NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. **BIDS:** Sealed Bids for the **12th Street (Rt. 54) Water Main Replacement**, in the Town of Hammonton, will be received at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2026** at which time Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Council Chambers, located at 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037. Bids will not be accepted after the specified time.

   The project will consist of the replacement of approximately 3,470 LF of potable water main, replacement fire hydrants, service laterals, and related site work along a portion of 12th Street (NJSH Route 54) within the Town of Hammonton; specifically, between First Road & Central Avenue.

   Due to the location of the work within the state highway right-of-way and the mandatory USDOT construction sequencing, all operations must be conducted via night work shifts (Sunday through Thursday, 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM) as detailed in the contract specifications. Bidders shall account for all night shift labor, lighting, and specialized traffic control within their total project construction bid price.

   Accordingly, the Town of Hammonton will award the project to the qualified Bidder who submits the lowest responsible and responsive bid based upon either the Base Bid (100 calendar days) or the Base Bid minus Deduct Alternate No. 1 (160 calendar days), as determined by the Town of Hammonton in its sole discretion to be in the best interest of the municipality prior to contract award.

   Bids must be on the official Bid Form which can be obtained from the Engineer, at the offices of ARH Associates Inc., 215 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037 and accompanied by a Consent of Surety, a Non-Collusion Affidavit, other documents required pursuant to the specifications, and a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid but not in excess of $20,000.00, and be delivered at the place on or before the hour named above. Each Bid must state the name and address of the person, firm and corporation interested in the same as a principal. Bids must be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope, addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Hammonton, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037 and identified as "Bid **12th Street (Rt. 54) Water Main Replacement.**"

   Specifications provide for receipt of Bids by mail. Those Bids which are mailed to the contracting unit shall be sealed, properly marked, and shall only be opened for examination at such time and place as all Bids received are unsealed and announced.

   The Mayor, Town Council, and its Solicitor (hereinafter referred to as Owner) will be the sole discretionary body for consideration or rejection of the Bids.

2. **BID DOCUMENTS**: The Specifications, Drawings and Bid Form for the project can be obtained at a cost of **$50.00** from the office of the Engineer, ARH Associates, Inc., 215 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037, phone (609) 561-0482, and

may be inspected by prospective Bidders during business hours. The Engineer will furnish the Bidder with a copy of the specifications upon receipt of payment (for the cost of the specification preparation).

3. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of Bids or any authorized postponement thereof. Bids received after time and date designated shall not be considered. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3 shall be adhered to on this project.

4. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGULATIONS**: Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (NJAC 17:27).

5. **CONTRACT COMPLETION**: Construction shall commence at the project site within fourteen (14) calendar days after the date to be specified in the written 'Notice to Proceed' by the Engineer and shall be completed **within one hundred (100) calendar days (no later than April 1, 2027)** from the date the written 'Notice to Proceed' is given, for the Base Bid, or within **one hundred sixty (160) calendar days (no later than June 1, 2027)** from the date the written 'Notice to Proceed' is given if **Deduct Alternate No. 1** is awarded by the Owner, unless otherwise agreed to.

6. **PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS**: The provisions of the Department of Labor's current wage rate determinations and the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act are requirements of this project.

7. **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT**: The provisions of the New Jersey Public Works Contractor Registration Act are requirements of this project.

8. **BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**: The provisions of the New Jersey Business Registration Requirements shall be adhered to on this project.

9. **FUNDING STATEMENT N.J.A.C 7:22-3.17(d):** This contract or subcontract is expected to be funded in part with funds from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. Neither the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust nor any of their departments, agencies or employees is, or will be, a party to this contract or subcontract or any lower tier contract or subcontract. This contract or subcontract is subject to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.

10. **SED RELATED ITEMS**

Project sponsors are required to make the following good faith efforts to engage disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in New Jersey Water Bank projects whenever procuring construction, equipment, services, and supplies under an EPA

financial assistance agreement 40 CFR Part 33 Subpart C. The six good faith efforts required for DBE engagement are:

1. Ensure DBEs are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities.

2. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs, arrange time frames for contracts, and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.

3. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. This will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.

4. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when a contract is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.

5. Use the services and assistance of organizations and agencies.

6. If the contractor awards subcontracts, require the contractor to take the steps in items 1 through 5.

By Order of the Town Council

Frank Zuber, Business Administrator
Town of Hammonton