

Background Information for Firms Responding to the Durham, NH

Request for Qualifications Oyster River Pedestrian Bridge Durham, NH

The Town of Durham, NH, recently acquired the 25 acre parcel of undeveloped land immediately south of the point where Thompson Lane ends at a town pump station on the north side of the Oyster River in the Faculty Neighborhood of the town. This parcel has officially been named Stevens Woods.

Durham intends to build a pedestrian bridge across the Oyster River from Thompson Lane to Stevens Woods. The bridge will be restricted to pedestrian uses - walking, biking, skiing, jogging. Motorized vehicles of all types will be prohibited on the bridge.

We wish to build a single span bridge 6-8' wide and long enough for a single span to clear the high water marks on both banks of the river - probably about 80' in length. The bridge may be prefabricated offsite from steel, aluminum, or fiberglass, trucked to the site, and lifted onto two abutments.

We are seeking the services of a firm that will conduct all the necessary studies, design the abutments, develop a set of construction blueprints, and secure the necessary environmental permits for the abutments. The 1A archeological evaluation has already been conducted. It was negative. All other permits are still required.

The final drawings must be suitable for Durham's use in contracting with a construction firm to build the two abutments and with a bridge firm to prefabricate the bridge and install it.

Access to the construction site can be provided from Thomson Lane on the north and from Orchard Drive from the south. The Bridge Site illustration indicates the location proposed for the bridge.

The bridge is approved for construction in the town's 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. Funds are authorized to pay for initial engineering and design.

Responses to this RFQ will be evaluated in part on:

- prior experience with pedestrian bridge design,
- demonstrated expertise in securing the necessary state permits,
- capacity to complete the project in a short time.

An accompanying map indicates the location of the bridge.