

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter called the "Owner") for:

2024 PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACT 01

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the above named Contract, which includes the rehabilitation of the structural, mechanical and electrical components at three(3) existing sanitary sewer pump stations in Lower Township Cape May County, New Jersey will be received at the offices of the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (" Owner") located at 2900 Bayshore Drive, Villas 08251 on **Thursday May 28th @ 10:00 AM.** prevailing time, at which time they will be publicly unsealed, and the contents publicly announced. The Authority will also make proper record of the prices and terms, upon the minutes of the governing body. All bids may be delivered to the LTMUA offices Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am – 4 pm. Packages may also be sent through mail to the LTMUA at the above address with attention to Erin McFeeters, QPA Purchasing Agent but all packages sent through the mail are still subject to the time restriction.

"This contract or subcontract is expected to be funded in part with funds from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. Neither the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust nor any of their departments, agencies or employees is, or will be, a party to this contract or subcontract or any lower tier contract or subcontract. This contract or subcontract is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3, 4, 5, 9 and 10."

The work for the 2024 PUMP STATION REHABILITATION, CONTRACT 01 includes electrical, mechanical, site and structural rehabilitation of two(2) dry pit vertical pump shaft sewage pump stations and the replacement of an existing flooded suction subgrade dry well pump station with a new submersible pump type station with larger wet well including furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the work described in the specifications and shown in the provided drawings. The work shall be completed within three hundred sixty (360) days of the Notice to Proceed or subject to liquidated damages of \$500.00 per day.

A non -mandatory Prebid meeting will be held on Tuesday May12 @10:00 AM. The meeting will start at the administrative offices of the LTMUA located at 2900 Bayshore Drive Villas and will include visits to each of the three sites. Prospective bidders who desire to perform a detailed visit of each site are encouraged to attend as individual site visits may or may not be able to be accommodated depending on availability of staff.

A person bidding on a contract for the erection, alteration or repair of a public building, structure, facility or other improvement to real property, the total price of which exceeds \$100,000, shall furnish a guarantee as provided for herein. The guarantee shall be payable to the contracting unit so that if the contract is awarded to the bidder, the bidder will enter into a contract therefor and will furnish any performance bond or other security required as a guarantee or indemnification.

The guarantee shall be in the amount of 10% of the bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, except as otherwise provided herein, and may be given, at the option of the bidder, by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond. In the event that any law or regulation of the United States imposes any condition upon the awarding of a monetary grant to any contracting unit, which condition requires the depositing of a guarantee in an amount other than 10% of the bid or in excess of \$20,000.00 the provisions of this section shall not apply and the requirements of the law or regulation of the United States shall govern.

All applicable surety bonds required in connection with the advertisement and award of building contracts or sub-agreements must be written by a surety company listed on the Federal Treasury List (Department Circular 570—Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds), incorporated herein by reference. Copies of this document may be obtained upon request from the USEPA

The bid shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Surety on the form included in the Contract Documents, from a surety company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, which shall represent that the surety company will provide the Contractor with the required bonds in the sums required in the Contract Documents and in a form satisfactory to the Owner's Attorney and in compliance with the requirements of law. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a "Statement of Ownership Disclosure" and "Non-Collusion Affidavit" on the forms included in the Contract Documents.

Bidders must use the prepared proposal form that is contained in the Contract Documents. Each individual proposal must be separately enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Owner and marked on the outside with the number of the contract(s) and name of the project being bid on.

After receipt of bids, no bid shall be withdrawn except as expressly authorized herein. The Owner shall award the Contract or reject all bids within 60 days of bid opening, except that the bids of any bidders who consent thereto may, at the request of the Owner, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed.

The Owner will evaluate bids and any award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor informalities or irregularities in bids received.

Successful bidders must provide a photocopy of their "Certificate of Employee Information Report" or the pink copy of the relevant AA form within seven (7) days after the notification of intent to award the contract or receipt of contract, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so will result in the bid being rejected as non-responsive.

Successful bidders will also be required to submit bonds and proof of insurance on or before execution of their respective Contracts as explained in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are required to comply with all relevant Federal and State Statutes, Rules and Regulations including but not limited to the applicable provisions of Chapter 127, PL 1975 and Supplements thereto Laws Against Discrimination (Affirmative Action), the State requirement for bidders to

supply statements of ownership (N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2) and the State requirement for submission of the names and addresses of certain subcontractors (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-16).

The provisions of the Department of Labor's current wage rate determinations and the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act are requirements of this project.

Prospective bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Contract Compliance and Affirmative Action for Public Contracts). A copy of the Law is available at the Authority Clerk's Office upon request and is made a part of the bid specifications.

Public Works Contractor Registration pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et. seq. is required for all projects/contracts which include construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance work on a public building. All Contractors and Subcontractors are required to submit a copy of their Business Registration Certificate issued by the NJ Division of Taxation (PL 2004, c57 effective 9-1-04).

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-26, N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(a)24 and 4.17(a)24, the contractor (subcontractor) shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7-22-9

Challenges to bid specifications must be made, in writing, addressed to the Owner, at least, three (3) business days prior to the bid opening date. Challenges filed otherwise will not be considered.

The Contract Documents may be examined and obtained at Polistina & Associates, 6684 Washington Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 08234 (Phone 609-646-2950) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Prospective bidders will be issued plans and specifications upon payment of a fee of \$200.00 for each set of full-sized drawings with specifications. Payment must be made by either cash or business check, which shall be made out to Polistina & Associates, LLC.

If the Contract is awarded, no refunds will be given. If for any reason the Contract is not awarded, refunds will be made to bidders pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24(b) when the Contract Documents are returned in reasonable condition within 90 days of notice that the Contract has not been awarded.

It is the purpose of this Notice to Bidders to summarize some of the more important provisions of the Contract Documents. Prospective bidders are cautioned not to rely solely on this summary, but to read the Contract Documents in their entirety.

By Order of the Lower Township
Municipal Utilities Authority

Erin McFeeters, QPA Purchasing Agent