

PORT MILWAUKEE
BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICIAL NOTICE NO. 689
November 6, 2024
INVITATION TO BID
CONTRACT NUMBER 689

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids for railroad system maintenance on Port property on the South Harbor Tract, will be received by the City of Milwaukee Board of Harbor Commissioners at its office at 2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207 until Friday, November 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at which time and place the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Port Milwaukee owns roughly 14 miles of track and 56 switches. This is intended to be a rail maintenance contract. The maintenance work to be done will be determined by the Engineer or designated Port Milwaukee employee and will consist of typical rail system maintenance, including but not limited to: replacement of crossties and switch ties, gauging track, repairing frogs and switches. The Port has an immediate need for reconstruction of approximately 800 track feet of rail. This contract will extend from the day of award until December 31, 2025.

2. BID BOND

Each bidder must submit a bid bond in the amount of 10 percent of its bid.

3. THE LOWEST COMPETENT AND RELIABLE BIDDER WILL BE AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PERFORM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED WORK.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will award this contract to the lowest reliable and competent bidder. In the case of a tie low bid, the Board of Harbor Commissioners reserves the right to determine the award. No bid will be considered as accepted until the Board of Harbor Commissioners votes to accept it.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Copies of the standard Board of Harbor Commissioners' contract documents, including Plans and Specifications for the above-described work will be available as of November 6, 2024 from the Board at its offices upon the payment of a \$20 deposit by check or money order only (no cash), refundable upon return of those documents by December 31, 2024. Electronic copies of the contract documents will be made available upon request by emailing PortFinance@milwaukee.gov.

All questions related to this proposed contract or related to the interested bidders list must be directed in writing to PortFinance@milwaukee.gov no later than seven days before the bid opening date, by Friday, November 15, 2024. Questions received after this deadline or directed to other contacts at Port Milwaukee or the City of Milwaukee will not be recognized.

5. SBE PARTICIPATION

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation of 5 percent for excavation, demolition, grading, trucking, or paving work is required on this contract, unless waived by the City. No SBE participation will be required for maintenance work on this contract. In accordance with Chapter 370 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, SBE participants must be certified by the City of Milwaukee Office of Small business Development (OSBD). Telephone: 414-286-5553; Website: milwaukee.gov/osbd

All contractors awarded a contract valued at \$25,000 or more with SBE requirements shall participate in training on and report regular payments in the City of Milwaukee's Compliance Reporting and Certification System (CRCS). Contractors must complete the training no later than 30 days after the date of contract award. Throughout the contract term, Contractors are required to provide timely monthly payment information in the City's CRCS at <https://milwaukee.diversitycompliance.com/>. Please contact the Office of Small Business Development (OSBD) at 414-286-5553 should you have any questions or concerns regarding the training and reporting process.