

**Town of Weathersfield Vermont**  
**Request for Bids (RFB)**  
**Upper Falls Covered Bridge Repairs**  
**5259 US Route 5, Ascutney, VT**

**1. GOAL**

- 1.1 The goal of this project is to repair the Upper Falls Covered Bridge in Weathersfield. The bridge was damaged on the evening of November 22, 2022, by a dump truck that exceeded the maximum vertical height clearance.

**2. SCOPE OF WORK**

2.1 Repair the damaged end of the Upper Falls Covered Bridge

- 2.1.1 Removal and replacement of all broken wood pieces  
2.1.2 Exterior boards, 1<sup>st</sup> cross beam, one diagonal brace and a bolt repair to one end of 2<sup>nd</sup> cross beam.

**3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 The contractor will specify in their proposal any material or process used where it differs or enlarges upon the materials and processes included in this specification.  
3.2 The contractor will specify the range of dates in which they expect the work will commence and be completed.

**4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 It is our intent to move forward with this project as soon as possible.  
4.2 A structural engineer inspected the bridge and determined that the bridge is structurally sound for public use.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

- 5.1 The chosen contractor shall comply with the following requirements
- 5.2 The contractor agrees to defend and save harmless the Town of Weathersfield, its officers, agents and employees against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recovery, and judgments of every kind and description arising out of the performance of the Agreement, including personal injury or property damage brought or recovered against it by reason of any negligent action or omission of the consultant, its agents, or employees and with respect to the degree to which the Town is free from negligence on the part of itself, its employees and agents.
- 5.3 The contractor shall carry Comprehensive Broad Form General Liability Insurance in the amount shown below including protection for bodily injury and property damage.

- 5.4 The contractor shall also maintain Automobile Liability Insurance providing limits prescribed by the Town and Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance in the amount shown below. The Workers' Compensation Insurance shall provide coverage pursuant to V. S. A. Title 21, Section 600 et seq.
- 5.5 Prior to the commencement of the work, Certificates of Insurance shall be supplied to the Town by the contractor detailing the required coverage. These Certificates shall be issued by a carrier authorized to do business within the State of Vermont. The State of Vermont and the Town of Weathersfield shall also be named as an additional insured.
- 5.6 The contractor shall have and require all sub-consultants to have and maintain insurance coverage and list the Town as an additional insured in accordance with the minimum amounts listed below. Prior to the start of any work, the Town shall be furnished with an insurance certificate as proof that coverage is in place.
- 5.6.1 General Liability-\$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - 5.6.2 Product Liability-\$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - 5.6.3 Property Damage-\$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - 5.6.4 Personal Injury-\$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - 5.6.5 Automotive Liability-\$500,000 per occurrence
  - 5.6.6 Worker's Compensation-Statutory Requirement

## **6. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDER**

### **6.1 PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on June 14, 2023, at 11am prevailing time at the Weathersfield Town Office located at 5259 US Route 5, Ascutney, VT 05030. This conference is strongly recommended for contractors that will bid on this project.

### **6.2 QUESTION PERIOD**

The Question Period ends on June 16, 2023, at 1pm. Any questions received past this date will not be answered. The purpose of the question period deadline is to ensure all questions asked and answered are logged and distributed to any contractors on our plan holders list prior to the bid due date.

### **6.3 NOTES & ADDENDA**

Any important notes and/or changes resulting from the Pre-Bid Conference and/or questions asked and answered, will be sent to all interested contractors no later than June 20, 2023. Please be sure you are added to the plan holders list to receive the most up to date information in regard to this project. To be added to the plan holders list please contact Olivia Savage at [osavage@weathersfield.org](mailto:osavage@weathersfield.org). Specify the projects you would like to be updated on.

#### **6.4 BID SUBMISSION**

- 6.4.1 All Bids must be submitted on the provided bid form. The bid form must be filled out in its entirety and signed/dated. An incomplete bid form results in automatic disqualification.
- 6.4.2 If multiple bids are submitted, only the last one submitted prior to the bid due date and time shall be considered.
- 6.4.3 Bids must be sealed & submitted to the attention of the Town Manager, Brandon Gulnick. Bids may either be mailed to PO BOX 550, Ascutney, VT 05030 OR delivered in person to 5259 US Route 5, Ascutney, VT 05030. If bids are mailed, we recommend mailing them well in advance to ensure the bid is received prior to the public bid opening and bid award. Late bids will not be accepted, even in the case the envelope is post marked prior to the due date.
- 6.4.4 Bids must be submitted no later than June 29, 2023, at 11am.

#### **6.5 PUBLIC BID OPENING/ BID AWARD**

- 6.5.1 A Public Bid Opening will take place in the Conference Room at Martin Memorial Hall on June 29, 2023, at 1:30pm. Bids will be unsealed, read aloud, and logged into a bid opening form.
- 6.5.2 Bids will be analyzed, and a recommendation will be made by the Town Manager to the Selectboard on July 3, 2023, at 1pm. Contractors will be notified by July 6, 2023.

#### **6.6 SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 6.6.1 The project will be awarded to the most responsible contractor whose bid represents the best value for the Town of Weathersfield.
- 6.6.2 All bids will be received & reviewed based on the information provided on the bid form.

#### **7. THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT:**

- 7.1 To accept or reject any or all bids and to accept other than the lowest price proposal.
- 7.2 To amend, modify, or withdraw this Request for Bids
- 7.3 To require supplemental statements or information from proposers
- 7.4 To extend the deadline for responses to this Request for Bids
- 7.5 To waive or correct any irregularities in bids received
- 7.6 To negotiate separately with competing bidders.
- 7.7 To allow or disallow entry into the pre-bid conference for any potential bidder arriving after the start of the pre-bid conference.

## **8. CALENDAR**

- 8.1 Request for Bids posted 06/06/2023
- 8.2 Pre-Bid Conference on 06/14/23 at 11am
- 8.3 Question Period ends on 06/16/23 at 1pm
- 8.4 Notes & Addenda emailed to plan holders no later than 06/20/23 (if any).
- 8.5 Bids Due: 06/29/23 at 11am.
- 8.6 Public Bid Opening on 06/25/23 at 1:30pm
- 8.7 Bid Review: 07/05/23 at 6:45pm.
- 8.8 Contractor Notification: by 07/06/23

**TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT  
BID FORM  
UPPER FALLS COVERED BRIDGE REPAIRS**

**Instructions:** Please fill out this bid form in its entirety.

Bidders Name:

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Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list three similar projects your company has completed

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Lump Sum Project Bid	\$ _____
Estimated Project Start Date:	_____
Estimated Project Completion Date:	_____

In developing this Bid, I have followed all instructions set forth by the Town of Weathersfield and hereby certify that the work to be performed will fully conform to conditions stipulated as part of the Town's request for bids. I have read the bid documents and agree to adhere to all of the provisions. The bid price includes any and all administrative & fuel costs.

Furthermore, I certify that the price in this bid has been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such price with any other bidder or with any competitor.

Signature of bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_