

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The CITY OF NEW BRITAIN, acting through the City Purchasing Agent, will receive bids for the **Columbus Boulevard & Chestnut Street – Phase VII Downtown Complete Streets project, Bid No. 3951 until 11:00 AM on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020**, at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Room 401 - City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT. 06051, at which time there will be a public bid opening where all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work generally consists of Complete Street Improvements on Columbus Boulevard, between the Harry Truman (Route 71) overpass, the north side of Chestnut Street, between Elm Street (Route 71) and Columbus Boulevard and on Herald Square. The work includes installation of new granite curbing, new concrete and brick paver sidewalks and pedestrian ramps to meet current ADA standards, new concrete driveway aprons, replacement of existing catch basin tops and installation of new catch basins, milling and paving, installation of new signage and pavements markings, installation of new street trees and minor traffic signal modifications.

The Bid Documents and Plans may be downloaded from the City of New Britain web site at <http://newbritainct.gov/bids> on or after **12:00 PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020**. A complete set of the Bid Documents and Plans are on file at the Office of the Purchasing Dept., Room 401 - City Hall, for review only.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part of a bid presented, or to invite proposals as its interest may appear.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or by a certified check of the bidder in the amount of TEN percent (10%) of the total bid amount, payable to the City of New Britain. The bidder awarded the Contract shall, at the time of signing the Contract, submit an executed Performance Bond and Labor & Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount in accordance with C.G.S. 49-41 and Instruction to Bidders No. 17.

**A pre-bid conference shall be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 2:00 PM, in Room 504, City Hall, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT, and attendance is strongly recommended.**

Attention is called to the fact that this is a prevailing wage project and not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Bid Documents must be paid on this project. The Contractor must adhere to all relevant provisions of Section 46a-95 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding Affirmative Action.

An “affidavit” of non-collusion shall be included in the Bid Documents and must be completed by the prospective bidder and returned with the bid. Failure to return an executed non-collusion affidavit with a proposal may result in the subsequent rejection of subject bid. The Contractor shall comply with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act and Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (29 CFR, Part 3).

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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 Services (“DAS”) under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 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)

This contract will need to comply with C.G.S. Sec. 4b-91. The Contractors must be pre-qualified by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS). This requirement is a prerequisite for selecting the Lowest Responsible and Qualified Bidder.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements.

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