INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Contract No. TE-231, Proposed 2 Million Gallon Potable Water Storage Tank and Related Improvements for the Port Ewen Water District, Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York, are sought and requested as set forth in drawings and specifications prepared by Brinnier and Larios, P.C., 67 Maiden Lane, Kingston, New York 12401.

The contract will have one (1) proposal: General Construction. Bidders must bid on all items of work in the respective proposal.

Separate sealed bids completed on forms provided with the Contract documents shall be received by the Town Clerk, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York 12487 until 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids received after the designated date and time will be considered unresponsive and returned to the bidder unopened.

A pre-bid conference for the project will be held on <u>Wednesday, March 20, 2024</u>, at <u>10:00 AM</u>, at the Town of Esopus Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York 12487. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

All of the contract documents, including Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General Conditions governing the contract, drawings and detailed specifications, may be examined at the office of Brinnier and Larios, P.C., 67 Maiden Lane, Kingston, New York or at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Esopus, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York 12487.

Hard copies of these documents may be obtained at the office of Brinnier and Larios, P.C. upon a deposit of \$75.00 per set. All payments shall be made payable to Town of Esopus. The deposit will be refunded to each document holder of record who returns a complete set of Bidding Documents in good condition within 30 days after opening of Bids. Contract documents can be mailed first class upon receipt of a \$20.00 payment made out to Brinnier and Larios, P.C. for postage and handling.

Digital copies of all contract documents may also be obtained by visiting <u>www.brinnierandlarios.com</u>. All online contract documents are free of charge and bidders must complete the necessary registration form to receive the links for digital download. *Brinnier and Larios, P.C. is not responsible for the accuracy of any digital contract documents that are downloaded from outside or 3rd party sources.*

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount of not less than five percentum (5%) of the bid in the form of a certified check or bid bond subject to the conditions of this contract.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted bid as set forth in the Bid Form. These Bonds shall be in compliance with the Specifications.

ANY CONTRACT OR SUBCONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS BID INVITATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS NO. 11246 AND 11375. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS UNDER THESE ORDERS WHICH CONCERN NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ARE EXPLAINED IN STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Town of Esopus hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Town of Esopus encourages Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and Section 3 firms to respond.

The Town of Esopus has received a funding commitment for this Project from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC), via the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA); and the Contractor will be subject to their reporting requirements.

Attention is also directed to the fact that the Contractor will be governed by New York State and Federal Labor Standards Provisions, which are made part of this specifications and contract.

The bidder, by signing his proposal, certifies that he is fully aware of the State Laws regarding the non-collusion bidding certification. No separate forms will be required, but the actual signing of the proposal includes such a statement and is included in the proposal.

The Town Board expressly reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to accept and award any bid, or to reject any and all bids, or to award on any or all items, as the interest of the Town of Esopus may appear to require.

The Town of Esopus is an exempt organization under the Tax Laws and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York and Cities and Counties of the State of all materials which are to be incorporated into the project, pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 (sixty) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By order of the Town Board, Town of Esopus, Ulster County, New York, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Date: <u>March 8, 2024</u>

Danielle Freer, Supervisor