

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

The Department of Fish and Game, through its Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, invites sealed bids for the wetland and ecological restoration of the former Mill Brooks Bogs of Freetown, MA, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by SLR International Corporation. This project consists of removal of man-made dikes, berms, and water control structures, approximately 6 inches of the sand layer on the bog surface, filling of bog ditches, roughening and uncompacting of the bog surface, installation of woody debris and rock features, and miscellaneous work in accordance with the above referenced documents for Phase II of the project. The estimated project value is (\$2,965,308). Bids will be submitted on the forms furnished by the Department in the bid package and will be received at the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, 01581, until 11:00 AM, local time, Thursday, April 2, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents and shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the value of the bid. Bid deposits, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fish and Game, shall be in the form of a bid bond, certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Contract Documents will be available after March 18, 2026, from www.commbuys.com, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' online procurement platform. To obtain the project specific bid documents go to www.commbuys.com and enter the project number, DFW-2026-085 in the search bar of the main page. Bidders are on notice that Commbuys contains the official bid record and bidders are encouraged to check for project addenda prior to submitting their bids. Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by M.G.L. under Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, inclusive. Proposals that do not have the Affidavit (of non-collusion, etc.) properly completed will be declared informal. Bids are subject to provisions M.G.L. Chapter 30, Sections 39F, 39G, 39H, 39K and 39M and Chapter 149, Sections 44A to 44H, inclusive.

No Pre-Bid Meeting will be held. Bidders are strongly encouraged to visit the site and familiarize themselves with existing conditions. The project area is located within a public park and may be accessed during normal park hours. Each bidder is responsible for conducting their own investigations and for becoming fully informed regarding the site conditions prior to submitting a bid. Submission of a bid will be considered evidence that the bidder has made such an examination. All questions and requests for clarification must be received on Commbuys or via email to Jason Zimmer (jason.zimmer@state.ma.us) by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25, 2026**. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by the Engineer in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda by March 27, 2026, emailed to all parties and posted on Commbuys. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. It is the Bidders' responsibility to ensure that they have received all Project Addenda.

This contract is subject to all State Laws and Regulations concerning Minority Business Enterprises including Executive Order 237. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals. The award of the contract is subject to available funding. The Department reserves the right to eliminate any, or all, portions of the work under this contract in order to bring the total expenditure within the amount available for this project and to limit prosecution of the work to such points and in such as may be directed.

Buy America Preference. This Invitation for Bids is for services that may be subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States, as

further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022.

The Contract Time for Substantial Completion is one hundred and eighty (180) days. It is assumed the Notice to Proceed will be issued by April 23, 2026, and Substantial Completion shall be by October 20, 2026. The Contract requires that a minimum of \$500,000 of work be completed and processed for payment by June 30, 2026. The Contractor must submit a Baseline Construction Schedule for evaluation with their bid (see 'Bidder's Qualifications') that complies with these Contract requirements.

By: Tom O'Shea, Commissioner of Department of Fish and Game.