SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

1. Sealed Bids for **Contract 8 – Water Mains – Southern System Backbone, Eastham, MA** project will be received by the Town Administrators Office at the Eastham Town Hall, 2500 State Highway, Eastham, Massachusetts 02642 until **2:30 p.m. prevailing time on Thursday, April 14, 2016**, at which time said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be submitted within a sealed envelope addressed to the Town of Eastham and entitled "Contract 8 – Water Mains – Southern System Backbone."

2. In general and without limitation the work includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the installation of approximately 22,600 linear feet of 12-inch class 50 ductile-iron water main, 14,700 linear feet of 8-inch class 50 ductile-iron water main, 1,800 linear feet of 6-inch class 50 ductile-iron water main, gate valves, hydrants, water services, road surface restoration, and all necessary and incidental appurtenances to complete the water main installation. The work also includes a bridge crossing over the Boat Meadow River on Bridge Road.

3. The Base Bid includes all work within the Contract Documents on Town rights-of-way. The Additive Bid Alternate includes all work within the Contract Documents on private property. The Owner is currently securing private property utility or access easements to perform the work under the Additive Bid Alternate. If the easements have not been secured at the time of the bid opening or award of the contract, the Base Bid will be awarded. In such event, the work will be awarded to the qualified bidder submitting the lowest price for the specific items of the Base Bid. Bidders shall have no claim against the Owner for the reduced scope of the work or for its selection of the items of work to be awarded.

4. Drawings and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Eastham Department of Public Works, Natural Resources Office, 555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA 02642, (508) 240-5973, and examined and obtained at Environmental Partners Group, Inc. 1900 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 402, Quincy, MA 02169, beginning on March 23, 2016 after 9:00 a.m. To obtain Contract Documents, a $75 refundable deposit is required. Cash will not be accepted. Contact Ms. Deborah Nestel at Environmental Partners Group, Inc. at 617-657-0200.

5. Drawings and other Contract Documents will be mailed, if requested, upon receipt of a street address (not a P.O. Box) suitable for commercial carrier delivery, and an additional check in the amount of $50.00, payable to Environmental Partners Group as a non-refundable postage and handling fee. Do not combine amounts into one check. Document deposits will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the opening of general bids. Drawings and Specifications must be returned to Environmental Partners Group, 1900 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 402, Quincy, MA 02169 for refunds of deposits; no Drawings and Specifications will be accepted at the bid opening.

6. A pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Water Projects Site Trailer, Eastham Department of Public Works, 555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA 02642.

7. It is the intent of this Contract to begin construction in **May 2016**, and to complete all construction activities within **365 calendar days**. The Contractor will be required to provide and employ a minimum of two construction crews to complete the work in this contract within the allotted time for completion.

8. Contract payment will be by the unit price method or the lump sum method as indicated on the Bid Proposal. No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the actual date of the opening of the Bids.

9. Bidders shall certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facility that is segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or sexual preference.

10. Complete instructions for submitting bids can be found in the Instructions to Bidders, Section 00100.

11. For minimum qualifications of Bidders, refer to the Instruction to Bidders, Section 00100, Article 3.

12. Each bid shall also be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check, bid bond or cash in the amount of 5 percent of the value of the Bid.

13. Bidders shall certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facility that is segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or sexual preference.

14. State Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project. State and Federal Minimum Wage Rates are contained in Appendix B of the Contract Documents.

15. Successful bidder must furnish 100 percent Construction Performance Bond and 100 percent Construction Payment Bond with a surety company acceptable to the Owner.

16. The bidding and award of the Contract shall be in full compliance with Section 39M of Chapter 30 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as last revised.

17. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality, to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids, or take whatever action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Eastham, Massachusetts.

18. The Owner also reserves the right to omit part or whole of any proposed work to be performed,

as shown on the Contract Drawings, as may be required to maintain the total cost of work within available funds. Contract award will be contingent on approval of permits and funding agency approval.

19. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The goals for this project are a minimum of 3.40 percent D/MBE participation and 3.80 percent D/WBE participation by certified DBEs. The two low bidders shall submit completed DBE forms (EEO-DEP-190, EEO-DEP-191 and the DBE Certification of United States Citizenship form) by the close of business on the third business day after bid opening. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

20. This project requires compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection's Diesel Retrofit Program.

21. This project is to funded in part by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust"). The Contractor shall comply with all funding requirements.

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