

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**BOROUGH OF PAULSBORO
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS: THOMSON AVE. AND PAUL AVE.**

The **Borough of Paulsboro** is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Water Main Improvements: Thomson Ave. and Paul Ave.
USDA Rural Development Project**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Paulsboro Municipal Building** located at **1211 Delaware Street, Paulsboro, NJ 08066**, until **April 1, 2022** at **11:00 am** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

This project generally entails the installation of approximately 1,800 LF of CLDIP water main ranging in size from the 8-inch main to 6-, and 8-inch connection mains, replacement of water services and associated improvements along Thomson Avenue from Elizabeth Avenue to Vanneman Boulevard and along Paul Avenue from Thomson Avenue to Swedesboro Avenue. In addition to the referenced utility improvements, the roadway within the project area impacted by the water main improvements will be milled and paved along with associated improvements.

This project is funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA – Rural Development). The successful Bidder must comply with USDA requirements. This Contract is being bid in accordance with local public contract bid laws and Bidders shall comply with the Local Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq, and USDA requirements.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form. The Owner will award the Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder.

Bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Surety from an acceptable surety and a bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the **Borough of Paulsboro** in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price. Said Certificate of Surety and Bonds must be in a form acceptable to the Owner and be issued by a surety company listed on the United States Treasury Department Circular 570 and the New Jersey List of Approved Surety Companies.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening of the bids. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3, if within five (5) days after Bids are opened, any Bidder files a duly signed, written notice with Owner that demonstrates, to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner, that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, that Bidder may withdraw its Bid, and the Bid security will be returned. Thereafter, if the Work is rebid, that Bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the Work. Owner will determine the lowest responsible bid within the 60-day time frame set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24, subject to any agreed upon extension.

The Contract, if awarded, will be to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the requirements set forth in the Contract Documents. The Owner will award the Contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the bid opening. Should there be any reason the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Owner and the bidder.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 (N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.) (Affirmative Action), N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.27 et seq. (New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act), and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.). All bidders are further notified that they must comply with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 and submit a Disclosure Statement listing stockholders with the bid. In addition, all bidders must comply with N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. – Public Works Contractor Registration Act and the contractor and all subcontractors must be registered in accordance with the Act. All bidders are required to provide a copy of the contractors and subcontractors business registration certificate(s) issued by the Department of the Treasury in accordance with Section 1 of P.L. 2004, c.57 (C.52:32-44). The successful Bidder must also furnish an Initial Project Manning Report (AA201) upon execution of the Agreement.

Contractor is advised of the responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005, c271, s3) if the contractor receives contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 from public entities in a calendar year. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

The Owner and the Engineer reserve the right to require a complete qualifications and experience statement from the prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before furnishing bid forms or specifications, or before awarding the contract.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities or minor defects therein, should it be deemed in the best interest of the Owner, in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law and will determine the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the specifications. Furthermore, the Owner may request written clarification of any aspect of the bid where, in the Owner's opinion, ambiguities exist.

Neither the Owner, nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Note: Bids received from Bidders who have not purchased the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office will be rejected.

All USDA Rural Development forms which are part of this specification must be used as the forms for the Bid Documents, Contract and Completion.

All USDA Rural Development bid document and project requirements shall prevail when they are more stringent than the requirements contained in the Borough's Contract Documents.

The Contract shall not be approved until a favorable eligibility determination has been made by USDA with respect to their program requirements.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**Sickels & Associates
833 Kings Highway, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096**

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **7:45 AM – 4:30 PM**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a deposit of \$175.00 for each set. Make deposit checks for Bidding Documents payable to **Sickels & Associates Inc.** If contract documents are to be mailed, add \$25.00 to the cost of the documents. **NO REFUND SHALL BE MADE FOR RETURN OF THESE DOCUMENTS.**

Bids must be submitted on the forms provided within the documents in the manner designated therein. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the bidder's name and address labeled "**BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS: THOMSON AVE. AND PAUL AVE.**" and addressed to the **Borough of Paulsboro, 1211 Delaware Street, Paulsboro, NJ 08066, Attention: Kathy A. VanScoy, Borough of Paulsboro.** If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelopes containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the **Borough of Paulsboro.**

A Pre-Bid conference has not been scheduled for this project. Bidders' questions are requested by March 23, 2022.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:

De Minimis,

Minor Components,

Pig iron and direct reduced iron

Borough of Paulsboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey

Kathy A. Vanscoy, Borough Clerk