

**BOROUGH OF NORTH CALDWELL
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Administrator of the Borough of North Caldwell in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at the Office of the Borough Administrator, located in the Municipal Building at 141 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey on **Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM**, prevailing time, and at that time and place publicly opened and read for the following:

**WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF
RADIO FREQUENCY METER INTERFACE UNITS
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LOCATIONS – BOROUGH-WIDE
BOROUGH OF NORTH CALDWELL, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

The work to be performed includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the drawings and described in the specifications for the replacement of meters, and installation of Radio Frequency Meter Interface Units (RFMIU) at 1,973 locations throughout the Borough. The meters will be supplied by the Borough. All other materials, including the wall-mounted RFMIU shall be provided by the successful bidder. The work in this contract includes providing written notification and explanatory literature to each customer; shutting off the water supply in cooperation with Borough personnel; replacing the existing meter and gaskets; restoring water service to the premises; examining work area for leaks and making required repairs; installing a new exterior MIU; and initiating the MIU with unique serial number identification of the MIU and meter. Additional work includes photographic documentation of the meter replacement and MIU installation at prescribed intervals of the installation process; furnishing and initiating a Project Management Software System with an integrated Customer Portal interface; salvaging of all existing meters; and other incidental work. Work in this bid also includes the replacement of water meter service lines, between the water main and the meter, if and where necessary/directed for the replacement of lead service lines.

Plans and specifications and proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection at the Municipal Building, 141 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and may be obtained at the office of the Borough Engineer at 180 Main Street, Chester, New Jersey, (908) 879-6209, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, prevailing time, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, starting on Monday, January 23, 2023 upon payment of \$20.00, payable to Ferriero Engineering, Inc., said sum will not be refundable.

Each bid must be made on the prescribed forms furnished with the Contract Drawings and Specifications, including Proposal Form, Schedule of Prices, Bid Bond Guarantee, Site Inspection Affidavit, Acknowledgment of Receipt of Changes to Bid Documents, Stockholder Statement of Ownership, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Consent to Investigation, Bidder's Qualification Form, NJ Business Registration Certificate, Public Works Contractor Registration Certificate, List of Subcontractors, Plan and Equipment Questionnaire, Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran, and Bid Opening Checklist.

Bid must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety and a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond of not less than ten (10%) percent of the amount bid, and not to exceed \$20,000.00. Bids may be submitted by mail, but will be considered only if received on or before such date and time.

State of New Jersey Labor prevailing wage regulations and standards provisions will apply. Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

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, and PL 1977, c.33. Bidders are required to comply with the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate Law, P.L. 2004, c. 57. Bidders are required to comply with the Public Works Contractor Registration Act, P.L. 1999, c. 238.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive immaterial informalities, and/or to accept the bid which, in the opinion of the Borough, will be in the best interest of the Borough, all in accordance with the New Jersey Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.

By order of the Borough Council and Borough Administrator of the Borough of North Caldwell.

Kevin O'Sullivan
Borough Administrator