

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, on June 21st, 2017 at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, in the Office of the Borough Clerk, Borough Hall, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington, New Jersey 08534, at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for a proposed Contract for Tree Removal and Stump-Grinding Services described below.

The proposed Contract will provide for the removal of designated trees within the Borough's public right-of-way on various municipal roads, to the extent of available funds. The trees targeted for removal are listed in a Schedule to be provided to bidders as part of the bid package.

The sum of \$25,000. is available for the project. Bidders are asked to submit a bid either for the removal of all trees on the Schedule for a price equal to or less than \$25,000., or for removal of those trees on the Schedule that it identifies and proposes to remove for the total sum of \$25,000. or less. The objective of the Borough is to award a contract to a qualified bidder for removal of the greatest number of trees possible at the lowest cost not exceeding \$25,000.

The removal of each tree shall be complete, including stump grinding and lawful disposal of all trees and debris. Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and coordinating all necessary utility mark outs. Contractor also shall be responsible for appropriate traffic control subject to approval by the Borough Director of Public Safety.

The bidder must be or provide for the work a New Jersey Certified Tree Expert, who shall be available to consult on the proper conduct of the work. The bidder must supply references from at least three (3) municipalities demonstrating proficiency in removal of shade trees involving sidewalk, traffic, overhead wires and underground utilities.

The work shall not be subcontracted.

Each bidder will agree that it has familiarized itself with local conditions affecting the cost of the described work.

All work must be completed by October 1, 2017.

Bidders are required to comply with applicable legal requirements pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity, Statement of Ownership, Proof of Business Registration, the Americans with Disabilities Act and other requirements further explained in the bid package. The Borough of Pennington reserves the right to reject all bids in compliance with applicable law and to waive formalities of presentation or immaterial differences between proposals. The Borough further reserves the right to use a State authorized contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 if the governing body determines that it is in the public interest to do so.

The required proposal form, the form of the contract and the other bid documents may be obtained at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Pennington Borough Hall, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington, New Jersey 08534, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM (telephone 609-737-0276). A non-refundable payment of \$10.00 must be made to the Borough to cover reproduction and processing. Checks shall be made payable to the Borough of Pennington.

By Order of the Borough of Pennington

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk