

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS For VEAZIE DAM REMOVAL Greetings to Interested Contractors: The Penobscot River Restoration Trust (PRRT) is interested in developing a prequalified list of construction firms capable of removing the Veazie Dam from the Penobscot River, within the next two construction seasons. If you feel your firm has the necessary resources and expertise to complete such a project, please submit a qualifications package according to the instructions included in this Notification. Please note this is the only opportunity for contractors to pursue this project. Only firms which submit a qualifications package in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be considered for the work. Based on a review of the qualifications packages submitted, between three and five construction firms will be selected to proceed to the bidding phase. In general, the prequalification process consists of each interested firm providing documentation of their track record in the following areas: 1. Experience on similar projects 2. Ability to provide sufficient resources to meet aggressive construction schedules 3. Experience on environmentally sensitive/significant projects 4. Ability to successfully collaborate with multiple stakeholders 5. Demonstrated track record of cost containment via innovative construction methods. 6. Ability to be bonded on large construction projects SPECIFIC PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA A determination of those firms considered best qualified to conduct the work will be made after careful review and consideration of their response to the following specific criteria: A. Experience - demonstrated track record of success implementing projects of similar size and complexity. Provide three project profiles which demonstrate specific expertise in one or more of the following areas: 1. Dam Removals 2. Marine, in-water work 3. Demolition of reinforced concrete structures 4. Use of cofferdams/projects with difficult access 5. Environmentally significant projects/working with ACOE and MDEP 6. Meeting aggressive construction schedules 7. Work in and around large rivers 8. Multi-year projects 9. Construction phase cost containment through a constructability review of the design Contractors should note that a separate project to decommission and raze Powerhouse Station B will precede the removal of the dam and coordination between the two projects is considered incidental to both contracts. If your firm has experience with the decommissioning of electrical generating facilities, and the removal and resale of turbines, you may wish to make your interest known to the Engineer at the address included below. A Request for Proposal to decommission the station will be forthcoming at the end of February and at that time forwarded to qualified contractors. B. Schedule - with your company's current workload in 2013 and 2014, can you dedicate sufficient equipment, manpower, and resources to comply with the aggressive timetable for dam removal (July 15, 2013 through fall of 2014) C. Project Team - will the firm require subcontractors? If so, please list each with area of responsibility. Note: the use of local subcontractors will be looked upon favorably as we review and rank the qualifications packages, as will the presence of an office in Maine D. Cost Containment - provide one example of collaboration with an engineering firm to modify a design, or conduct a constructability review, to save money and contain costs. E. Financial Capacity - provide documentation of firm's ability to obtain bid, performance, and payment bonds for a construction project of this size. If your firm is interested in pursuing this project, please submit your letter of interest, and your response to each of the prequalification criteria no later than 2PM, Monday, March 18th, 2013. The Qualifications package shall be a maximum of 25 pages. All submissions and written questions regarding the project should be directed to: Mike Riley, P.E. Senior Project Manager James W. Sewall Company 136 Center Street P.O. Box 433 Old Town, ME 04468 207-827-4456 x5466 [mriley@sewall.com](mailto:mriley@sewall.com) A mandatory pre-qualifications meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 4th, 2013 on site at the Veazie Dam to answer questions from contractors. Upon review of the submissions, PRRT, along with their engineering representative, may conduct interviews before developing a short list of approximately 3 - 5 firms, who will be allowed to proceed to the bidding phase. All submissions shall become the property of PRRT. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or any part of bids, to reject any, all, or any part of bids, to waive any formalities or informalities in the bidding process, to negotiate with one or more bidders, and to select the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner on the basis of price, quality and schedule. Thank you for your interest in the project and we look forward to your submission. February 23, 2013

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