JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
500 SOUTH FIRST STREET ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202

Digester #3 Cover Replacement

NJDEP Project No: S340686-16 COS-3

MUNICIPAL MEMBERS

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Township of Irvington
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ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Joint Meeting of the following municipalities:

The CITY OF EAST ORANGE, the TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, the TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, the TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD, the TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN, the CITY OF NEWARK, the BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, the TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, the CITY OF SUMMIT, the TOWNSHIP OF UNION, and the TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, municipal corporations of the State of New Jersey, organized in Joint Meeting under the provisions of an ACT entitled "An Act to Authorize Two or More Municipalities in the State to Jointly Construct and Maintain Outlet or Trunk Sewers", approved March 15, 1899, and the supplements and amendments thereto, and codified as N.J.S.A. 40:63-68 to 138, hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Meeting".

For

THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

DIGESTER #3 COVER REPLACEMENT

The procurement of bids for the above referenced project is being conducted through the electronic procurement platform, Ion Wave Technologies. Sealed proposals for construction of the project will be received by the Joint Meeting of Essex & Union Counties at https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net until 10 A.M. prevailing time on Thursday, October 29, 2026. On such date and at the above time, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, such proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud via Zoom. Proposals shall be submitted at https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net. The Bidders Proposal (in Section C) must be submitted at the time of bid along with those additional documents required by the Contract Documents to be submitted at the time of bid (as identified on the Bidder's Checklist). No bids will be received after the time specified.

Bid Opening Zoom Meeting ID: 882 674 1827
Passcode: 793215

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8826741827?pwd=T2c1QmxOMFEzZXFJZGl4ZUJvdFJzQT09&omn=87690732045

The Work under this proposal shall include the furnishing of all labor, material and equipment necessary to perform the Work as shown on the Contract Drawings and as specified. All construction shall be included in a single overall Contract.

The Contract is consists of the removal, disposal and replacement of one (1) ninety-five feet (95') diameter digester cover. Additionally, the project includes upgrades to the electrical system, equipment repairs and installation of digester gas piping, spiral guided gas holder, gas compressor, valves and appurtenances, upgrades to the electrical.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the JMEUC Treatment Plant, 500 South First Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 10:30AM.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security consisting of either a Bid Bond or a certified check in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3(f) made payable to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties and in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price, but not to exceed $20,000.00. Such checks or Bid Bonds will be returned to all except the three apparent lowest responsible bidders, unless otherwise requested, within ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the opening of Bids and the proposals of such bidders shall be considered as withdrawn. The checks or Bid Bonds of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned within three (3) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and signing of the Contract and the approval of the accepted Bidder's Performance Bond, or if no award will be made. Each bidder agrees that it will not withdraw its Bid except as allowed pursuant to

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certificate of Consent of Surety from a Bonding Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey and named in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds", U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, for the furnishing of Bonds as hereafter described. A Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond for one-hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price each, issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, will be required for the faithful performance of the Contract. All required Bonds shall be submitted and approved on or before the time set for the execution of said Contracts. CERTIFICATES AND BONDS SHALL BE ON THE FORMS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The party to whom this Contract is awarded shall be prepared to execute the Contract within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the Notice of Award.

Should the successful Bidder, to whom the Contract is awarded, fail to comply with the above provisions as to the Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond and to execute said Contract within the time set forth above, the Joint Meeting may, at its option, declare the successful Bidder in default, the Contract abandoned by it, and may further take such proceedings as it may deem necessary to protect the interest of the Joint Meeting such as forfeiture of the bid bond.

Contract Documents and plans for the proposed work prepared by Stephanie A. Cuthbert, PE, CME, of Remington & Vernick Engineers, may be obtained at no cost at https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net until the time set for the opening of bids.

During the Contract Period, the Contractor shall be required to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4 dealing with discrimination in employment on public contracts and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereunto are hereby made a part of this Contract and are binding on them. 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. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act (N.J.A.C. 12:110 et seq.) as amended and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

The successful Bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et. seq.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.37 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-16.6, value engineering shall be implemented to the maximum extent feasible for the work included in this Contract. Procedures for implementing value engineering are included in the appendix of these Specifications.

The Joint Meeting reserves the right to reject all Bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, and also reserves the right to waive any minor immaterial informality in the Bids, in accordance with law.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action), N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.(New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act), and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. S12101, et seq.).

The contractor is further notified that he must comply with N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 and submit a Disclosure Statement listing stockholders with his bid.

The contractor is further notified that he must comply with N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. Public Works

Contractor Registration Act and he and any subcontractors must be registered in accordance with the act.

The contractor is also further notified that he must comply with N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 and submit proof of business registration and submit proof of business registration for any named subcontractors in accordance with the act.

This contract or subcontract is expected to be funded in part with funds from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. Neither the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust nor any of their departments, agencies, or employees is, or will be a party to this contract or subcontract or any lower tier contractor or subcontract. This contract is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3, 4, 5, and 10.

Project sponsors are required to make the following good faith efforts to engage disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in New Jersey Water Bank projects whenever procuring construction, equipment, services, and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart C.

The six good faith efforts required for DBE engagement are:

1. Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities.

2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs, arrange time frames for contracts, and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. This will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

5. Use the services and assistance of organizations and agencies.

6. If the contractor awards subcontracts, the contractor shall take the steps in items 1 through 5 for each subcontractor.

This Notice shall appear in the Newspaper not less than thirty (30) calendar days before the bid opening; and notice of revisions or addenda to advertisements or bid documents will be as outlined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.

In no case shall the advertisement for bids to be published less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for receiving bids on the purchase or contract.

BY ORDER OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
HANIFA Z. JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR