

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION to BID

The **Town of Ridgefield** invites all interested parties to submit sealed bids on the following:

Bid Due Date: Thursday, July 7, 2022

Bid Due Time: 11:00 AM

Bid Item: Paving Services - 2022

Bid Number: 22-10

Terms and conditions as well as the description of items being bid are stated in the specifications. **Specifications may be obtained at the following address:**

**Town of Ridgefield
Jacob Muller
400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT. 06877
203-431-2720**

Or downloaded from www.ridgefieldct.org in “Governments” “View All Departments” – “Purchasing” – “Bid Notices”

The return bid shall be delivered in a sealed envelope OR sent via FAX or email to the following listed below:

**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
BID NUMBER: 2022-09
400 MAIN STREET
RIDGEFIELD, CT. 06877**

Bids must be received no later than the date and time stated above at the Purchasing Director's via FAX or email only. If you do not have fax or email access, please see contact information below. **For further information**, please call **Jacob Muller at (203) 431-2720** or E-Mail at purchasing@ridgefieldct.org

Results may be viewed at www.ridgefieldct.org in the Purchasing Section under Departments after the bid opening.

Bid Documents available at www.ridgefieldct.org in “Governments” “View All Departments” – “Purchasing” – “Bid Notices”

Bid Results may be viewed at www.ridgefieldct.org in “Governments” – “View All Departments” – “Purchasing” – “Bid Results”

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Submit proposals in a sealed envelope plainly marked with bid number to identify this particular proposal.
2. Withdrawals of or amendments to bids received later than the time and date specified for bid opening will not be considered.
3. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ridgefield reserves the right to accept or reject any or all options, bids or proposals; to waive any technicality in any bid or part thereof, and to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut.
4. Bidders may be present at the opening of bids.
5. Bids may be held by the Town of Ridgefield for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders prior to the awarding of the contract.
6. Insurance requirements, if any, must be submitted with the bid. This includes any Hold Harmless requirements as well as Certificates of Insurance for the full amounts specified. **Unauthorized changes** to these forms, i.e. adding, striking out and/or changing any words, language or limits **will cause the bidder to be disqualified**.

Please Note: Certificates of Insurance, if required, MUST name the Town of Ridgefield as **Additional Insured**. Failure to do so will mean disqualification from the Bid. There will no exceptions.

7. **Permits:** It is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain any necessary permits prior to the start of construction. All work shall be completed in compliance with the latest edition of the prevailing fire prevention and building codes in effect in the State of Connecticut, the latest edition of the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Incidental Construction, Town of

Ridgefield Road Construction Standards, or as set forth in these specifications.

8. **Emergency Work:** The Contractor shall file with the Engineer a telephone number of a person authorized by him who may be contacted regarding emergency work at the job site that may be required during non-working hours for reasons of public safety. The person shall be readily available and have full authority to deal with any emergency that may occur.
9. **Sales Tax:** In accordance with the provisions of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, and Section 12-412(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, sales of tangible personal property and services to the Town are not subject to the Connecticut Sales and Use Tax, and such tax shall not be included as part of the bid.
10. **Contractor's Qualification Statement:** The Contractor's Qualification Statement must be filled out as part of the bid package and the experience and references listed therein will be one to the determining factors in the awarding of the bid.
11. **Hold Harmless Agreement:** In order for the bid to be considered valid, the Contractor **must** sign the enclosed hold harmless agreement. Bids submitted without the signed hold harmless agreement will be rejected.
12. **Prevailing Wage Rates:** This project **IS** subject to the State of Connecticut's prevailing wage rates.
13. **SBE/MBE and Contract Compliance Requirements:** This project **is not** subject to the State of Connecticut SBE/MBE set aside and contract compliance requirements.
14. **Time of Completion:** All work must be completed within **45 days** from receipt of the notice to proceed.
15. **Bonds:** A Payment and Performance bond is not the full amount of the Proposal will be required of the successful bidder. The bond must be in the form of a surety bond of a type satisfactory to the Town of Ridgefield. All sureties must be listed on the most recent IRS Circular 570. The bond shall be delivered to the Office of the Town Engineer before commencing the work.
16. **Bid Bond:** A Bid Bond is not required.
17. **Project Locations:** See attached scope

18. **Bid Submissions:** The following items shall be submitted for a bid to be considered complete:
- (a) Letter of Proposal
 - (b) Executed Hold Harmless Agreement
 - (c) Certificates of Insurance in conformance to Item 6 above
 - (d) Contractor's List of Subcontractor's (if none, state none)
 - (e) Contractor's Qualification Statement

Reclamation and paving of partial sections of Peaceable St. and Ned's Mountain Rd

The Town of Ridgefield is requesting bids for the reclamation, paving and installation of curbing and aprons for partial sections of:

- I. Peaceable Street from the intersection with High Ridge Rd., including both sides of the island, then proceeding west to the intersection with Westmorland Rd.
 - A. Reclaim approximately 5500 sq. yds. 6-8 inches deep
 - B. Remove all curbing and approximately 17 aprons
 - C. Rough, final grade and compact
 - D. Install 1 ½ inch Class1/HMA SO.50 asphalt binder approximately 475tons
 - E. Install approximately 3300 feet of curbing before surface course
 - F. Install 1 ½ inch class 2/HMA .0375 surface course approximately 475tons
 - G. Install approximately 17 aprons
- II. Ned's Mountain Rd. from Ridgebury Rd. East to house #170
 - A. Reclaim approximately 7000 sq. yds. 6-8 inches deep
 - B. Remove curbing and approximately 17 aprons
 - C. Rough, final grade and compact
 - D. Install 1 ½ inch Class1/HMA SO.50 asphalt binder approximately 625 tons
 - E. Install 1 ½ inch Class2/HMA .375 asphalt surface approximately 625 tons
 - F. Install approximately 17 aprons

The work shall be consist of the installation of bituminous concrete materials, milling and reclaiming operations in accordance with Connecticut Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Incidental Construction, Form 816, latest revision, all related sections.

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, tools, supplies, and other facilities and means necessary or proper to lay in place the materials and perform operations as described, and to include all handwork and curbing as necessary for the completion of pavement in place, reclaiming, and all related work. The Contractor is responsible for setting the rough and final grading after reclaiming, so the roadway grades will shed storm water. Following reclaiming, the Town will provide and deliver additional base materials if necessary. Raised structures must be painted in fluorescent orange paint following all milling or reclaiming operations. A water truck must be used as necessary to control dust following reclaiming until paving is complete. Paving end-of-run cold joints must be saw cut square and prepared with emulsion prior to beginning the new paving run. This bid will be considered an State of Connecticut prevailing wage project.

All work shall be scheduled as directed by the Superintendent of Public Services or his representative.

Traffic control will be provided by the Town of Ridgefield Highway Department.

Purchasing Department, Town of Ridgefield, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT.
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203-431-2720 & purchasing@ridgefieldct.org

APPENDIX - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder shall carry and maintain the following insurance coverage during the period of the contract : The Certificate of Insurance for the Limits of Liability stated below should be submitted with your bid to the Purchasing Department at Town Hall. **Bidders may not perform any work until all insurance requirements are met.**

1. **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance** as will protect him, the Town, and any subcontractor performing work covered by this Contract, from claims for damages for personal injury, including accidental or wrongful death, as well as claims for property damages, which may arise from operations under this Contract whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Liability insurance shall include premises and operations, products, contractual, owners, and contractors protective. The minimum amounts of such insurance shall be as follows:
 - Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability:
\$1,000,000 each occurrence.
 - **The Town shall be named as an Additional Insured**
This **MUST** be stated explicitly on the Certificate or you will be **disqualified**
2. **Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability** for all of his employees, employed at the site and in case any work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the later unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor.
 - Worker's Compensation and Employer Liability:
Statutory Limits
3. **Comprehensive Auto Liability Insurance:**
 - **Bodily Injury Insurance and Property Damage Insurance** covering the operation of all Motor Vehicles owned, hired and/or non-owned by the Contractor, or used by the Contractor in the Prosecution of the work under the Contract, shall be in the minimum of **\$1,000,000 each occurrence.**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned covenants and agrees to and shall at all times indemnify, protect and save harmless the Town of Ridgefield from and against all costs or expenses resulting from any and all losses, damages, detriments, claims, demands, cost and charges including attorneys fees the Town of Ridgefield may directly or indirectly suffer, sustain or be subjected to by reason or on account of the work to be performed pursuant to this Contract or any activities in connection with said Contract whether such losses and damages be suffered or sustained by the Town of Ridgefield directly or by its employees, licenses or invitees or be suffered or sustained by other persons or corporations who may seek to hold the Town of Ridgefield liable therefore.

The Contractor shall comply with the Provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 effective and enforceable as of June 6, 1987 which Act makes unlawful the hiring for employment or subcontracting individuals failing to provide documentation of legal eligibility to work in the United States. The Contractor shall hold the Town of Ridgefield harmless for the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions of said Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hand and seal this on the _____ day of _____

Signed, Seated and Delivered in the
Presence of:

Signed:

Notary Public

All policies relating to this Contract shall be so written so that the Town shall be notified of cancellation or change at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date for each policy and type of coverage except for nonpayment which shall be ten (10) days prior to the cancellation. Renewal certificate covering the renewal of all policies expiring during the life of the Contract shall be filed with the Town not less than ten (10) days before the expiration of such policies. Failure to do so will result in work stoppage and possible contract cancellation.

CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

List below references for similar projects, including all information requested. This page must be completed and submitted with the bid.

1. Client: _____

Project Address: _____

Approximate Value: _____ Date: Started _____ Completed _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

2. Client: _____

Project Address: _____

Approximate Value: _____ Date: Started _____ Completed _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

3. Client: _____

Project Address: _____

Approximate Value: _____ Date: Started _____ Completed _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

4. Client: _____

Project Address: _____

Approximate Value: _____ Date: Started _____ Completed _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

Company: _____ Bid Title: _____

Street: _____ Bid No.: _____

City, State: _____ Telephone No.: _____

CONTRACTOR'S LIST OF SUBCONTRACTORS

List below the subcontractors intended to be utilized for this project. This page must be completed and submitted with the bid.

1. Firm: _____

Firm's Address: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

Type of Work to be Performed: _____

2. Firm: _____

Firm's Address: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

Type of Work to be Performed: _____

3. Firm: _____

Firm's Address: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

Type of Work to be Performed: _____

4. Firm: _____

Firm's Address: _____

Contact: Name _____ Telephone _____

Type of Work to be Performed: _____

Company: _____

Bid Title: _____

Street: _____

Bid No.: _____

City, State: _____

Telephone No.: _____

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. CONTRACTOR'S UNDERSTANDING:

It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the work, the conformation of the ground, the character quality and quantity of materials to be encountered, the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the prosecution of the work, the general and local conditions, and all other matters which can in any way affect the work under this Contract. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of the Owner, either before or after the execution of this contract, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein contained.

2. DEFINITIONS:

OWNER:

The word "Owner" when it appears in the Contract Documents shall mean The Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

ENGINEER:

The word "Engineer" when it appears in the contract Documents shall mean: Jacob Muller, Director of Facilities, or his specifically designated Agent.

CONTRACTOR:

The word "Contractor" when it appears in the Contract Documents shall mean the party to whom the Contract has been awarded.

3. MATERIALS, APPLIANCES AND EMPLOYEES:

Unless otherwise stipulated, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, light, power, transportation and other facilities necessary for the execution and completion of the work. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new and both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality. The Contractor shall, if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials.

The Contractor shall at all times endorse strict discipline and good order among his employees, and shall not employ on the work any unfit person or any one not skilled in the work assigned to him.

4. PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY:

The Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all his work from damage and shall protect the Owner's property from injury or loss arising in connection with this Contract. He shall make good any such damage, injury or loss, except such as may be directly due to errors in the Contract Documents or caused by agents or employees of the Owner. He shall adequately protect adjacent property as provided by law and the Contract Documents. He shall provide and maintain all passageways, guard fences, lights and other facilities for protection required by public authority or local conditions.

In an emergency affecting the safety of life or of the work or of adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from the Engineer, is hereby permitted to act at his discretion, to prevent such threatened loss or injury, and he shall so act, without appeal, if so instructed or authorized. Any compensation claimed by the Contractor on account of emergency work, shall be determined by agreement or arbitration.

5. CHANGES IN THE WORK:

The Owner, without invalidating the Contract, may order extra work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the Contract Sum being adjusted accordingly. All such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original Contract except that any claim for extension of time caused thereby shall be adjusted at the time of ordering such change.

In giving instructions, the Engineer shall have authority to make minor changes in the work, not involving extra cost, and not inconsistent with the purposes of the work, but otherwise, except in an emergency, endangering life or property, no extra work or change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order by the Engineer, and no claim for an addition to the Contract Sum shall be valid unless so ordered.

The value of any such extra work or change shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:

- (a) By estimate and acceptance in a lump sum.
- (b) By unit prices named in the Contract subsequently agreed upon.
- (c) By cost and percentage or by cost and a fixed fee.

If none of the above methods is agreed upon, the Contractor, provided he receives an order as above, shall proceed with the work. In such case, and also under case (c), he shall keep and present in such form as the Engineer may direct, a correct account of the net cost of labor and materials, together with

vouchers. In any case, the Engineer shall certify to the amount, including reasonable allowance for overhead and profit, due to the Contractor. Pending final determination of value, payments on account of changes shall be made on the Engineer's estimate.

6. CLAIMS FOR EXTRA COST:

If the Contractor claims that any instructions by drawings or otherwise involve extra cost under this Contract, he shall give the Engineer written notice thereof within a reasonable time after the receipt of such instructions and in any event before proceeding to execute the work, except in emergency endangering life or property, and the procedure shall then be as provided for changes in the work. No such claim shall be valid unless so made.

7. SUSPENSION OF WORK:

The Owner may at any time suspend the work, or any part thereof by giving 24 hours notice to the Contractor in writing. The work shall be resumed by the Contractor within ten (10) days after the date fixed in the written notice from the owner to the Contractor to do so. The Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for expense incurred by the Contractor in connection with the work under this contract as a result of such suspension.

8. THE OWNER'S RIGHT TO DO WORK:

If the Contractor should neglect to prosecute the work properly or fail to perform any provision of this Contract, the Owner, after three days written notice to the Contractor may, without prejudice to any other remedy he may have, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof from the payment then or thereafter due the Contractor.

9. PAYMENTS WITHHELD:

The Owner may withhold or, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, nullify the whole or part of any certificate to such extent as may be necessary to protect him from loss on account of the following:

- (a) Defective work not remedied.
- (b) Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims.
- (c) Failure of the Contractor to make payments properly to subcontractors or for material or labor.
- (d) A reasonable doubt that the Contract can be completed for the balance then unpaid.
- (e) Damage to another Contractor.

When the above grounds are removed, payment shall be made for amount withheld because of them.

10. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE:

The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under workmen's compensation acts and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the engineer, if he so requires and shall be subject to his approval for adequacy of protection.

11. INDEMNITY:

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner from and against all losses and all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recovered against him, by reason of any act or omission of the said Contractor, his agents or employees, in the execution of the work or in the guarding of it.

The Contractor shall, and is hereby authorized to maintain and pay for such insurance, issued in the name of the Owner, as will protect the Owner from his contingent liability under this Contract, and the Owner's right to force against the Contractor any provision of this article shall be contingent upon the full compliance by the Owner with the terms of such insurance policy or policies, a copy of which shall be deposited with the Owner.

12. DAMAGES:

Any claim for damage arising under this Contract shall be made in writing to the party liable within a reasonable time of the first observance of such damage and not later than the time of final payment, except as expressly stipulated otherwise in the case of faulty work or materials, and shall be adjusted by agreement or arbitration.

13. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract or sublet it as a whole without the written consent of the other, nor shall the Contractor assign any moneys due to or to become due to him hereunder, without the previous written consent of the Engineer.

14. ENGINEER'S STATUS:

The Engineer shall have general supervision and direction of the work. He has authority to stop the work whenever such stoppage may be necessary to insure the proper execution of the Contract. He shall also have authority to reject all work and materials which do not conform to the Contract, to direct the application of forces to any portion of the work, as in his judgment is required, and to order the force increased or diminished, and to decide questions which arise in the execution of the work.

15. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

At the end of each calendar month, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer a requisition for payment which requisition shall be based upon the actual amount of the work performed during the previous month. The requisition may include materials stored on the site but not installed. The Engineer shall, within ten (10) days, check the requisition against his review of the work which has been done and submit it to the Owner, a written statement as to the validity of the requisition. The Owner shall then pay to the Contractor one **hundred percent (100%)** of the amount stated in the Engineer's report. **No payment shall be made until the Contractor has satisfied all prevailing wage reporting requirements if prevailing wages are a part of this contract.**

16. FINAL PAYMENT:

When the Contract has been completed, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer in writing. Upon receipt of this notification, the Engineer shall proceed to make final measurements of the work done under the provisions of this Contract. The Engineer shall then submit to the Owner a written statement setting forth these final measurements and the amount due the Contractor consistent with the unit prices and lump sum bid in the Proposal. The Owner shall within sixty (60) days pay to the Contractor this sum except that he may deduct any moneys which are to be retained under the terms of the Contract for repairs or otherwise.

Prior to the issuance of the final payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer the attached Project Closeout Documents fully executed and notarized.

17. ORDER OF THE WORK:

The order of the work shall be subject to the approval of the Engineer in all cases. The Contractor may be required to submit a work schedule in writing to the Engineer for his approval.

18. (OMITTED)**19. PROTECTION TO PUBLIC:**

The Contractor shall conduct the work in such a manner as to offer minimum disturbance to the traveling public. He shall not close off traffic without specific permission of the Engineer and shall provide flagmen if such becomes necessary, in the opinion of the Engineer. Proper barricades, lights, and other protective devices shall be supplied at the Contractor's expense and properly maintained during the entire course of the work.

20. GUARANTEE:

The Contractor guarantees that the work to be done under this Contract and the materials furnished by him and used in the construction of the project are free from defects or flaws. The guarantee is for a term of one (1) year from and after the date upon which the final estimate of the Engineer is formally approved by the party of the first part. It is hereby agreed and understood that this guarantee shall not include any repairs made necessary by any cause or causes other than defective materials furnished by or defective work done by the Contractor.

21. RATE OF PROGRESS AND TIME OF COMPLETION:

The Contractor shall commence work within seven (7) days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed and, unless an extension of time shall be made in the manner herein provided, shall progress therewith to final completion within ***sixty (60) consecutive calendar days*** after receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

22. EXTENSION OF TIME:

The Contractor expressly covenants and agrees that, in undertaking to complete the work within the time specified, he has taken into consideration and made allowance for all of the ordinary delays and hindrances incident to such work, whether growing out of delays in securing materials, workmen, or otherwise. Should the Contractor, however, be substantially delayed in the prosecution and completion of the work by any changes, additions, or omissions therein ordered in writing by the engineer, or by fire, lightning, earthquake, tornado, cyclone, riot, insurrection of war, or by the abandonment of the work by the workmen engaged therein, through no fault of the Contractor, or by the discharge of all or any material number of workmen in consequence of difficulties arising between the Contractor and such workmen, or by the neglect, delay, or default of any other contractor of the town, then the Contractor may, within five (5) days after the occurrence of the delay for which he claims allowance, notify the Engineer in writing, and thereupon, and otherwise, the Contractor shall be allowed such additional time for the completion of the work, as the Engineer in his discretion shall award in writing, and his decision shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. Such additional time shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for any delay claimed by the Contractor.

23. SALES TAX:

In accordance with the provisions of Special Act No. 77-98, as amended, and Section 12-412(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, sales of tangible personal property and services to the Town are not subject to the Connecticut Sales and Use Tax, and such tax shall not be included as part of the bid.

24. Termination of the Contract:

If the Owner fails to make payment thereon for a period of 30 days, the Contractor may, upon seven additional days written notice to the Owner,

terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for work executed and for proven loss with respect to materials, equipment tools, and construction equipment and machinery, including reasonable overhead, profit and damages applicable to the project.

If the contractor defaults or persistently fails or neglects to carry out the work in accordance with the Contract Documents or fails to perform a provision of the Contract, the Owner, after seven days written notice to the Contractor and without prejudice to any other remedy the Owner may have, may make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof, including compensation for the Engineer's services and expenses made necessary thereby, from the payment then or thereafter due the Contractor. Alternatively, at the Owner's option, and upon certification by the Engineer that sufficient cause exists to justify such action, the Owner may terminate the Contract and take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor and may finish the Work by whatever method the Owner may deem expedient. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum exceeds costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for the Engineer's services and expenses made necessary thereby, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor, but if such costs exceed such unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner.

Supplemental Information for Bidders and General Contract Provisions

1. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be made upon forms contained herein or as directed elsewhere. The blank spaces in the Proposal must be filled in correctly where indicated. The Bidder must state the prices for which he proposes to do each item of the work contemplated. In case of discrepancy where both words and the numerals are requested, the words shall govern. Ditto marks are not considered writing or printing and shall not be used. The Bidder shall sign his Proposal correctly. If the Proposal is made by an individual, his name, post office addresses and telephone number must be shown. If made by a firm, partnership, or corporation, the Proposal must be signed by an official of the firm, partnership, or corporation authorized to sign contracts, and must show the post office address and telephone number of the firm, partnership, or corporation. Failure to do so may disqualify the bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, post office address, bid number, and name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to: The Purchasing Director, Town Hall, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

All information shall be entered in ink or by typewriter. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections inserted before submission of your bid. The person signing the bid shall initial corrections in ink.

Corrections and/or modifications received after the closing time specified will not be accepted.

2. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Descriptive literature containing complete specifications must accompany each bid. If a bidder wishes to furnish additional information, more sheets may be added.

3. INCURRING COSTS

The Town of Ridgefield is not liable for any cost incurred for the preparation of proposals or submission of samples by the firms submitting proposals for the work requested in this bid document or request for proposals.

4. FAMILIARITY WITH THE WORK

Each bidder is considered to have examined the work to fully acquaint him with the exact existing conditions relating to the work and has fully informed himself as to the work involved and the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of this bid. The submission of a bid will be considered as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such examination.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR SERVICE

Previous performance, quality of service and merchandise will be considered.

6. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS & ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

At the time of the opening of bids each bidder will be presumed to have inspected the work and to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with all of the Contract Documents (including all addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any form, instruction or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to his bid.

If any person contemplating submitting a proposal is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of these specifications, he may submit a written request for an interpretation to the Purchasing Director. No interpretations as to the meaning of the plans, specifications or other Contract Documents will be made to any bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to the Town of Ridgefield, Purchasing Director, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877, and to be given consideration, must be received at least five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplementary instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be mailed by Registered Mail with Return Receipt Requested to all prospective bidders at the respective addresses furnished for such purposes, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Failure of any bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretations shall not relieve any bidder from any obligations under his bid as submitted. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. Oral explanations will not be binding on the Town.

The specifications listed are to be interpreted as meaning the minimum acceptable by the Town of Ridgefield. Bidders are requested to submit quotations on the basis of these specifications. Alternative bids providing a broader scope and/or services than requested in these specifications may receive consideration providing such equipment and/or service is clearly explained. Any exceptions to the specifications requested herein must be clearly noted in writing and are to be included as a part of your bid proposal. If none are included it will be assumed that there are none.

Definition of the word "complete" means that each unit of the equipment proposed shall include all appurtenances, fasteners, parts, accessories, and services ordinarily catalogued.

An item equal to that named or described in the specifications may be furnished by the Bidder, except where expressly noted as "no substitutions." The naming of any commercial name, trademark, or other identification shall not be construed to exclude any item of any manufacturer not mentioned by name, nor limit competition, but shall establish a standard of equality only. An item shall be considered equal to the item so

named or described if:

- a. It is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength and design.
- b. It will perform at least equally the function imposed by the design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased.
- c. It conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications.

The Bidder shall hold the Town of Ridgefield, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind because of use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret process, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used under this bid, and agrees to defend, at his own expense, any and all actions brought against the Town of Ridgefield or himself because of the unauthorized use of such articles.

7. QUOTATION LIMITATION

Bidders shall offer only **ONE ITEM AND PRICE** for each line item bid. If an or-equal item is to be bid, the bidder is to select the brand and model that meets or exceeds the specified item, and submit his bid for that item.

8. ESTIMATE OF WORK

For bidding purposes, the work has been subdivided into unit price items. The quantities shown are to be considered as approximate only. The Purchasing Agent does not expressly or by implication agree that the actual quantity will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any item or portion of the work as deemed necessary.

9. SAMPLES

Samples of articles, when required shall be furnished free of cost of any sort to the Town of Ridgefield. Samples received may be retained by the Town for future comparison. Samples which are not destroyed by testing, or which are not retained for future comparison will be returned upon request at the bidder's expense.

10. WITHDRAWAL OF BID

Bidders may withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the bid date. No agent/broker shall withdraw or cancel their proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid closing date. The successful agent/broker shall not withdraw, cancel or modify their proposal.

11. POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorneys-in-fact who sign contract bonds must file, with each bond, a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

12. SUBCONTRACTORS

Each bidder contemplating the use of any subcontractor shall submit a list of subcontractors as listed on the Bid Form. The apparent low bidder shall file with the Town of Ridgefield, within five (5) days after the date of bid opening, a complete list of the names and addresses of competent, responsible and qualified subcontractors who are actually to perform major portions of the work. This in no way restricts or limits the requirement that all subcontractors must be approved by the Town. Subcontractors listed on the Bid Form or those previously approved may not be changed without the approval of the Town of Ridgefield. Local subcontractors, material suppliers, and labor in the Town of Ridgefield should be considered and sought insofar, as is practical in the performance of this project.

13. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDER

In determining the qualifications of a bidder, the Town may consider his record in the performance of any contracts for similar work into which he may have previously entered; and the Town expressly reserves the right to reject the bid of such bidder if such record discloses that such bidder, in the opinion of the Town, has not properly performed such contracts or has habitually, and without just cause, neglected the payment of bills or has otherwise disregarded his obligations to subcontractors, suppliers, state or local codes, men or employees of subcontractors. The Town may make such investigation as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work and the bidder shall furnish to the Town all such information and data for this purpose as the Town may request. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by or the investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the Town that such bidder is properly qualified, or that such bidder misrepresented material facts in the bid documents.

14. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or an association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder is interested in more than one proposal for the work contemplated will cause the rejection of all proposals in which such Bidder is interested. Any or all proposals in which such Bidder is interested will be rejected if there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders and all participants in such collusion will not be considered in future proposals for the same work. Proposals in which the prices are obviously unbalanced may be rejected. No Contract will be awarded except to competent Bidders capable of performing the class of work contemplated.

15. DELIVERY

Inasmuch as this work concerns a needed public improvement, the provisions of this bid relating to the time of delivery, performance and completion of the work are of the essence of this bid. Accordingly, the successful bidder shall commence work **upon receipt of the signed Purchase Order** unless the Town shall authorize or direct a further

delay. Time of delivery shall be stated as the number of calendar days following receipt of the Purchase Order by the Bidder to receipt of the goods or services by the Town of Ridgefield. Prices quoted must include delivery to the Town of Ridgefield as specified on the Purchase Order. No charges will be allowed for parking, crating, freight, express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in this bid.

Time of delivery may be considered in the award.

16. PAYMENT

The Town, after inspection and acceptance of workmanship, and in consideration of the faithful performance by the Bidder of all and singular his covenants, promises, and agreements contained herein, agrees to pay the Bidder for the full completion by him of the work embraced in this Contract, within (30) Thirty Days of the receipt of the final invoice. When subcontractors or suppliers are utilized, the successful Bidder for this project shall be required to submit a Mechanics Lien Waiver, acceptable to the Town, with each progress payment and/or at time of final payment prior to any payment being made.

Time, in connection with any discount offered, will be computed from the date of delivery to the Town or from the date a correct invoice is received by the Town's Finance Department, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery. Prices will be considered as **NET**, if no cash or payment discount is shown.

The successful bidder shall submit invoices to the following address:

Town of Ridgefield
Office of the Facilities Director
400 Main Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT SHOULD A BID BE ACCEPTED, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE CONTRACT OR AN ADDENDUM TO ANY CONTRACT AGREED UPON.

Notification of the bid award will be made by issuance of a purchase order. Bidders are to list their bids on the appropriate attached sheets. Bidders may attach a letter of explanation. A clear notification should be made on the standard bid sheets at the appropriate point of explanation that there is a letter of explanation attached. All bids must be NET prices.

The successful bidder shall submit an itemized invoice to the Town of Ridgefield for the work as described herein.

The bidder shall be required to submit a Mechanics Lien Waiver, acceptable to the Town of Ridgefield, with each progress payment and at time of final payment prior to any

payment being made.

At the time of award the successful bidder shall be required to supply the Town of Ridgefield a Certificate of Good Standing, certifying that the corporation is in fact a valid corporation and presently licensed to conduct business in the State of Connecticut.

17. SALES TAX

Certain materials and supplies incorporated in the work of this project are exempt from Connecticut Sales Tax. The Bidder shall familiarize himself with current regulations of the State Tax Department. The tax on materials or supplies exempted by such regulations shall not be included as part of the bid. The Town will furnish the successful Bidder sales tax exemption authorization.

18. CARE AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

The Bidder shall take particular care to avoid damages to all private and public property and to private or public improvements within the Town's right of way. He shall make good any damages to the satisfaction of the Town. There shall be no additional compensation for the repair or restoration of private or public property improvements.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL CODES

The Bidder shall be responsible for full compliance with any Federal, State and/or Local codes, laws, regulations and standards, as applicable.

20. AWARD

The Town of Ridgefield reserves the right to accept or reject any bid to best serve its interests, or to hold the bids for sixty (60) days before decision.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids (or any part thereof), to waive defects in proposals, or to accept any proposal deemed to be in its best interest.

Exceptions will be considered to the specification provided, providing they are listed and fully explained on a separate page entitled "EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS"

Each exception will be considered as to its degree of impact and total effect on the bid. The purchaser shall determine which (if any taken) exceptions are acceptable, and this determination shall be final.

The Town of Ridgefield reserves the right:

- a. To award bids received on the basis of individual items, or groups of items, or on the entire list of items.
- b. To reject any or all bids, or any part thereof.

- c. To waive any informality in the bids.
- d. To accept the bid that is in the best interest of the Town of Ridgefield. The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final.

21. INSURANCE

Insurance requirements are detailed under the attached "Insurance Requirements."

22. GUARANTEE

The bidder shall unconditionally guarantee for a period of one (1) year, except as specifically noted within these documents, from the date of acceptance, all materials, supplies, equipment, and services; including but not limited to its workmanship, delivery and installation. If within the guarantee period there are any defects or signs of deterioration the bidder shall repair, adjust or replace the item(s) to the complete satisfaction of the Town. These repairs, adjustments, or replacements are at the sole expense of the bidder and shall be made at such times that are agreeable to the Purchasing Agent so that it is least detrimental to instructional programs.

23. PERMITS

When required all licenses and permits for complying with any applicable Federal, State, and Municipal laws, codes, regulations in connection with the prosecution of the work shall be obtained by the Bidder, at no additional cost to the Town.

24. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The successful bidder shall agree and warrant that, in the performance of this contract, he will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin in any manner prohibited by State, Federal, County, or Municipal law. A certification of Non-segregated Facilities and a Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity shall be considered a part of this contract.

25. MECHANICS LIEN WAIVERS

The successful Bidder shall be required to submit a Mechanics Lien Waiver, acceptable to the Town of Ridgefield, with each progress payment, and/or at time of final payment, prior to any payment made.