

## SECTION 00 11 19 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BOROUGH OF CARTERET  
County of Middlesex, New Jersey

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids for the **Accessible Entrance and Rehabilitation at Blazing Star Cultural Center** will be received, by the Borough of Carteret, opened and read aloud at Borough Hall Council Chambers located at 61 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, Middlesex County, New Jersey on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, until 11:00 A.M.**

Sealed bids will be received for the following contract(s): Overall Single Prime (General Construction, all of the work, Lump Sum, All Trades, All Inclusive).

**\*\***(If you send a sealed bid packet via FEDEX or UPS make sure the contents inside the FEDEX or UPS envelope is also sealed and must be received on or by March 12,2026 at 11:00A.M.)**\*\***

Bids must be furnished on the proposal sheets included in the Contract Documents, enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked **"SEALED BID – Accessible Entrance and Rehabilitation at Blazing Star Cultural Center"**, addressed to Mr. Ricardo Llanos, Purchasing Agent, 61 Cooke Avenue, Office of the Mayor, 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.

**No Bids will be received after public call.** The bids must be accompanied by those documents and materials described in the Proposal Checklist provided in the Project Manual. The Borough and the Architect assume no responsibility for bids mis-mailed or misdirected.

Bidding Documents may be examined and obtained during normal business hours by contacting the office of USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd., 20 North Doughty Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876, T: 610-217-6577, attention Mr. Anthony Civitella, until 48 hours prior to the time set for the opening of Bids. Bidders shall contact USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers, Ltd. to receive an electronic download of the Plans, Specifications and Proposal Sheets at no cost to the bidder.

**A Pre-Bid Conference**, for the purpose of reviewing the project scope and any possible clarifications on the intent of the contract documents, will be held on **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.** at the site; 63 Carteret Avenue, Carteret, NJ. While attendance is not mandatory, this will be the only opportunity to meet with the Architect, Engineer and other representatives prior to the bid opening. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that all potential bidders be in attendance.

**The Architect may send a written memorandum to all bidders indicating any addenda and / or clarification items, if required.**

Upon receipt and opening of the bids, the Borough reserves the right to hold the bids for up to a period of sixty (60) days thereafter before making an award. The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all

bids or to waive or permit the cure of any minor deficiency or irregularity in accordance with New Jersey law.

#### Submission of Bonds

All bids must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the form of either a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond drawn to the order of the Borough for not less than ten (10%) percent of the amount of the bid, but not in excess of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars

The Bidder must also furnish at the time the bid is submitted a Consent of Surety supported by a power of attorney and financial statement evidencing that a performance bond containing material and payment guarantees in the full amount of the Contract price shall be provided at the expense of the Bidder to the Borough at the time designated by the Borough for the execution of the contract.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-22, the successful contractor shall furnish the Borough with a 100% (of the contract amount) Performance Bond and 100% (of the contract amount) Labor and Material Payment, and Completion Bond issued by the Contractor's insurance carrier / surety, for the purpose of guaranteeing the faithful fulfillment of the Agreement. This bond shall meet the requirements of N.J.S.A. 2A: 44-143 through 147, entitled "Bonds of Contractors on Public Works and Improvements."

#### Compliance With Law

The successful contractor shall comply with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and all applicable regulations in meeting its obligations under the Bid Documents.

In accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, as specifically described in N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-16 governing the submission of bids for construction contracts, the law requires that, for single prime contracting bids, bidders that propose using more than one (1) subcontractor for any of the specialized "sub-prime" contractors set forth in this statute, must submit a Certificate with their bids listing each subcontractor named in the bid for that category.

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. The contract shall be required to comply with Davis Bacon and Related Acts with respect to minimum wage rates.

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 issued by the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services prior to award of contract. Submit to the Borough the certificates of registration for all subcontractors listed in the bid proposal. Applications for registration shall not be accepted as a substitute for the certificate of registration.

All Bidders are expected to comply with all provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all regulations promulgated in connection therewith by the Division of Local Government

Services and not just those statutory or administrative provisions which are referenced in the Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders and General Conditions.

**Build America Buy America Act (BABA)**

Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58, 41 U.S.A. § 8301 note, the Federal Financial Assistance used to fund this infrastructure project is required to apply a domestic content procurement preference (the “Buy American Preference” of “BAP”) for all construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure, including building and real property, unless application of the BAP has been waived by HUD. Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at

[https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/baba/.](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/baba/)”

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 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.

By Order of the Borough Council,  
Carteret, New Jersey