

Town of Sharon

Request for Proposals

Bank Stabilization Repairs due to July 10th, 2023 Flooding

ISSUANCE DATE	.August 14 th , 2023
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS	August 18 th , 2023
DEADLINE FOR ADDENDA	August 22 nd , 2023
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL	August 28 th , 2023

RFP Contact: Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant <u>selectboard@sharonvt.net</u> (802) 763-8268 ext. 4

Prepared by the Town of Sharon

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Eligibility

This procurement is open to those bidders who satisfy the minimum qualifications stated herein and are available for work in the State of Vermont.

Project Background

TH-4 and TH-11 experienced bank slides at three sites as a result of flood waters on July 10th, 2023. In order to streamline projects, this Invitation to Bid includes three Town Highway bank stabilization projects that are similar in funding source, scope of work and contractor expertise requirements. The Town of Sharon is seeking Public Assistance (PA) grant funding through FEMA for permanent repairs to these bank slides.

Project Description

Bank Stabilization at three locations in Sharon, Vermont

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 1: TH-4, locally known as Broad Brook Road Estimated dimensions of the bank slide are 80' x 2' x 2'

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 2: TH-4, locally known as Broad Brook Road Estimated dimensions of the bank slide are 80' x 10' x 20'

Quimby Mountain Road FEMA Site 3: TH-11, locally known as Quimby Mountain Road Estimated dimensions of the bank slide are 20' x 5' x 20'

Type of Construction

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 1: Bank stabilization using VTrans specifications for Stone Fill Slope Protection (with or without Toe Wall as appropriate; see ATTACHMENT B or C); resetting existing reinforced concrete straight headwall (see ATTACHMENT D); removal and reset of guardrail; evaluation of and possible replacement of existing 18" diameter, 33' culvert (Local ID #11) (Bid Alternate). This site will likely require specialized equipment such as a long arm excavator.

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 2: Bank stabilization using VTrans specifications for Stone Fill Slope Protection with Stone Toe Wall (see ATTACHMENT C); stream bypass needed

Quimby Mountain Road FEMA Site 3: Bank stabilization using VTrans specifications for Stone Fill Slope Projection with Stone Toe Wall (see ATTACHMENT C)

Pre-Bid Meeting

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Contractors submitting a bid are expected to visit all three sites in advance of bid submittal. Information for identifying sites is included. (See Maps and Photos)

Contract Requirements

In addition to the Town's standard contract, Contactors shall be required to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contact provisions for Public Assistance Funding, which can be found at: <u>https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_procurement_contract-provisions-template.pdf</u> (ATTACHMENT E).

Scope of Work

- 1. The Town is seeking a contractor to perform all services as specified in ATTACHMENT A, which is considered part of this Request for Proposal by reference.
- 2. Submissions may recommend additional or alternative services which are believed to provide more efficient and/or comprehensive means to meet the Town's project goals as set forth in ATTACHMENT A.
- 3. Terms and conditions may be further defined in a formal contract.

General Information

- 1. **Right to Accept or Reject Proposals:** The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, at their sole discretion, and to award a contract based solely on their determination of the best proposal considering all circumstances and conditions applicable to this project.
- 2. **Right to Cancel or Postpone the Project:** The Town reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals received without penalty and not to issue a contract as a result of this RFP.
- 3. Right to Retain: Proposals submitted become the property of the Town of Sharon.

Pricing

- 1. As required by FEMA, responsive bids will clearly state a <u>lump sum cost</u> for **each site** separately, as outlined in ATTACHMENT A.
- 2. The Town will not make advance, incremental or partial payments. All work must be satisfactorily completed before being invoiced.
- 3. There is no expressed or implied obligation on the part of the Town to reimburse bidders for any expenses incurred in preparing or presenting proposals in response to this request.

Submission Instructions

- 1. Bids may be submitted by mail, in person or electronically
 - a. Email proposals must be provided in PDF format and sent to the attention of Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant. The subject line shall include: SHARON_4720DR_01

Email: selectboard@sharonvt.net.

b. For mailed or hand-delivered proposals, provide two (2) sealed proposals. Sealed bids shall be clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner:

TOWN OF SHARON SELECTBOARD ASSISTANT **SHARON_4720DR_01** CONTRACTOR NAME DUE DATE AND TIME **Mail to:** Town of Sharon Selectboard, PO Box 250, Sharon, VT 05065 **Deliver to:** Town of Sharon Selectboard, 15 School Street, Sharon, VT 05065

- 2. Respondents are required to use the Bid Form provided. <u>Failure to use the enclosed form shall</u> <u>be deemed as non-responsive and shall invalidate any submittal</u>. Additional materials which clarify and/or supplement the response form may be attached to the Bid Proposal Form.
- 3. Any bid may be withdrawn in writing prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. Any bids received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Bidders shall bid to specifications and any exceptions must be noted. A bidder submitting a bid thereby certifies that

the bid is made in good faith without fraud, collusion, or connection of any kind with any other bidder for the same work, and that the bidder is competing solely on his/her behalf without connection with or obligation to any undisclosed person or firm.

- 4. Bid opening shall take place immediately following the submittal deadline
- 5. Bids will be reviewed at a public meeting of the Selectboard soon after the submission deadline.

General Provisions

1. **RFP Coordinator Contact Information**

All communication between the bidder and the Town upon release of this RFP shall be with the Selectboard Assistant. Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the Town. Bidders are to rely on written statements issued by the Selectboard Assistant.

Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant 15 School Street, Sharon VT 05065 Phone: 802-763-8268, ext. 4 Email: selectboard@sharonvt.net

2. Commitment of Funds

The Town of Sharon Selectboard is the only entity that may legally commit the Town to the expenditure of funds for a contract resulting from this RFP. No costs chargeable to the proposed contract may be incurred before receipt of a fully and properly executed contract.

3. **Insurance Requirements**

- a. The Contractor will furnish the Town with a certificate(s) of insurance executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth below.
- b. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance coverage during the full term of the contract. Upon the Town's acceptance of the Contractor's proposal, a Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to the Town by the Contractor or the Contractor's insurance company before any work is performed. The Contractor's policies shall name the "Town of Sharon, Vermont" as an additional insured.
- c. By submitting a bid, Bidder warrants and promises that it will comply with all State of Vermont and federal requirements for the transportation, storage and handling of any product or materials to be provided under this bid. The awarded Contractor shall indemnify the Town and its representatives against any claim, loss, damage, or liability arising from any such law or regulation related to any activity of Contractor or its agents or employees. The awarded Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to property, or injury to persons, arising out of any act or failure to act on the part of its agents or employees. They shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town from any and all demands, suits, or judgments arising in conjunction with or as a result of the Contractor's performance of this contract.
- d. Liability Insurance -- Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per each occurrence and General Aggregate coverage of at least \$2,000,000.

- e. Automobile Liability Insurance -- Contractor shall maintain automobile liability coverage with a Combined Single Limit of at least \$1,000,000.
- f. Workers' Compensation -- The Contractor will, at all times during its service to the Town, comply with all applicable workers' compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the full extent applicable. The Town will not be held responsible in any way for claims filed by the Contractor or their employees for services performed under the terms of this contract. Additionally, the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that any subcontractors provide adequate insurance coverage for the activities arising out of subcontracts.

Evaluation and Contract Award

A. Evaluation Procedure

- 1. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the requirements stated in this request and the Town of Sharon Procurement Policy.
- 2. The Selectboard Assistant may contact the bidder for clarification of any portion of the bidder's proposal.
- 3. Responsive bids must include:
 - □ Proof of insurance
 - □ Proposal with project timeline included with supportive documents if needed
 - □ Completed bid forms for all three sites signed by authorized agent

B. Evaluation and Selection Criteria

The Town will consider the following criteria when evaluating and selecting proposals:

- □ Price
- □ Clarity and completeness of the submitted proposal.
- □ Bidder's ability to perform within the specified time limits.
- Bidder's experience and reputation, including past performance for the Town of Sharon
- □ Quality of the materials and services specified in the bid.
- □ Bidder's ability to meet other terms and conditions, including insurance and bond requirements, if any
- □ Any other factors that the Town determines are relevant and appropriate in connection with a given project or service.

C. Notification to Bidders

The RFP Coordinator will notify the apparently successful Contractor of the Town's selection as soon as possible following the Selectboard's acceptance of the bid and awarding of a contract.

D. Start of Work

Work will commence on a date and time mutually agreed to by the Town and the Contractor, following the execution of an approved and signed contract.

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BROAD BROOK SITE 1 BID FORM

Primary Contact:		
Physical Address:		
Daytime Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		

The undersigned proposes to provide all services necessary to perform all work outlined in this RFP.

The undersigned's proposal for the firm fixed-price sum as follows:

Firm Fixed-Price Base Bid: Broad Brook Site 1

Labor:	\$
Equipment:	\$
Materials:	\$
Base Bid Total:	\$

Firm Fixed-Price Bid Alternate: Culvert Replacement if required

Labor:	\$
Equipment:	\$
Materials:	\$
Bid Alternate Total:	\$

DELIVERY DATE AND ACCEPTANCE If awarded this contract within thirty (30) days after the time set for the opening of bids, Contractor agrees to provide work and materials as proposed without escalation of prices, and to complete installation as outlined in the aforementioned scope of work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Signature:
Name:
Company:
Title:

BROAD BROOK SITE 2 BID FORM

Primary Contact:	
Name of Business:	
Physical Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone:	_Cell Phone:
Email:	

The undersigned proposes to provide all services necessary to perform all work outlined in this RFP.

The undersigned's proposal for the firm fixed-price sum as follows:

Firm Fixed-Price Base Bid: Broad Brook Site 2

Labor:	\$
Equipment:	\$
Materials:	\$
Base Bid Total:	\$

DELIVERY DATE AND ACCEPTANCE If awarded this contract within thirty (30) days after the time set for the opening of bids, Contractor agrees to provide work and materials as proposed without escalation of prices, and to complete installation as outlined in the aforementioned scope of work.

QUIMBY MOUNTAIN SITE 3 BID FORM

Primary Contact:		
Name of Business:		
Physical Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Daytime Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		

The undersigned proposes to provide all services necessary to perform all work <u>outlined in this RFP</u>. The undersigned's proposal for the lump sum price as follows:

Firm Fixed-Price Base Bid: Quimby Mountain Road Site 3

Labor:	\$
Equipment:	\$
Materials:	\$
Base Bid Total:	\$

DELIVERY DATE AND ACCEPTANCE If awarded this contract within thirty (30) days after the time set for the opening of bids, Contractor agrees to provide work and materials as proposed without escalation of prices, and to complete installation as outlined in the aforementioned scope of work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Name:	Signature:	
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Title: _____Company: _____

Attachment A – Scope of Work

The following is the scope of work for Bidders to use in coordination with the attached plans in preparing for and constructing this project. The scope is not intended to be comprehensive for all steps necessary to complete this project – Bidders shall be responsible for identifying all work necessary to complete the project and include all costs in their submitted bid price.

All Sites

- 1. **Specifications:** All materials and construction shall conform to the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation Standard Specifications for Construction dated 2018 and its latest revisions.
- 2. **Permitting:** The Town shall secure the necessary permits from VT ANR for all sites. VT ANR River Engineer Scott Jensen has visited all sights and is able to issue the required in-stream permits prior to the start of construction. No other state or federal permits are required for the project.
- 3. **Road Closure Traffic Control** The Contractor shall be responsible for installing barriers and protective devices to prevent vehicles from entering the road closure project area. Contractor shall follow MUTCD guidelines for vehicular safety including Road Closure Signage, Reflectors, and Barrels in front of fixed barricades. Contractor will submit their plan for the roadway closure traffic control to the Road Foreman in advance for review and acceptance. The Town shall maintain roadway detour signage beyond the project limits.
- 4. **Clearing and Grubbing** The Contractor shall limit clearing and grubbing to the areas only as needed to complete the header and culvert repairs/replacement.
- 5. Excavation and Backfill Excavated material may be stockpiled in piles for re-use. Contractor shall take care to keep Earth Borrow material separate from suitable Road Base material. Contractor shall notify Road Foreman prior to the placement of Road Base material for confirmation that it is suitable for re-use within the roadway and around the header. Earth Borrow may be placed beyond the guardrail limits. Contractor shall be responsible for hauling and disposing of unsuitable soils.
- 6. **Finish** Contractor will match the height of the existing road and finish disturbed areas with topsoil, seed, fertilizer, and mulch where necessary to ensure regrowth and stabilization of slopes.
- 7. Funding: These projects are all eligible for FEMA Public Assistance grant funding.
- 8. **Schedule:** Any in stream work initiated in 2023 shall be completed on or before October 1st, 2023 as required by VT ANR permitting. If, and only if, a permit extension is granted by the State, in-stream work may continue beyond the October 1st deadline.

Any site work initiated in 2023 must be completed prior to the end of the 2023 construction season.

Work that has not been initiated in 2023 may proceed at the beginning of the 2024 construction season.

9. **Contract Requirements**: The Contactor is made aware that they shall be required to comply with FEMA Contract Provisions.

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 1

The Broad Brook Road Culvert #11 is a round 18" plastic corrugated pipe culvert that spans 33' long. This culvert channels water from the town-maintained ditch on the inlet side under Broad Brook Road and into the Broad Brook. Estimated dimensions of the bank slide are 80' x 2' x 2'.

In 2017 and 2018, the Town contracted with Holden Engineering to create construction site plan for a bank stabilization at this location, paid for with Better Roads grant funding. This plan, among other things, included the installation of a reinforced concrete straight headwall as well as galvanized 8ft guardrails. These plans are on file with the Town and are available for review by request.

During the July 10th, 2023 flooding, the inlet side of the culvert was overwhelmed and water overtopped road, subsequently removing much of the material that was holding the header in place. Additionally, the speed and volume of water in the Broad Brook created a bank slide. This means material was destabilized both above and below the header on the outlet side of the culvert.

The section of road is blocked to vehicular traffic and will remain so until the replacement work is complete. In addition to the items listed above, this site requires the following additional scope of work:

- 1. Concrete Headwall Contractor will need to reset existing headwall.
- 2. **Bank Stabilization** Contractor will stabilize the bank method outlined in the VTrans Specifications provided for Stone Fill Slope Protection with or without Stone Toe Wall as appropriate to conditions.
- 3. **Guardrail** Guardrail work includes removal, salvaging and re-installing of existing guardrail. It is assumed that the existing rail and posts are in good condition and can be removed, salvaged, and re-installed. Contractor is responsible for replacing damaged rail components (including bolts, blocking, posts, and rail) to complete the fi



(including bolts, blocking, posts, and rail) to complete the finished installation.

4. **Bid Alternate: Culvert Pipe Replacement** – The Contractor shall be responsible for inspecting the existing culvert, notifying the Road Foreman of the condition. With the Foreman's approval, the contractor shall be responsible for removing, hauling and disposing of the existing pipe if damage is noted. The culvert pipe is to be replaced with an equivalent-sized pipe matching the existing pre-damaged hydraulic capacity of the crossing and matching material due to the Green Stormwater Infrastructure requirements of the original grant funding.

Broad Brook Road FEMA Site 2

In addition to the items listed above, this site requires the following additional scope of work:

1. **Bank Stabilization** – Contractor will stabilize the bank method outlined in the VTrans Specifications provided for Stone Fill Slope Protection with Stone Toe Wall.



Quimby Mountain Road FEMA Site 3

In addition to the items listed above, this site requires the following additional scope of work:

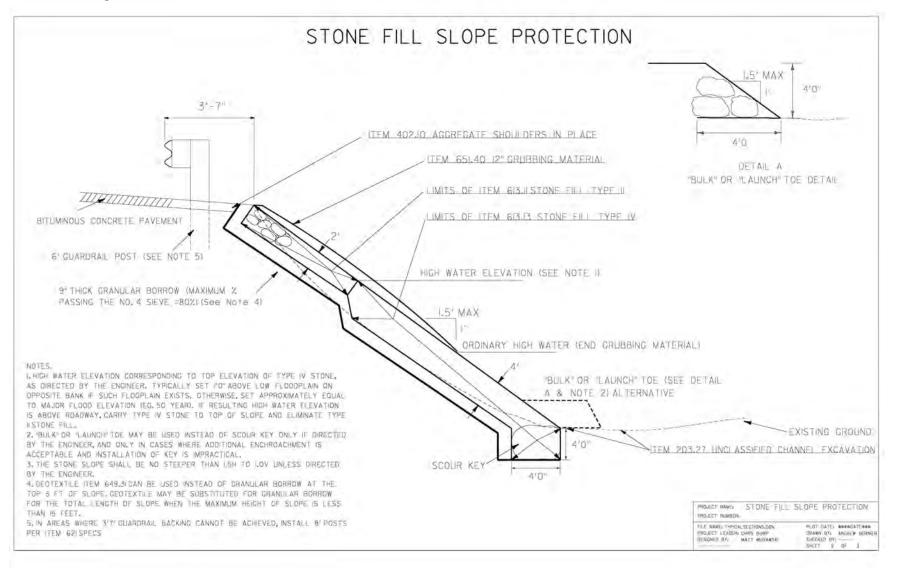
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Attachment B – VTrans Specifications

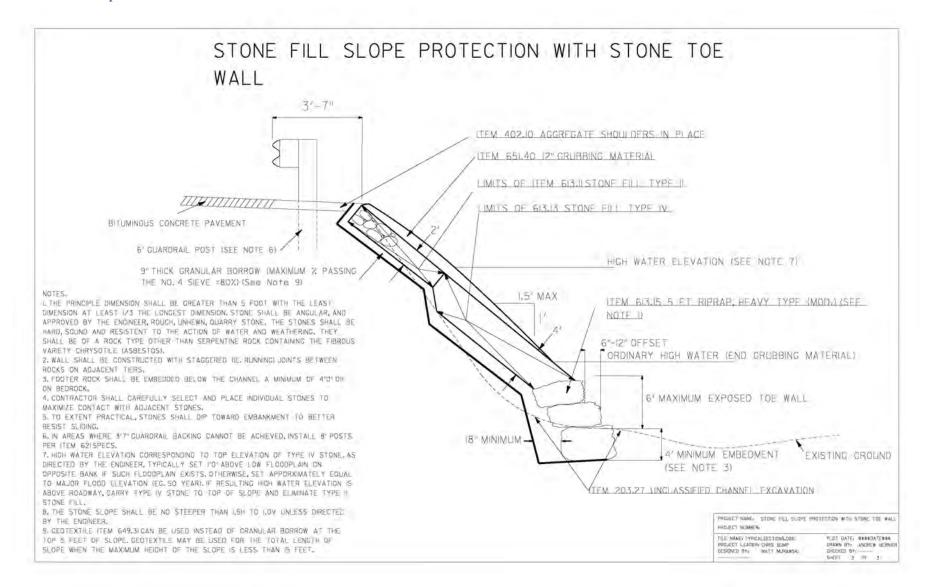
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Attachment C – VTrans Specifications

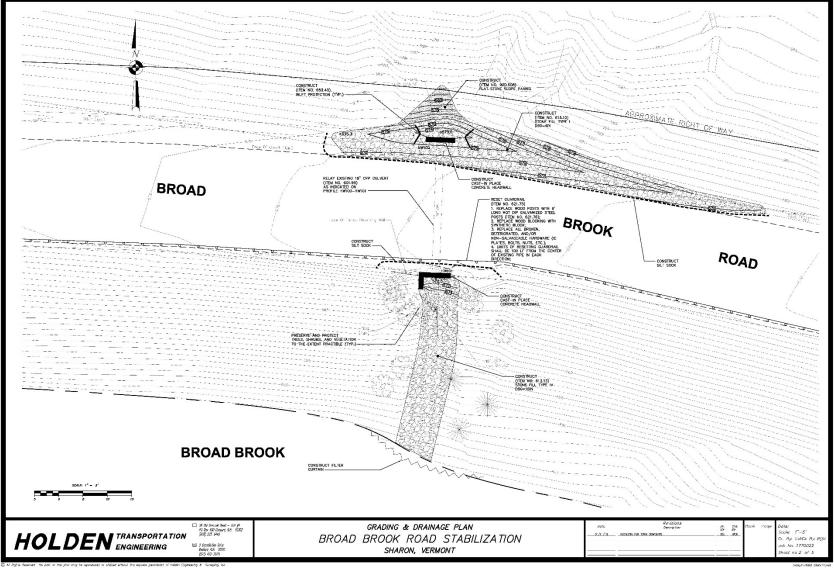
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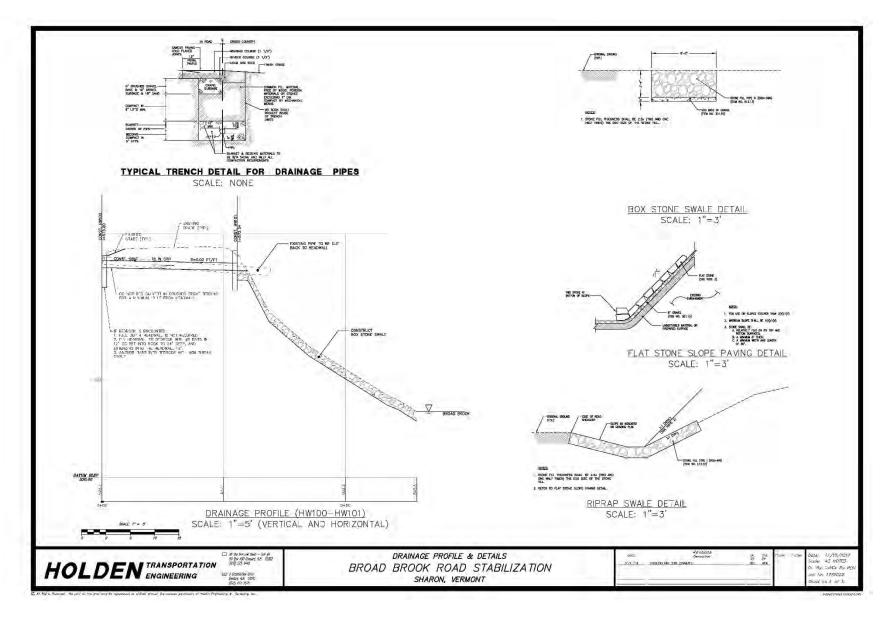


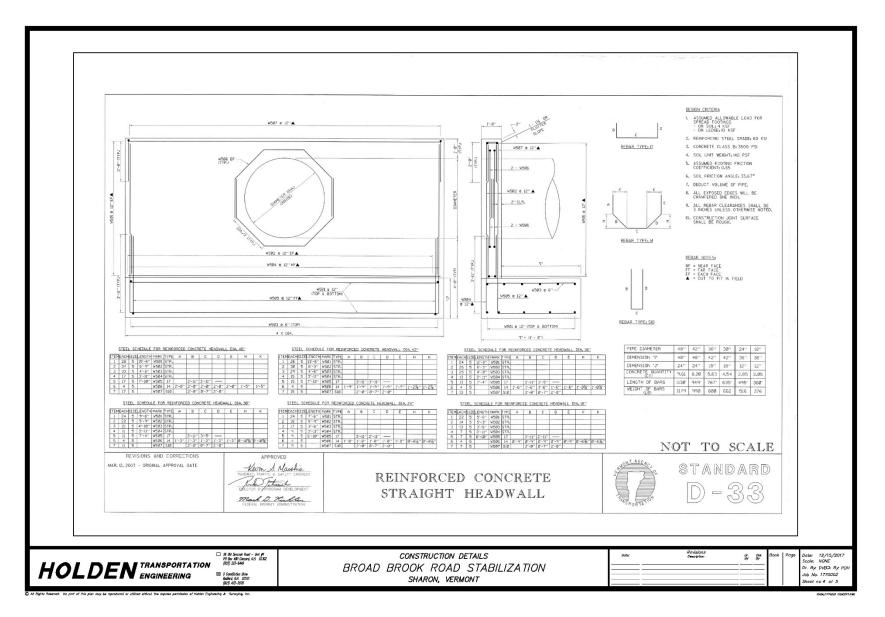
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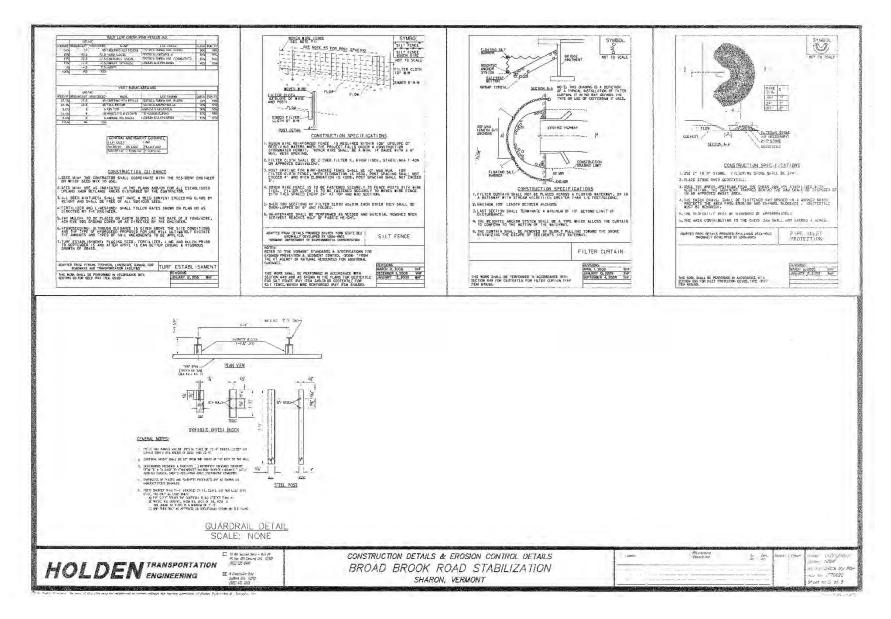
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Attachment E – FEMA Contract Provisions Quick Guide

Contract Provisions Guide

Contract Provisions Quick Reference Guide

Tables A and B are designed to help FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients conduct a quick reference of the applicability of a specific contract provision and whether sample contract language is included within this Guide to incorporate within the NFE's contract.

The Tables are divided between the required contract provisions set forth under 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Appendix II and those that FEMA *recommends* in addition to those required by 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

Table A: Required Contract Provisions ((continued next page)
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	Provision (Appendix II Section)	Applicability	Sample Contract Language Included
1	Legal/contractual/administrative remedies for breach of contract	Greater than Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT)- \$250,000	No. It is based on NFE's procedures.
2	Termination for cause and convenience	Greater than \$10,000	No. It is based on NFE's procedures.
3	Equal Employment Opportunity	Construction work	Yes. Exact language from 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b) included.
4	<u>Davis-Bacon Act</u>	Construction work	Yes, via reference to required language at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a).
5	Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act	Construction work greater than \$2,000	Yes.
6	<u>Contract Work Hours and Safety</u> <u>Standards Act</u>	Greater than \$100,000 + mechanics or laborers	Yes. Exact language required from 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b).
7	Rights to inventions made under a contract or agreement	Funding agreement	Yes.
8	<u>Clean Air Act and federal Water</u> <u>Pollution Control Act</u>	Greater than \$150,000	Yes.
9	Debarment and Suspension	Greater than \$25,000	Yes.
10	Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment	Greater than \$100,000; and Certification required for all contracts greater than \$100,000	Yes. Clause and certification.

Contract Provisions Guide

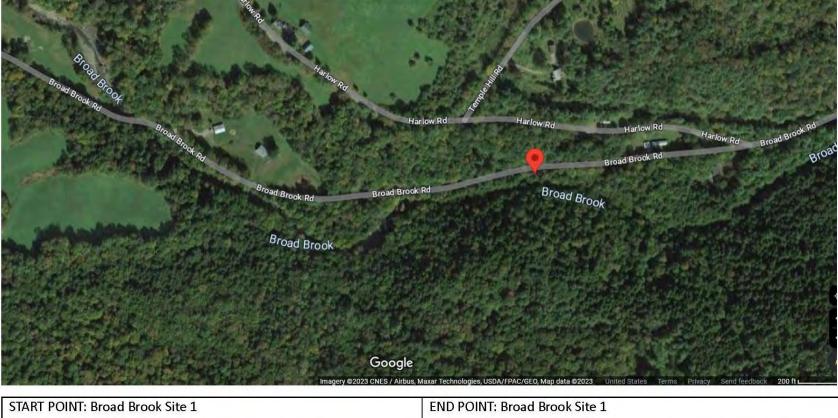
	Provision (Appendix II Section)	Applicability	Sample Contract Language Included
11	Procurement of Recovered Materials	NFE is a state or political subdivision of a state. Work involves the use of materials and the contract is for more than \$10,000.	Yes.
12	Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services	All FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020.	Yes.
13	<u>Domestic Preferences for</u> <u>Procurements</u>	All FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020.	Yes.

Table B: Recommended Contract Provisions

	Provision	Applicability	Sample Contract Language Included
1	Access to Records	All	Yes.
2	Contract Changes or Modifications	All	No. It depends on nature of contract and end-item procured.
3	DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags	All	Yes.
4	Compliance with federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders	All	Yes.
5	No Obligation by Federal Government	All	Yes.
6	Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts	All	Yes.
7	Affirmative Socioeconomic Steps	State entities: all FEMA declarations and awards issued on or after November 12, 2020. Non-state entities: all procurements	Yes.
8	Copyright	All procurements that may involve creation of copyrightable material.	Yes.

Attachment F – Maps

Broad Brook Site 1 – Header / Culvert



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Broad Brook Site 2 – Bank Stabilization Stone Toe Wall



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Quimby Mountain Road Site 3 – Bank Stabilization



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