

**TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 3**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed Bids for **Main Street Improvements Phase 3** will be received by the **Town of Chester** electronically via the internet bidding service or by hard copy at the Issuing Office until **10:00 AM** local time on **Monday, March 2, 2020** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. **The Project primarily consists of a streetscape reconstruction including roadway, sidewalk, storm drainage, site lights, and retaining walls.** Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for free download from the Project's bidding service webpage. To download Bidding Documents: go to the bidding service homepage listed below; select this project's solicitation; sign in and/or register as directed; and select the Bidding Documents for download. A non-refundable \$35 fee to the bidding service is required to submit an electronic Bid. Notify the Issuing Office with questions in this regard. Digital ID is not required for this online bid.

Bidding service homepage: <http://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27674/home>.

The Issuing Office is the **Office of the First Selectwoman, Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut 06412 (860-526-0013)**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents from the Bidding service or at the Issuing Office **during Town Hall hours of operation**.

Printing Bidding Documents is the responsibility of the prospective Bidder. Printed copies will not be issued by the Town. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents that differ from documents available from the Project's bidding service webpage.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **2:30 PM** local time on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** at **Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut 06412**. Pre-bid conference attendance is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract Price.

The successful Bidder shall comply with the requirements of Prevailing Wage Rate Laws in accordance with Section 31-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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.

The Contract Documents require affirmative action of the Contractor and any subcontractors to ensure equal employment opportunity as noted in Governor's Executive Orders 3 and 17.

The Owner is exempt from payment of Sales and Use Taxes on all materials and equipment to be incorporated in the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

Unless provided for by the Instructions to Bidders, no Bid may be withdrawn until sixty (60) days after the Bid Opening. The Town reserves the right to: reject any or all Bids; waive informalities or defects in Bids; make extensions to review Bids; and accept the Bid(s) that, in the Town's judgment, will be in its best interests.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Owner: Town of Chester, Connecticut

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