

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following items will be received at the Office of the Board of Selectmen, Townsend Town Hall, 272 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BID OPENING</u>
Bid: Squannacook River Rail Trail Connectivity Main Street (Route 119) Town of Townsend, Massachusetts	Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM Townsend Town Hall, 272 Main Street Townsend, MA 01469

The work under this contract consists of a base bid and two (2) potential add alternates as follows:

Base Bid

The construction of a 5 to 6-foot wide hot mix asphalt sidewalk along Main Street (Route 119). The sidewalk will run from the intersection with South Street/Spaulding Street westerly for approximately 700 feet and will be separated from the road by a 4-foot grass strip along much of the length. The work also includes the replacement of four (4) pedestrian curb ramps at the intersection, as well as replacement of existing guardrail and the addition of a chain link fence.

Add Alternate No. 1

Add Alternate No. 1 consists of the material substitution of the hot mix asphalt sidewalk with a cement concrete sidewalk, including sidewalk crossings of driveways.

Add Alternate No. 2

Add Alternate No. 2 calls for stamping and coloring of the cement concrete sidewalk as placed under Add Alternate No. 1.

The Town expects construction to begin on or about May 29, 2024 and to have the work completed and ready for final payment by June 28, 2024. The bidders shall note that the work requires the issuance of an Access Permit by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The town is currently working with MassDOT to obtain the permit, which is anticipated to be issued on or before May 20, 2024. If the Access Permit is issued sooner than anticipated, then construction may proceed sooner, however, all work needs to be completed by June 28, 2024.

Each Bidder must possess a copy of the 2024 Massachusetts Department of Transportation's "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", and current supplemental specifications, in order to properly interpret the Contract Documents, prepare and submit bids, and understand contractual obligations.

An electronic copy of the bid documents, specifications and bid forms in pdf format may be obtained free of charge on or after Wednesday, February 28, 2024 by e-mail request to Jessica Consolvo

at jconsolvo@townsendma.gov. A copy of the plans and specifications may be viewed at the Land Use Department at the Town Hall with prior arrangement.

All bidders must be prequalified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT) with the Class of Work as Highway – Sidewalk & Curbing in order to submit bids for the work. Bids from individuals or firms that are not eligible to bid as determined by MassDOT will not be accepted.

A pre-bid meeting for the work will not be conducted.

Bids will be opened at the Office of the Board of Selectmen at Townsend Town Hall at the time and date specified above. Bids received after such time will not be accepted. Sealed envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked in accordance with the Bidding and Contract Requirements. **Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid.**

A Payment Bond in an amount equal to 50 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.30, § 39M, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Townsend
By Its Board of Selectmen

END OF SECTION 00020