



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

CONTRACT No. C-1147 – Sludge Cake Receiving Facility

A NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bid Packets will be received by the NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY) Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 11 a.m. prevailing time electronically to the Authority through the Euna E-Procurement platform accessible via www.BergenBids.com in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.5(a)(1). Bidding Documents shall be obtained using the Euna E-Procurement platform accessible via going to www.nbcua.com and selecting the RFQs & RFPs tab. These documents are available at no cost. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. Advertisement notice shall appear on the project sponsor website.

All bids will be opened electronically, and all bids shall be publicly unsealed and that the names of all bidders and the price of their respective bids or proposals shall be verbally announced in public by the Authority via videoconference once the submission deadline has passed, and no bids shall be received after the time designated in the advertisement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23b. Access information for the videoconference bid opening will be posted on the Euna E-Procurement platform. Furthermore, within 24 hours of the opening all bid responses will be available for download on the e-procurement portal.

The Project generally consists of the construction of an enclosed sludge cake receiver, storage silo, and pumping system designed to feed offsite truck-delivered sludge to existing incinerators. Odor control of the operation is included by exhausting areas exposed to sludge to an existing caustic scrubber. The Project also includes all other Work of any type or description necessary for completion of the Project, whether or not specifically described in these Contract Documents.

Bidders shall submit with the bid an electronic bid bond or electronic copy of a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total price bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, payable unconditionally to the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, along with a Certificate (Consent of Surety) with Power of Attorney for the full amount of the bid price from a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and said Surety will furnish a consolidated Performance and Payment Bond in amounts of 100% of the successful Bidder's contract. If the Bidder is to submit a certified check or cashier check: (1) the bidder shall include an image of the check upon submission of their bids through the electronic platform in accordance with NJAC 5:34-5.3(f)(1); and (2) the physical check shall be sealed upon submission to the Authority and clearly marked as part of the bidders response in accordance with NJAC 5:34-5.3(f)(2) at the following address no later than the time stated above; the Division of Purchasing, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ 07463— ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.

CONDITIONAL BONDS SHALL BE REJECTED

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3(c), all questions, requests for information (RFIs), and

communications pertaining to this procurement shall be submitted exclusively through the Q&A module of the Euna E-Procurement platform no later than Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM (Noon). Inquiries submitted via email, telephone, or any method other than the Euna E-Procurement platform will not receive a substantive response, and the sender will be directed to resubmit the inquiry through the platform. Only responses and addenda issued through the platform shall be binding on the Authority. This requirement ensures that all prospective Bidders have equal access to the same information.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.3(e), all addenda will be transmitted to the Bidders through the Euna E-Procurement platform in lieu of the method of delivery otherwise required under New Jersey law, including N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.

Bidders shall comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17-27 et seq. which includes requirement regarding affirmative action.

Bidders shall comply with the "Prevailing Wage Act" N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et se. and the Federal Davis Bacon Act. The Contractor shall pay the higher of the State or Federal wage rates.

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 Infrastructure Bank. Neither the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank 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, 9 and 10.

ENGAGEMENT OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – 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, require the contractor to take the steps in items 1 through 5.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:22-3.17(g), all applicable surety bonds required in connection with the advertisement and award of building contracts or sub-agreements must be written by a surety company listed on the Federal Treasury List (Department Circular 570 — Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds), incorporated herein by reference. Copies of this document may be obtained from the Department. Any business whose name appears on the WALL (Workplace Accountability in Labor List) is prohibited from public contracting under N.J.S.A. 34:1A-1.16, the law establishing the WALL – Division of Employer Accounts | The WALL (Workplace Accountability in Labor List).

There shall be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting for all Prospective Bidders on **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM prevailing time** at the Authority's Administrative Building. Although not mandatory, it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all Prospective Bidders attend the pre-bid meeting. Failure to attend the pre-bid meeting does not relieve the bidder of any obligations or requirements. Any individuals visiting the site must bring their own personal protection equipment ("PPE"), which must include, at a minimum, hardhats, safety vest, safety boots, and gloves. The NBCUA will not provide PPE.

The complete Bid Schedule for this procurement, including the Advertisement date, Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference/Walk-Through, RFI/Question Deadline, and Bid Submission Deadline/Bid Opening, is posted on the Euna E-Procurement platform. Bidders are responsible for monitoring the platform for the Bid Schedule and any revisions thereto, which shall be issued by addendum through the platform.

Sealed bids for this project are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

By Order of the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority
Erick Martinez, QPA
Purchasing Manager