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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" or the **Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties** (JMEUC), 500 South First Street in Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 (the "**Owner**") for the:

Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Primary Settling Tank No. 4 Upgrades

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 at https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net until 10 A.M. prevailing time on Wednesday October 14, 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 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.

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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 Project consists of the demolition of the existing traveling bridge sludge collector, running, cog and floor rails and surface skimmer, cross collector and scum baffle and supports in Primary Settling

Tank (PST) No. 4, Maintenance of Plant Operations procedures, design, supply and installation of a new traveling bridge sludge collector, rails and scum skimmer, replacement of ancillary equipment including but not limited to scum trough, scum beach, scum baffle, influent baffle, sludge cross collector, railing and grating, miscellaneous tank concrete repairs, associated structural work, electrical and instrumentation. All work on this contract must be completed within 560 calendar days from date set in the Notice to Proceed.

Contract documents and drawings for the proposed work (the "**Contract Documents**", which have been prepared by Robert A. Pennington, P.E., of the firm Colliers Engineering & Design Inc. (DBA Maser Consulting), will be available beginning on Tuesday September 1, 2026, at 8 A.M. Documents will be available at no cost as PDFs from the electronic procurement platform, Ion Wave Technologies at:

https://jmeucprocurement.ionwave.net

Until the time set for the opening of bids.

Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms included with the Contract Documents in the manner designated in the Contract Documents, and must be accompanied by a statement of consent of surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Owner and either a bid bond or a certified check drawn to the order of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check shall not exceed $20,000.00. The successful bidder is hereby notified that a performance bond and labor and material (payment) bond for the full amount of this project is required.

The award of the Contract for this project will not be made until the necessary funds have been provided by the Owner in a lawful manner.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the JMEUC Treatment Plant, 500 South First Street in Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 on Monday September 21, 2026, at 10 A.M.

The Owner reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the contract.

Proposals for this contract will only be accepted from bidders who are qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The right is also reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Owner, except as to those items which are deemed mandatory and non-waivable set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2. Further, the Owner reserves the right to abandon the project and reject the bids entirely if any legal or state or federal administrative action is taken against the Owner which could delay or jeopardize the project from commencing. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, which include but are not limited to the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

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 contract or subcontract. This contract or subcontract is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3, 4, 5, and 10.

The surety bonds must be written by surety companies listed on Department Circular 570 according to N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(g).

Bidders will be required to comply with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.

Contractors shall make the following good faith efforts to engage disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) 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 to take the steps in items 1 through 5.

By order of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, New Jersey

Hanifa Z. Johnson, Executive Director