

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be dropped off in the lobby on the 1st floor, Administration Building, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on or before November 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM current time for Athletic Fields in Thomas Edison Park, Edison Township, Middlesex County, NJ.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 3, 2023. Prospective bidders will have access to the site on this day from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The entrance to the site is on West Patrol Road via Mill Road. No questions will be answered verbally on the day of the pre-bid meeting. Questions or requests for information must be submitted in writing as per Section 101.04 and received by: November 7, 2023. The County will not be responsible for verbal answers to bidder's questions. Inquiries received by the Engineer less than 14 calendar days prior to the bid opening date will not be answered.

Responses to the questions will be sent in writing by: November 10, 2023. Specifications, plans, and forms of bid for the proposed project prepared by the County Engineer can be delivered electronically free of charge upon request by email at engineering@co.middlesex.nj.us. If a hard copy is necessary, a

\$200.00 non-refundable charge payable in the form of a check or money order and made out to the "Middlesex County Treasurer" must be mailed in advance to the County Engineer at 75 Bayard St New Brunswick NJ 08901. An email shall be forwarded to engineering@co.middlesex.nj.us in advance advising that a hard copy is needed. Sealed bids will be received at the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 1st Floor, Administration Building, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey on or before November 29, 2023 at 10:00 am for the Athletic Fields in Thomas Edison Park, Edison Township, Middlesex County, NJ.

Bids must be made on the standard bid proposal form in the manner designated therein and required by the specifications, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the names of the project and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to the Board of County Commissioners of Middlesex County, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond for not less than 5% of the amount bid, and be delivered at the place and on the hours above mentioned. A consent of surety letter from a responsible Bonding Company must be included in the bid as per Article 102.09.

An entity/corporation submitting a bid in response to this advertisement shall accompany such a bid with a resolution authorizing said individual/officer to execute a contract in the event its bid is accepted.

Quantities as set forth in the bidding documents, specifications, and proposals may be only approximate estimations of the actual quantity to be used and the County reserves the right to increase or decrease at the unit price set forth in the Proposal Sheet to the extent set forth in the specifications and as provided by law.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with applicable law.

Bidders are required to execute the applicable Project Labor Agreement.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (1975, C. 127), N.J.A.C. 17:27. (An act relating to affirmative action in relation to discrimination in connection with certain public contracts).

This project will be subject to the County's Qualified Business Enterprise Set-Aside Program that is summarized in these specifications, a copy of which can be provided upon request. This program establishes a goal of collectively allocating 20% of all contracts to Qualified Business Enterprises. The contractor should undertake good faith efforts to contract with Qualified Business Enterprises and utilize subcontractors who are Qualified Business Enterprises. Contractors who are Qualified Business Enterprises should submit their State of New Jersey Certifications with their bid or proposal.

Bidders are required to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act and its current applicable rates and reporting rules.

After notification of award, but prior to signing a construction contract with the County, the Bidder who is the lowest responsible bidder on the project, shall submit Manning Table Form AA201 (Construction) to the Affirmative Action Office, Department of the Treasury, CN 209, Trenton, NJ 08625-0209. A copy of the Bidder's letter directing said form(s) to the Affirmative Action Office must be supplied to the County at the time same is sent. A Bidder's award shall be rescinded if the Bidder fails to submit the above within two weeks from the award resolution. If the contract is rescinded, the contract will be awarded to the next lowest bidder and the bid guarantee may be subject to forfeiture pursuant to Section 103.06.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Middlesex County.

Amy R. Petrocelli, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
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