CITY OF AUGUSTA, MAINE
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Pedestrian Improvements on Eastern Avenue

The City of Augusta will receive sealed proposals for the Pedestrian Improvements on Eastern Avenue project as described in the Contract Documents. Proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud at City Center Plaza, 16 Cony Street, Augusta, Maine 04330 at **2:00 PM** prevailing local time on **December 9, 2026**. Bids will be accepted from all qualified bidders. The lowest responsive bidder must have successfully completed a similar project matching this project scope in order to be considered for the award of the bid.

The work to be done under these specifications consists of the following:

- Remove portions of the existing shoulder and sidewalk,
- Construct concrete bump outs with ADA approved ramps and landings,
- Reconstruct sidewalk areas,
- Install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons,
- Mill/Shim and pave surface to control surface water,
- And, any other work described in the Contract Documents.

Contract documents may be viewed and downloaded from the City of Augusta website at the following link: https://me-augusta.civicplus.com/Bids.aspx. To request paper copies of plans and/or the bid book, contact Tyler Pease (tyler.pease@augustamaine.gov) to make arrangements to obtain the documents.

Each proposal must be provided on the blank forms provided. The Bidder shall include a project schedule and narrative of how they plan to complete the project with an assumed award date of December 18, 2026. The completion date on the Bidder's schedule will become the project completion date, adjusted for when the Contract is signed. Bid bonds and performance bonds will be required for this project.

This Contract is subject to all applicable State and Federal Laws.

No proposal may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after date of opening thereof. The right is reserved to waive any informality in proposal received. Award of the contract will be based on an evaluation of the total unit price base bid, construction narrative, and proposed schedule. The right is hereby reserved by the Owner to reject any or all bids, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City. The Owner reserves the right to reduce the scope of work as necessary to meet budget limitations.

BIDDER INFORMATION

1. This project is administered by the City of Augusta (the City), utilizing state funding from the Maine Department of Transportation. The City shall have the right and authority to determine the acceptability of work and materials in progress or completed. The City shall have the right to reject any work or materials which do not conform, in its sole opinion, to the plans and specifications or for this project.

2. The Contractor shall abide by the State of Maine Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications and Standard Details, dated March 2026. They shall also abide by any published modifications by the State of Maine. Standard Specifications referenced in the following supplemental specifications and special provisions refer to these documents. Any reference to older versions shall be understood to mean this version.

3. The City of Augusta's Technical Standards shall apply to this work, as applicable.

4. In the case of any conflicts between the contract documents, the following shall be considered the order of prevalence, with each item superseding the item listed before, as applicable:

    a. MaineDOT Standard Specifications and Standard Details
    b. City of Augusta's Technical Standards
    c. General Notes
    d. Construction Notes
    e. Contract Plans
    f. City of Augusta Specifications

5. All references in the Standard Specifications to the Commissioner, Department, Engineer, Inspector, Resident Engineers, Construction Manager, the State, or similar terms indicating authority over the project shall be interpreted for purposes of this contract to include the City of Augusta and their authorized agents and employees.

6. Indemnifications of the Maine Department of Transportation in the Standard Specifications shall be expressly interpreted for purposes of this contract to include the City of Augusta and their authorized agents and employees.

7. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain the "State of Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision of March 2026" with updates and the "State of Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Details, March 2026" with updates at the expense of the Contractor, and to be fully knowledgeable of the requirements of these publications before submitting a bid for the proposed work. These publications are available for purchase from the Maine Department of Transportation, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0016, price $10 ($15 by mail), and Standard Details, March 2026 Edition, price $10 ($15 by mail). They also may be purchased by telephone at (207) 624-3536. Standard Detail updates can be found at https://www.maine.gov/dot/doing-business/bid-opportunities/standards.

8. This is to notify the Bidder that, if the bid price submitted with this proposal appears to be extremely low or high compared to the estimated cost of performing the work, the Bidder will be asked to explain in writing how the work in question is to be performed at price or prices bid before a decision is made by the City of Augusta to award a contract or reject the bid.

9. The City of Augusta reserves the right to reject any bids for reasons including, but not limited to, incomplete submissions, errors, or omissions in submissions, nonconformance to bonding requirements, or cost. The City may accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

10. Availability of Documents: Bid Documents are available to view and download from the City of Augusta website at https://me-augusta.civicplus.com/Bids.aspx. Bid documents are made available only for the purpose of obtaining offers for this Project. Their use does not grant a license for other purposes.

11. Examination of Documents: Upon receipt of Bid Documents please verify that the documents are complete and immediately notify the Engineer upon finding discrepancies or omissions in Bid Documents.

12. Inquiries and Addenda: Direct questions by email to Tyler Pease, PE, City Engineer, City of Augusta: tyler.pease@augustamaine.gov

13. Verbal answers are not binding on any party. All questions must be received by 5:00 PM on November 30, 2026. Replies will be made by Addenda. Addenda will be issued to known Bidders and posted on the website. Addenda become part of the Bid Documents. No addenda will be issued after close of business on December 2, 2026. Bidders shall acknowledge the addenda on the Bid Proposal.

14. Dates:
    Bid Opening: **December 9, 2026**
    Completion Date: **August 27, 2027, or as specified in the Bidder's schedule.**

15. Bonding:
    Liquidated Damages: Per MaineDOT Standard Specifications
    Bonds Required:
    -Bid Bonds: 5% of bid price for all bids in excess of $50,000
    -Performance and Surety Bonds: 100% of bid price for all bids in excess of $50,000

16. Acceptance of Offer: The Contract will be awarded based on an evaluation of the total unit price base bid, construction narrative, and schedule from a responsible qualified bidder.