

LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Business Administrator of the Town of Morristown, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Municipal Building, Room 201, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960, on **MARCH 15, 2016** at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time for the furnishing of the following:

TREE PLANTING - SPRING 2016

The major items to furnish and install are as follows: Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Amelanchier x grandifolia 'Autumn Brilliance', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 9 Units; Kwanzan cherry, Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 7 Unit; October glory red maple, Acer rubrum 'October Glory', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 7 Units; Maackia, Maackia amerensis, 2" - 2.5" caliper - 6 Units; Eastern Hop Hornbeam, Ostrya virginiana, 2" - 2.5" caliper - 15 Unit; Northern red oak, Quercus rubra, 2" - 2.5" caliper – 14 Units; London planetree, Platanus x acerifolia, 2" - 2.5" caliper – 6 Units; Greenspire Littleleaf Linden, Tilia cordata 'Greenspire', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 1 Units; Musashino Columnar Zelkova, Zelkova serrata 'Musashino', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 1 Units; Blackgum, Nyssa sylvatica, 2" - 2.5" caliper – 3 Units; American elm (Princeton, New Harmony, Prairie Expedition or Valley Forge), Ulmus Americana 'Princeton', 'New Harmony', 'Prairie Expedition' or 'Valley Forge', 2" - 2.5" caliper – 3 Units; Amanogawa columnar cherry, Prunus serrulata 'Amanogawa', 2.5" - 3" caliper – 1 Unit.

Specifications for the above may be examined in the Office of the Director of Public Works, Room 233, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:20 pm, Monday through Friday. Any person, firm, or corporation desiring a copy of the Specification Documents may obtain such from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Any reference in the Bid specification documents to the terms "Proposal" or "Proposer" shall be construed to have the same meaning as the terms "Bid" or "Bidder" pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law.

Bidders must use the prepared Bid Forms. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Business Administrator, Town of Morristown, marked on the outside "**Tree Planting - Spring 2016**" and delivered on or before the hour set forth above. Bid opening will be held in Meeting Room 201, at 200 South Street, Morristown, N.J. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE BID OPENING HAS COMMENCED.** The Town of Morristown will not assume responsibility for bids forwarded by mail or delivery service. The Town of Morristown reserves the right to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the contract and file a bond within (10) ten days after award of the project and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and any other necessary documentation required under Chapter 2, Section 2-87, Public Contracting Reform Ordinance (Town Of Morristown's Local Pay to Play Ordinance).

Bids must be accompanied by a bid guarantee in the form of a certified check, bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid, made payable to the order of the Town of Morristown, together with a "Consent of Surety" from a surety company authorized to do business in New Jersey stating that it will provide the contractor with a bond in such amount as requested in the advertisement or specifications.

The guarantee of the successful bidder will be returned upon execution of the contract. All guarantees of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon award of contract to the successful bidder.

Bidders (and Bidder's subcontractors, if any) should submit a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue, in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 2009, c. 315.

Bidding information contained in this Bid should be clear and not subject to qualifications, deletions, erasures or other markings that create any doubt as to its meaning. Bidders should make sure that the Bid Form is signed by a duly authorized person on behalf of the bidder and that the bid is responsive. Bidders can determine the responsiveness of their bid by reading "General Instructions for Bidders" and the "Bid Document Submission Checklist". **INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED EXACTLY OR THE BID MAY BE DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE.**

The right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bid is reserved if such an action is not detrimental to the interest of the Town of Morristown.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, which pertains to "non-discrimination" and "affirmative action" and P.L. 1977, c. 33, which refers to the statement of corporation ownership.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin and to the greatest extent possible, opportunity for training and employment shall be given to lower-income residents of the project area and that, when possible, contracts shall be awarded to business concerns owned by area residents.

Jillian Barrick
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