REQUEST FOR BIDS

Streambank Stabilization and Utility Pole Repair Project
DR4810 Project 7898988

VILLAGE OF JOHNSON, VERMONT

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

November 16, 2026	Bids solicited
December 2, 2026	Deadline for Submission of Questions
December 7, 2026 at 2:00pm	**Deadline for submission of Bids**
December 15, 2026	Notice of Award
July 30, 2027	Project Completion

Bids from pre-qualified contractors shall be accepted until **2:00 PM prevailing time** on **December 7, 2026,** for construction of the project hereinafter described. A virtual public bid opening will occur immediately after the bid submittal deadline. The time of receiving and opening bids may be postponed due to emergencies or unforeseen conditions.

Separate sealed BIDS for the **Village of Johnson, VT Streambank Stabilization and Utility Pole Repair** project shall be addressed to Erik Bailey, Village General Manager, and received at the Village of Johnson Municipal Building located at 293 Lower Main West, Johnson, VT.

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INTRODUCTION

During the July 2024 flood, the Gihon River encroached on the pole, eroded the riverbank, and unearthed one of the four guidewires. The utility lines provide electric power to the core of the Village of Johnson, including critical facilities such as the wastewater treatment plant, municipal office, fire station, and municipal utility garages. Further erosion of the bank and/or dislodging of the remaining guidewires would have catastrophic impacts on the Village of Johnson. The project involves securing the utility pole and stabilizing the stream bank in accordance with the contract plans.

The Village is looking for a firm experienced in comparable construction services. Contract for services will be executed between the selected Contractor and the Village. The selected firm or individual will supply all labor, material, subcontractor coordination, and equipment to complete work. All work shall be performed in accordance with contract documents and all relevant codes, regulations and requirements as deemed necessary by the Village. Coordinate work with all Village appointed points of contact to ensure expedited completion of design and bid package preparation to expedite construction project advertising.

ISSUING OFFICE

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DuBois & King, Inc., 28 North Main Street, P.O. Box 339, Randolph, VT 05060, Contact: Andrew Hoak, P.E. at 716-204-3444, ahoak@dubois-king.com. Bidding Documents may be obtained via one of the following methods:

1. Via Download Electronic Copy: Download Bid Documents as a pdf at http://www.dubois-king.com/projects-bidding-active/.
2. If Hard Copies are wanted: Please contact the Issuing Office Contact identified above to discuss the details of this method and to confirm cost (cost of documents and shipping).

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospectives Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Only

Bid Documents obtained from DuBois & King, Inc. (Website or Issuing Office) shall be used for submitting a Bid. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Any change to the Bidding Documents during the bid period will be made via addenda and posted at www.dubois-king.com/projects-bidding-active. The prospective Bidder is responsible for checking the website as required to obtain any/all addenda that may be issued. This Issuing Office is NOT responsible for notifying prospective Bidders when addenda are posted. This responsibility lies with the prospective Bidder.

Hard copies may be viewed at the Village Office, Johnson Municipal Building, 293 Lower Main West, Johnson, VT 05656 during the hours of Monday – Friday; 7:30am - 4:00pm.

CONSTRUCTION ACCESS

Construction access will be made from Route 15 at the designated access points as shown on the Drawings. Construction entrance pads leading from the road may be needed to prevent tracking of sediment onto the road surface. If the Contractor wishes to leave the designated limit of work, permission is required from landowners. Traffic lane closures are not anticipated.

OWNER'S PROJECT REPRESENTATION

The owner of the project is the Village of Johnson and engineering oversight of the project will be conducted by the Village's appointed Project Engineer – Dubois and King, Inc. The Contractor will be obligated to comply with directives from the Project Engineer to ensure that the Contractor meets all contract provisions and design specifications while complying with permit requirements. The Contractor will be obligated to adhere to the Terms and Conditions in the Contract with the owner.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Project must be complete and demobilized by July 30, 2027.

Work hours will be restricted to 7:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday. No work shall take place on Saturday, Sunday, or holidays without prior approval from the Village.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

State permitting has been completed for this project and conditions of each permit must be followed during construction. The Contractor must review permits in full to understand all regulatory requirements prior to construction. All permits must be posted at the project site prior to the start of construction. The following permits have been received or applied for and are included in the Contract Documents.

- Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Wetland General Permit (3-9025)
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Authorization to Conduct Next Flood Measures (NFM-4805)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to beginning any work, the Consultant shall obtain Insurance Coverage in accordance with the minimum recommended by the Village's insurance carrier. The certificate of insurance coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the Village. Details on insurance requirements related to the grants apply to the project and are detailed in the State of Vermont Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants.

CONTRACTING & COMPENSATION

All contractors must comply with any and all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and/or requirements of federal, state, and local governments and agencies thereof, which relate to or in any manner affect the performance of this agreement. The Village receives funding from numerous state and federal agencies. Those requirements imposed upon the Village as a recipient or subrecipient of state and federal funds are thereby passed along to the contractor and any subcontractors, and those rights reserved by the state or federal government are likewise reserved by the Village

All subcontractors need to gain prior approval as part of the contracting process in order to receive compensation for portions of the work completed by subcontractors. A debarment check will be needed for the selected bidder and all subcontractors during the contracting process. As part of contracting the selected bidder will be required to provide a Certificate of Non-Collusion and Debarment, WMB/WBE Participation, and Certificate of Tax Compliance which are included with the Bid Form.

Payment for the project will be made in installments based on a schedule of values of the bid items that will be established during contracting. Payment will be based on percent complete of the lump sum bid items. Payments may take 8-10 weeks after receipt of invoices due to grant reimbursement processing times. The final payment will only be made after project completion and approval from the Project Engineer following a final site inspection.

Prior written approval is needed from the Project Engineer for all change orders. A change order form is included in the Contract Documents.

BID SUBMITTAL INFORMATION & FORMAT

A non-mandatory pre-bid site walkthrough is planned for **Monday, November 30th at 10:00 AM** at the project site.
This will be the only opportunity to visit the site with the Engineers and Project Team prior to the Bid due date.

Bids shall be presented on the enclosed bid form in person or mailed to the location identified below. No faxed, emailed, or late bids will be accepted. Please also provide two project references for past projects of a similar nature. Please provide firm names of any subcontractors who will provide work as part of the bid and the anticipated construction start and end dates. Bid results will be tabulated and sent to all bidders at the contact email address provided on the bid sheet.

Bid Date: December 7, 2026
Bid Time: 2:00pm, local time
Location: in person Village Office, Johnson Municipal Building, 293 Lower Main West, Johnson, VT 05656

The construction firm for the project will be selected based on lowest responsive bid. Notice of award is anticipated by December 15, 2026.

The Village may request interviews deemed to be fully qualified, responsible, and suitable to provide the required services based on the initial responses and with emphasis on professional competence and experience.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities on its own motion. The Village reserves to reject bids based on evaluation of past similar projects, equipment and personnel qualifications, and availability to complete the project within the designated timeline. The Village reserves the right to conduct value engineering with the lowest and most qualified bidder. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after opening of bids.

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE:

For this Proposal, the Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost falls between $100,000 and $200,000

QUESTIONS

During the advertisement phase of this project all questions shall be addressed solely to Village General Manager, at Erik Bailey, via email at Erik Bailey ebailey@villageofjohnson.com. Questions received by December 2, 2026 will be formally responded to via addendum by December 4, 2026.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with such contract. **This affidavit must be submitted with the Bid Form.**

WORKER CLASSIFICATION COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT FORM (Prime Contractor)

All bidders are required to complete this self-reporting form in its entirety and submit with the bid.

DEBARMENT AFFIDAVIT

All bidders are required to execute a sworn statement, certifying that the bidder has not within the last three (3) years been, suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any Federal or State Agency; does not have a proposed suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or ineligibility determination pending; and has not been indicted, convicted or had civil judgment rendered against (it, him, her, them) by a court having jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past three (3) years. **This affidavit must be submitted with the Bid Form.**

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONTRACTS

The Village hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin for an award. This is consistent with the LCPC's requirement to comply with provisions of Title VI.

COST OF PREPARATION

Bidder shall be solely responsible for all expenses incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFB and shall be responsible for all expenses associated with any presentations or demonstrations associated with this request and/or any proposals made.

CONTRACTING PROVISIONS

This contract will cover the performance of all-eligible services, expenses, and materials. Payment will be made at the conclusion of the work and acceptance of final deliverables.

This work is being funded through the LCPC's agreement with Watersheds United Vermont, through the VT DEC Design/Implementation Block Grant.

All consultants, and any sub-consultants, must comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and/or requirements of federal, state, and local governments and agencies thereof, which relate to or in any manner affect the performance of this agreement. All consultants, and any sub-consultants, must comply with the Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants. Standard State contracting language for sub-contractors is included with the General Conditions.

All consultants, and any sub-consultants, must comply with all pertinent federal, state, and local laws, must carry adequate insurance coverage (not less than $1,000,000-per occurrence; $1,000,000 - General Aggregate; $2,000,000 - Products/Completed Operations Aggregate; and $50,000 - Fire Legal Liability; and $1,000,000 Automotive, including hired

and non-owned coverage, combined single limit) and must affirm being an equal opportunity employer with an affirmative action plan. It is further stated that it is the policy of the State of Vermont that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) have the opportunity to participate to the maximum extent feasible in procurement and contracting. The State of Vermont has set a goal of achieving at least ten percent (10%) participation by DBE firms in the dollar value of contracts awarded. Consultant(s) shall further certify that it will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The LCPC, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 US.C.§§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

BONDING

The Contractor shall comply with the bonding requirements of 2 CFR 200.326 for construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts. The Contractor shall follow its own requirements relating to construction or facility improvements bid guarantees, performance bonds, and payment bonds unless the construction contract or subcontract exceeds the Simplified Acquisition Threshold of $250,000. For those contracts or subcontracts exceeding $250,000, U.S. Treasury may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the Contractor, provided the Grantee has made a determination that the Federal Government's interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements shall be as follows:

> **A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price.** The bid guarantee must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required with the time specified.
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> **A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price.** A performance bond is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
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> **A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price.** A payment bond is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

Where bonds are required in the situations described herein, the bonds shall be obtained from companies holding certificates of authority as acceptable sureties pursuant to 31 CFR Part 223.