

INVITATION TO BID

**TOWN OF BETHEL
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BID NO. 12-07**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut, until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, August 2, 2012 for the following purposes:

**Walnut Hill Road Bridge Replacement
Bridge No. 04181 in the Town of Bethel
State Project 009-091
Federal Aid Project No. STP-1009 (109)**

Specifications (contract documents) and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the Office of the GM2 Associates, Inc, (860)-659-1416, 115 Glastonbury Blvd, CT 06033. The non-refundable cost of contract documents is \$75.00 in the form of a check or money order payable to the Town of Bethel. Contract documents can be viewed between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday in the same office.

All sealed bids must have on the lower right corner of the envelope the following information: Bid Name and Number; Due Date and Time; and Contractor's Name and Phone number. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check or bid bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

The work includes furnishing of labor and materials to complete the replacement of the substructure and superstructure of the Walnut Hill Road Bridge and associated improvements. The project is located on Walnut Hill Road in Bethel between its intersections with Taylor Road and Shelter Rock Road. The work shall be done in strict accordance with State prevailing wage rates and the documents prepared by Kleinfelder, Inc.

There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid conference on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the Walnut Hill Road Bridge at which time prospective bidders are encouraged to examine the work area and ask questions.

Said bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at a meeting of the Procurement Committee to be held August 2, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street, Bethel Connecticut.

Construction Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the bid, will be required. Any questions bidders may have shall be addressed to Andrew Morosky, Director, Bethel Public Works Department, (203) 794-8549. If questions arise that need a formal reply, they will be answered in the form of an addendum or information letter to all bidders.

The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age or national origin; that a mandatory ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen is required in each craft and the Contractors (and any Subcontractor) is obligated to make a "diligent effort" to achieve these ratios; and , that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given low

income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project. This work is funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Federal Department of Transportation. The Town of Bethel hereby notifies all bidders that this contract has been assigned a 5% goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), as certified by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT). Only DBE firms certified by ConnDOT are eligible to perform work or provide services that will count toward the goal.

The Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept and/or reject any portion of said bid; to waive any technicality in any bid or part thereof and to accept any bid as provided for in Section 8-13c of the Charter of the Town of Bethel. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Dated at Bethel, Connecticut this 5th day of July, 2012.

**TOWN OF BETHEL
PURCHASING AUTHORITY
MATTHEW S. KNICKERBOCKER,
FIRST SELECTMAN
BOB KOZLOWSKI,
COMPTROLLER**