

Request for Proposals

City of Caribou City-Owned Street Lamp LED Conversion

The City of Caribou is requesting proposals from qualified licensed electrical contractors for conversion of fifty-seven (57) City-owned street lamps from 150-watt high pressure sodium high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps with retrofitted Light Emitting Diodes (LED) assemblies, as specified in this document.

1. Project Location

The project site is located in that area of downtown Caribou bounded to the east by Main Street, to the north by Herschel Street, to the west by Prospect Street, and to the south by Hatch Drive. Fifty-three (53) decorative light poles are located in this area upon which the fixtures are installed.

2. Scope of Work

The selected contractor shall provide proof of bonding to the full contract price prior to commencement of work. All lighting installation work shall be performed by a licensed electrician(s).

The lighting unit specified for this contract shall be: Sylvania Post Top Street Light LED Retrofit Kit Item # 78532 LED40POST/757/T3M/D11/1G (or comparable item approved by the grant administrator). A total of fifty-nine (59) of these units will be provided by the contractor, of which two (2) will be provided to the city for use as replacements.

As part of the bid quote, bidders shall provide their start date for the project. All work will be inspected for code compliance by the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Caribou prior to the City's acceptance of the completed project. The estimated duration of this project is fourteen (14) calendar days.

3. Project Administration

The contract for this work is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through administration by the Efficiency Maine Trust's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, and the City of Caribou.

All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded in whole or in part with funds available under the ARRA shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40 of the United States Code. (See ARRA Sec. 1606). For the purposes of compliance with these provisions, this project is classified as 'Heavy Construction' (Aroostook County General Decision #2008005). The Secretary of Labor's determination regarding the prevailing wages applicable in Maine is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/me.html>.

For this project, the Buy American provision of the ARRA (§ 1605 of Division A, Title XVI) shall be waived.

Prior to the start of construction, the contractor shall provide to the City a written waste management plan for the proper disposal or recycling of all refuse generated during the course of this project.

4. Bid Process

Questions regarding this project may be submitted in writing to the City until 30 July 2010. The City will distribute responses to these questions by 4 August 2010.

The City will host a mandatory pre-bid meeting 10:30 am, 29 July 2010 in the City Council Chambers of the Caribou Municipal Building, 25 High Street, Caribou, Maine. This meeting will include a familiarization tour of the project site.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon the following graded criteria:

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| Experience of the firm on similar projects; | 25% |
| Proper licensure of employed staff; | 25% |
| Professional references; | 10% |
| Work schedule; | 5% |
| Bonding ability; and | 10% |
| Bid. | 25% |
| Total: | <hr/> 100% |

Interested contractors should submit five (5) copies of their proposals, marked "LED Street Lamp Conversion Proposal," to the Caribou City Office, 25 High Street, Caribou, Maine 04736 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on 10 August 2010. The City of Caribou reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to accept whichever proposal is in their best interest.

Questions may be referred to the Director of Community Development at 493-3324.

Submitted on 19 July 2010

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