INVITATION TO BID
Chester STP BP17(4)

Sealed bids from pre-qualified contractors shall be accepted until 1:00PM, prevailing time on September 8, 2026 at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, PO Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143 for construction of the project hereinafter described. Bid opening will occur immediately after the bid submittal deadline. The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions.

Sealed BIDS shall be marked in the lower left hand corner:
"Bid Documents: Depot Street Sidewalk – Chester STP BP17(4)"

Each BID must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Town of Chester for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the BID. A BID bond may be used in lieu of a certified check.

PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS:
All bidders must:

(1) be listed on the current Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) Contract Administration listing of preapproved contractors for "Contractors List of Curb and Sidewalk Category"; OR

(1)(a) have submitted a complete annual prequalification application to VTrans Contract Administration a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the bid opening and shall include a copy of their approval notice with their bid; AND

(2) must submit a request for contract-specific prequalification using Form CA-82. Contract-specific prequalification will be determined by VTrans taking into consideration the prospective Bidder's current volume, degree of completion and rate of progress on uncompleted work then under contract in relation to the prospective Bidder's Maximum Dollar Capacity Rating (MDCR) and Number of Contract Capacity Rating (NCCR), and whether the prospective Bidder is approved for the specific work classification(s) for the contract.

Responsibility of Bidders
All Bidders must be prequalified under the appropriate VTrans work category. For this project, a current annual prequalification AND a contract-specific prequalification are BOTH required. Documentation of each Bidder's current annual prequalification and contract-specific prequalification shall be submitted with the Bid. The contact for prequalification is Jon Winter, (802) 622-1267. Applications for contract-specific prequalification must be made at least ten (10) working days prior to the Bid opening.

LOCATION: Beginning at a point on Depot Street at Bridge #0011 and extending approximately 2,057 LF north along the west side of the road to an existing crosswalk across Depot Street, then continuing on the east side of the road approximately 403 LF north from 526 Depot Street to the Chester Town Office.

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Contract Documents August 12, 2026

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Work to be performed under this project includes: construction of sidewalk, curb, lighting, drainage, retaining wall, intersection reconfiguration, and crosswalks.

CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE: The Contract shall be completed on or before October 15, 2027, with the exception of the work within the railroad right-of-way, which shall be completed on or before November 14, 2026.

OBTAINING PLANS: Plans may be obtained from Copy World, LLC, 5 Airport Road, Colonial Plaza Unit 21, West Lebanon, NH 03784. Phone: 603-790-8357, Email: bill@copyworldllc.com, at a cost of $102 per set made payable to Copy World, LLC. Plans are not returnable. If plans are made available electronically, Copy World, LLC shall track all plan holders for addendum distribution.

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE: For this Proposal the Engineers Estimate falls between $1,000,000 and $2,500,000.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE OF:

1. Town of Chester, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT 05143.
2. Dufresne Group, 56 Main Street, Suite 200, Springfield, VT 05156.

PREBID CONFERENCE: A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for the project on August 26, 2026 at 10:00AM at the Town Office located at 556 Elm Street in Chester, VT.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS: This contract is governed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation ("VTrans") 2024 Standard Specifications for Construction.

QUESTIONS: During the advertisement phase of this project all questions shall be addressed solely to Municipal Project Manager, Julie Hance, Town of Chester, 556 Elm Street, PO Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, 802-875-2173, Julie.hance@chestervt.gov.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) CERTIFICATION: Certification is required by the Equal Employment Opportunity regulations of the Secretary of labor (41 CFR 60-1.7(b) (1)) and must be submitted by bidders and proposed subcontractors only in connection with contracts and subcontracts which are subject to the equal opportunity clause. Generally only contracts and subcontracts of $10,000 or under are exempt as set forth in 41 CFR 60-1.5. See Appendix A for Contractors EEO Certification Form (CA-109). **This certification form must be signed and submitted with the bid.**

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT: All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. See Appendix B for Debarment and Non-Collusion Affidavit (CA-91). **This affidavit must be signed and submitted with the bid.**

DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT: All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the bidder has not within the last three (3) years been, suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal or State Agency; does not have a proposed suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or ineligibility determination pending; and has not

been indicted, convicted or had civil judgment rendered against (it, him, her, them) by a court having jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. See Appendix B for Debarment and Non-Collusion Affidavit (CA-91). **This affidavit must be signed and submitted with the bid.**

WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT FORM *(Prime Contractor)*: All bidders are required to complete this self-reporting form in its entirety, **sign** and **submit with the bid.**

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONTRACTS: The Town of Chester hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin for an award. This is consistent with the Town's requirement to comply with provisions of Title VI.

DAVIS BACON WAGE REQUIREMENTS: Bidders agree to abide by the Davis Bacon Wage Rate Schedule, which are appended to these Contract Documents.

BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS: Build America, Buy America requirements, as outlined in specification section 107.21 BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS, apply to this project.