

THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

SECTION 00030

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed Bids, as that term is defined in the Contract Documents referenced herein, shall be received by The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (referred to herein as the "Authority" or "Owner"), at its offices located at 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807, on February 26, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., for the following Project:

Storm Control Treatment Facility Construction Project

No Bids shall be received other than at the time and place herein designated herein. Bids shall be hand delivered or received by the Authority by courier service (including but not limited to Fed Ex, UPS, DHL, etc.). The time for preparing bids exceeds the 10 day minimum established by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.

At the time and place herein designated, the sealed Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud at the Authority's offices located on Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, New Jersey on February 26, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Bids shall be hand written on the forms furnished by the Authority in the Contract Documents, as that term is defined in the Contract referenced herein, and prepared and submitted in the manner designated therein.

Contract Documents can be obtained and examined on or after January 28, 2019 at the office of the Owner, Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, phone (732) 469-0593, fax (732) 469-4179, during regular business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or by submission to the Owner of a written request on or after January 28, 2019 for postal or overnight delivery to Bidder. A non-refundable payment of \$300 by check made payable to SRVSA, plus any postal delivery charges, will be required for each set of Contract Documents taken. Questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to the Engineer, Kleinfelder, 321 Wall Street, Princeton, NJ 08540, phone 609-924-8821, fax 609-924-8831.

The scope of Work shall include the construction of the Authority's new Storm Control Treatment Facility (SCTF) which consists generally of a flow control chamber, influent screening and pumping facility, primary clarifier, compressible media filters, UV disinfection system, effluent pumping system and all associated site work, utilities, structures, buildings, mechanical systems, instrumentation systems, electrical systems and appurtenances as shown in the Contract Documents. The SCTF site is located on the south side of Southside Avenue between Peter's Brook and Dutch Lane as shown in the Contract Documents.

This Project is subject to an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) by and between the Authority, the Borough of Somerville and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that provides, *inter alia*, a compliance schedule for the completion of the construction of the Storm Control Treatment Facility. The Contractor will be required to make payment to the Authority (or have payment withheld) for any and all fines and penalties assessed against the Authority by NJDEP or any entity having jurisdiction that result, in whole or in part, from any failure of the Contractor to start construction and/or achieve final

completion of the construction of the Storm Control Treatment Facility by the deadlines contained in the ACO. The ACO requires the commencement of construction of the SCTF within three (3) months from the date of the Authority's Resolution awarding the Contract to the Contractor and final completion of the SCTF within thirty (30) months after the date of the Authority's Resolution awarding the Contract to the Contractor. This Advertisement for Bids shall not be construed as providing a complete and accurate summary of the ACO and Bidders are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review and understand the requirements of the ACO attached to the Contract Documents and Article 17.085 of Section 0700, General Conditions.

The term of the Contract for the Work shall be for a period anticipated to commence on or about April 15, 2019 and shall continue through December 15, 2020, for a total of six hundred and ten (610) calendar days; notwithstanding that the ACO requires final completion of the SCTF within 30 months after Contract award.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Authority offices located at 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, New Jersey. A site visit will follow the meeting. It is recommended that all bidders attend this meeting.

A certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid, as specified in the Bid submitted by the Bidder, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, whichever is lower, must be submitted with the Bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded by the Authority, the Successful Bidder shall execute the Contract required by the Contract Documents. The surety or sureties issuing any Bid Bond as required by the Contract Documents shall be licensed and/or authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey and shall be acceptable to the Authority.

This project is being funded by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program and the successful Bidder must comply with all the 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). A goal of (10) percent for SED participation has been set for this project. The invitation to bid is on an unrestricted basis and the successful bidder must fulfill the SED requirements.

This contract or subcontract will be funded 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, 9 and 10.

Contractor shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Law Against Discrimination, N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, et. seq. and the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Rules set forth at N.J.A.C. 17:27-1, et seq. and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq., as applicable.

Additionally, a copy of the Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, for the Bidder and subcontractors must be submitted prior to the award of the Contract in conformance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-44. The Successful Bidder, as that term is defined in the Contract, shall be required to comply with all provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, et seq., as applicable, the Federal Labor Standards, and the American Iron and Steel Provisions of P.L. 113-76, and all other Applicable Laws.

All questions that Bidders may have regarding the Bid Documents shall be submitted in writing to the Engineer, Kleinfelder, Inc., 321 Wall Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, 609-924-8821, fax 609-924-8831, by 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on February 11, 2019. Based on the questions submitted, the Authority may provide answers which may be in the form of an Addendum to the Bid Documents. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23, all addenda must be issued no later than seven (7) working days prior to the final date fixed for receiving bids. The Authority reserves the right to modify or change any of the Bid Documents by issuance of Addenda.

In the event that a potential bidder obtains the Contract Documents in any manner other than as specified herein, the Authority will not have the contact information of the potential bidder for purposes of issuing bid addenda, if any. The non-receipt of any addenda (in the event that any addenda are issued) and the failure of the bidder to acknowledge the receipt of any and all addenda at the time of bid shall be considered a fatal defect in such Bidder's submission and said Bid shall be immediately rejected. Therefore, if a potential bidder obtains the Bid Documents in any manner other than as specified herein, said Bidder shall promptly provide written notice to the Authority accordingly.

Bids shall be prepared and submitted in the manner designated and shall also be accompanied by all information requested in the Contract Documents. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Executive Director of the Authority, bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and designated as follows: "STORM CONTROL TREATMENT FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT"

The Authority expressly reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and/or to waive any informalities in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.

THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
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