

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
ASPHALT STREET PAVING
INVITATION TO BID
2026**

The Town of Houlton requests bids for approximately 2,000 tons' machine placed of 9.5 mm or 12.5 mm grades of hot mix asphalt to be placed on various Town of Houlton roadways. Materials must meet currently approved MDOT specifications for HMA mix and the most current 401 hot mix specifications.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Paving Bid" on the outside to: Town Manager, 21 Water St., Houlton, Me. 04730, no later than 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at which time they will be opened.

If any additional information is required or to request a bid package, please contact Robert Monfils, Interim Director Houlton Public Works Department, at 532-1325, between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

**TOWN OF HOULTON
2026 PAVING SPECIFICATION**

A. Description of Work

The work shall consist of constructing a Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement using designated grades for the roadways, sidewalks, and parking lots. All work shall be constructed as outlined in this specification and as directed by the Municipal Representative.

B. Project Locations

The work will include the following: (To Be Determined)

C. Equipment Requirements

1. All pavers used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MDOT Standards Specifications, section 401.10.
2. All steel wheel rollers used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent addition of the MDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.11.
3. All pneumatic tire rollers used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.112.
4. All hauling equipment used on the project will meet the requirements of the most recent edition of MDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.09.

D. Plant requirements

1. Batch plants used to produce mix for this project shall meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MDOT Standard Specification, sections 401.082 and 401.083.
2. Drum plants used to produce mix for this project shall meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MDOT Standard Specifications, section 401.084
3. The delivery slips shall meet the requirements of the most recent edition of the MDOT Standard Specifications, section 109.01(f) 1 through 4 and section 109.012 a and b.

E. 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.

The contractor shall submit, for the municipal representative's approval, Job mix formula for each grade to be supplied to the project. The job mix 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 bituminous material to be used and the plant location.

F. Construction

1. The Town and/or the Houlton Water Co. crews will do all prep work to Include adjustments to street hardware, sweeping, patching, or crack sealing as may be applicable.
2. The Contractor will prepare notched butt joints where new pavement starts and stops or otherwise matches old joints, intersection streets and certain paved driveways where deemed necessary by the Municipal Representative.
3. Uniform tack coating with asphalt emulsion type RS-1 or HFMS-1 (item 409.15) at a rate of approximately 0.02 gal/sy. will be considered incidental to the other items on all overlays.
4. Hot mix asphalt overlays shall only be placed when the old surface is dry and when the ambient temp. is + 45 F. and rising. Paving operations shall cease during and immediately after a rain event. All paving shall be completed by Oct. 20th, 2026, unless otherwise approved by the Municipal Representative.
5. Overlay thicknesses are nominal. Many streets to be overlaid will require drag shimming for leveling first. Tonnages estimated include shim allowance. The Municipal Representative will review the requirements for each street with the paving foreman before the street is paved.
6. Cross slope of the final paved road surface shall be 1/4" per foot of lane width except in super elevated sections.

G. Testing

All materials and every detail of work will be subject to inspection by the Municipal Representative. The Municipal Representative shall be allowed access to all parts of the work. The contractor shall take a daily sample of each grade used and deliver it to the Municipal Representative together with test results for asphalt content and gradation for each 1000 tons or single day's production whichever is less.

The Municipal Representative shall also have the right to inspect and test, at the Municipality's expense, by the following methods:

a. Pavement Samples

1. Core samples for density testing may be taken in accordance with AASHTO procedures every 1000 tons.
2. All test results will be required to be within the allowable tolerances given in section 400 of the most recent edition of the MDOT standard specifications.
3. 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 MDOT standard specifications.

b. Acceptance

1. 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. Should the exposed work prove to be acceptable, in the judgment of the Municipal Representative, the removing and replacing of the covering of making good the parts removed will be paid as extra work. Should the work exposed prove to be unacceptable in the judgment of the Municipal Representative, the removing and the replacing of the material will be at the contractors 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.

H. Miscellaneous

1. Pre-inspection

Each contractor, before submitting an offer, shall become completely familiar with the required work and shall rely on their own investigation. The Municipal Representative will be available to have the site/sites proposed for paving inspected. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the materials 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.

2. Right to change or additional work

The municipality reserves the right to submit change orders in writing to the contractor.

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. Insurance

The contractor shall have and maintain liability insurance that is in force until the work is completed and accepted by the Municipalities. 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, in the discretion of the Municipality, result in termination of the contract. The contractor shall furnish to the Municipality a copy of an insurance policy within one month of notice of the contractor acceptance of its offer.

5. 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 warrantee shall be for a period of one year from the date of completion.

6. 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 attorneys' fees incurred by the Municipality.

7. Acceptance period

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

8. Notice of acceptance

The contractor will be notified in writing by the Municipality of the acceptance of its offer in whole, or in part, and the contractor shall reply in writing, within five (5) business days that it has been accepted. Failure to comply with this notice requirement shall constitute a breach of contract. An offer cannot be accepted verbally.

9. Rejection

The Municipality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals whenever such rejection is in their best interest. 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.

10. Pre-construction conference

The Municipal Representative will be available to meet with the contractor's representative to discuss details of the project, stopping and starting points, scheduling, etc., and to provide any additional orientation that may be necessary. The Initial meeting can be followed by as many question and answer sessions as the paving foreman may require.

11. Payment

The Municipal Representative shall make payment monthly in full after completion, inspection and acceptance. The unit price per ton will include surface preparation, mobilization, hauling and placing materials, and final cleanup.

12. Safety

The contractor shall comply with the Town's Safety Policy Mission Statement and all applicable OSHA and State Bureau of Labor Standards requirements.

13. Wages

Davis-Bacon wages do not apply.

14. Traffic Control

All traffic control will be done by contractor. Following the manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways 2009 Edition.

**BID FORM 2026
HOT MIX ASPHALT STREET**

To:

Town Manager
21 Water Street
Houlton Me. 04730

From: Company name _____

(address _____)

(Phone _____)

Re: Hot mix asphalt paving bid in response to request for "invitation to bid" advertised on Town of Houlton's web page with end date for bid of **April 16th 2026**

Our firm bids the following price per ton of hot mix asphalt, tacked, and placed in accordance with specifications and requirements provided with the bid request and, in case of award, hereby enters a contract incorporating all bid specifications and any exemptions accepted by the Municipality to supply all the labor, materials, and equipment to manufacture, transport and place the asphalt on specified ways in the Town of Houlton.

Please include the terms of your firm's "escalator clause" with bid.

Proposed pricing is as follows:

Machine placed 9.5 mm hot mix asphalt	_____	\$ _____	per ton
Hand placed 9.5 mm hot mix asphalt	_____	\$ _____	per ton
Machine placed 12.5 mm hot mix asphalt	_____	\$ _____	per ton
Hand placed 12.5 mm hot mix asphalt	_____	\$ _____	per ton
Bituminous Curbing, in place	_____	\$ _____	per lin. Foot
Maintenance Mix asphalt	_____	\$ _____	per ton

Exceptions (if any) _____

Estimated date work can be started _____

Date: _____ Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____