

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

MORTON AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County, New Jersey

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Sickels & Associates, Inc. for the **"Morton Avenue Roadway Improvements"** in Pittsgrove, New Jersey at **10 a.m.** prevailing time on May 19, 2020 at the Office of Sickels & Associates, Inc. 833 Kings Highway, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10 a.m. prevailing time on said date. **There will not be a Pre-Bid Meeting.** Please contact our office at 856.848.6800 concerning any questions pertaining to this project.

Morton Avenue Roadway Improvements consists, but not limited to all labor, material and equipment necessary or required to complete all proposed improvements to Morton Avenue Roadway Improvements, as set forth in the specifications and construction plans. Milling of existing asphalt roadway (key in points), new asphalt roadway, roadway striping, signage and topsoiling / hydro-seeding.

To obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the office of the Township's Consulting Engineer, Sickels & Associates, Inc., Sherwood Mews, 833 Kings Highway, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096 the bidders shall adhere to the following:

1. Sickels & Associates, Inc. will Fed Ex the Bidding Documents from the office. **Bidding Documents may not be picked up at office of Sickels & Associates, Inc.** If the bidder supplies their own Fed Ex shipping no., Sickels & Associates, Inc. will utilize that information for shipping.
2. Payment of \$125.00 & an additional thirty-five dollars (\$35.00 – cost of Fed Ex) will be required to obtain the Bidding Documents.
3. Checks should be made payable to Sickels & Associates, Inc. **NO REFUND SHALL BE MADE FOR RETURN OF THESE DOCUMENTS.** 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. Each Bidder must purchase the Bid Documents from the issuing office in order to submit a bid.
4. Bidders shall adhere to the Local Finance Notice 2020-06 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services, "the Division recommends establishing a protocol for hand delivery of bids that limits exposure to pathogens". The protocol includes:
 - Bids will be opened and read aloud in the offices of Sickels and Associates Inc., at the time and date designated in the Notice to Bidders.
 - Any observers of the opening are requested to refrain from person to person contact (i.e. handshaking, etc.) and maintain a minimum of 10 feet of personal space between individuals (i.e. social distancing).
 - Any observers of the bid opening are requested to follow the prevailing health and public safety guidelines from applicable authorities.

Bids must be submitted on the bid 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 **"Morton Avenue Roadway Improvements"** and addressed to the Office of Sickels & Associates, Inc. 833 Kings Highway, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096, Attention: Ms. Constance S. Garton, Municipal Clerk. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelopes containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Sickels & Associates, Inc.

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 Township of Pittsgrove in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount but not in excess of \$20,000.00.

The Contract, if awarded, will be to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid proposal conforms to the requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents. The Township will award the Contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) municipal 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 Township and the bidder.

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The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Said bonds must be in a form acceptable to the Township of Pittsgrove and be issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. The successful bidder must comply with Affirmative Action requirements pursuant to Public Law 1975 C. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) as revised and amended to date, and must 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 **Township of Pittsgrove** and the Engineer reserve the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from the prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before furnishing proposal forms or specifications, or before awarding the contract.

The **Township of Pittsgrove** 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 Township of Pittsgrove. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the specifications.

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Ms. Constance S. Garton, Municipal Clerk

Cost: \$226.96 4/30/2020 1T (9591200)