

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
CONTRACT 23-3-3(FA)
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bids for Contract 23-3-3(FA)/FIRE ACADEMY WAREHOUSE Will be received by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the “Authority”), at its offices at 2571 Main Street Extension, Sayreville, New Jersey, 08872, on June 16, 2023 at 11:00AM. This Request for Bids (“RFB”) involves all necessary labor, tools, equipment, material, and services to complete all work of the Contract for the Fire Academy Warehouse.

Bids must be received by the Authority by no later than 11:00 AM on June 16, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy at 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville NJ 08872 on May 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM. This will be followed by a visit to the site. Attendance is highly encouraged.

Bidders shall provide questions no later than 12:00 noon on June 5, 2023.

Bidders shall provide, at a minimum, all labor, equipment, tools, materials, supplies, services and manufactured articles necessary to execute various Work items as required by the Owner for the construction, delivery, and erection of the Owner’s metal warehouse building and required subsystems, including foundations, site work and restoration. The work shall include but not be limited to construction of the Warehouse Building foundation, inclusive of excavation, dewatering, and support of excavation; the design, permitting, furnishing, delivery, and erection of a pre-engineered metal building; installation of mechanical heating and ventilation systems; construction of exterior split face concrete masonry unit walls to match existing garage facility; construction of interior reinforced concrete masonry black partition walls, door, and gypsum board partition walls; all electrical and plumbing, and ventilation and heating work; and, installation of design-build fire detection and fire suppression systems.

Further information concerning this procurement is provided in the RFB for such services. A copy of the RFB, which includes all forms, exhibits and appendices set forth herein, including the proposed Contract and Specifications and Scope of Work, may be obtained only from the website at www.Bidset.com/MCUA. Bidders must purchase Bid packages through BidSet in order to be considered a Bidder. The RFB will be available in paper/CD/downloads. A \$25 fee plus applicable tax/delivery charges will apply. Hard copies, CDs and printed drawings are available at an additional charge. The toll free telephone number for BidSet is 866-752-6766.

The RFB may be viewed at www.Bidset.com/MCUA prior to purchasing. The Authority will not be responsible for RFB documents obtained from other sources. No Bid will be accepted after the above referenced date and time. Any Bid received after the due date, whether by mail or otherwise, will be returned unopened.

Bidders must comply with the qualification requirements and standards set forth in the RFB. Bids not meeting these requirements will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

Each Bidder must submit with its Bid, Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond executed by the Principal and Surety Company Attorney in Fact and witnessed to and attested with an appropriate Power of Attorney attached, or a cashier's check, or treasurer's check or certified check or money order made payable to the order of the Treasurer, Middlesex County Utilities Authority and in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price, not to exceed \$20,000.00. In addition to the Bid Security, each Bid must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety written by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and listed by the United States Treasury Department in its latest Circular 570 list of qualified Surety Companies, and which is otherwise acceptable to the Authority, that in the event of an award of the Contract to the Bidder, said Surety will furnish the required contract bond(s) in the sum of the full amount of the Bid as set forth and as required in the RFB.

The contract bond(s) for this RFB include the following and must be from a Surety Company acceptable to the Authority and satisfying the requirements of the RFB:

- Performance Bond
- Labor and Materials Payment Bond
- General Maintenance Bond

The Successful Bidder will be required to present to the Authority the approved contract bonds duly executed and be prepared to execute the Contract within twenty-one (21) days of the date of receipt of the Notice of Contract Award.

All Bidders and named Subcontractors must possess current and effective Public Works Contractor Registration Certificates (PWCR) as of the Bid opening date. A Bidder who does not possess a valid PWCR as of the Bid opening date, or who names any Subcontractor in its Bid who does not possess a valid PWCR as of the Bid opening date, will be deemed ineligible for Contract award.

Bidders are requested to submit copies of all applicable PWCR certificates with their Bids. If copies of any of these certificates are omitted from the Bid, they shall be provided to the Authority prior to award, and within five (5) business days of its request. The Authority shall have the right to independently verify Bidders' and named Subcontractors' PWCR status from computerized systems maintained by the State and shall be guided accordingly in its award process.

Should the Successful Bidder fail or refuse to execute the Contract and/or submit any other required documents within the time period set forth in this RFB, the Authority shall have the right to consider the Successful Bidder to have abandoned the Contract and the Authority may proceed to award the Contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible Bidder or re-advertise same, whichever shall be determined to be in the Authority's best interest.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the name “**MCUA: CONTRACT 23-3-3(FA) / FIRE ACADEMY WAREHOUSE**” clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Bids may not be e-mailed, faxed or transmitted over the telephone.

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, et seq., as amended and supplemented, Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunities; N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, Disclosure of Interests, as amended and supplemented; the Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.); applicable minimum State of New Jersey Labor Standards; the Buy American provisions; and American with Disabilities Act of 1990 provisions of the Contract. Additionally, each Bidder shall submit a Certification on Non-Segregated Facilities. The Bidding and award of the Contract will be in compliance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.).

Any questions regarding this RFB should be directed in writing to Judith McCrone at jmccrone@mcua.com, as set forth in the RFB.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any minor informalities or reject any and all Bids in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., as well as any other applicable law.

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