

CARIBOU PUBLIC LIBRARY CONNECTIVITY HUB RENOVATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that The City of Caribou will receive sealed Bids for renovations to the existing Caribou Public Library in accordance with this Invitation to Bid, and recently issued documents including the Bid Form, Contract for Construction, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings. This project will be funded in part by the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA), and the successful bidder will have to meet all the requirements of this funding agency. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the Bidder being determined to be non-responsive and therefore not entitled to award of this Contract.

Sealed Bids will be received at the Caribou City Offices, 25 High Street, Caribou, ME 04736 until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, and then publicly opened and read aloud shortly thereafter.

Bids will be reviewed by the City Manager and the Caribou City Council at a special council meeting, on a date shortly after the bid opening.

Bids should be clearly marked “Caribou Public Library Connectivity Hub Renovation – Caribou, Maine”.

The work shall consist of renovations and additions to the Caribou Public Library providing a new 1,500 SF mezzanine level housing a new connectivity hub for the community, as well as improved administrative offices, a new elevator and an improved entrance canopy. The date of Substantial Completion will be part of Bidders’ proposals, but Bidders should note that the Owner would like to have a completed project by August of 2026.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting and Site Tour will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Caribou Public Library, located at 30 High Street, Caribou, ME 04736 followed by a walking tour at the project site.

Bidders who cannot attend the Pre-Bid Meeting should contact Peter Baldwin, Library Director at librarydirector@cariboumaine.org or (207) 493-4214 to arrange an alternate time to tour the project site.

The Bidding Documents may be examined or reviewed at the following locations:

Haley Ward, Inc., Suite 701, One Merchant Plaza, Bangor, ME 04401

The City of Caribou, 25 High Street, Caribou, ME 04736

Dodge Data and Analytics (www.construction.com) with subscription service

Construction Summary of NH/Maine & VT (constructionsummary.com) with subscription service

Prospective Bidders **must** register with Haley Ward, Inc. for their Bid to be considered. There is a non-refundable payment of \$100.00 to register. Checks shall be made payable to Haley Ward,

Inc. A digital copy of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Haley Ward, Inc. located at One Merchant Plaza, Suite 701, Bangor, ME 04401 on or about January 16, 2026.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent of the Total Bid must be submitted as part of the bid. The Bid Security may be either a proposal guarantee bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maine or a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Maine. No Bid may be withdrawn for at least 60 days after receipt of Bids unless released by the Owner. Bids submitted without Bid Security and completed certification forms will not be considered.

The successful Bidder shall perform the work and furnish Performance and Payment bonds, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price with a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Maine. The Contractor shall guarantee all materials and equipment furnished and work performed for a period of one year from the date of substantial completion. The Performance Bond shall remain in full force and in effect through the guarantee period.

Disclaimer: Any awarded contract is expected to be funded, in part, by the Maine Connectivity Authority (MCA). The Contractor must comply with all associated requirements as stated herein.

This contract, which is expected to exceed \$10,000, shall contain a provision requiring compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled, "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

The City of Caribou reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies, to reject any unbalanced bids, to accept any Bid that it may deem to be in the best interests of the Owner, to negotiate the Contract Price with any Bidder, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the interest of the Owner.

January 16, 2026

Owner: The City of Caribou