

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
MARBLEHEAD RAIL TRAIL PROJECT
WYE JUNCTION CONNECTION

The Town of Marblehead, by its Select Board, solicits Proposals from Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) prequalified Engineering firms who have successfully organized a team of specialists in multi-use rail trail design and operations to perform all necessary engineering services per Town of Marblehead standards related to the Marblehead Rail Trail/Wye Junction. The section of the trail is from the former railroad right of way from the Bessom Street trail head to the Wye Junction, traveling west along Salem Branch to West Shore Drive crossing; and traveling southwest to the Pleasant Street crossing. Responses will be received in the Office of the Town Administrator, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945 by 10:00 AMET on June 26, 2025.

The proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "RFP Response for Marblehead Rail Trail Design & Engineering" in the lower left corner. Electronically mailed (emailed) submissions will not be accepted. The design and engineering services are subject to terms and conditions set forth in detail in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Copies of the RFP may be obtained at the town website <https://www.marbleheadma.gov/bids> beginning on June 4, 2025. No respondent may withdraw a response for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The awarding authority is the Select Board. The Select Board reserves the right to extend the deadline for submission of Responses, to request supplementary information, to negotiate terms more favorable to the Town, as permitted under law, and to reject any or all submittals or withdraw the RFP if, in the Selectmen's sole judgement, the best interest of the Town of Marblehead would be served in doing so. All questions regarding this RFP shall be received in writing by email to the Director of Community Development and Planning at callahanb@marblehead.org. Questions are due no later than June 18, 2025. The Town has determined that the procurement of design and engineering for this project is exempt from Uniform Procurement Act, G.L. c. 30B, and as such, the provisions of G.L. c.30B expressly do not apply to this procurement. The town is issuing this RFP in conformance with 23 CFR 172.7.