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From: John Cameron
Director, Department of Public Works

Subject: Request for Bid
2026 Hot Mix Paving
Gardiner, Maine

The City of Gardiner is seeking qualified bidders for Milling & Hot Mix Asphalt Paving. Please include with your bid complete warranty information and proposed start date. The following specifications detail the design and extent of the proposed work. To be considered, potential bidders must complete the enclosed bid tabulation form and return it to the following address before 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

"Hot Mix Paving"
Attention: John Cameron
City of Gardiner
6 Church Street
Gardiner, ME 04345

All questions regarding this bid shall be directed to John Cameron, Director of Public Works, Gardiner, Maine. John can be reached weekdays at the City Garage at 207-582-4408.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids at their discretion.

City of Gardiner, Maine

CONTRACT BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT PAVING

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The work shall consist of Milling, Shim and Overlay Paving using the latest edition of Maine DOT's standard specifications. All structures in the road shall be lowered before milling and raised to meet finish grade.

1. Project locations are listed in the bid tabulation section.
2. Project Timeline; All streets need to be 100% complete by September 30th, 2026.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

Description of Course

The work shall consist of constructing a Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement using designated mix types for the roadways, sidewalks and parking lots as proposed in the bid tabulation section. All work shall be constructed as outlined in this contract and as directed by the Municipal Representative.

Equipment Requirements

1. All Hauling Equipment used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.08
2. All Pavers used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.09. When appropriate, a highway class paver meeting the specification with an 8ft main screed may be used.
3. All Rollers used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard, section 401.10

Plant Requirements

1. Batch and Drum Plants used to produce mix for this project shall meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.07
2. The automation of batching shall meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications.
3. At automatic mixing plants, automatic tickets shall be printed which meet MAINEDOT Standard Specifications.

Materials

1. The Hot Mix Asphalt shall be composed of a mixture of aggregate and bituminous material. The aggregate fractions shall be sized, uniformly graded, and combined in accordance with the submitted designs.
2. The Contractor shall submit, for the Municipal Representative's approval, a current jobmix formula (JMF). For a Superpave design, a current MAINEDOT-approved Superpave JMF shall be submitted. If an alternate design similar to the former MAINEDOT designs for B, C, or D mixes is desired, the contractor shall submit a previously MAINEDOT-approved JMF's conforming to the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, Revisions of April 1995. The JMF's shall be reviewed and approved by the Municipal Representative or an independent testing agency prior to submittal. All JMF's will be required to accompany the bid form.
3. The jobmix formula shall state the source, gradation, and percentage of each fraction of the aggregate and filler, if required. It shall state the name of the refiner and the supplier of the particular bituminous material to be used and the plant location.

Construction

1. Butt joints shall be used at any intersecting of any existing pavement at the beginning and end of the project.
2. The Contractor shall place reflective delineator posts, spaced a minimum of every 100' apart, in areas where shoulder drop is 2 inches or more from the pavement surface.
3. The construction of Hot Mix Asphalt shall be carried on only when the surface on which the material is to be placed is dry, and when the atmospheric temperature is above 50 degrees Fahrenheit and rising.
4. All existing paved surfaces to be newly paved shall be thoroughly cleaned by the contractor and dry and shall be tack coated under pressure prior to placement at a rate of no less than .025 gal/sy. Tack will be included in per ton price and all lifts will require tack. In addition, any manholes or catch basins will be adjusted at the direction of the Municipal Representative. All paving operations shall cease when the surface to repave is wet.
5. All traffic control will be provided by the Contractor and all traffic control devices and setups shall conform to the latest edition of Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
6. The cross-slope of the final paved surface shall be as close as possible to a uniform cross-section utilizing materials estimated above in the bid documents, except in super elevated areas. If noted in contract documents to place shim to desired grade and cross slope, a desirable cross slope would be $\frac{1}{4}$ " per foot of lane width (2%).
7. Surface tolerances shall be checked according to MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, sections 401.11
8. All mixing, spreading, finishing, and compacting and constructing joints shall meet MAINEDOT Standard Specifications, sections 401.13, 401.14, 401.15, and 401.16

Testing

All materials and every detail of the work will be subject to inspection by the Municipal Representative who may require the Contractor's quality control person to be onsite to monitor material placement and compaction. The Municipal Representative shall be allowed access to all parts of the work. The Municipal Representative shall also have the right to inspect and test, at the Municipality's expense, by the following methods:

1. Pavement Samples
 - A. Core samples for density testing may be taken in accordance with AASHTO procedures every 500 tons to achieve a minimum 92.0% density on uniform lifts designed to be greater than 1".
 - B. Samples of the Hot Mix Asphalt may be taken in accordance with AASHTO procedures every 500 tons to check for Asphalt Content, Gradation, and Theoretical Maximum Density.
 - C. All test results will be required to be within the allowable tolerances given in the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications.
 - D. Upon demand from the Municipal Representative, the Contractor must supply a ten-foot straightedge. The surface, when tested, shall be in accordance with Section 401.20 of the most recent edition of the MAINEDOT Standard Specifications.
2. Acceptance
 - A. If the Municipal Representative requests it, the Contractor shall remove portions of the finished work as may be directed. After examination, the Contractor shall restore the removed areas of the work to the standards of the specifications.
 - B. Should the exposed work prove to be acceptable, in the judgment of the Municipal Representative, the removal and replacement of the sections will be paid for as extra work. Should the exposed work prove to be unacceptable in the judgment of the Municipal Representative, the removal and replacement of the material will be at the Contractor's expense.

ANY WORK DONE WITHOUT SUPERVISION OR INSPECTION BY AN AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE ORDERED REMOVED AND REPLACED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE UNLESS THE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE FAILED TO INSPECT AFTER HAVING BEEN GIVEN REASONABLE NOTICE THAT WORK WAS TO BE PERFORMED.

Miscellaneous

1. Pre-inspection

Each Contractor shall become completely familiar with the required work and shall rely on their own investigation. The Municipal Representative will be available to have the sites proposed for paving inspected. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished, the work to be done, or for any defects in the final product that are the result of the absence of pre-inspection of a site.

All figures given for road dimensions are estimates only. Contractors need to rely on their own measurements for their bid. Some roads have turnarounds and or hammer heads that need to be factored in. Some roads have water puddling issues that need to be discussed and addressed with either additional Shim or grinding.

2. Right to change or additional work

The municipality reserves the right to submit change orders in writing to the Contractor. In that event, the municipality will negotiate with the Contractor to determine the new costs. The City reserves the right to change unit quantities up to 20% without negotiating a new price.

3. Clean-up

At the completion of paving, each site shall be left in a neat and clean condition, subject to approval of the Municipal Representative.

4. Performance bond

When bid amounts exceed \$250,000.00, the Contractor shall submit to the Municipality a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of acceptance of the Contractor's offer. These bonds shall be issued by a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of Maine. Failure to provide this bond is a material breach of contract and may result in termination of the Contract.

5. Insurance

The Contractor shall have and maintain liability insurance that is in force until the work is completed and accepted by the municipality. The Contractor shall furnish, to the municipality, a certificate of insurance, within two weeks of notice to the Contractor of the acceptance of its offer. The failure to provide this certificate will constitute a breach of the Contract and may result in termination of the Contract.

6. Warranties

The Contractor guarantees that the work to be done under this contract and the materials to be furnished by the supplier for use in the construction of the same will be free from defects or flaws. This warranty shall be for a period of one year from the date of completion.

7. Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality, and their agents, and employees against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work regardless of standard of care. This indemnification extends to all costs and all attorneys' fees incurred by the Municipality.

8. Acceptance period

The Municipality shall have up to a maximum of 30 days from the date of bid opening to accept an offer.

9. Notice of acceptance

The Contractor will be notified in writing by the municipality of the acceptance of its offer in whole, or in part, within fourteen (14) business days of when it has been accepted. Failure to comply with this notice requirement shall constitute a breach of the Contract. An offer cannot be accepted verbally.

10. Rejection of offer

The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals whenever such rejection is in the best interest of the Municipality. The Municipality reserves the right to reject the proposal of a Contractor who has previously failed to perform properly or to complete on time Contracts of a similar nature. The Municipality also reserves the right to reject a proposal from a Contractor if an investigation shows that the Contractor is not in a position to perform the Contract.

11. Pre-bid conference

At the discretion of the municipal representative a pre-bid conference may be scheduled to discuss scope of services, terms of this contract and scheduling of work. Contractors who wish to be considered for acceptance must attend any scheduled conference.

12. Payment

The Municipal Representative shall make payment in full after completion, inspection and acceptance. The Unit Price per ton will include surface preparation, mobilization, hauling and placing material, butt joints, traffic control (if specified herein), and final cleanup. Tack shall be included in the unit price.

13. Asphalt Escalator

The municipality will use the latest edition of MaineDOT Special Provision Section 108 to protect the municipality and the contractor against price fluctuations that may occur due to paving schedule delays, bad weather, other priorities, market pricing, etc.

BID & AWARD INFORMATION

All Bids shall be sealed and clearly marked Gardiner Paving Bid and submitted to Gardiner City Hall located at 6 Church Street no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday March 19, 2026, and will be opened shortly after. The City retains the right to determine the most responsible and reliable bidder, and to adjust the quantity as listed below +/- 20%, due to budget purposes, without negotiating a price adjustment. Furthermore, the City reserves the right to accept bids in whole or in part.

TABULATION OF BIDS

Project 1

High Holborn St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (3500 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (3500 x 20)	9.5mm			
High Holborn St. Total =				

Project 2

Tilbury Park	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (175 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (175 x 20)	9.5mm			
Tilbury Park Total =				

Project 3

West St. Repair	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (600 x ?)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (600 x ?)	9.5mm			
West St. Repair Total =				

Project 4

Green St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (425 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (425 x 20)	9.5mm			
Green St. Total =				

Project 5

Phillips St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (575 x 18)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (575 x 18)				
Phillips St. Total =				

Project 6

Maple St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (1250 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (1250 x 20)				
Maple St. Total =				

Project 7

Elm St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (1300 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (1300 x 20)	9.5mm			
Elm St. Total =				

Project 8

Sun Set St.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (275 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (275 x 20)	9.5mm			
Sun Set St. Total =				

Project 9

Upper Walnut	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (375 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (375 x 20)	9.5mm			
Upper Walnut Total =				

Project 10

Costello Rd.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
1 Inch Shim	9.5mm			
Chip Seal (10900 x 20)				
Weeks Rd. Total =				

Project 11

Water Street Parking Lot	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
1 Inch surface	9.5mm			
2 inch base	12.5			
Water Street Parking Lot Total =				

Project 12

Plummer CT.	Mix type	Estimated Tons/SY	Cost/Ton	Total
¾ Inch Shim (250 x 20)	9.5mm			
1 Inch Full Width Overlay (250 x 20)	9.5mm			
Plummer CT. Total =				

ASPHALT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

A fluctuating price will be required for this bid to allow for price adjustments based on the Period Price of asphalt cement using the New England Average Selling Price.

The price adjustment will be based on the variance in price for the asphalt cement component only from the Base Price to the Period Price.

Posted "Base Price" for this bid will be \$ _____ per ton of asphalt cement.

For work completed outside of the completion dates set forth in each Bid Specification, the City will evaluate the Period Price on the completion date and the Period Price when the work is actually completed. Payment will be made based on the lower of the two amounts.

"Base Price" = the price of PG binder liquid per ton that exists on the bid opening date.

"Period Price" = the price of PG binder liquid per ton on the paving date, using the New England Average Selling Price

"New England Average Selling Price" = the price listed on the MDOT website.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Print or Type Name and Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____