



FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PALISADES TUNNELS

SEALED BID NO. 09-038X

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by New Jersey Transit's Procurement Department at the address specified below until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 02, 2009, then publicly read aloud for the Final Design and Construction of the Palisades Tunnels in New Jersey. Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids. Reliance upon the U.S. Mail or other carriers is at Bidders risk. Late bids will not be acceptable

The Palisades Tunnels will be the second of three (3) Design Build Contracts for THE Tunnel Project. The Palisades Tunnels will extend from the east face of the Tonelle Avenue (Routes 1 and 9) Underpass to the Hoboken access shaft. It includes an open cut to a portal structure at the west face of the Western Slope (Palisades) then turns into two (2) TBM Bored tunnels that run through the Palisades hard rock to the Hoboken access shaft. The twin tunnels will be approximately 5,200 feet long, and will have a finished inside diameter of approximately 24' 6". Preliminary Geotechnical Data and Analysis information is available at www.thetunnelproject.com.

The Invitation for Bids will be a two-phase process. The first phase will consist of Prequalification of the Contractors. The second phase will consist of two steps: Step 1 submission of a Technical proposal, and step (2) submission of a Firm Fixed Price Bid. NJ TRANSIT's standard pre-qualification is not acceptable for this project. A special pre-qualification questionnaire must be filled out and submitted by all entities interested in bidding on the project. Interested entities may obtain all pertinent pre-qualification documents by contacting NJ TRANSIT's Bid Desk by telephone at (973) 491-7546 or fax at (973) 491-7854 and requesting Special Prequalification Package 09-038X.

Upon submission of the completed special pre-qualification questionnaire, prospective bidders will be evaluated on their team's experience and qualifications from three perspectives – that of a Bidder/Contractor, a Constructor, and a Designer. Prospective Bidders must provide specific responses to all the information requested in the Special Pre-Qualification package.

In order to be considered for prequalification status, the Prospective Bidder must affirmatively demonstrate to NJ TRANSIT's sole discretion, the Constructor's and Designer's respective financial capability (as applicable), technical expertise, and

verifiable direct responsible experience as either a constructor or designer on similar types of projects. Only prequalified entities will be forwarded the IFB bid documents and permitted to submit a technical proposal and a fixed price sealed bid.

Twelve (12) copies (plus one CD copy) of the completed pre-qualification questionnaire must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 02, 2009 to:

Trans-Hudson Express Tunnel Project
Two Gateway Center, 17th Floor
Newark, NJ 07102
Attn: Ron Martin
RE: Pre-Qualification for Sealed Bid No. 09-038X

Additional inquiries may be made by contacting Ron Martin by telephone at (973) 792-3728 or RMARTIN@NJTRANSIT.com

All bidders will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Regulations. NJ TRANSIT further requires that its contractors agree to take all necessary and responsible steps to ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. A DBE goal of 7% has been assigned to this project.

This will be the only advertisement for this project.