

## **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed Proposals, on forms furnished by the Town will be received until 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time on Tuesday July 2, 2013; at the Sunderland Town Offices:

**Physical Location:** 181 South Road  
Sunderland, Vermont 05252

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 295  
East Arlington, VT 05252-0295

The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions. This project is situated as follows:

**LOCATION:** THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON KELLEY STAND ROAD, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDERLAND, VERMONT. THE PROJECT EXTENDS FROM THE INTERSECTION OF KELLEY STAND ROAD AND KANSAS ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 4.5 MILES AND INCLUDES 32 REPAIR SITES ALONG THE ROAD.

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:** REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS, ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION, BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, LEDGE EXCAVATION, AND STREAM BANK RESTORATION AND STABILIZATION. THE CONSTRUCTION ALSO INCLUDES ASSOCIATED QUALITY CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING, EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION.

**CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE:** The Contract shall be substantially completed, as defined in the supplementary conditions, by December 1, 2013 and shall be fully completed on or before June 6, 2014. This contract is subject to liquidated damages, as set forth in the contract documents, if completion dates are not met.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** Potential Bidders are required to attend a **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference scheduled for **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 AM**. The pre-bid conference will begin at the intersection of Kansas Road and Kelley Stand Road in the Town of Sunderland, Vermont. The pre-bid conference will include a general overview of the project and a visit to each repair site along Kelley Stand Road. Many of the sites are only accessible by walking and will require crossing of the Roaring Branch. The conference is intended to allow potential bidders to understand the full scope of work required for the project. The duration of the conference is expected to be 4 hours.

**CERTIFIED CHECK OR BID BOND:** A certified check in the amount of 5% of the Contractor's bid not to exceed \$50,000 or a bid bond on forms furnished by the Contractor's surety for a like amount, payable to The Town of Sunderland, is required with the Proposal. Check will be returned upon execution of the Contract.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** A bid may not be withdrawn by the Bidder for a period of sixty calendar days after the bid opening.

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:** For this Proposal the Engineer's Estimate per VTrans Standard Specification is Category E.

**PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:**

1. Sunderland Town Offices, 181 South Road, Sunderland, Vermont 05252
2. Green Mountain National Forest Headquarters, 250 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701
3. VHB, 7056 US Route 7, North Ferrisburgh, Vermont, 05473

**AND MAY BE PURCHASED FROM:** Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 7056 US Route 7, PO Box 120, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473. Purchase price is \$150.00. Requests for Bid Documents must include: company name, mailing address, street address, email address, telephone number, and the name and title of contact person.

**QUESTIONS:** During the advertisement of this project, all inquiries should be in writing by email only to the Owner's Representative noted below. All inquiries must be submitted by Friday, June 21, 2013 by 4:00 pm. Answers to the questions submitted by the deadline will be responded to via email by Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in the form of an addendum. The Town is not responsible for lost inquires.

Owner's Representative:  
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.  
ATTN: Aaron P. Guyette, P.E.  
Mobile Phone: (802) 922-0551  
Email: [aguyette@vhb.com](mailto:aguyette@vhb.com)

**PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS:** Bids will be accepted only from contractors pre-qualified by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) for bridge and roadway construction projects.

**STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS:** This Contract is to be built in accordance with the VTrans 2011 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION, as modified unless noted otherwise.

**PROJECT FUNDING:** The project is being funded through the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) Program. The project funding has been partially obligated and the remaining funds are expected to be obligated shortly. The Town of Sunderland, VT reserves the right to extend, re-advertise, or cancel the project procurement in the event that completed funding is not obligated for this project.

**PROJECT PERMITTING:** Permit applications have been submitted for the USACE Section 404 Permit and the Vermont ANR Stream Alteration Permit; however permits have not yet been secured. The issued permits will be distributed to Bidder's through an Addendum to the RFP. The Contractor shall be responsible for insuring all permit conditions are met.

**MINIMUM LABOR AND TRUCK RATES:** For the project for all labor classifications as determined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Section 115 of the Federal Highway Act of 1956 are included in the advertised specification and bid proposal and such rates shall be a part of the Contract for this project. Unskilled labor may be hired from lists prepared by the VT Department of Labor.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:** All Bidders will be required to execute a sworn statement pursuant to Section 112(c) of Title 23 USC, certifying that he or she has not either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, USC 2005d to 2005d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

**NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED CONTRACTS:** Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, USC 2005d to 2005d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

### **APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES**

[See Following Page for Quantities]

The estimate quantities are not guaranteed but are given as a basis for the comparison of bids.

The Town of Sunderland reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to amend any plans and/or specifications, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, to re-bid, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Town.