1.01 INVITATION TO BID

A. Sealed bids will be received by the Executive Director, or assigned delegate, of The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (Owner, Authority or SMCMUA), at the principal offices of the Authority, 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, on July 7, 2020 at 2:00 PM prevailing time, for a Backhoe Loader, at which time and place said bids will be publicly open and read. Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in order to limit possible exposure to pathogens, bidders may attend the public bid opening but are strongly urged to participate by way of phone conference at that time by dialing (571) 317-3112 and entering the access code 334-449-957. To facilitate any bidder’s desire to review bids, the Authority shall make copies of the three (3) lowest bids available via email to any requesting bidders. Such requests may be made in person, at the time of the phone conference, or subsequently submitted by email to: abozza@smcmua.org. In person review of bids shall not be permitted at the bid opening.

B. The Information and Instructions for Bidders, Proposal, Contract and Specifications may be obtained from the offices of the Authority, 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Please contact Alexis Bozza at 973-326-6867 or abozza@smcmua.org with any questions or to obtain a copy of the Specifications and Bid Proposal package.

C. Bidders must use the prepared proposal and related forms which are contained in the Project Manual. Each individual proposal must be separately enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Executive Director, The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, marked on the outside with the name of the item or project being bid on. Bids may be submitted personally, by Federal Express, certified mail, courier service or similar media. No bids may be withdrawn within 60 days after receipt of bids.

D. No bids will be accepted after the time set forth above; provided, however, that the Authority may, in its sole discretion, waive this requirement and allow reasonable, minor extensions of time in cases of bona fide delay due to weather, traffic or similar uncontrollable conditions.

E. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive minor informalities or irregularities in the bids and to award the Contract to the lowest qualified Bidder.
F. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Laura Cummings, P.E.
Executive Director