

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Towanda Municipal Authority will receive sealed bids until 6:00 p.m. prevailing local time on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at the Towanda Borough Building, 724 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following contracts:

### ***Contract 2019- 2: General / Mechanical Work***

The Towanda Municipal Authority is proposing the construction of a new water treatment building, installation of two membrane filtration systems, a filter membrane cleaning system, a disinfection clearwell, a wastewater neutralization vault, a backwash waste equalization vault, a backwash wastewater reclamation facility, a sodium hypochlorite storage tank, a generator shelter, a sanitary sewer pumping station, demolition of existing equipment, site work, yard piping, and the installation of all necessary equipment, piping, and appurtenances for operation and control of the new process units and equipment.

### ***Contract 2019 - 3: Electrical Work***

Work involves the electrical work associated with the work to be performed in Contract 2019-2, Contract 2019-4, and Contract 2019-5 in addition to SCADA and electrical improvements at various sites throughout the Authority's system.

### ***Contract 2019 - 4: HVAC Work***

Work involves the construction of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems associated with the work to be performed in Contract 2019-2, Contract 2019-3, and Contract 2019-5.

### ***Contract 2019 - 5: Plumbing Work***

Work involves the construction of sanitary drainage, storm drainage, and potable water piping/fixtures associated with the work to be performed in Contract 2019-2, Contract 2019-3, and Contract 2019-4.

Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc., 1731 North Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Payment for the Contract Documents will be \$318.00 for, which price includes 6% Pennsylvania Sales Tax. Digital Copies are available in PDF format on Compact Disk at a 50% discount of the paper copies cost. All checks should be made payable to Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. Fee is non-refundable. A \$20.00 (\$10.00 for Digital) fee for postage and handling will be required for Contract Documents that are mailed to bidders.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 at the Borough Office at the address listed above at 10:00 a.m.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Towanda Municipal Authority or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond on the form provided, executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety (Surety companies must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Pennsylvania), in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the

total of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a contract if given the award. No bid bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder has failed to or cannot comply with any requirements set forth in the plans, specifications or any applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or any applicable municipal ordinances.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payments Bonds, on the forms provided, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price with a surety company listed on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Pennsylvania.

This project is being funded by PENNVEST and the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Davis-Bacon Prevailing wages will apply to this contract. The contract documents contain requirements addressing prevailing labor wage rates, labor standards, nondiscrimination in hiring practices and related matters. All contractors are to demonstrate compliance with federal Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432 and EPA Regulations at 40 CFR Part 33, et. through the detailed documentation of solicitation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's). Contractors must demonstrate the Six Good Faith Efforts to identify and solicit DBE firms that are potential sources for any procurement action in the areas of project construction, equipment, services, and supplies by including state qualified small businesses, and minority and women owned business enterprises in the bidding process.

All contractors and subcontractors shall comply with the Public Works Employment Verifications Act. The Act requires the contractor to verify employment eligibility through the e-verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security as a precondition of being awarded a contract for this project. The contract documents contain information regarding the Act.

The Owner shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or shall reject all bids within 60 days of the date of the bid opening, and no bidder may withdraw his bid before the expiration of such 60-day period; PROVIDED, however, that if the award of the contract is delayed by a required approval of another government agency, the sale of bonds or the award of the grant or grants, the Owner shall reject all bids or award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder within 120 days of the date of the BID opening, and no bidder may withdraw his bid before the expiration of such 120-day period. Thirty (30) day extensions of the date for the award of the contract may be made by the mutual written consent of the Owner and the lowest responsible bidder.

Goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund that have statutory requirements commonly known as "American Iron and Steel" and the "Steel Products Procurement Act" that requires all of the iron and steel products used in the project to be produced in the United States including iron and steel products provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor is responsible for reviewing and understanding the Steel Products Procurement Act, the American Iron and Steel Requirements, and certifying that all of the iron and steel products used in the project will be and/or have been produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Steel Products Procurement Act and the American Iron and Steel Requirement, unless a waiver of the requirement is approved.

Bidders for this contract shall have completed projects similar in character and scope and will be required to provide with their Bid a Qualifications Statement for prime contractor and all subcontractors.

Addenda, if any, will be issued to only those persons whose names and address are on record with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. as having obtained the Contract Documents.

Contract Times are 420 calendar days for Substantial Completion and 480 calendar days for Final Completion.

The Towanda Municipal Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding

Michael Walsh, Chairman

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