

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County will receive bids on behalf of **Somerset Township Municipal Authority for Contract No. ST-21-1, South Center Avenue Sewer Line Extension Project**. Bids will be received until 1:30 P.M., prevailing time, on **September 26, 2024**, at the Redevelopment Authority office located at 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., prevailing time, on **September 26, 2024**, at the office of the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, located at 300 N. Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501.

Contract No. ST-21-1 involves the installation of approximately 300 feet of 8-inch SDR 35 gravity sewer pipe, a state road crossing (SR 3025) bore method, 2 manholes, 1 lamphole and connection to an existing municipal system. Work under this contract shall include all materials, equipment, supplies, and labor for the construction as shown and specified in the Contract Documents & Plans. The project is located at 1017 South Center Avenue, Somerset Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 P.M., prevailing time on **September 19, 2024**, at the office of the Somerset Township Supervisors located at 2209 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501.

Contract documents are on file for review at the office of Somerset Engineering, 222 West Main Street, Suite 100, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501, Phone (814) 443-1319 for viewing by interested bidders. Contract Documents and Plans may be purchased from Somerset Engineering for the nonrefundable fee of **\$125.00** for one hard copy set or for the nonrefundable fee of **\$26.50** for the electronic format set of contract documents and plans, both of which includes 6% Pennsylvania sales tax. To access the electronic format the bidder must have a valid email address and will require an internet connection. All checks shall be made payable to Somerset Engineering. Bidders must purchase the Contract Documents and Plans (in either format) from Somerset Engineering to be eligible to bid this project.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the "Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County", or negotiable U.S. Government Bond (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and file acceptable Performance, Maintenance, and Labor and Material Bonds within ten (10) days after award of the Contract.

Bidders must comply with all State anti-bid-rigging regulations pertaining to work associated with this project and will be required to submit an executed non-collusion affidavit with the bid.

This Project is funded in part with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which consist of the utilization of federal funds, and the County has adopted a Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) plan in accordance with Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432 and a Section 3 Action Plan in accordance with Title 24 Part 75 Code of Federal Regulations. As such, the bidders/offerors must submit documentary evidence of minority and women business enterprises and Section 3 business concerns who have been contacted and to whom commitments have been made. Documentation of such solicitations and commitments shall be submitted with the bid.

Moreover, the CONTRACTOR shall strive to meet the MBE goal of 5% and the WBE goal of 3% for contracts of \$25,000 or more. For projects which the amount of HUD or CDBG funding exceeds \$200,000 the CONTRACTOR must attempt to meet the minimum numerical goals of which 25% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Section 3 workers, per 24 CFR Part 75.19; and 5% or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project are Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined in 24 CFR Part 75.21.. The Grantee, in accordance with its Section 3 Action Plan, may provide a bid preference to a bidder who is a Section 3 business concern. MBE/WBE and Section 3 business concerns shall be afforded full opportunity to bid without discrimination. Davis-Bacon and Related Acts apply to this Project.

Attention is called to the fact that according to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, age, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap; that a mandatory ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen is required in each craft and the Contractor (and any subcontractors) is obliged to make a "diligent effort" to achieve these ratios; and that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment be given to lower income residents of the project area and must to the greatest extent feasible utilize project area businesses located in or owned in substantial part by project area residents.

The Owner reserves the right to increase and decrease quantities, as necessary, and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any formality or technicality in any proposal in the interest of the Owner. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the contract. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County **is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer (EEO/AA)**. Contractors and subcontractors will be required to comply with all related laws, amendments, and regulations of the Federal and State governments as they relate to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action.

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