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PROPOSALS.

TO CONTRACTORS.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE,
111 GRISWOLD STREET, DETROIT, MICH.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, written out in the form hereinafter described, will be received by the undersigned for furnishing the materials and doing the work for improving the harbor of Buffalo, New York, until noon of the 25th of November, 1867.

For easy reference and understanding, the improvements are put under the following divisions:

DIVISION I.

REPAIRS AND PRESERVATION OF SLOPE OF OLD STONE REVETMENT AROUND HEAD OF SOUTH PIER, RECEIVING:

36 round piles, 24 to 26 feet long, 12 inches diameter, exclusive of bark, at middle, of best quality of white oak.

26 water sills, 6x12, in lengths from 10 up to 38 feet—in all 641 running feet.

35 binders, 4x8, in lengths 15 to 30 feet—in all 596 running feet.

3x4 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, in lengths of 6 up to 30 feet—7,497 running feet.

265 joists, 2½x12, in lengths from 6 to 15 feet—6,683 feet b. m.

332 planks, 2x12, in lengths from 18 to 28 feet—10,032 feet b. m.

In this division the pieces of timber in lengths of 20 feet and under will amount to 52,584 feet b. m.

Above 20 to 24 feet, inclusive, will amount to 7,698 feet b. m.

Above 24 to 28 feet, inclusive, will amount to 33,009 feet b. m.

And only one 38 feet stick, the others not exceeding 30 feet.

142 bars, 1 inch square, drift bolt iron, 16 feet long—7,326 pounds.

116 nuts and screws, 2 washer bolts, one inch round, from 20 inches long from inside of head to end of screw—1,180 lbs.

5 inch wrought spikes, 5-16 diameter—1,064 lbs.

219 cords of rubble stone, to fill to bottom of top side timbers.

100 cords of brush in bound bundles of 12 inches in diameter and 5 to 12 feet in length, to be put under water.

In this old south pier here are several places in which breaches through the outer wall or crust of the masonry have been made, in all amounting to some 3,000 cubic yards of rubble dry and cement masonry. These to be repaired by masonry similar to the old work.

It will also require 326 cords of rubble stone to fill in behind the superstructure, so as to bring the revetment of the slope to top of superstructure.

DIVISION II.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION—OLD NORTH PIER, RECEIVING:

96 cords of stones, which have fallen out of the outer extremity of the old work, to be raised from under water by dredging, and piled on north or south pier, or on both. Among these stones there will probably be about 125 cubic yards of sand, also to be raised and dumped where it will do no harm, and which will be paid for besides paying for dredging the stones; all this dredging to a depth of 14 feet of water, to allow of putting in a new head to this pier, consisting of a crib 25 feet long, 10 feet wide, to be sunk along side of old pier, in 14 feet of water, and another crib 25 feet long, 14 feet wide, to stand in 5 feet of water, and to be fastened upon the old crib work, and a superstructure of wood and stone (to be put on these new cribs) 25 feet long, 24 feet wide, and 6 feet high; the cribs and superstructure to be filled with stone and the work planked over.

The new head will require for the construction of the cribs under water:

4 round piles not less than 12 inches diameter at middle, 24 feet long, best quality of white oak.

94 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, of lengths from 10 to 25 feet—in these 1,482 r. f.

8 bottom timbers, 8x10, 10 feet long—60 r. f.

4 scantling, 3x4, 16 feet long—64 feet b. m.

10 boards, 1x12, 11 feet long—176 feet b. m.

And for the superstructure above water:

30 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, in lengths of 24 and 25 feet—in these 735 r. f.

12 joists, 2x12, 11½ feet long—264 feet b. m.

23 planks, 2x12, 24 feet long—1,104 feet b. m.

40 bars, 1 inch square drift bolt iron, 16 feet long, for cribs and superstructure—2,120 lbs.

6-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 inches diameter—2 lbs.

5-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 inches diameter—56 lbs.

10 d. cut nails—2½ lbs.

40 cords of stone to fill up to bottom of top timber.

To repair the dry masonry coping of the old pier will require about 44 cubic yards of old stones, to be dredged up and to be replaced, as coping, in workmanship as formerly, and as now to be seen on the outermost part of this pier.

In this division the timber, in lengths of 20 feet and under, will amount to 6,917 feet b. m.

Above 20 to 24 feet, inclusive, to 4,330 feet b. m.

Above 24 to 28 feet, inclusive, to 16,500 feet b. m.

DIVISION III.

EXTENSION OF SOUTH PIER, COMMONLY CALLED "LIGHT HOUSE PIER."

This extension to be done by sinking eight cribs end to end, none in less than 14 feet of water below the low stage, and posing six of them on a level bed, produced by dredging sand to the amount of 616 cubic yards, each crib in the series to have four stay piles driven, one in each interior corner, and to be filled with stones. Crib No. 1 to be on one side 23 and on the other 33 feet long, making one end oblique to the sides, and 24 feet wide. Cribs Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, to be 30 feet long, and 24 feet wide. Cribs Nos. 7 and 8 to be 30 feet long and 26 feet wide, to stand on natural bed in water from 14 to 18½ feet deep, below said stage, and their bottom side timbers to be so shaped as to fit the bed, by making them end deeper than the other, so that the upper side of said timbers shall be horizontal.

Over the cribs and extending back quite even with the centre of the light-house, there is to be a superstructure of timber, rising six feet above water, filled with stones to bottom of top timber, and then to be planked over. Outside of the superstructure, as it will extends back from the crib No. 1, to rest upon the old close row of piles now standing, and the other side to rest upon the old stone revetment. The total length of the superstructure is 318 feet. The portion resting on the cribs is 244 feet in length. The eight cribs require for construction:

572 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, in lengths from 22 to 33 feet—in these 15,246 running feet.

2 levelling timbers, 10x12, 30 feet long, to be hewed to fit slanting bottom—60 running feet.

105 crib bottom pieces, 8x10, in lengths from 15 to 26 feet—2,527 running feet.

12 braces, 8x8, 9 feet long—108 r. f.

7 sticks, 6x12, from 15 to 26 feet in length, some for water sills, and some for levelling up the work—141 r. f.

4 binders, 4x8, in lengths from 10 to 30 feet—73 r. f.

271 crib bottom boards, 1x12, of lengths 11 and 19 feet—4,794 feet, b. m.

28 clamps, 2x12, 14 feet long—644 feet b. m

31 scantling, 3x4, in lengths 12, 22, and 24 feet—558 feet b. m.

The whole superstructure requires for its construction:

308 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, of lengths from 5 to 32 feet—in these 6,397 r. f.

6 braces, 8x8, 9 feet long—54 r. f.

314 joists and planks, 2x12, in lengths 16, 22, 24, and 26 feet—in these 6,316 feet b. m.

174 joists, 3x12, 10 feet long—5,220 feet b. m.

28 white oak round piles for staying cribs, not less than 12 inches diameter at middle, excluding bark, of which 20 to be 24, and eight 28 feet long.

330¼ bars 1-inch square drift bolt iron, 16 feet long, for cribs and superstructure—17,516 lbs.

17 round-head bolts, iron nut and screw, and two washers, bolts 22 inches long from inside of head to point of screw—170 lbs.

6-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 diameter—161 lbs.

5-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 diameter—526 lbs.

10 d. cut nails—24 lbs.

669 cords of rubble stone for cribs and superstructure.

In this division the pieces of timber in lengths of 20 feet and under amount to 36,177 b. m.

Above 20 to include 24 feet, 110,984 feet b. m.

Above 24 to include 33 feet, 131,907 feet b. m.

DIVISION IV.

DREDGING FOR CHANNEL.

After the work in Divisions I, II, III shall have been done, it may become necessary to dredge the space between the extension of the south and the prolongation of the line of north pier to obtain a depth of channel of 14 to 15 feet below the low stage. This will be estimated in cubic yards, and the price for dredging and dumping the same out of the way in deep water to be bid for. Our surveys now show about 12,000 cubic yards of this deposit requiring removal.

DIVISION V.

BREAKWATER TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING HARBOR AND TO APPEND REPTON.

This is designed to be 4,000 feet long, to stand in a straight line on which the average depth of water below low stage is 27 feet; to consist of cribs 50 feet long placed end to end, made of square timbers. The sides of the cribs to rise from the bottom with a batter of 31-100ths, so the crib shall be 18 feet at the low water surface, and thence the faces of the superstructure to rise vertically 8 feet above said surface. The widths of the cribs at the bottom will be from 31½ to 36 feet, according to the depths which they are to stand, the whole work to be filled with rubble stone up to bottom of top timbers and planked over.

The cribs, eighty in number, will require for their construction:

17,610 side cross and brace timbers, 12x12, of lengths from 12 to 35 feet, amounting to 453,925 r. f.

4,272 end timbers, 11½x12, lengths 16½ to 36 feet, amounting to 116,735 r. f.

1,900 bottom cross ties, 10x12, lengths 31½ to 35½ feet, amounting to 5,415 r. f.

100 bottom cross ties, 10x12, lengths 31½ to 35½ feet, amounting to 5,415 r. f.

1,700 cross bottom timbers, 8x10, lengths 31½ to 35½ feet—59,757 running feet.

640 tie braces, 4x8, all 16 feet long—11,520 r. f.

10,264 bottom boards, 1x12 feet long—123,168 feet b. m.

1,824 clamp and levelling pieces, 2x12, lengths 12 to 20 feet—43,392 feet b. m.

338 scantling, 3x4, lengths 11 to 17 feet—3,090 feet b. m.

The superstructure above said low stage will require for its construction:

4,400 side, end, and tie timbers, 12x12, lengths 10 to 30 feet—93,320 running feet.

16 corner braces, 8x8, all 9 feet long—114 r. f.

2,440 joists, 2x12, all 10 feet long—72,000 feet b m.

8,603 covering planks, 2x12, all 16 feet long—132,948 feet b. m.

13,760 bars of 1-inch square drift bolt iron, 16 feet long, for cribs and superstructure—676,062 lbs.

5-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 diameter—13,431 lbs.

6-inch wrought spikes, 5-16 diameter—3,716 lbs.

10d cut nails—1,220 lbs.

19,596 cords rubble stone, for cribs and superstructure.

In this division the lengths of timber 20 feet and under amount to 2,217,080 feet b. m; above 20 to include 24 feet, 1,890,231 feet b. m; above 24 to include 30 feet, 3,366,134 feet b. m.

This division cannot be executed until further appropriations by Congress for this harbor.

DIVISION VI.

IN REFERENCE TO "ERIE BREAKWATER."

This part of the improvement consists in removing the south end of the New York State work, known as the "Erie Breakwater," for an extent of 212 feet, provided consent can be obtained, and which will be supplied for during the next session of the Legislature. Therefore the work advertised in this Division VI is contingent, and not to be put under contract, of course, until said consent be obtained. Nevertheless, it is designed to receive proposals for removing that portion of this structure, which our surveys show to consist of a line of timber cribs, 24 feet wide, filled with rubble stones, and upon which, as part of the foundation and the natural bed of the lake another part, rests a rubble-stone work, faced with hammered or cut stone on one side. Around the foot of the work a row of piles has been driven to protect the stones from the action of the surf.

The stone, crib-timbers, and piles to be removed clean to the original bottom. The width at base, including the crib-work on the bottom, is nearly 100 feet, and from the bottom up to the summit of the breakwater it is 15 feet. The water around the work to be removed is 12 feet deep.

There are 1,561 cords of stone to be removed from under water, and 680 cords from above water, of which 190 cords are cut stone. All the other are rough rubble. There are also to be removed 8,904 running feet of crib-timbers from under water, and 453 piles, more or less, to be pulled.

Such of the stones, about 2,000 cords, as are unfit for masonry are by the contractor for the removal to be put (if the consent of the State can be obtained) into the work of repairs and improvements contemplated in Divisions I, III, and V; and the stones fit for masonry, piles, and old timbers to be deposited by him at a convenient place, to be designated by the engineer in charge.

For each of the Divisions I, II, III, V, VII the timber and lumber are to be made from good live hard or white pine, or white oak, as specified, and to be truly sawed square to the dimensions, free from rotten knots, splits, shakes, wane, or other defects tending to impair durability or strength. Some of the very longest may be delivered in counter-hewed sticks, if more convenient for the contractor; all to be delivered on land at such points as the engineer in charge may direct.

The timber for the divisions I, II, III all to be delivered by the 31st July, 1868, and for Divisions V and VII during the years 1868, 1869, 1870, should Congress make the needful appropriations.

And all the work in Divisions I, II, III to be completed in the year 1868; and the work in Divisions IV, V, VI, VII to be completed during the years 1868, 1869, 1870, if the consent to VI be obtained, and adequate appropriations be made.

The plans, specifications, drawings, and detail bills of all materials are to be seen at this office, and may be inspected by any one desiring to bid, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, during the first two weeks in November.

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CLASS B.

Item 1.—All sawed stuff to be bid for, furnishing and delivering, and paid for by the M. feet, board measure, at one uniform price, whatever may be the lengths, and whether of oak, white or hard pine, for Divisions I, II, III, V.

CLASS C.

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Item 2.—Drift bolt iron.
Item 3.—Wrought spikes.
Item 4.—Cut nails, each to be bid for, furnishing and delivering, and paid for by the pound, for Divisions I, II, III, V.

LABOR.

CLASS D.

Item 1.—Preparing and driving piles, to be bid and paid for per pile, Divisions I, II, III.
Item 2.—Dredging and dumping to place the cribs in Division III, sand or other dirt, to be bid and paid for by the cubic yard.
Item 3.—Dredging or raising and piling stone, Division II, to be bid and paid for by the cord.
Item 4.—Dredging and dumping sand or other dirt in Division II, to be bid and paid for by the cubic yard.
Item 5.—Framing, fitting, placing, boring, cutting the bolts, bolting, fastening, and securing crib or other work under water in place, whether made of sawed or hewn timber, to be bid and paid for upon the lineal foot measured in the work, of timber of whatever size, as put in the work, Divisions I, II, III, V.
Item 6.—Framing, fitting, boring, cutting iron for bolts, bolting, and fastening in place, superstructure, above low stage of water, to be bid and paid for upon the lineal foot of timber so put in and measured in the work.
Item 7.—Fitting and fastening sanding and boards; gaining and spiking joists; and the fitting, boring, and spiking plank—all to be bid and paid for by the M feet board measure, therein contained in Divisions I, II, III, V.
Item 8.—Furnishing and putting all brush in bundles in the work, to be bid and paid for by the cord, measured in the work, Division I.
Item 9.—Furnishing and putting in the work rubble stone, to be bid and paid for by the cord, measured in the work, Divisions I, II, III, V.
Item 10.—Taking from south or north pier the stone to be piled thereon, and putting the same into the work, Divisions I, II, or III, to be bid and paid for the cord.
Item 11.—Removing and depositing the stones which are fit for masonry, Division VI, to be bid and paid for by the cord.
Item 12.—Removing, by dredging or otherwise, stones which are unfit for masonry, Division VI, and depositing them in the works, Divisions I, II, V, to be bid and paid for by the cord.
Item 13.—Removing all old timber, Division VI, to be bid and paid for by the cord.
Item 14.—Pulling old piles, Division VI, to be bid and paid for by the pile.

It must not be forgotten that Items 11, 12, 13, 14, are contingent upon the consent of the New York Legislature.

CLASS E.

Item 1.—All dredging and dumping, Division IV, required between the extension of south and prolongation of the line of the north pier, to make a depth of 14 to 15 feet channel way, to be bid and paid for by the cubic yard of sand or other dirt measured in the bed.

CLASS F.

Items 1 and 2.—Repairing breaches of masonry in old south pier, by cement and dry stone masonry as good as that of the pier, and relaying coping of north pier, where damaged, to be bid for by the cubic yard, the contractor having the privilege of taking the stones for these purposes from any of those not in place, and belonging to the U. S., he finishing the work at his own expense.

In making proposals the following form is to be strictly followed, prices to be inserted where the blanks occur:

To Brevet Major General T. J. Cram, U. S. Corps Engineers:

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Item 12—For —— dollars per cord.
Item 13—For —— dollars per cord.
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CLASS F.

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The bondsmen must be citizens of the United States, and the bidder is to send duplicates of his sealed proposal in the form above given, with two copies of this advertisement to the undersigned. There may be separate proposals made in the form given, however, for materials and work. Any bid for one item without bidding for all the items in a class, will be rejected. The Government reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids, and for all Government materials put in possession of a contractor for doing work, he will be held accountable until the materials are used up in the work, and the work accepted; and the Government also reserves the right for the engineer to vary the dimensions and amounts of the materials at his option, to suit contingencies that may arise either in plans, construction, or appropriations of Congress, by giving the contractor due notice of the change.

DIVISION VII.

This part of the improvement of Buffalo Harbor consists in opening a canal 2,320 feet long, and 200 feet wide, from 14 feet water in the lake, to 14 feet water in Buffalo creek, at a site about 1½ miles south of the present south pier, and to a depth of 14 feet below the low-water stage. This division, however, is contingent and requires further action of Congress in reference to an appropriation for the fullest improvement and completion of Buffalo Harbor before being put under contract. Nevertheless, a minute survey and estimate having been made for it, separate proposals are invited for furnishing the materials and doing the work in this division, which is divided into sections A, B, C.

Section A—from lake shore line to 14 feet water in the lake must have two piers, one 1,035, and the other 1,000 feet long, 20 feet wide, 5 feet above water, which it is proposed to build upon the plan now in successful execution at Cleveland, called the "close pile pier," designed by General Cram, and which the survey shows to be well adapted to the site at Buffalo. This Section will require for its construction:

3,320 white oak round piles, not less than 12 inches in diameter at middle, 28 feet long.

140 water sills, 6x12 in length, 18, 20, and 30 feet, amounting to 4,080 running feet.

140 binders, 4x8, in length 18, 20, and 30 feet—4,080 running feet.

2,080 side, end and cross timbers, 12x12, in lengths of 18 to 25 feet—4,173 running feet.

12 corner braces, 8x8, 9 feet long—108 running feet.

1,296 joists, 2x12, 10 feet long—34,720 feet, board measure.

1,800 planks, 3x12, 20 feet long—72,000 feet, board measure.

656 nut and screw, and 40 washer bolts 1 inch round iron, 22 inches long from inside of head to point of screw—in all amounting to 4,060 lbs.

790 bars, 1 inch square, drift bolt iron, 16 feet long—4,370 lbs.

Wrought spikes, 5 inches by 5-16—5,050 lbs.

4,044 cords brush, in bundles well compressed and bound, 12 inches in diameter, and 8½ feet long, with ends squarely cut off.

1,619 cords rubble stone.

4,936 cubic yards lake dredging clay, for placing the piers.

20,709 cubic yards lake dredging clay, from between the piers.

Section B, from Lake Shore Line to bank of Buffalo creek, across dry land—1,170 feet requires:

172,854 cubic yards clay excavation, by dredging.

672 white oak round piles, not less than 12 inches diameter at middle, exclusive of bark, 28 feet long.

373 do., about 10 inches diameter at middle, 16 feet long.

2,340 sheet piles, 4x12, sawed, white oak, 18 feet long.

124 strings, 5x8, sawed, w. o. or pine, 20 feet long.

134 water sills, 8x8, sawed, w. o. or pine, 20 feet long.

114 water sills, 6x12, sawed, w. o. or pine, 20 feet long.

134 binders, 4x8, sawed, w. o. or pine, 19 feet long.

124 fenders, 8x12, sawed, white oak, 20 feet long.

124 front caps, 12x12, sawed, w. o. or pine 20 feet long.

124 rear caps, 8x8, sawed, w. o. or pine, 18 feet long.

118 front sidings, 10x12, sawed, w. o. or pine, 20 feet long.

118 rear sidings, 8x12, sawed, w. o. or pine, 20 feet long.

121 front sidings, 10x12, sawed, w. o. or pine, 18 feet long.

121 rear sidings, 8x12, sawed, w. o. or pine, 18 feet long.

581 cross-ties, 8x10, sawed, w. o. or pine, 12 feet long.

371 1-inch round iron nut and screw, and two washers' bolts, 27 inches long, from outside of head to point of screw—1,081 lbs.

371 do., 22 inches long, from outside of head to point of screw—3,710 lbs.

502 bars, 1 inch square, drift bolt iron, 16 feet long, 93 bars, 14 feet long, and 93 bars 12 feet long—in all 34,618 lbs.

Wrought spikes, 10x½ inch—217 lbs.

Wrought spikes, 8x⅝ inch—2,410 lbs.

Section C—from bank of creek to 14 feet water in the creek, 580 feet. To be dredged to a width of 200 feet at bottom, and with side slopes of 2 to 1—12,554 cubic yards clay, from under water.

The piles in section A to be driven to their points shall be 24 feet below low-water stage, and the dirt dredged to be dumped at such place as the Engineer may direct.

The piles in section B to be driven so the points of the 28 feet piles shall be 23, the points of the 16 feet piles 14, and those of the sheet piles 18 feet below the low-water stage; and as much of the clay dredged as may be required is to be rammed back of the dykes and to fill the banks, and the remainder wasted at such place as the Engineer may direct; and for the dredging, ramming, filling, and wasting, the contractor to be paid upon the cubic yard measured in the natural bed before being excavated, for all the sections A, B, C.

CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS—DIVISION VII.

CLASS A.

Item 1.—The 28 feet round piles, for section A.
Item 2.—The 28 feet round piles, for section B.
Item 3.—The 16 feet round piles, for section B.

CLASS B.

Item 1.—The sawed stuff, which must be of white oak, section B.
Item 2.—All sawed stuff, which may be of white pine, hard pine, or white oak, for sections A, B.

CLASS C.

Item 1.—Nut and screw bolts, with washers.
Item 2.—Square drift bolt iron.
Item 3.—Spikes.

CLASSIFICATION OF LABOR OR WORK

CLASS D.

Item 1.—Dredging to place the piers, see A.
Item 2.—Preparing and driving round piles, sections A, B.
Item 3.—Preparing, driving, boring, and spiking sheet piles, section B.
Item 4.—Framing, fitting, placing, boring, cutting iron for bolts, bolting and fastening sawed timber, sections A, B.
Item 5.—Furnishing and delivering in the piers, brush-filling, section A.
Item 6.—Furnishing and delivering in the piers, rubble-stone filling, section A.
Item 7.—Gaining in, spiking, and fastening the joists, fitting, boring, and spiking in place the covering plank, section A.

CLASS E.

Item 1.—Dredging from between the piers and dumping, section A.
Item 2.—Dredging, filling behind dykes, dumping and ramming the small quantity required in banks, and wasting the rest, section B.
Item 3.—Dredging and dumping in section C.

The following is the form to be strictly followed by the bidder in making his proposals for Division VII, prices to be inserted where the blanks occur:

To Bvt. Maj. Gen. T. J. Cram, Corps of Engineers:

The undersigned will furnish and deliver for Division VII, improvement of Buffalo harbor, as per your advertisement, as follows:

CLASS A.

Item 1.—For —— cents per running foot.
Item 2.—For —— cents per running foot.
Item 3.—For —— cents per running foot.

CLASS B.

Item 1.—For —— dollars per M feet, board measure.
Item 2.—For —— dollars per M feet, board measure.

CLASS C.

Item 1.—For —— cents per pound.
Item 2.—For —— cents per pound.
Item 3.—For —— cents per pound.

The undersigned will do the work as follows:

CLASS D.

Item 1.—For —— cents per cubic yard.
Item 2.—For —— cents per running foot.
Item 3.—For —— cents per sheet pile.
Item 4.—For —— cents per running foot.
Item 5.—For —— dollars per co d.
Item 6.—For —— dollars per cord.
Item 7.—For —— dollars per M feet, board measure.

CLASS E.

Item 1.—For —— cents per cubic yard.
Item 2.—For —— cents per cubic yard.
Item 3.—For —— cents per cubic yard.

Here the names of his two bondsmen to be signed. } Here the bidder signs his name and place of residence.

The proposals for Division VII to be separate from those for all the other Divisions.

The bidder must forward duplicates of his bid, duly dated, signed by himself, and names and residence of his bondsmen stated, and accompanied by a printed copy of this advertisement.

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T. J. CRAM, Col. Engineers,
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NOTICE.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 10 o'clock, a. m., WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1867, for furnishing the garrison at Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, with the following articles for one year, or such less time as the Quartermaster General U. S. A. may direct:

FORAGE—Hay and Oats.
BEDDING—Straw.

Bids will be taken for all or each of the articles separately, to be of good marketable quality, and to be delivered at such times and in such places as the commanding officer may direct. The Government reserves for itself the privilege to reject any or all bids, should they be deemed unreasonable. Bids will be sealed and addressed to Lieutenant FRANK MADDEN, A. A. Q. M., Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, and endorsed "Proposals for Forage and Straw."

A. A. Quartermaster's Office, Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, October 25, 1867. no6-td

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, September 23, 1867.

Proposals will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 o'clock, p. m., of December 12, next, (to be decided by the 14th,) for Carrying the Mails of the United States from April 1, 1868, to June 30, 1871.

ROUTE No. 7088—From Brookhaven, by Caseyville, Union Church, Fayette, and Church Hill, to Natchez, 82 miles and back, twice a week.

Leave Brookhaven Wednesday and Saturday at 6 a. m.;
Arrive at Natchez next days by 6 p. m.
Leave Natchez Monday and Thursday at 6 a. m.;
Arrive at Brookhaven next days by 6 p. m.

The accepted bidder will be required to take the oath commonly known as the test oath, and to execute contracts in the form and manner prescribed by law and the regulations of the Department.

For further and fuller particulars as to the conditions to be incorporated into contracts, and of the liabilities of bidders, reference is made to the pamphlet advertisement, dated October 31, 1866, inviting proposals for carrying the mails of the United States in the State of Louisiana, which can be found at the principal post offices.

Proposals must be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, Route No. 8,060, State of Louisiana," and addressed to the "Second