

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS
June 2, 2026

Thatcher Brook Sewer Protection and Bank Stabilization
Waterbury, Vermont

Item	Date	Time
Bid posted	Tuesday June 2, 2026	5:00 PM
Pre-bid site meeting	Friday June 12, 2026	11:00 AM
End of questions	Friday June 22, 2026	5:00 PM
Final Addendum	Friday June 26, 2026	5:00 PM
Bids Due	Wednesday July 1, 2026	1:00 PM
Award Notification	Wednesday July 8, 2026	5:00 PM
Contracting	end of July	
Pre-Con meeting	Monday August 3, 2026	10:00 AM
Construction Start	August-September	
Construction End	Thursday, October 1, 2026	5:00 PM

1.0 Project Background

The goal of the project is to stabilize Thatcher Brook in Waterbury downstream of the I-89 highway bridge to protect the sewer lines located in the channel and floodplain. The project generally includes removing fill to widen the channel, creating a flood bench, stabilizing the banks, and establishing river channel grade control through a series of weirs. The project location is 1,200-feet of the channel where the channel and Stowe Street are in close proximity. The project is located in the Edward Farrar Utility District (Downtown Waterbury, VT) that is seeking competitive bids to complete the stabilization project. Construction plans accompany this Request for Construction Bids (Attachment A).

Project construction is anticipated between August 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026 to meet the required instream work period. Disturbance must be minimized and contained with sediment and erosion controls that will be applied and maintained throughout the duration of the project.

This project is funded by a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant that is being managed by Vermont Emergency Management.

EFUD is currently seeking competitive bids to construct the project. Companies that are women-owned, minority-owned, Section 3, and local small businesses are encouraged to submit bids.

2.0 *General Scope of Work*

Work tasks will generally involve excavation of fill to create a flood bench (2,800 cy); excavation to widen the channel bend (350 cy); installation of four riffle grade control structures in the channel; bank armoring and joint plantings (1,900 cy); sewer main encasement (47 LF); and site restoration (see Attachment A).

Work hours will be Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 7 pm. Work is not allowed on Sundays and holidays. Any change to work hours must be approved by the Town and Project Engineer. All disturbed areas including any damage done to private property shall be returned to pre-construction conditions including repairs of the road surface and seeding and mulching all disturbed areas. Disturbance shall be minimized during construction.

3.0 *Owner's Project Representation*

The owner of the project is the Edward Farrar Utility District (EFUD) and engineering oversight of the project will be conducted by EFUD's appointed Project Engineer – SLR Consulting. 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.

4.0 *Construction Access*

Construction access will be made from Armory Drive through the Armory parking area as shown in the construction plans (see Attachment A). The armory property is currently used as a housing shelter for the State of Vermont. The Contractor shall carefully watch for people as equipment and vehicles move through the shelter area. Construction entrance pads leading from the paved road to the gravel access road are required to prevent tracking of sediment onto the road surface.

Traffic lane closures are not anticipated. All abutters will be notified prior to start of construction.

5.0 *Sequence of Work*

A possible sequence of work is provided in the construction plans (see Attachment A). The selected Contractor may suggest adjustments to this sequence or a different sequence of events to the Project Engineer. The final sequence of work will ultimately be determined by the Contractor and submitted to the Project Engineer for review and approval prior to construction.

6.0 *Specifications*

Primary technical specifications are included in the details and notes on the construction plans (see Attachment A). The Contractor shall refer to the VTrans 2024 Standard Specifications for Construction. A formal technical specification package or project manual does not exist.

7.0 *Sediment and Erosion Control*

Sediment and erosion control notes, water control notes, and details are contained in the construction plans (see Attachment A). Silt fencing will be required around any stockpiled materials to contain sediment migration during construction. Water control is needed during some phases of construction to prevent siltation of the stream. Turbid water is to be treated before discharge. Limits of area of disturbed earth (2 acres) and length of time of unstabilized disturbance (7 days) have been established to minimize impact to the stream.

8.0 *Haul and Fill Locations*

The Contractor is required to dispose of all material being removed from the project site at legal receiving disposal sites that will need to receive approvals prior to hauling. The Contractor is required to find a legal location to dispose of materials being removed from the project site that is not in a wetland, floodplain or river corridor. Local, state, and federal clearance of the fill disposal site will be needed and the Project Engineer will help coordinate between the Contractor and regulators when the Contractor is obtaining approvals. If a local haul permit is needed, the Contractor is responsible for obtaining that approval from the Town and State.

9.0 *Construction Schedule*

Construction is planned for August 1, 2026 to October 1, 2026 that is within the regulatory instream work window. A Notice to Proceed will be issued by the Project Engineer following a pre-construction site walk and approval of submittals prior to the start of work. The Project Engineer will provide periodic inspections of the site to ensure that the site remains stable and determine if additional sediment and erosion controls are needed, and if additional site recovery work is needed.

10.0 *Regulatory Requirements*

Federal and state permitting is in hand or in progress 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 are being applied for (Attachment B).

- US Army Corps of Engineers Programmatic General Permit (In Review)
- Vermont Stream Alteration Permit (Received)
- Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Stormwater Construction General Permit (Draft)
- Vermont Wetlands Clearance (In Review)
- Town of Waterbury Zoning Permit (In Review)

11.0 *Insurance Requirements*

Prior to execution of a contract, the Contractor must provide EFUD with a Certificate of Insurance showing coverage that meets the following requirements.

Workers' Compensation Insurance. The policy shall cover the obligations of the Contractor in accordance with the Workers' Compensations Law and Disability Benefits Law covering all operations under the Contract, whether performed by it, or by its subcontractor.

Liability and Property Damage Insurance. Unless otherwise specified, each policy shall have limits not less than: \$2,000,000 combined (Bodily Injury and Property Damage); \$3,000,000 aggregate, single limit per occurrence.

12.0 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. Those requirements imposed upon EFUD 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 EFUD (Attachment C).

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.

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. The final payment will only to be made after project completion and approval from the Project Engineer following a final site inspection. Payment will be based on percent complete of the lump sum bid items.

Prior written approval is needed from the Project Engineer for all change orders.

13.0 Bid Submittal Information & Format

Bids shall be presented on the enclosed bid sheet (Attachment D), along with two project references for past work of a similar nature. Bid proposals must be received via email to William Woodruff at bwoodruff@waterburyvt.com and copied to the Project Engineer at rschiff@slrconsulting.com by 1:00 PM Wednesday July 1, 2026. A listing of bid results will be emailed to all bidders.

A mandatory pre-bid site showing is planned for Friday June 12, 2026 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Waterbury Armory at 294 Armory Drive.

Questions about the bid will be accepted until 5:00 PM Friday June 22, 2026. Final responses to questions will be issued in a final addendum by 5:00 PM Friday June 26, 2026. For questions contact Roy Schiff at rschiff@slrconsulting.com or at 802-922-4496.

Please provide firm names of any subcontractors who will provide work as part of the bid, address of anticipated fill site location, and the anticipated construction start and end dates. Late bids will not be accepted.

Davis Bacon Wage Rates will apply and all hourly rates for all classifications of personnel who may be utilized for the services requested must be in compliance with current Davis Bacon Wage Rates (Attachment E).

A performance bond will be required for 100% of the contract price that shall be filed with the EFUD prior to issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Project Engineer. Note that a bid bond is not required.

The best construction firm for the project will be selected based on cost and qualifications. Qualifications will be evaluated based on successful completion of past similar projects and references. Notice of award is anticipated by Wednesday, July 8, 2026. EFUD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities on its own motion. EFUD reserves the right to conduct value engineering with the most qualified bidder(s). Bid security is not required. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after opening of bids.

14.0 Attachments

- Attachment A: Construction Plans
- Attachment B: Received Permits
- Attachment C: Contract Provisions
- Attachment D: Bid Sheet
- Attachment E: Davis Bacon Wage Rates

Attachment A
Construction Plans

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