

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
CONTRACT 18-4-5(CTP)
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bids for Contract 18-4-5(CTP) for **Return Sludge Pump Station Rehabilitation - Phase I Valve Replacement** 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 August 31, 2023 at 11AM. This Request for Bids (“RFB”) involves all necessary labor, tools, equipment, material, and services to rehabilitate the valves and piping at four (4) Return Sludge Pump Stations. This work consists of replacing butterfly valves with plug valves, replacing existing flow meters, replacing and/or modifying piping and appurtenances, installing new pipe supports, modifying existing pipe supports, cleaning wet wells and piping, coating piping and equipment, replacing waste sludge pumps, installing variable frequency drives, and electrical and instrumentation integration for new equipment.

Bids must be received by the Authority by no later than 11AM on August 31, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Authority on July 14, 2023, at 10AM. This will be followed by a visit to the site. Attendance is highly encouraged.

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. The toll free telephone number for BidSet is 866-752-6766.

The RFB may be viewed at www.Bidset.com/MCUA and at the Authority’s offices at 2571 Main Street Extension, Sayreville, NJ 08872, 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 listed on the Federal Treasury List (Environmental Protection Department Circular 570-Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds) as required by N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(g) and N.J.A.C. 7:22-4.17(g), and is licensed to do business in New Jersey and 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
- Environmental 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 fifteen (15) 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 18-4-5(CTP)/ RETURN SLUDGE PUMP STATION REHABILITATION - PHASE I - VALVE REPLACEMENT"** 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; 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.).

This Contract 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 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 is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3,4,5,9 and 10. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 58:11B-26, N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(a)24 and 4.17(a)24, the Successful Bidder shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9 for the participation of small business enterprises owned and controlled by socially economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDs). The Successful Bidder must comply with the Project Plan developed by the Middlesex County Utilities Authority, that is part of the Contract, to fulfill SED utilization.

These requirements include:

Pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(a) 24 and N.J.A.C. 7:22-4.17(a) or N.J.A.C. 7:22-6.17(a)24, it is the Goal of this RFB that not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of all contracts related to this Project for building, materials and services be awarded to small business concerns owned and controlled by individuals meeting the criteria in Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act 15 USC 637(a). Through the exercise of its legislative policy, the State of New Jersey has adopted enabling legislation N.J.S.A. 58:11B-26, 40:11A-41 et seq. and 52:32-17 et seq.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of Notice of Contract Award, the Successful Bidder shall submit an SED Plan setting forth how the SED Utilization Requirements for this Contract shall be achieved over the duration of the Work. Guidance for implementation of said SED Plan is set forth in Appendix G, including the Authority's SED Plan; NJDEP Guidelines for Development and Submission of a Project Plan for the Project Sponsor and the Contractor; N.J.S.A. 52:32:17 et seq. an N.J.A.C. 7:22-9 et seq.; and required SED Forms OEO-002 and OEO-003. The Successful Bidder shall comply with N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 as set forth as an Attachment in the RFB.

The Successful Bidder shall execute the Certification set forth in Exhibit G-6 thereby committing to comply with the Authority's SED Utilization Plan and other special SED Requirements as set forth in this RFB.

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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