MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Maine Turnpike Authority for:

CONTRACT 2026.23

VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN REPLACEMENT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
MILE 6.2 TO MILE 53.4

at the office of the Maine Turnpike Authority, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, ME, until 11:00 a.m., prevailing time as determined by the Authority on December 15, 2026 at which time and place the Proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bids will be accepted from Contractors **prequalified** by the Maine Department of Transportation for Highway Construction Projects. All other bids may be rejected. This Project includes a wage determination developed by the State of Maine Department of Labor. **We now accept electronic bids for bid packages posted on the Bid Express website. Electronic bids do not have to be accompanied by paper bids. Until further notice, dual bids (one paper, one electronic) will be accepted, with the paper copy taking precedence.**

This work consists of the replacement of Variable Message Signs (VMS), cabinets, and associated electrical and communications equipment at four overhead sign structure locations and five side-mounted sign structure locations. The existing overhead sign structures and walkways at Cider Hill Road (MM 6.20) and Holmes Road (MM 43.00) shall be removed and replaced with new structures and walkways. The existing overhead sign structure at Limerick Road (MM 28.30) shall remain in service, and a new walkway shall be installed. The existing overhead sign structure at Mountain Road (MM 53.40) shall be removed and replaced with the overhead sign structure relocated from Holmes Road. New drilled shaft foundations shall be installed for all replaced and relocated overhead sign structures.

Except at Wells (Sanford Road) Westbound, existing side-mounted sign structures and foundations shall remain in place, and the Contractor shall install the new Variable Message Signs (VMS) on the existing structures. At Wells (Sanford Road) Westbound, the Contractor shall remove the existing side-mounted sign structure from its foundation and reinstall it on a new drilled shaft foundation located outside the clear zone. The Contractor shall install the new VMS on the relocated structure.

All work shall be performed in accordance with the Contract Plans and Specifications. The Contractor shall conduct a site visit prior to submitting a bid to become familiar with existing conditions, the full extent of the work, and temporary access requirements. The Contractor shall provide and maintain traffic control throughout the duration of the work in accordance with the Contract Documents and Specifications.

The half size Plans and Contract Documents may be obtained from the Authority upon payment of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for each set, which payment will not be returned. Checks shall be made payable to: Maine Turnpike Authority. The Plans and Contract Documents may also be downloaded from a link on our website listed below.**Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

For general information regarding Bidding and Contracting procedures, contact Nate Carll, Purchasing Manager, at (207) 482-8115. For information regarding Schedule of Items, plan holders list and bid results, visit our website at the link below. To submit questions, use the electronic Request For Information (RFI) tab at https://www.maineturnpike.com/projects/construction-contracts for Contract 2026.23. Questions shall be submitted by December 9, 2026 at 11:00am. Responses will not be prepared for questions received by telephone. Bidders shall not contact any other Authority staff or Consultants for clarification of Contract provisions, and the Authority will not be responsible for any interpretations so obtained.

All work shall be governed by the Specifications entitled "State of Maine, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of November 2014", "Standard Details, Revision of March 2020" and "Best Management Practices for Erosion and Sediment Control", latest issue. Copies and recent updates to these publications can be downloaded at the following links: https://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/bid-opportunities/standards# and https://www.maine.gov/dot/publications/brochures-guides.

Proposals must be accompanied by an original bid bond, certified or cashier's check payable to the Maine Turnpike Authority in an amount not less than Five (5%) Percent of the Total Amount in the Proposal, but not less than $500.00. The Bidder to whom a Contract is awarded will be required to furnish a Surety Corporation Bond, satisfactory to the Authority, on the standard Contract Bond form of the Authority, for a sum not less than the Total Amount of the Proposal.

Proposals must be made upon the Proposal Forms furnished by the Authority separately with the Contract Documents, and must be enclosed in the sealed special addressed envelope provided therefore bearing the name and address of the Bidder, the name of the Contract, and the date and time of Proposal opening on the outside.

A pre-bid conference will be held on December 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Maine Turnpike Authority, 2360 Congress Street, Portland, Maine.

The Authority reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all Proposals and to accept that Proposal which in its sole judgment will under all circumstances serve its best interest.

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