

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

BAY HEAD YARD SUBSTATION REPLACEMENT INVITATION FOR BID NO. 17-026X

Notice is hereby given that this is an electronic bid submission. Electronic bids will be received by NJ TRANSIT via the Internet until 2:00 pm, Thursday, September 20, 2018, for the Bay Head Yard Substation Replacement.

Bids for the project will be downloaded from the Bid Express website on the scheduled Bid Due Date (subject to change by Addenda) at 2:00 pm, Thursday, September 20, 2018, and publicly opened and read immediately thereafter at NJ TRANSIT's offices located at One Penn Plaza East, 6th Floor, Bid Room, Newark, New Jersey 07105. The Bidder must upload its bid prior to the hour named so that it is included in the project download. This is the only way to submit a bid for this project; paper bids will not be accepted. Late bids cannot be accepted.

The proposed Bay Head Yard Substation facilities shall be constructed by the Contractor on the site of the existing substations.

The Work for this Project consists of the construction of a new substation building on the site of the existing general service substation, which will be demolished; while the wayside power substation remains in service to maintain continuous operation of the yard.

When the new substation is complete and operational, the electrical loads will be sequentially shifted from the wayside power substation to the new substation. Once all loads are successfully transferred over to the new substation, the wayside power substation will be decommissioned and demolished. A second new building to house a new standby generator will be built where the wayside power substation was located. Once the new standby generator system is completely operational, an existing generator in the compressor building will be removed from service.

In order to obtain all pertinent Bid Documents, interested firms must register with BID EXPRESS at <https://www.bidx.com>. Contractors that are currently registered with BID EXPRESS to bid NJDOT or any other public construction project do not require further registration, only an additional digital ID. To subscribe, follow instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the website. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express.

All firms must be prequalified by NJ TRANSIT prior to submitting a bid. Contractors must be prequalified for Building Construction – Rail (BR) in a classification of GC – General Contractor and for an amount of work that is equal to or greater than their bid amount. NJ TRANSIT suggests a minimum rating amount of “P”, \$15,000,001 to \$20,000,000. Prequalification questionnaires are available for download from the Bid Express website www.bidx.com.

Contractors who are not currently prequalified as required above or whose prequalification has expired **should** submit completed prequalification forms to NJ TRANSIT's Bid Desk no later than seven (7) calendar days after the scheduled Pre-Bid Meeting date. In the sole discretion of NJ TRANSIT, late submissions **may not** be considered for this solicitation.

A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. The pre-bid conference will be held at NJ TRANSIT headquarters located at One Penn Plaza East, Newark, NJ 07105.

A site visit has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018. The site visit will be held at the Bay Head Train Station, Bay Head, NJ. Contractors are advised that a NJ TRANSIT escort is necessary while present on non-public areas of NJ TRANSIT property. Contractors must bring and wear their own safety apparatus including hard hats, reflective vests and hard toed shoes/boots in order to go on the site visit. Unauthorized/unescorted entry onto the railroad right-of-way is strictly prohibited. Bidders are advised that attendance at both the pre-bid conference and site visit is strongly recommended.

Contractors and subcontractors are also required to comply with the State of New Jersey, Division of Revenue Business Registration Certificate requirements (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44). Contractors or Subcontractors shall not engage in the performance of any work, unless the Contractor or Subcontractor is registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, as required. In addition, Source Disclosure Requirements (N.J.S.A. 52:34-13.2) apply to this project.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27, regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Regulations. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, in accordance with the Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulations 49 CFR, Part 26, shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. A race neutral DBE goal has been set for this project.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:25-11(b) (3) and N.J.A.C. 16:72-2.2 bidders are notified that a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the bid price is required with their bids.

This project is subject to the requirements of the Public Works Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. and the Business Registration Certificate Requirement, N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.