

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
73 South Fullerton Avenue
Montclair NJ 07042

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2016-1.0 (Sidewalks Replacement)

RFP OPENS: June 1, 2016

RFP CLOSES: June 30, 2016

Introduction

St. Luke's is a joyful, Christ-centered community, which accepts, encourages and celebrates a unique mix of people and embraces each person's faith journey. Our mission is to live the Gospel, looking beyond ourselves, by praying, learning and giving.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Luke 12:48

For most of the past decade, St. Luke's has been one of the fastest growing and most vibrant Episcopal churches in the country. The vitality has come from welcoming new people and looking for fresh ways to help those in our community less fortunate than ourselves. (Learn much more about St. Luke's and its extraordinary role in the community by visiting www.slechurch.org and <http://tk.slechurch.org/>.) To make the most effective possible use of the property with which we are entrusted, we are called upon to remove physical barriers that hamper safe access to our facilities by all persons, including the young, the aging and those temporarily or permanently disabled.

The project outlined in this request for proposal is part of the parish's Capital Campaign initiated in late 2015 – "*Breaking Down Barriers*" -- in which we envision St. Luke's as a "cathedral in the community," a bustling hive of religious, cultural and social service activity that draws in people from all walks of life, a community heart with its doors wide open to for service, education, and music, a place to belong.

Invitation to Bid

St. Luke's Episcopal Church invites proposals for the project described below. Based on previous work experience, your firm has been selected to receive this request for proposals and is invited to submit a proposal.

Responses to this request for proposals shall be made in writing and submitted, in person or received by mail, no later than the close of business (5:00 pm ET) on the RFP Closing Date set forth above, to:

Capital Campaign Steering Committee
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
73 South Fullerton Avenue
Montclair NJ 07042

Please reference in the above RFP number at the beginning of your response.

All proposals must conform to the following Scope of Work and General Requirements. If your response recommends additional scope, substitutions and/or alternatives, they must be clearly described in full with the reasons therefor and separate pricing.

In considering responses to this request for proposals, we will evaluate them as best reflecting our mission and the objectives of the parish's *Breaking Down Barriers* capital campaign. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we particularly invite responses which contain a component of charitable (and tax deductible) generosity.

Scope of Work

The intent of this project is to remove the bluestone sidewalks adjacent to the church and the rectory and replace them with concrete sidewalks.

Working with parish representatives, Contractor shall obtain express written permission to remove the bluestone sidewalks from South Fullerton Ave. and Union St. proximate to the church and rectory in accordance with Montclair Township Code §297.12.2(A). (In the event that permission is not timely granted, St. Luke's shall have the right to cancel this engagement without obligation.)

Contractor shall ensure proper, necessary and appropriate fencing, warning signs, taping and other measures to restrict access to the work area for the protection of pedestrians and all other persons. Contractor shall carefully remove all bluestone, maintaining the integrity of the pieces, and transfer the bluestone to the Township at a location designated by the Township Engineer if so required by the Township. Contractor shall remove all additional rubble and waste and dispose of at an offsite NJDEP-approved facility.

Contractor shall locate and ensure proper functioning of drainage pipes, making any necessary repairs in the sidewalk areas. If it is determined that any drainage pipes are not functioning from outside the sidewalk areas, Contractor shall work with St. Luke's so that the parish may have repairs made. (We know of at least two drainage pipes.)

Contractor shall install a compacted base for proper stabilization and elevation, a minimum 6"x6" welded wire matting with 4000 psi concrete at a rate of no less than 6", in the color required by the Township, edged with a broom finish. Width of the sidewalk shall be in accordance with Montclair Township Code §301-18.

Contractor shall provide a temporary access ramp over the newly poured sidewalk at or near the corner of South Fullerton and Union Streets, connected with the existing ramp into the church for the period that the sidewalk is curing.

Upon completion of work, Contractor shall clean the area of all work related items and debris, remove fencing, warning signs, taping, etc. and shall return the grass strips to prior condition.

Contractor shall guarantee its work for a minimum of ten years.

Contractor shall complete all work no later than September 30, 2016 assuming timely permission granted by the Township.

General Requirements

1. **Contractor's Response.** Contractor's response shall include a proposed timetable for initiation and completion of work. Contractor's response shall include granular pricing, setting forth with specificity the associated price for each portion of the project. Contractor shall provide a single point of contact for the performance of all work, which person is fully authorized to act on the behalf of the contractor.
2. **Modifications.** Modifications to responses already submitted will be allowed if submitted in writing prior to the Closing Date. Modifications submitted after the Closing Date will only be considered at the discretion of the St. Luke's Capital Campaign Steering Committee (the "Committee").
3. **Cost incurred.** Any costs incurred by Contractor in preparation and/or submission of a response to this request for proposals are solely the Contractor's cost. This request for proposals does not commit St. Luke's to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response or to contract for the goods and/or services offered.
4. **Questions; Bidder's meeting.** Questions regarding this request for proposal should be submitting in writing to the Committee. Any responding contractor may request a Bidder's Meeting, which may be scheduled in the discretion of the Committee.
5. **Permitting, etc.** Contractor shall obtain any and all permits, post any bonds required (*e.g.*, Guarantee of Completion of Project), and provide traffic control if required by the Township.
6. **Compliance with law; Licenses.** Contractor shall fully comply with all laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to the subject work. Contractor shall be fully licensed for all work to be performed, and provide evidence of the same, and be authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and the Township of Montclair.
7. **Workmanlike manner; Insurance coverage.** All work and materials shall be guaranteed as specified. All is work to be completed in a timely and workmanlike manner according to standard industry practices. Contractor shall carry all required insurance including, but not limited to, all workers being fully covered by workman's compensation insurance.

8. **Independent contractor.** Contractor, including all workmen, is an “independent contractor” and not an employee of St. Luke’s. Contractor is not authorized to act as an agent of St. Luke’s for any purpose, excepting only the obtaining of required permits.
9. **Invoices.** Contractor shall provide invoices in writing to the satisfaction of St. Luke’s. Processing of all invoices is subject to those certain Protocols for Procurement and Disbursement of Funds, as adopted by the Vestry of St. Luke’s. Contractor shall release all liens upon final payment.
10. **Subcontractors.** Contractor may not subcontract any work unless such subcontracting is identified with specificity in its response to this request for proposals. Such identification shall include names, addresses and descriptions of all proposed subcontractors, work to be performed by each, and a description of their relevant experience and past performance. St. Luke’s reserves the right to approve all subcontractors. Denial of a subcontractor does not absolve Contractor from full performance for the contracted price in a timely manner.
11. **Expertise; References.** Contractor shall provide evidence that it has the management expertise and financial, human and physical resources to fulfill all aspects of the Scope of Work. Contractor shall provide evidence of its satisfactory performance and integrity on other similar contracts in fulfilling expectations, meeting deliverable and timely performance; such evidence may be by client references.

Process

St. Luke’s anticipates entering into a contract with the selected Contractor to perform the proposed work.

The work set forth herein constitutes a “Major Purchase” as defined by the Protocol for Procurement. As such, it is subject to this Open Solicitation Process, which shall remain open for a period of not less than thirty days, unless such time is modified by the Committee.

The issuance of this request for proposals and/or receipt of responses hereto does not establish any obligation on the part of St. Luke’s to proceed with the work contemplated by this request for proposals or to approve any responses received. The Committee may modify or withdraw, in whole or in part, this request for proposals whether before or after responses are received.

Responses may be opened by the Committee at any time after submission. All responses satisfying the requirements of this request for proposals will be evaluated to establish which of

the proposals best fulfills the needs of St. Luke's and this project, in accordance with the Protocol for Procurement.

In evaluating responses to this request for proposals, the Committee will consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

- (a) Conformance of the proposal to the goods and services requested in this request for proposals;
- (b) Price, including timing/scheduling of payments;
- (c) Timing for the delivery of goods and services;
- (d) Process and pricing for change orders;
- (e) Expertise, reputation and quality of prior work of the vendor;
- (f) Such other and further factors as the Committee deems relevant.

The Committee reserves the right to negotiate the specifics of any proposal with any contractor, whether before or after consideration of the responses.

The acceptance of any proposal and the letting of a contract is at the discretion of the Vestry of St. Luke's. No person may act for the parish except as authorized by the Vestry, pursuant to the Protocols for Procurement and Disbursement of Funds, the bylaws of the parish, or as otherwise expressly authorized by the Vestry.

The name of the Contractor which is selected to perform the work and the cost which the parish anticipates to be incurred for such work shall be published to the parish and be publically available on the parish website and otherwise.