

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

INVITATION FOR BID

CONTRACT 23-13A

**NEWPORT/PELL BRIDGE
EAST TOWER SOUTHEAST COMPRESSION LINK REPLACEMENT**

MAY 2024

Proposals addressed to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (Authority) for Contract No. 23-13A Newport/Pell Bridge East Tower Southeast Compression Link Replacement will be received by the Authority at One East Shore Road, Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835, **until 10:00 AM on June 26, 2024**. 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 work at the south tower southeast link assembly including the following as outlined in the Contract Drawings and the Contract Specifications:

- Fabrication of new compression link pins, link post assembly, and reinforcing plates
- Jacking load transfer utilizing existing jacking assembly
- Boring new holes in existing gusset plates for installation of retrofit link assembly elements
- Removing existing pins and link assembly and replacement with new pins and link assembly
- Work performed utilizing existing installed scaffolding system

Work to be performed under daily closures of the eastbound travel lanes.

Proposal, Contract Drawings, Supplementary Specifications and other Contract Documents for the work are available in electronic format through the Authority and are not transferrable. **Documents may be requested by e-mailing procurement@ritba.org.**

February, 2024 Edition of the Rhode Island Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction is 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 an in person, non-mandatory, **Pre-Bid Conference at the RITBA Administration Building at 10:30 AM on June 4, 2024 followed by a site-visit** at which all bidders are encouraged to have a representative in attendance. A maximum of two representatives for each Prospective Bidder may attend the site visit. Prospective bidders shall email names of attendees for the Pre-Bid Meeting to procurement@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 June 11, 2024.

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.

The Authority intends to adhere to the following schedule:

1. Drawings Available to Contractors by Close of Business on May 29, 2024 through e-mail request to: procurement@ritba.org

2. In Person Pre-Bid Meeting at 10:30 AM on June 4, 2024 at the RITBA Administration Building – followed by a site visit. Names of Pre-Bid Meeting attendees to be emailed to procurement@ritba.org
3. Deadline for written questions by Contractors – 4:00 PM on June 11, 2024
4. Answers to Contractors Questions and any Addendum Distribution – Close of Business June 18, 2024
5. Receive proposals by 10:00 AM on June 26, 2024
6. Review and evaluate proposals with Notice of Intent to Award July 3, 2024
7. Contractor to submit required insurance and Contract Bond by July 20, 2024
8. Execute Contract and issue Notice to Proceed Anticipated Date July 22, 2024
9. Lane Closures allowed beginning September 4, 2024
10. Contractor shall complete all work by December 20, 2024
11. Contractor shall adhere to additional milestones and/or schedule restrictions included in the Contract Documents.

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