

Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey for **“Harrison Street & Second Street Improvement Project”** and be opened and read on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time. Frenchtown Borough has issued an emergency declaration in response to the COVID-19 and the municipal offices are closed to the public. You are invited to a WebEx meeting at which time bids will be opened and read.

The project improvements are proposed along Harrison Street from Bridge Street to 7th Street and along Second Street from Race Street (Co. Rt. 513) through Harrison Street. The improvements will include replacing and installing new sidewalk along the north side of Second Street, roadway pavement repairs, the milling of the roadway surface and the installation of 2” of HMA surface course, as well as, site restoration.

All work on this contract shall be completed within 30 calendar days, from issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Information and directions to participate in the digital bid opening via WebEx will be posted at: <https://frenchtownboro.com/>

Contract Documents for the proposed work have been prepared by the Borough Engineer, William H. Burr, IV, P.E., of the firm of Maser Consulting, Inc. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, at the office of Maser Consulting, Inc., located at 53 Frontage Road, Hampton, Suite 110, NJ 08827, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 for each set shall be paid to Maser Consulting, Inc. Due to COVID-19 related restrictions, the Clinton Office of Maser Consulting, Inc., is not accepting visitors. To coordinate the inspection and receipt of plans and specifications, Bidders shall contact Paul M. Sterbenz at (908) 507-7353, prior to arrival at the office for access.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed package bearing the name and address of the bidder and bid title on the outside addressed to Brenda Shepherd, RMC, at the Frenchtown Borough Municipal Building, 29 Second Street, Frenchtown, NJ 08825.

Bid Addenda, if any, will be issued on the Borough website. Therefore, it is the sole responsibility of the bidder to check the website from now through the bid opening. All bid results will be posted on the Borough website.

Proposals must be made on the standard Proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder and the name of the project on the outside and be addressed to Borough Committee, Frenchtown Borough, 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 Frenchtown Borough and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of the Frenchtown Borough 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 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 Frenchtown Borough in a lawful manner and will be subject to approval of NJDOT and NJSHPO.

Proposals for this Contract will only be accepted from bidders who have properly 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 Borough. 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 the following:

- A. Affirmative Action requirements (P.L. 1975, C.127, N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.).
- B. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq.).
- C. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
- D. Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act (N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1).

Moreover, the bid must be accompanied by a list of names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of the stock in accordance with the provisions of the Public Disclosure Law (P.L. 1988, C.33, N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2). Bidders must be registered with the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-44.

Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2, et seq., and as such, contractors are exempt from the limitations on making political contributions under that law. Further, for that reason, as well as because of a language the New Jersey's Annual Appropriations Act, refusal to disclose campaign contributions otherwise required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. and 19:44A-20.25 et seq., will not adversely affect your consideration for award.

By order of the Borough Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Brenda S. Shepherd, Borough Clerk
Brad Myhre, Mayor