

ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority for the **"REPLACEMENT OF HAWKINS ROAD AND MILL PONDS FORCE MAINS"** project and publicly opened and read aloud at 103 Pension Road, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726 on **Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** prevailing time in the Authority's Office.

The project generally consists of the replacement of the Hawkins Road force main, consisting of approximately 1,620 LF of 14" PVC DR18 force main installed via open cut and 3,714 LF of 18" HDPE DR9 force main installed via trenchless installation and the replacement of the Mill Ponds force main, consisting of approximately 3,780 LF of 12" PVC DR18 force main installed via open cut and 725 LF of 16" HDPE DR9 force main installed via trenchless installation. The project also include air release manholes, connections to existing force mains, backfill, restoration, appurtenances and all other work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Contract Documents and Plans for the proposed work prepared by Michael J. McClelland, P.E., Consulting Engineer, CME Associates may be examined at the office of said Engineer at 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey during business hours and may be obtained at the offices of CME Associates until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of Bids upon payment of \$150.00 per set. No refunds will be made except as provided in N.J.A.C. 40A:11-24b which allows for the return of documents in reasonable conditions within ninety (90) days of notice that the contract has NOT been awarded. Proposals in the Contract Documents must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the work on the outside addressed to the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, and must be accompanied by a Statement of Consent of Surety from a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Authority. All bids are to be hand delivered. No bids are to be mailed. Each proposal must be submitted in writing on the proposal pages furnished in the Contract Documents; this entire document must be submitted at the time of bid.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check or cash in the amount of not less than ten (10%) percent of the Bid, but not more than \$20,000.00, payable without any conditional endorsement as a guarantee that in case the Contract is awarded to the Bidder, he will within twenty-one (21) days thereafter execute such contract and furnish satisfactorily performance bonds. Upon failure to do so he shall forfeit the deposit as liquidated damages and the acceptance of the Bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement by the Bidder. No interest shall be allowed upon any such certified check or cash. A bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the Bid, but not more than \$20,000.00, may be substituted for certified check or cash. Each bid must be accompanied by a certificate of experience and certificate of equipment.

Each Bid must also be accompanied by a certificate of Consent of Surety from a Bonding Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey and named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds", U.S. Treasury Department, guaranteeing that if the proposal of the Bidder be accepted they will furnish the bond set forth in Paragraph One of the General Conditions of the Contract and the acceptance of the Bid will be contingent upon the fulfillment of this requirement.

The Authority reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications. The Authority reserves the right to award this Contract based on funds available.

The successful Bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act (N.J.A.C. 12:110 et seq.) as amended and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Surety Company Bond in the full amount of Contract price indemnifying the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority for all proceedings, suits or actions of any kind of description and conditional for the faithful performance of the work.

All Bid security will be returned to all Bidders except the three apparent lowest Bidders within ten (10) working days after the opening of Bids, and to the three (3) apparent lowest Bidders within three (3) working days after the successful Bidder has executed the Contract and his Contract security has been approved by the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any, or all Bids if in its opinion it is in the best interest to do so and to award the Contract for any and/or all items.

The 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 Successful Bidder must comply with all provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et. seq. for the participation of small business enterprises owned and controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (SED's).

All advertisements for Bids shall be published in a legal newspaper sufficiently in advance of the date fixed for receiving the Bids to promote competitive bidding, but in no event less than ten (10) days prior to said date.

BY ORDER OF THE WESTERN MONMOUTH
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Brian J Valentino, Chief Executive Director