

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority (hereinafter called the "Authority" or the "Owner") for:

**Digester Facility Complex Upgrade Project  
New Jersey I-Bank  
Project No. S340128-09**

Sealed Bids for the above-named Contract will be received by the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority (the "Authority") at the office of the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, 103 Pension Road, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726 at **11:00 a.m. eastern time on September 12, 2024**, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the designated closing time will be returned unopened.

The Western Monmouth Utilities Authority's Digester Facility Complex Upgrade Project will occur at their Pine Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) located in Manalapan, New Jersey.

The work required under the Contract shall consist of, but is not limited to, the replacement of aging equipment, and improvement upon the performance of the anaerobic digestion system. The improvements will include application of a concrete corrosion coatings system for the internal concrete structures associated with the primary and secondary digesters including their associated overflow boxes, new radial beam gas holder floating covers for the primary and secondary digesters including thermal insulation system, new linear motion mixing system for the secondary digester and modifications to the existing linear motion mixing system for the primary digester, new sludge heat exchangers, new sludge and digester gas piping systems, new process and instrumentation control systems, new potable and service water piping systems, concrete repairs, site work, and HVAC, architectural, and electrical system upgrades. (collectively, the "Work").

The Work shall be completed within 1095 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

This Contract 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 any lower tier contract or subcontract. This Contract is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.1 et seq., 4.1 et seq., 5.1 et seq., 9.1 et seq. and 10.1 et seq..

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 (and subcontractor) shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et seq.

Bidders desiring a hard Copy of the Bid Documents for use in preparing bids may obtain a set from QuestCDN. **Bid Documents can be downloaded electronically for a non-refundable fee of \$22.00 by going to the [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) Project Search Page and looking up QuestCDN Project Number 9145604.** You can contact QuestCDN at 1-952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance with membership registration, downloading, and working with digital documents. For questions regarding the bid documents or for project information, please contact **Richard Padgitt at (848) 206-2621 or [rpapgitt@psands.com](mailto:rpapgitt@psands.com).**

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the Bid Documents in the manner designated therein and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, 103 Pension Road, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726 and bearing the name and address of the bidder and the Contract name and number. Bidders are directed to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of bids.

Bids will be accepted by courier service, hand delivery, or by mail, and the Bidder accepts all risks associated with non-delivery or late delivery. Upon receipt, all bids will be date and time recorded by a by the Authority or its representative, and such time stamp shall be controlling. No oral, facsimile, or telephonic bids or alterations will be considered.

Bidders are solely responsible for the timely delivery of the bids and no bids shall be considered which are presented after the public call for receiving bids. Any bid received after the date and time specified will be returned, unopened, to the bidder. Bids must be based upon and in strict accordance with the Bid Documents. Bids that do not provide the required documents as detailed in the Bid Document Submission Checklist will not be deemed responsive and may be rejected.

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. A contracting unit may provide that a person bidding on any other contract, advertised in accordance with law, 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.

A certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of the bid not to exceed Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), must be submitted with the bid, guaranteeing that if a contract is awarded, the bidder shall execute the contract and deliver the bond(s) required by the bid documents. Bidders must also submit a Consent of Surety with the bid, wherein the surety agrees to furnish the required bond(s) if the bidder is awarded a contract. If 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 use of certain surety companies listed on the Federal Treasury or the depositing of a guarantee in an amount other than 10% of the bid not to exceed \$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.

Per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24, the contracting unit shall award the contract or reject all bids within such time as may be specified in the invitation to bid, but in no case more than 60 days, except that the bids of any bidders who consent thereto may, at the request of the contracting unit, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed. All bid security, except the security of the three apparent lowest responsible bidders, shall be returned, unless otherwise requested by the bidder, within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and holidays excepted, and the bids of such bidders shall be considered as withdrawn. Within three days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and signing of the contract and the approval of the contractor's performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them.

Bidders are advised there is a Pre-Bid Meeting scheduled for **July 10, 2024 at 10:00 am**. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, 103 Pension Road, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726 at the Facility Management Building located within the treatment plant. The Pre-Bid Meeting is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended that Bidders attend. All interested parties are invited to attend. **Bidder questions shall be submitted in writing to Richard Padgitt, P.E., at [rpadgitt@psands.com](mailto:rpadgitt@psands.com) by COB August 22, 2024.** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23(c), responses to written questions will be issued by either a clarification or addendum mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the Authority as having received the Request for Bids. **Questions received after 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024 will not be answered.** Only questions answered by formal written addenda or clarifications will be binding. Oral and other interpretations will have no binding legal effect.

The Authority will evaluate bids and any award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in accordance with applicable laws, and to waive any minor immaterial informalities therein and to accept any bid in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit bonds and proof of insurance before execution of the Contract. All bids and accompanying documents, as well as the insurance certificates, bonds and other contract documents, are subject to review by the Authority Attorney to ensure compliance with New Jersey laws and regulations.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

By Order of the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority  
Brian Valentino, Executive Director