

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS FOR THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY MERCURY EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM PROJECT - GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) located at 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, New Jersey will hold a hearing that is open to the public on November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. regarding proposed pre-qualification regulations which, if adopted by the Authority after the public hearing and thereafter approved by the Department of Community Affairs, will be incorporated as mandatory minimum qualifications during the procurement of the general construction contract for the Authority’s Mercury Emission Control System Project. Recent air emission requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 60 Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Sewage Sludge Incineration Units (SSI MACT Rule) require the Authority to reduce mercury emissions from its fluidized bed incinerator for thermal processing of its residual wastewater solids by approximately 96%. In order to achieve this level of mercury reduction, it is necessary to construct an air pollution control system utilizing carbon adsorption to scrub the incinerator flue gas. The General Construction Contract to be procured will require the installation of all the highly specialized equipment being provided under an existing equipment contract and coordinating with the equipment contractor for the successful startup and testing of the equipment. In addition, the General Construction Contract will include civil site work, concrete foundations and equipment pads, a new pre-engineered building to house the new equipment, HVAC, process piping and electrical work necessary for the new equipment.

Because of the criticality of the proper installation of the equipment in order for it to operate properly to meet the new emission standards, and the fact that the equipment is to be installed on a fluidized bed incinerator, pre-qualification of contractors in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 will ensure that the lowest responsible bidder has the requisite experience and capabilities to successfully complete the project according to specifications. The proposed pre-qualification regulations include a requirement that the general construction contractor must have completed two projects for air pollution control systems on sludge incinerators within the past ten years each having a minimum value of \$1 million; and that at the time of receipt of bids the general construction contractor must have in its employment a project manager and a project superintendent that have previously been the project manager and/or project superintendent on at least two air pollution control system projects on sludge incinerators for at least fifty percent of the contract time, said contract time measured from the date of commencement of the work to the date of final completion, and in which one such project must have been completed within the past ten years having a contract value of at least \$ 1 million.

A copy of the proposed pre-qualification regulations of the Authority for the aforementioned project is available at the offices of the Authority prior to the public hearing scheduled to occur on November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Authority’s administrative offices located at 50 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Dated: October __, 2016

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Executive Director