## **INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids will be received by the Executive Director, or assigned delegate, of The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (Owner or SMCMUA), at the principal offices of the SMCMUA, 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, on October 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM prevailing time, for Large Meter Replacement Services, at which time and place said bids will be publicly open and read.

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

Bidders must use the prepared proposal and related forms which are contained in the Project Manual. The bid must be separately enclosed in a sealed envelope with 'Executive Director, The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority', marked on the outside along with the name of the item or project being bid. 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 No bids may be withdrawn within 60 days after receipt of bids, unless permitted by law.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on October 15, 2024, at 2:00 PM at the principal offices of the SMCMUA, 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the pre-bid meeting.

The Bidder shall submit any questions regarding the bid documents to Alexis Bozza, QPA, at 973-326-6867 or abozza@smcmua.org by October 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM. Requests made after this date will be considered untimely and may, at the sole discretion of the SMCMUA, not be considered.

No bids will be accepted after the time set forth above; provided, however, that the SMCMUA 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; and further if notice of the expected delay is provided to the SMCMUA by messenger, telephone or e-mail prior to the time set forth above for receipt of bids. No bids will be accepted after any sealed bid is unsealed and opened.

The SMCMUA 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.

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