

ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the Borough of Carteret for **Carteret Ferry - Multimodal Terminal Building, Block 304, Lots 2.01 & 2.02, Borough of Carteret, NJ 07008, Potter Architects, LLC Project No. 22-039**, and opened and read aloud at the Borough of Carteret Borough Hall Council Chambers located at 61 Cooke Ave., Carteret, New Jersey, 07008 on **Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM** prevailing time.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting at Carteret Public Library (100 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008) on **Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 10:00 AM** prevailing time, for the purpose of observing the work site, discussing the Bid documents, and expected procedures, and to review questions posed by Bidders. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Deadline for bidder questions shall be **Friday, September 12, 2025, at 5:00 PM**. Questions received after this time may not be answered.

The project generally consists of the construction of the new building and the associated site work. There are separate projects under way for the primary parking lot and the in-water work.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal Sheets may be examined and obtained during normal business hours by contacting the office of Potter Architects, LLC, 410 Colonial Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, T: 908-686-2547 until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of Bids. Bidders shall contact Potter Architects, LLC to receive an electronic download of the Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Sheets at no cost to the Bidder.

Neither Owner nor Architect assumes any responsibility for errors, omissions, or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bid Documents, or copies of Bid documents obtained in electronic media form, internet plan rooms or other internet plan sites, or copies of Bid documents obtained from any source other than the Architect's Office.

Bids must be furnished on the proposal sheets included in the Contract Documents, enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked "**SEALED BID - Carteret Ferry - Multimodal Terminal Building**", addressed to the Mayor and Borough Council, 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey, 07008, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, the Project Title, and Architects Project Number. Five (5) copies of the completed Bid package shall be provided: one (1) original and four (4) copies. The completed Bid package shall also be provided on one (1) USB thumb drive at time of bid opening.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond of ten (10%) percent of the bid, but not more than \$20,000.00, payable without any conditional endorsement, as a guarantee that in case the contract is awarded to the bidder, the bidder will enter into a contract and will furnish any performance bond or other security required as a guarantee or indemnification.

Each bid must also be accompanied by a certificate of Consent of Surety from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey guaranteeing that if the proposal of the Bidder be accepted, they will furnish the bonds set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of the contract price indemnifying the Borough of Carteret, New Jersey for all proceedings, suits or actions of any kind of description and conditional for the faithful performance of the work.

The Borough reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities specified, pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, in the manner designated in the Specifications. The Borough shall certify availability of funds prior to the award of the contract.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Certificate of Experience and Certificate of Equipment demonstrating the Bidder's experience, and other documents as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Checklist. Bid

The Bidder shall use Subcontractors for the structural work, gas fitting and all kindred work, heating and ventilating apparatus and all kindred work, and electrical work, unless Bidder is self-performing these trades with appropriate qualifications. If utilizing Subcontractors, the Bidder shall list the name, address, license numbers and other required information for said Subcontractors on the forms provided in the Project Manual. Submission of said Subcontractors

information is mandatory, and failure to this information with the Bid is a mandatory cause for the Bid to be rejected (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2).

Pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq., Bidders shall provide their Public Works Contractor Registration prior to award of the contract. Likewise, all Subcontractors required to be listed shall provide a Public Works Contractor Registration prior to award of the contract. Further, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32 44(b), a Bidder and its named Subcontractors must have a valid Business Registration Certificate ("BRC") issued by the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services prior to award of a contract.

Bidders are herein advised that the NJDOT Division of Civil Rights has set a 3.0% (three percent) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project. This goal shall apply to the total value of the Contract. The number of Training Positions will be zero (0), with zero (0) Trainees and zero (0) Trainee Hours.

Civil Rights forms (CR-266, CR-273, CR-272 and CR-274 (including all "Good Faith Effort" documentation)) must be submitted with bid or within five (5) days of bid opening (no later than Monday October 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM prevailing time) via email to: Pavan Sheth (pavan.sheth@dot.nj.gov), Matthew Zwingraf (mzwingraf@cmeusa1.com) and copy DOT-CR.Verifications@dot.nj.gov. Bidders shall refer to Section 00 73 39 of the Project Manual for additional information and sample copies of these forms.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically, the Contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, the Contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization, if applicable.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, Contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid, if applicable.

Bidders are herein advised that project is being funded partially through Federal grants awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Bidder shall be required to comply with Davis Bacon and Related Acts with respect to minimum wage rates. The successful Bidder shall be required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. Minimum wage rates for this project shall be as specified in the "Prevailing Wage Determination of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development" on file with this Department. General wage determinations issued under Davis-Bacon and related acts, published by US Department of Labor, may be obtained from the Wage Determinations online web site at: <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx>.

As a result of the partial Federal funding involved with the project, Bidders and their subcontractors must also be able to provide a Unique Entity ID ("UEI") from www.sam.gov (the System of Award Management) and must maintain an active SAM registration through Final Completion of the Project. Please consult SAM.gov for more information or if you have questions about obtaining an UEI.

Bids are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2, et seq., and as such, contractors are exempt from the limitations on making political contributions under that law. Further, for that reason, as well as because of a language in the New Jersey's Annual Appropriations Act, refusal to disclose campaign contributions otherwise required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. and 19:44A-20.25 et seq., will not adversely affect your consideration for award.

During the performance of this contract the Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq., all requirements of the State of New Jersey Worker Health and Safety Act

(N.J.A.C. 12:110 et seq.) as amended, and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) (29 CFR 1910), as amended with regard to worker and jobsite safety.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof, except as authorized under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3. The Borough Council of the Borough of Carteret reserves the right to reject any Bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 and any Bid that is deemed not responsible in accordance with law.

CARMELA POGORZELSKI, RMC – MUNICIPAL CLERK

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