

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND INVITATION TO BID PUBLIC WORKS LABOR & MATERIALS

The Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island is soliciting bids from qualified vendors and contractors for public works labor, materials and equipment, as appropriate for the following:

1. Fence & Rail installation at Fort Barton Reserve

Specifications for the above may be obtained at the Office of the Town of Tiverton Clerk, 343 Highland Road, or Director, Department of Public Works (DPW), 50 Industrial Way, Tiverton, RI from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or as specified in individual bid documentation.

Sealed envelopes containing Bids must be marked with the notation 'Fort Barton Fence' on the outside and received at the Office of the Town Clerk, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI no later than **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024** at which time bids will be opened and publicly read by the Town Administrator or his representative in the Town Council Chambers.

The Town of Tiverton is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EEO/AA)
Joan Chabot, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF TIVERTON
INVITATION FOR BIDS
INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS**

All bidders, by the submission of their bid, covenant to be bound hereby and to perform in accordance with these instructions and conditions, as well as the invitation for bids and the specifications.

1. Any guarantee and/or warranties should be stated in the bid.
2. Bids shall be filed in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled, bearing the number and title of the matter bid upon. Bids must be signed in the name of the bidding company by its duly authorized representative.
3. Whenever an item is named or described, an item "equal" thereto may be furnished.
4. Payments shall be made by the awarding authority within thirty (30) days of delivery and acceptance.
5. Estimated quantities are shown for the initial contract period. Estimated quantities will be used as a basis for determining the low bidder and are **not** expressed or implied to be guaranteed.
6. The contracts shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder who offer the best price, provided that the awarding authority may reject any and all bids, if it is in the public interest to do so. Contracts under this invitation for bid will be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest price for each item or separate line item as listed in the legal notice and specifications. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.
7. Determination of Responsibility
 - a. The Towns in considering each proposal, shall, prior to any determination and subsequent award, investigate and evaluate the contractor to determine whether the contractor is responsible. Consideration may be given to references and other available information indicating the contractor's prior experience in providing similar services, the financial and organizational status of the contractor, and the contractor's prior compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. No contract will be awarded to any contractor

who, as determined by the Town, is not qualified to perform satisfactory service due to an unsatisfactory record or inadequate experience, or who lacks the necessary capital, organization, or equipment to conduct and complete the services in strict accordance with the specifications.

b. After the opening of sealed proposals, but before the award is made, the Town may require additional information, either technical or general, from any of the qualified contractors in order to determine the award. The information shall be supplemental in nature and may not add to, detract from, or conflict with the contents of the original sealed proposal.

c. No provision in this request for proposals should be construed to require an award to a contractor who submitted background information, when investigated and verified by the awarding authority, raises significant questions as to its ability to successfully provide the services required.

8. Purchases made by the Town of Tiverton are exempt from payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Tax on Retail Sales.

9. Performance and Payment Bonds:

a. The successful Contractor(s) must (if the bid amount equals or exceeds the dollar amount listed in 9.c) simultaneously with execution of the Contract, provide the Towns with payment and performance bonds, a certified check, or other security approved by the Town Administrator in a penal sum equal to the estimated cost of the materials to be provided during the first year of the Contract, based on the estimates provided by the Towns, and conditioned upon performance by the Contractor of all undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of the Contract documents and upon the prompt payment by the Contractor to all persons supplying labor and materials for the contract work. Such a bond shall be endorsed by a surety company licensed or granted a certificate of authority by the State of Rhode Island and acceptable to the Town. Said performance bond or other approved security shall remain in full effect until the expiration of the contract term and any extension thereof.

b. The Contractor must fulfill all obligations, terms, conditions, and prices set forth herein in order to meet the Contract in full, and in submitting a bid, acknowledges that if it fails to do so, it may forfeit some or all of its bond or other approved security.

c. A Performance and Payment Bond will be required if the total bid amount or for those items for which the estimated contract value, equals or exceeds \$50,000. Estimated contract values will be determined by the Town by multiplying the unit cost by the estimated quantity for each item.

d. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall name the Town of Tiverton as Obligee.

10. The successful Contractor(s) must maintain at no additional cost to the Town the following insurance coverages until the termination of the contract or as otherwise provided below:

- a. Worker's compensation coverages that meets or exceeds the legal requirements.
- b. Motor vehicle liability coverage with a minimum combined single limit of liability of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00); and
- c. General liability insurance coverage with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and / or occurrence.

11. The Contractor shall be assumed to have complied with all the requirements of the State of Rhode Island prevailing wage law.

12. a. If the total bid equals or exceeds \$100,000, then the bid shall be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a certified check drawn on a national bank or trust company or a Bid Bond in a form satisfactory the Town with a surety company qualified to do business in Rhode Island and satisfactory to the Town, in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total price for the project, payable to the "Town of Tiverton". The "total bid price" shall be determined by multiplying the unit price bid by the Contractor by the estimated amount supplied by the Town for each item bid by the Contractor and adding the totals for all items bid by the Contractor. A Clerk's certificate must accompany each bid bond to signify that the bond has been signed by an authorized officer of the Contractor.

b. The bid security will be returned to the bidder within fourteen (14) days following the opening of bids, **with the exception of the bid security of the three apparent lowest bidders** for each item or group of items bid. Bid securities of the three apparent lowest bidders will be retained until execution of a contract or rejection of all bids. In the event a successful bidder fails to fulfill its bid terms, the bid deposit will be forfeited to the Town.

13. All materials to be delivered at such times and such places as may be directed. Prompt service is required.
14. The contract period shall be that which is needed to satisfactorily complete the work.

TIVERTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR SERVICES FOR FENCE & RAIL WORK

The Tiverton Department of Public Works is soliciting bids from qualified vendors for fence & rail installation in Fort Barton Reserve on Highland Road in Tiverton, RI, as outlined below. The fence and rail will function as visual warnings without unduly inhibiting the view and they are not designed to act as structural barriers. The Access to Fort Barton is located approximately across from 343 Highland Road. All vendors, by the submission of their bid, covenant to be bound hereby and to perform in accordance with this request to submit bids and these instructions to vendors.

1. Any guarantee and/or warranties shall be stated in the bid.
2. All bids shall be received at the Office of the Town Clerk located at Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Rd. Tiverton, RI 02878 on or before **2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6, 2024**, at which time all bids will be opened publicly and read. Bids must be submitted on the form provided and signed in the name of the company submitting the bid by its duly authorized representative. Bid envelopes shall be clearly labeled with “Fort Barton Fence” on the outside of the envelope.
3. Whenever an item is named or described, an item “equal” thereto may be furnished. Determination of an equal product will be at the discretion of the Town of Tiverton.
4. Payments shall be made by the awarding authority within thirty (30) days after the acceptable completion of work and receipt of billing invoice.
5. Estimated quantities are shown and will be used as a basis for determining the low bid. Estimated quantities are not expressed or implied to be guaranteed. The Town reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities of all items.
6. The bid shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive vendor who offers the best price(s), provided that the awarding authority may reject any and all bids or may accept the bid it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.
7. Purchases made by the Town of Tiverton are exempt from payment of Federal Excise Taxes and Rhode Island Tax on Retail Sales.
8. The work includes fence and railing installation. Bid prices submitted shall include all labor, material, tools/equipment, disposal and all incidentals required to perform and complete the work.
9. Fence to be Galvanized Welded Wire Garden Fence 2 inch (width) x 4 inch (height) mesh (Red Brand or equal), 4 ft in height and to have vertical wires cut flush at top and bottom. Installation of welded wire fence is to adhere to RI Department of Transportation Standard Detail 31.3.0 with the following modifications. All posts to be 2.5 inch diameter galvanized (#3.65/foot) pipe [7 feet in length with stretcher bar bands placed 1 ft O.C.]. No Studded “T” Line Posts will be used. Post spacing to be 8 feet on center. Fence length is estimated at 290 feet. The fence is to be installed near the west cliff face of the Reserve as directed by the Town. Quantity paid will be per actual length of fence installed in feet. Quantity of Posts installed in ledge is estimated at 35 each and will be paid per actual each installed.

10. Wood Rail to be 2" x 6" pressure treated wood with 6" x 6" pressure treated wood posts. Rail to be fastened to west post face using galvanized nails. Post spacing to be 8 feet on center. 2" x 6" rail top to be 2 foot above grade with top of post cut with a 1 inch bevel and with its low point set flush with rail top. Posts to be wrapped with 15 lb. asphalt treated roofing felt below grade and extending one (1) inch above grade. Posts to be embedded in concrete (min. 3,500 psi) minimum 2.5 feet deep by 1.5 feet square. Depth of concrete embedded post may be reduced to 1.5 feet of concrete embedded post in ledge. Top of concrete to be flush with adjacent grade. Rail length is estimated at 240 feet. Rail is to be installed along the eastern side of the west path of the Reserve as directed by the Town. Quantity paid will be per actual length of rail installed in feet. Quantity of Posts installed in ledge is estimated at 30 each and will be paid per actual each installed.
11. Contract work is to be completed by May 31, 2025.
12. Each Bidder is responsible to visit the site and familiarize himself with the work area. Any bid submitted by a Contractor will be considered as conclusive proof that the Contractor is thoroughly familiar with the proposed work and the area conditions. A non-mandatory site meeting will be held on Wednesday October 9, 2024 at 10:00 am with Open Space Commission & DPW representatives for any potential bidders. Initial meeting location will be the parking lot at the base of Fort Barton with attendees then walking to the work site. All questions received at the site meeting will be answered in writing by an Addendum.
13. Any questions not initiated at the site meeting relative to this request for services shall be directed to Director of Public Works. All such questions must be in written form and sent via email to dpw@tiverton.ri.gov & must be cc'd to dpwclerk@tiverton.ri.gov and will be answered in writing by addenda. The last day that questions will be accepted is Friday October 25, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

TIVERTON D.P.W.
REQUEST FOR SERVICES – FORT BARTON FENCE WORK
BID SHEET

The work listed below and described in this Invitation for Bids will be paid based on unit prices. Per linear foot for fence and for rail installation. Per each for fence post and rail post installed in ledge. All Bid prices shall include all compensation for labor, materials, equipment, tools, disposal and incidentals to perform and complete the work.

The bidder will provide said services for the following Linear Foot or Each price as applicable. The bidder must state each price in dollars (state each price in words and in figures).

A] 4' GALVANIZED WELDED WIRE GARDEN FENCE with 2.5" Diameter Galv. Posts:

\$ _____ per linear foot.

B] 2.5 INCH DIAMETER GALVANIZED POSTS INSTALLED IN LEDGE:

\$ _____ per each.

C] 2" x 6" PRESSURE TREATED WOOD RAIL with 6" x 6" pressure treated wood posts:

\$ _____ per linear foot.

D] 6" x 6" PRESSURE TREATED WOOD POST INSTALLED IN LEDGE:

\$ _____ per each.

COMPANY:

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ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

PRINTED NAME OF
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

TITLE:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:
