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INVITATION TO BID

City of South Portland, Maine

**POLYETHYLENE CHEMICAL STORAGE TANK
REPLACEMENT
(Bid# 38-18)**

Sealed bids for construction of the South Portland POLYETHYLENE CHEMICAL STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT (Bid# 38-18) will be received by the South Portland Purchasing Agent (Owner) at the South Portland City Hall, 25 Cottage Road, South Portland, Maine 04106 until 9:00am local time, February 28, 2018 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Each Bidder must submit a single sealed envelope, the outside of which must be clearly marked "POLYETHYLENE CHEMICAL STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT (Bid# 38-18)" with the name of the entity submitting the Bid. Bids will only be accepted and opened from Bidders who are registered with the Issuing Office as having acquired an electronic or hardcopy set of the Bidding Documents using the name appearing in the Bid.

The Work includes, but is not limited to: The City uses three 7,000 gallon sodium hypochlorite storage tanks located in the chemical building at the wastewater treatment plant for disinfection processes. The current existing tanks are over 10 years old. The City intends to replace all three tanks.

This Contract is expected to be funded in whole by the City of South Portland.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract.

The Work shall be substantially complete by May 1, 2018 and completed and ready for final payment by May 15, 2018 as set forth in the Agreement.

The **Issuing Office** for the Bidding Documents is:

South Portland City Hall, 25 Cottage Road, South Portland, Maine 04106

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations on or after **10:00AM on February 7, 2018:**

1. South Portland City Hall, 25 Cottage Road, South Portland, Maine 04106 Office of the Owner:
2. South Portland Wastewater Treatment Facility, 111 Waterman Drive, South Portland, ME 04116

Printed or electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours 8:00am to 4:00pm:

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There is no cost for the set of Bidding Documents.

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To be considered a responsive Bidder, the Bidder shall have acquired at least one copy set of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office. The Bid will not be awarded to a Bidder unless a record for the acquisition of at least one copy set of the Bidding Documents exists with the Issuing Office in the name of the Bidder that is to appear in the Bid.

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Owner will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office or for modifications to the Bidding Documents including electronic conversion.

There will be NO mandatory pre-bid for this project. Everyone who is interested is welcomed to visit the site between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm at the City of South Portland Wastewater Treatment Plant, 111 Waterman Drive, South Portland, Maine 04116. Please sign in at the front desk and someone will go with you to unlock the building.

All questions are to be submitted to the Owner in writing. Questions may be transmitted by e-mail to Brad Weeks (bweeks@southportland.org). Questions received less than 5 working days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding.

No Bid may be withdrawn unless released by the Owner.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to not be eligible or responsible. Owner may also reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project or the public to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to waive any technical or legal deficiencies and all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder.

Upon request by the City, the Apparent Low Responsive Bidder shall provide evidence, in the form of a bank statement or letter of credit, from a financial institution indicating cash on hand, or available line of credit sufficient to purchase the materials required to complete the work. Alternatively, the Apparent Low Responsive Bidder shall provide evidence of a line of credit from its vendors sufficient to purchase the materials to complete the work.

The Contractor shall not award work valued at more than fifty percent (50%) of the Contract Price to Subcontractor's, without prior written approval of the Owner.

Site visits and work at the Site may be governed by an Owner safety program.

Owner is exempt from Maine state sales taxes on materials and equipment to be incorporated in the Work. (Exemption No. E45982). Said taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

The City may continue to withhold retainage from pay requisitions until all required construction submittals have been provided to the Engineer and approved.

By Order of the City Council of South Portland

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