

# LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## Invitation for Bids

### MAGUIRE TRANSPORTATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

The Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA), Lowell, Massachusetts, hereinafter called the LRTA, Owner, or Authority, invites General Bids for the LRTA's "MAGUIRE TRANSPORTATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS" project at the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center (GITC), 115 Thorndike Street, Lowell, Mass. 01852

GENERAL BIDS are to be sealed in an envelope and marked "MAGUIRE TRANSPORTATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – GENERAL BIDS" and will be received until 10:00 AM, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Administration offices of the LRTA, Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center, 115 Thorndike Street, Level 3B, Lowell, Mass. 01852. All sealed General Bids received by that time and at that place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SUB-BIDS are to be sealed in an envelope and marked "MAGUIRE TRANSPORTATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – FILED SUB-BIDS" with trade and specification section bid and will be received until 10:00 AM, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Administration offices of the LRTA, Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center, 115 Thorndike Street, Level 3B, Lowell, Mass. 01852. All sealed General Bids received by that time and at that place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids received after the respective dates and times specified above for the bid opening shall be considered as late bids and, therefore, shall not be opened or considered for award pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A to J.

Bidders are advised that qualification in accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws is a requirement of this Contract. All Bidders must be certified in the category of General Contracting for projects the size of that advertised by the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAMM) of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bidders are advised that the LRTA requires a Project Qualification Statement to be filed with the General Bids as an aid for the LRTA to determine the lowest responsible and eligible Bidder. The form of the Project Qualification Statement is contained in the Bid Documents. Failure by any Bidder to complete and submit the Project Qualification Statement with the General Bid may be grounds for the LRTA to reject that General Bid.

Filed Sub-Bids will be received for the following trades: **Hot-Rolled Steel Windows & Doors, and Glass and Glazing**. Sub-bidders are advised that as part of their filed Sub-Bids they must submit a Subcontractor's Qualification Statement. The form of the Subcontractor's Qualification Statement is contained in the Bid Documents. Failure to complete and submit the Subcontractor's Qualification Statement may be grounds for rejection by the LRTA of the filed Sub-Bid.

**A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 10:00 AM in the LRTA's Administration Office @ the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center, 115 Thorndike Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (Level 3B), Lowell, MA 01852** for the purpose of questions and inquiries concerning this Project and the Bid Documents. A Project site visit to the Maguire Transportation Center will also be offered to all in attendance.

All General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in form of a certified or cashier's check or a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (10%) of the Bid Price. A Performance Bond in the full amount of the Contract and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract will be required of the successful General Bidder. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149; and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149; sections 44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c. 149; sections 26 to 27H. The current schedule of labor rates by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a schedule of labor rates by the Federal Government are included in the Project Manual. No less than the higher of these rates shall be paid on this Project.

**This solicitation, project and contract will be subject to the availability of funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).** The successful bidder will be required to comply with all Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations. All bidders will be required to certify that they are not on the United States Comptroller General's list of ineligible contractors.

The performance of any contract which may arise from this solicitation is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all applicable equal employment requirements. DBE, MBE, & WBE firms will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in the LRTA's consideration of any Bid or of an award of contract.

It is the LRTA's policy that DBE/MBE/WBE firms be afforded full opportunity to submit bids and to participate in the performance of LRTA contracts. The LRTA has established a federal DBE/MBE/WBE participation goal of five and eighty-five hundredths percent (5.85%) for its eligible procurements and projects. The combined Mass. WBE/MBE goal for this project is 6.3% for women and 15.3% for minorities. These goals must be met, or good faith efforts to meet the goal must be demonstrated, if a bidder is to be considered responsive.

A contract will be awarded, if at all, to the responsive bidder deemed by the LRTA to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for period of SIXTY (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The LRTA reserves the right to waive any formalities, 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 LRTA. The LRTA, when appropriate, reserves the right to conduct a cost and price analysis.

Questions with regard to Bid Procedure and schedule may be directed to Meaghan O'Brien, LRTA Procurement Director, at the LRTA's Administrative Office. Tel. (978) 459-0164 x210

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