



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Purchasing
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NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS

From: Prajkta Waditwar, Construction Procurement Manager

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Re: Invitation for Bids (IFB) 20-42: Lead Service Line Replacement Program

The City of Somerville (the City) is rejecting all bids received in response to IFB 20-42 – Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

As stated in the bid package, Section 1.6 General Terms, subsection “Right to Cancel / Reject Bids, “ The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation, or reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.”

Pursuant to M.G. L. c. 30, §39M, the “awarding authority may reject any and all bids, if it is in the public interest to do so.”

The Office of the Inspector General’s manual “Designing and Constructing Public Facilities” (November 2016, chapter V., p. 75) also states that “[a]n awarding authority has the right to reject all general bids under limited circumstances, such as when all bids are significantly higher than the awarding authority’s budget.”

The base bids received were significantly higher than the City’s available budget for the construction of this project.

As a result, the City determined it is in the public interest to reject all the bids received, to revise the bid package to the extent possible to accommodate the budget, and to re-bid this project.

The re-bid package will be advertised in the Central Register, local newspaper, and CommBuys. It will be available for download from the City of Somerville’s Purchasing web page at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing>. All interested and qualified contractors are encouraged to submit a bid.