

**RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CONTRACT 22-04R

**NEWPORT/PELL BRIDGE
PIER 5W GIRDER TEMPORARY SHORING AND BEARING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT**

APRIL 18, 2022

Proposals addressed to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (Authority) for Contract No. 22-04R Newport/Pell Bridge Pier 5W Girder Temporary Shoring and Bearing Removal and Replacement will be received by the Authority at One East Shore Road, Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835, until 10:00 AM on May 4, 2022. Please note that the bidder is responsible for verifying that Federal Express or other mail delivery can be received by the time noted.

This Contract shall consist of work performed on Newport/Pell Bridge. The work to be performed includes the following as outlined in the Contract Drawings and the Contract Specifications:

- Fabrication and Installation of temporary shoring at Pier 5W at two girders
- Removal and replacement of existing rocker bearings with new disc bearings at the two girders at Pier 5W

Work to be performed under daily closures of the eastbound and/or westbound travel lanes provided by the Authority.

Proposal, Contract Drawings, Supplementary Specifications, and other Contract Documents for the work are available in electronic format through the Authority and are not transferrable.

2004 Edition Amended March 2018 of State of Rhode Island Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, with all amendments and supplements through September 2018 are cited within the Contract Documents and are available through the Rhode Island Department of Transportation website.

The proposal shall be submitted in hard copy format utilizing the forms included in the Contract Documents. Bidders shall submit two hard copies of the proposal to the Authority. Contract Documents are not transferable to other parties for bidding purposes.

Prospective bidders are notified that there is a Microsoft Teams format Pre-Bid Conference at which all bidders are encouraged to have a representative in attendance. Prospective bidders shall email addresses of attendees for the Pre-Bid Meeting to debra.moolin@wsp.com and copy eseabury@ritba.org. Prospective bidders or their representatives may not contact any employee of the Authority or WSP regarding this Contract from the date of advertisement through the bid date. ALL questions or clarifications concerning the Contract documents shall be submitted by e-mail to procurement@ritba.org no later than 4:00 PM on April 25, 2022.

The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that the Authority is soliciting bids from qualified contractors who shall assume the sole responsibility for the quality of materials and workmanship. Statement of Qualifications forms to be completed by each bidder to enable the Authority to evaluate company and personnel experience, equipment and financial status must be attached to each Proposal. Failure of any bidder to submit completed Statement of Qualifications forms with his Proposal may be a cause for rejection of their bid.

No change shall be made in the phraseology of the Proposal or in the items mentioned therein. Proposals that contain any omissions, erasures, alterations, additions, or items not called for in the Proposal or that contain irregularities of any kind, may be rejected as not responsive.

A certified check payable to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid price, or a bid bond not less than ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid price, must accompany each Proposal as a guarantee that the Contract will be entered into, if awarded. Proposal guarantees will be returned after the Contract has been executed.

Proposals, with accompanying check or bid bond, shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope that will be suitably marked.

Any bond required under the provisions of this Contract and Proposal shall only be issued by and originate with an agent lawfully constituted, licensed, and registered in the State of Rhode Island.

A Contract Performance Bond of one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price with a surety company that is satisfactory to the Authority will be required of the successful bidder.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in bids received. The Authority will consider only those bids received from parties who have obtained Contract Documents directly from the Authority.

The Authority intends to award the Contract, if an award is made, as soon as practicable after receipt and evaluation of bids. The Authority will make the award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The successful Bidder shall execute and deliver the Contract and the required Contract Performance Bond and evidence of specified insurance coverage, upon receipt of Notice of Intent to Award. Notice to Proceed and execution of the Contract will be given upon approval of contractor's insurance and bonds; and Contractor shall start work within three (3) weekdays after receipt of Notice to Proceed but may not start the work before the required bonds and insurance policies have been submitted and approved, or as otherwise stated herein, and shall complete the work on or before the date indicated in the Proposal.

Contractors wishing to submit a proposal on this work are encouraged to have a representative present at the prebid meeting to be held at 1:30 PM on April 20, 2022, on Microsoft Teams.

The Authority intends to adhere to the following schedule:

1. Drawings Available to Contractors – by Close of Business on April 18, 2022
2. Teams Format Pre-Bid Meeting at 1:30 PM on April 20, 2022

3. Deadline for written questions by Contractors – 4:00 PM on April 25, 2022
4. Answers to Contractors Questions and any Addendum Distribution – Close of Business April 28, 2022
5. Receive proposals by 10:00 AM on May 4, 2022
6. Public Bid Opening 10:00 AM on May 4, 2022
7. Review and evaluate proposals with Notice of Intent to Award May 6, 2022
8. Contractor to submit required insurance and Contract Bond by May 11, 2022
9. Execute Contract and issue Notice to Proceed May 25, 2022
10. Contractor to start work by May 31, 2022
11. Contractor shall complete installation of the temporary girder shoring at both locations by June 30, 2022
12. Contractor shall complete the removal and replacement of the bearings at both locations within 8 weeks of receipt of bearings.

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