

Town of Kittery, ME 200 Rogers Road Kittery, ME 03904 Attn: Bruce Crawford, Kittery Port Authority

8/1/18

## **Request for Information**

Government Street Wharf Replacement

- 1. Bid documents indicate that "Award of this contract shall be made to the general bidder with the most advantageous proposal to replace the wharf", but does not describe the process for determining "most advantageous". Is there criteria other than cost that will be taken into account in making award? If so, what is that criteria and who will be making the determination of "most advantageous"?
- 2. Bid documents also indicate that the town will be applying for DEP and ACOE permits for the project. If these applications have already been made can we get a copy of the application packages? I believe there was some discussion that the town has applied for a permit by rule under the replacement of structures criteria but the fact that the location is shifting and the elevation is being raised seems to indicate that a full NRPA permit will be required. Has the town gotten an indication from DEP that a PBR will be sufficient?
- 3. Bid documents say that "Fees for permits issued by the Town will be waived where allowed". Can you specifically say that the building permit fee will be waived?
- 4. Can you more clearly describe your intention with regards to centering the approach in the right of way? From the sketches, it appears that the westerly approach wall will shift outboard of the existing wall and the easterly will shift inboard, but the timber pier itself will remain in essentially the same location. Is that correct?

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 252-4925 with any questions

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Toohey

Here are the responses to the RFI submitted by Maritime Construction and Engineering, LLC on August 9, 2018 (see attached RFI):

- 1. Primarily the Bids award will be based on lowest cost. However, if a bid comes in significantly lower in comparison to the other bids then there will be an examination of the content behind that bid. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids but is bound by its ordinance to chose the lowest, responsible bid. As an example, one of the pre-bidders suggested that the low bid could be submitted with hemlock planks and timbers. Since this would not meet the specifications it would be rejected.
- 2. The town has applied for environmental permits and will submit the requirements for those permit to bidders prior to the bid opening.
- 3. No Town permits are required, but a State Electrical permit is and that is the responsibility of the Contractor.
- 4. Right now, the town's abutment abuts the neighbor's property with no setback. The Town's intent is to move the centerline of the approach so that it overlies the center-line of its right-of-way. This means it will be moved towards the Tobey property as shown on Sheet 4 or 4. But the foot-print of the new wooden pier will overlie the existing footprint for all intents and purposes.