay for Performance and Payment (Labor and Material) BONDS, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the CONTRACT PRICE. At the sole option of the TOWN, the TOWN may agree to accept certain other securities in lieu of the Performance and Payment (Labor and Material) BONDS. See Information for Bidders, GENERAL CONDITIONS and SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS for further information. BONDS shall be on such forms and having as security thereon such surety company or companies as are acceptable to the TOWN; licensed to transact such business in the State of Connecticut and named on the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds" as published in the Treasury Department, IRS Circular Number 570. The BONDS shall be subject to the approval of the TOWN'S legal counsel as to form and sufficiency.

The TOWN is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be incorporated into the WORK. These taxes shall not be included in the BID. The TOWN may also be exempt from payment of Federal Transportation Taxes on construction materials and equipment consigned to the subject project. See the GENERAL CONDITIONS of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for further information on tax exemptions.

Except for BIDS properly withdrawn prior to the opening of BIDS, no BIDDER may withdraw his BID until forty-five, (45), days after the date of BID opening. The right is reserved by the TOWN to reject any or all BIDS, to waive any informalities or minor defects or to accept the BID that, in the judgment of the Town, will be in its best interests, including, but not limited to following:

1. Bidders default on a previous contract.
2. Bidders failure to complete a contract within the contract period.
3. Bidders failure to prosecute work with contract requirements or in a continuous, diligent, cooperative and orderly sequence.
4. Bidders performance of contract in an unsatisfactory manner.
5. Bidders formal acknowledgment to the Town that the Bidder does not have the proper labor, equipment, capital or liquid assets to finance or prosecute the work within the allowed time.
6. Open complaints or violations with the State Department of Labor.

A PRE-BID conference, open to all prospective bidders and other persons invited to attend by the Owner, will be held at the project site, Cromwell Landing Park, River Road, (end of Wall Street) on July 28, 2020 10:00 A.M., local time, at which time questions regarding the Contract Documents will be received and discussed.

The contractor who is selected to perform this State project must comply with CONN.GEN. STAT §§ 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g and, 46a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive, as amended by June 2015 Special Session Public Act 15-5.

State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Service ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STATS. §4a-60g (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women and/or Disabled owned businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.

For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects the contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at [http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav\\_GID=1806](http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806).

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This contract is subject to state contract compliance requirements, including non-discrimination statutes and set-aside requirements. State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract be set aside for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals