



Town of Henniker  
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March 6, 2015

Re: Henniker- NHDOT Project No. 15718  
Federal Project No. X-A003(046)  
Western Avenue Bridge Replacement Project  
Henniker, New Hampshire

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Henniker, NH, with funding from the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to replace the Western Avenue Bridge (NHDOT Bridge No. 095/100) that carries Western Avenue over the Contoocook River in Henniker, NH. Based on consultation with the NH State Historic Preservation Officer (NHSPO) and pursuant to regulations (36 CFR Part 800) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the bridge has been determined to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is also a contributing element to the West Henniker Village Historic District, which has also been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register. The Western Avenue Bridge media fact sheet, attached, provides additional details regarding the existing bridge, its historic significance, and availability.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Town of Henniker, NH is accepting proposals for the full or partial re-use and/or experimental study or testing of the existing historic Pratt truss structure in compliance with 23 USC Section 144 and would appreciate you posting or forwarding this information to potentially interested parties. Proposals will be accepted at the Town offices located at 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242 until 2:00 PM on April 7, 2015 to the attention of the Town Administrator.

A copy of the Request for Proposals documents is enclosed. All proposals received will be considered confidential and not available for public review until after a proposer has been selected.

We appreciate your efforts towards potential re-use of the historic Western Avenue Bridge. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 428-3221 should you have any questions pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christine Trovato  
Henniker Town Administrator

Cc: Mr. Jamie Sikora, FHWA  
Mr. Ron Crickard, NHDOT  
Ms. Laura Black, NESHPO

Enclosures

## Historic Bridge for Sale

**The Town of Henniker, NH announces that the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook River (State Bridge No. 095/100) is available for sale**

### Details:

- Purpose: for Full or Partial Re-use and/or Experimental Study or Testing
- County: Merrimack
- Road: Western Avenue



- Features Crossed: Contoocook River
- Other Location Information: approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the main village of Henniker
- Latitude/Longitude: 43.16801, -71.84159 (43°10'05" N, 71°50'30" W)
- Structure Number: 012000950010000
- Year Built: Originally erected in the Town of Pembroke in 1915 and subsequently moved to the Henniker location in 1933

### Bridge Information:

- Owner: Town of Henniker
- Type: Pratt Truss bridge
- Length: overall length of 301'-4½", comprised of two (2) high Pratt steel through trusses spaced at 27'-5" with two (2) span lengths of 149'-3" each
- Width: two (2) paved travel lanes carrying one (1) travel lane in each direction, for an overall width ranging from 21'-0" to 24'-0"
- Current Live Load Carrying Capacity: 0. It was closed to all traffic in 2009.
- History of Modifications: 1933 and 1988

**The bridge is available for inspection since it is located on public property, however, it is noted that the condition of the structure precludes access by vehicles or pedestrians. This sale is "AS IS, AS SHOWN"**

**Minimum Bid:** \$1.00 and shall include a proposal describing in detail how the bridge would be removed, moved, re-used and preserved.

### Bridge History:

The Western Avenue Bridge is a two-span riveted, skewed Pratt through truss bridge with a single river pier. Given the unique design of the bridge and the historic significance of its design, this structure has been determined to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Western Avenue Bridge is also a contributing element to the West Henniker Village Historic District, and is one of the last

remaining Storrs truss bridges in New Hampshire. This is an opportunity to own a rapidly dwindling, but very important, rare resource.

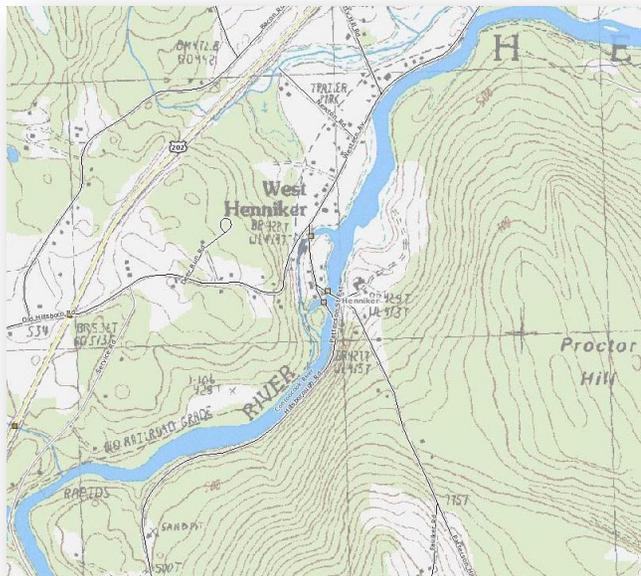
**Preservation and Sale Information:**

Ownership transfer for the full re-use of the bridge will require the use of restrictive preservation and maintenance covenants lasting for ten years to ensure the long-term protection of the character-defining features of the bridge. While full re-use would be preferred, partial or experimental use would not require such covenants. The award will not be dependent on the highest bid, but will be based on the applicant's plan for moving the historic bridge and the future use that most satisfactorily meets the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings." If there are no offers or proposals for use of the Western Avenue Bridge by bid due date specified herein, final bid and construction documents will be completed to specify demolition and disposal of the bridge in its entirety.

The Town of Henniker, NH will accept proposals at the at the Town offices located at 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242 until 2:00 PM on April 7, 2015 to the attention of the Town Administrator. Please forward any questions or inquiries to Christine Trovato, Town Administrator, (603) 428-3221.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Town and State will not accept responsibility for any reason if the bid items are not received by the specified time and date. The Town and State will not determine the successful bidder until all submitted proposals are reviewed. All bidders will be notified of results within two (2) weeks after bid opening.

**Project Location:**



**Bridge Photos:**





## **TOWN OF HENNIKER**

### **Request for Proposals**

**For the Sale for Full or partial Re-Use or  
Experimental Study or Testing  
of the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook  
River**

**Town of Henniker  
18 Depot Hill Rd., Henniker, NH 03242**

#### **PURPOSE:**

*The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) is to secure a proposal for the Town of Henniker for the sale for Full or Partial Re-Use or Experimental Study or Testing of the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook River.*

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

*The Town of Henniker, NH, with funding from the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to replace the Western Avenue Bridge (NHDOT Bridge No. 095/100) that carries Western Avenue over the Contoocook River in Henniker, NH. Based on consultation with the NH State Historic Preservation Officer (NHSHPO) and pursuant to regulations (36 CFR Part 800) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) the bridge has been determined to be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is also a contributing element to the West Henniker Village Historic District, which has also been determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register. In accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer (NHSHPO), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) executed July 1, 2014, the Town hereby places available for sale the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook River.*

#### **BRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS:**

*The bridge is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the main village of Henniker. This bridge, constructed in 1933, carried Western Avenue over the Contoocook River until its closure in 2009. The bridge, with an overall length of 301'-4½", is comprised of two (2) high Pratt steel through trusses spaced at 27'-5" and has two (2) span lengths of 149'-3" each. The westerly and easterly trusses are offset by 16'-7", the length of one (1) panel (i.e. panel point L0 of the westerly truss is in alignment with panel point L1 of the easterly truss), resulting in a skew of approximately of 31 degrees for the structure. The bridge deck supports*

*a 24'-0" roadway and there is a 5'-0" cantilevered sidewalk outboard of the northerly trusses. The existing bridge rail is mounted directly to truss vertical members at each panel point and to vertical posts mounted to the lower chord at intermediate locations.*

*The Western Avenue Bridge is a two-span riveted, skewed Pratt through truss bridge with a single river pier. The Pratt Truss was invented in 1844 by Thomas and Caleb Pratt. Prevalent from the 1840s through the early twentieth century, the Pratt has diagonals in tension, verticals in compression, except for the hip verticals immediately adjacent to the inclined end posts of the bridge. The Western Avenue Bridge trusses were originally erected in the Town of Pembroke in 1915 and were subsequently moved to the Henniker location. As part of the construction of the bridge in Henniker, the majority of the truss members (upper and lower chords, vertical and diagonals) were retained; however, the floor system, sway bracing and upper lateral bracing members were new. The bridge was extensively rehabilitated in 1988.*

*As part of the construction of the bridge in Henniker in 1933, the majority of the truss members (upper and lower chords, vertical and diagonals) were retained; however, the floor system, sway bracing and upper lateral bracing members were added.*

*The bridge was rehabilitated in 1988, at which time a new 3" concrete filled steel grid deck was installed, all of the exterior roadway stringers and lower lateral bracing members in the westerly span were replaced and remaining floorbeams and stringers were strengthened in many locations by adding welded steel plates and bars. Additionally, plates were added to reinforce some truss members. The timber sidewalk decking was replaced, the existing bridge rail was supplemented by adding more intermediate posts, and guardrail was added along the roadway approaches. Many gusset plates on the trusses were also strengthened by adding welded steel plates to areas afflicted with holes or significant section loss.*

*The current live load carrying capacity of the bridge is zero due to its deteriorated condition.*

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:**

*Interested parties (Proposers) can submit a proposal(s) for the full re-use, partial re-use and/or experimental study or testing options as noted below:*

- 1. Full re-use of the 2-span High Pratt truss bridge. Ownership transfer will require the use of preservation covenants or other instruments to ensure the long-term protection of the character-defining features of the Western Avenue Bridge.*
- 2. Partial re-use of one or both spans of the Pratt truss bridge and/or experimental study or testing uses. Ownership transfer will not require the use of preservation covenants.*

*Proposers can submit a proposal on any individual section or all of the sections of the bridge noted above.*

*This Request for Proposals is for the two-span Pratt truss bridge and does not include any other associated structures or improvements. The bridge is available for inspection since it is located within the public right-of-way, however, it is noted that the condition of the structure precludes access from vehicles or pedestrians.*

### **MINIMUM PROPOSAL:**

*\$1.00 and shall include a detailed proposal describing how the bridge would be removed, relocated, re-used and preserved, including the location of where the bridge will be moved to as well as a time schedule for the bridge removal and site cleanup. This sale is "AS IS, AS SHOWN."*

*Only one (1) proposal dollar amount can be accepted from each Proposer. All proposals must be in conformance with NHDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, approved and adopted in 2010, with all*

*applicable revisions.*

*The schedule for the Western Avenue Bridge Replacement Project includes advertising the project in May 2015 with an approximate August 2015 construction start-up. It is not expected that the existing truss bridge would be available prior to March 2016. The successful Proposer will be required to obtain all permits needed for the movement and placement of the existing bridge at its new location.*

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

*The Proposer has the option to remove the bridge structure in its entirety for full or partial re-use and/or experimental study or testing, or allow the project general contractor to remove the bridge and make it available for shipment. If the Proposer intends to remove the bridge, funds up to the estimated cost of demolishing the structure (estimated \$350,000) (actual cost to be per the bid of the low responsive bidder for Item 502., Removal of Existing Bridge Structure for the bridge replacement project) are available to the Proposer for the removal, moving, and reconstruction of both sections of the truss bridge. If the Proposer requests that the bridge be removed and made available by the project general contractor, no project funds would be available and the cost difference between demolishing the bridge versus disassembling the bridge for re-use (estimated \$350,000) would be the responsibility of the Proposer. The actual difference which the Proposer will be responsible for will be determined by pricing from the general contractor for removal for reassembly versus their bid price for Item 502.0 discussed above.*

*The award of this historic bridge is not dependent on the bid amount. The successful proposal will be the one that most satisfactorily meets the historic preservation requirements as outlined in "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings". The successful proposal will be required to include how the bridge would be removed, relocated, re-used, and preserved, including the location to be moved to as well as a schedule for the installation and associated site cleanup. The Proposer shall also detail his/her experience, qualifications and record of satisfactory performance (provide at least three (3) detailed current references to include points of contact and phone numbers) involving similar projects. Proposals will be forwarded to the NESHPO, NHFHWA, and NHDOT; a follow up meeting will be scheduled of all parties to review against the Secretary's Standards and accepted professional practices. Based on the outcome of the written record and meeting, the NESHPO, NHFHWA, NHDOT, and the Town of Henniker will approve, reject or require additional information from the proposer.*

*Permanent restrictive covenants lasting for ten years regarding the preservation and maintenance of this structure will be required for full re-use and must be executed by the successful Proposer at closing.*

*If there are no offers or proposals for use of the Western Avenue Bridge by the bid due date specified herein, final bid and construction documents will be completed to specify demolition and disposal of the bridge in its entirety.*

**ADDITIONAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:**

**SITE VISITATION:** *Site visits may be scheduled directly with the Henniker Town Administrator directly at (603) 428-3221.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** *Technical questions regarding the bid are to be asked in writing and sent to the Town Administrator at [townadministrator@henniker.org](mailto:townadministrator@henniker.org). Include "Western Avenue Bridge RFP" in the header for the e-mail.*

**PRE-QUALIFICATIONS:** *The Town reserves the right to make a written request for additional information in writing from a Proposer to assist in understanding or clarifying a Bid Proposal.*

*The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the proposals.*

The award will be based on the proposal that best meets the needs of the Town of Henniker. Factors included will be the cost, completeness of the proposal, quality of the technology provided, and experience.

All local, state and federal regulations are to be followed. Any fines assessed Town of Henniker due to the lack of these regulations being followed will be the responsibility of the successful Proposer.

The Proposer awarded the work is also to submit information as required under RSA-21, I section 81. This requires the Proposer provide timely information on subcontractor identity and workers compensation insurance coverage for all subcontractors, all tiers, including the General Contractor.

**CONTRACT TERM:** The term of any resulting contract shall end on December 31, 2015.

The Town of Henniker shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time by giving the Proposer a thirty (30) day written notice.

**PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION:** Payment terms: due within 30 days after satisfactory completion of work invoiced, receipt of the invoice, approval, and acceptance by the Town of Henniker or progress payments on a monthly basis.

**INSURANCE:** The vendor awarded the contract will need to furnish an insurance certificate per the following:

The Proposer shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the Town, the following insurance:

**Commercial General Liability**

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Agg.	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence Injury	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage (Any One Fire)	\$ 50,000
Medical Expense (Any One Person)	\$ 10,000

**Commercial Automobile Liability**

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
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**Workers Compensation**

NH Statutory including Employer's Liability	
- Each Accident/Disease-Policy Limit/Disease-Each Employee	\$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,00

**Commercial Umbrella**

May be substituted for higher limits required above	\$1,000,000
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**Other**

Environmental – Pollution Liability	\$1,000,000
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The Town of Henniker shall be listed as additionally insured. The policies described above shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire.

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:**

*Proposals are due on April 7, 2015 by 2:00 PM prevailing time. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided in a sealed envelope and clearly marked:*

*PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF WESTERN AVENUE BRIDGE, HENNIKER, NH*

*And mailed to the address below:*

*Western Avenue Bridge Sale  
Attention: Town Administrator Town of Henniker  
18 Depot Hill Road  
Henniker, New Hampshire 03242*

*E-mail is **not** an accepted form of submission of the bid. The Town is not responsible for proposals not received due to equipment failure, mail delays, etc. To ensure your proposal was received please verify by calling the Town Administrator at (603) 428-3221. The Town of Henniker reserves the right to accept and reject any or all of the proposals.*

**WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:**

*Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the opening date and time upon written request of the Proposer to the Town Administrator. Negligence on the part of the Proposer in preparing this proposal shall not constitute a right to withdraw a proposal subsequent to the proposal opening. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date of opening indicated herein or as modified by addenda.*

**PROPOSAL RESULTS:**

*All proposals received shall be considered confidential and not available for public review until after a vendor has been selected. All proposals shall be subject to negotiations prior to the award of a contract.*

*NO TELEPHONE REQUESTS FOR RESULTS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR GIVEN.*

**TIE PROPOSALS:**

*The award will not be dependent on the highest bid, but will be based on the Proposer's plan for moving the historic bridge and the future use that most satisfactorily meets the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings." Should identical Proposals be received, award may be made by the toss of a coin, with the following exception: When a tie proposal exists between a local (a business establishment within Town limits) Proposer and an out-of-town Proposer, preference will be given to the local Proposer. Any Proposer having a local agent who is a bona fide resident of the Town is considered a local Proposer. If a tie proposal exists between two local Proposers, or two out-of-town Proposers, the decision may be made by the toss of a coin.*

**LIMITATIONS:**

*This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit the Town to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals received as a result of this request, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.*

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION:**

*In an attempt to determine if a Proposer is responsible, the Town, at its discretion, may obtain technical support from outside sources. Each proposer will agree to fully cooperate with the personnel of such organizations.*

**AWARD OF CONTRACT:**

*Any contract entered into by the Town shall be in response to the proposal and subsequent discussions. It is the policy of the Town that contracts are awarded, among other considerations, only to responsive and responsible Proposers. In order to qualify as responsive and responsible, a prospective vendor must meet the following standards as they relate to this request:*

- *Have adequate financial resources for performance or have the ability to obtain such resources as required during performance;*
- *Have the necessary experience, organization, technical and professional qualifications, skills and facilities;*
- *Be able to comply with the proposed or required time of completion or performance schedule;*
- *Have a demonstrated satisfactory record of performance; and*
- *Adhere to the specifications of this proposal and provide all documentation required of this proposal*

*The contract will be awarded to a responsive and responsible Proposer based on the evaluation criteria detailed herein.*

*The Town reserves the right to reject any proposal considered non-responsive or non-responsible and any or all proposals or any part thereof, to accept the proposal considered to be in the best interest of the Town, or to purchase on the open market if it is considered in the best interest of the Town to do so. Failure to submit all information as detailed herein is sufficient reason to declare a proposal as non-responsive and subject to disqualification.*

*All proposals are advertised, at the Town's discretion, in various publications and are posted publicly in the following locations:*

- 1) *The Town of Henniker website: <http://www.henniker.org/rfps>*
- 2) *The New Hampshire Union Leader: <http://www.unionleader.com/>*
- 3) *The Associated General Contractors, Bid House: <http://www.agcny.org/>*
- 4) *The Construction Summary of NH, Maine and Vermont, Bid House: <http://www.constructionsummary.com/>*
- 5) *New England Construction News, Bid House: <http://www.cdcnews.com>*

*The Town will also advertise the sale to the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, as well as the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC), the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, New England College, Dartmouth College, the US Department of the Interior National Park Service, and the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association.*

**PAYMENT:**

*Payment in full is required within five (5) days of the written Notice of Award from the Town. The bridge must be removed from the premises within ninety (90) days of the Notice or Award or payment may be forfeited.*

**PRICING:**

*Unless otherwise specified all prices listed are firm for sixty (60) days from the date the proposals are due and*

*opened.*

**GUARANTEES & WARRANTY:**

*All items offered for sale are to be sold as is, as shown, where is and without any warranty or guaranty, either expressed or implied, whatsoever.*

**END OF SECTION**



For the Sale for Full or partial Re-Use or Experimental Study or Testing  
of the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook River

**EXHIBIT A**

**PROPOSAL FORM**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY OFFERS TO PURCHASE AND REMOVE THE WESTERN AVENUE BRIDGE, AS DETAILED BY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, FOR THE LUMP SUM PRICE OF:*

**BID TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOLLARS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*WRITTEN* *FIGURES*

*THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES:*

- 1. THAT HE/SHE IS AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE VENDOR SUBMITTING THIS BID*
- 2. THE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING ADDENDA \_\_\_\_\_*
- 3. THE FIRM SUBMITTING THIS BID HAS NEVER DEFAULTED ON ANY MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL OR PRIVATE CONTRACT.*

*SIGNATURE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*DATE:* \_\_\_\_\_

***This bid must be signed by a person authorized to legally bind the bidder.***

**END OF EXHIBIT A**



For the Sale for Full or partial Re-Use or Experimental Study or Testing  
of the Western Avenue Bridge over the Contoocook River

**EXHIBIT B**

***CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION  
FORM***

***THIS FORM IS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID.  
PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR EACH ADDITIONAL REFERENCE PROJECT.***

**Qualifications to perform the work:**

NAME OF FIRM SUBMITTING BID \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF REFERENCE PROJECT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Project(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Work Performed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Contract Value \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

**END OF EXHIBIT B**