

# ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

## CITY OF VERGENNES WWTF UPGRADE

Bids for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade will be received at the **Vergennes City Hall** located at **120 Main St., Vergennes, VT 05491** until **Thursday, May 14th** at **10AM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

**The project includes the demolition of select structures and comprehensive upgrades at the Vergennes VT wastewater treatment facility. The projects includes three Bid Alternates.**

**The project must achieve substantial completion and final completion within 880 days and 940 days, respectively, from Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages are \$1,500 per calendar day.**

The Issuing Office is Wright-Pierce. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: <https://www.wright-pierce.com/projects>

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website at a cost of **\$65** per download.

To be considered a responsive Bidder, the Bidder shall have obtained at least one set of Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office using the name that is to appear on the Bid Form. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the designated website for addenda.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday April 23rd at 10AM at Vergennes WWTF, 36 Canal St., Vergennes, VT 05491**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Following the pre-bid conference attendees are invited to a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

For all contract requirements regarding funding agency notifications, funding agency requirements, bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This contract is expected to be funded in whole or in part by the State of Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) program and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Utilities Services (RUS) program. Consequently, the following provisions apply to this work:

A bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Owner in an amount of 5% of Bidder's maximum bid price and in the form of a certified check or Bid bond issued by surety meeting the requirements of the General Conditions. No bid may be withdrawn for at least 60 days after receipt of bids unless released by the Owner.

Neither the State of Vermont nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this contract. The word "agency" in the contract documents refers to the DEC and all other involved funding agencies.

The contractor must comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) SRF special requirements contained in the CWSRF Supplementary Conditions. Failure of the successful bidder to complete the pre-award requirements of this program may result in finding that the bidder is non-responsible and therefore not entitled to award of this contract.

The contractor must comply with all Federal Requirements per the Supplementary Conditions.

The contractor must comply with Davis-Bacon (DB) and Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA) as stated in the Supplementary Conditions. All laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor and subcontractors on this project shall not be paid less than the prevailing wage rates contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents. Any laborers and mechanics not listed in the wage determination shall be paid at least as much as the lowest wage rate for other similar trade classifications already contained in the wage determination published in the bidding documents.

The Contractors and subcontractors shall upload their certified weekly payroll to a share site provided by the Engineer and shall be in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation provided guidance documents, including the EPA Davis Bacon Handbook and various fact sheets. Payroll noncompliance and other related payroll issues identified by the Owner and/or Wright-Pierce staff or designated consultants shall be resolved by the contractor/subcontractor in a timely manner to maintain compliance with Davis Bacon requirements throughout the project.

This project is not subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements. AIS applies.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project including P.L. 113-76. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials. The following waivers apply to this Contract: 1) De Minimis, 2) Minor Components, and 3) Pig iron and direct reduced iron.

The Owner is working with Efficiency Vermont on incentives. The contractor shall be knowledgeable in eligibility requirements and work with Efficiency Vermont on incentives.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

**This Advertisement is issued by:**

Owner: **City of Vergennes**  
By: **Ron Redmond**  
Title: **City Manager**