

MDOT is piloting a new contracting method for state-funded trunkline maintenance projects. The new Prequalified Maintenance Contracting process will allow vendors to become prequalified in five specific maintenance work categories. This will allow MDOT to expedite the contracting processes for maintenance services in these categories.

The work categories included in the Prequalified Maintenance Contracting program are: Concrete Pavement Repairs; HMA Paving; Guardrail Repair; Tree Cutting/Trimming; and Traffic Control. The prequalification process and bidding process for Prequalified Maintenance Contracting projects will be done through the State's Buy4Michigan website. *Only companies with a maintenance prequalification will be eligible to bid on these contracts.* An active MDOT Construction Prequalification is required to obtain maintenance prequalification in all work categories other than Tree Cutting/Trimming, however the Prequalified Maintenance Contracting process is separate from MDOT's construction project letting process and contracts awarded under the maintenance process will not impact a contractor's Construction Prequalification.

The steps to become maintenance prequalified are:

- Go to www.buy4michigan.com and look for the RFP titled "Prequalification for Routine Maintenance."
 - The March RFP is Item # 059117B0010533 on www.buy4michigan.com
- Respond to the RFP via Buy4Michigan and include all required documentation.
- RFP responses will be reviewed on a monthly basis and vendors meeting the prequalification requirements will be added to the prequalification list for the appropriate category(ies).
- The "Prequalification for Routine Maintenance" RFP will be re-posted on a monthly basis.

MDOT plans to advertise maintenance projects through the Prequalified Maintenance Contracting process beginning this spring.

More information on this new process can be found in the RFP which is posted on Buy4Michigan. In addition, general questions on the maintenance prequalification program can be directed to Bill Wahl, North Region Associate Region Engineer – Operations (wahlb@michigan.gov). Questions on the prequalification RFP should be directed to the Proposal Manager, Laura Dotson (dotsonl2@michigan.gov).

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