INVITATION TO BID

The Monroe County Commissioners will receive sealed Bids online via the PennBid Program (<u>www.PennBid.net</u>) for the following Contract for work located within Monroe County:

2025 - 2027 MONROE COUNTY ANNUAL BRIDGE DECK CLEANING AND VEGETATION CONTROL PROGRAM

The Scope of Work under the contract includes bridge deck cleaning and vegetation trimming in spring and fall 2025, 2026, and 2027. The application of an herbicide once annually and the removal of debris from the shoulders and stream channel in each event are required as part of this Contract.

Bid proposals will be received online until 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on Friday, February 7, 2025, via the PennBid Program (<u>www.PennBid.net</u>). Bids will be opened online. The bids summary will be reviewed by the county in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room, Monroe County Administrative Center, One Quaker Plaza, Room 203, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025. The opened bids will be possibly awarded at the Board's public meeting scheduled for February 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online by registering with PennBid. All Bidding Documents are available at no cost at <u>www.PennBid.net</u>. The bidder must have the experience and qualifications necessary to perform this work. Successful bidders are responsible for the PennBid Fee. Bid documents will be available by **January 10, 2025.**

No pre-bid conference is scheduled for this project. Questions/clarifications/requests for information shall be submitted via the PennBid Program (<u>www.PennBid.net</u>) a minimum of 7 days prior to the scheduled bid opening date.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid, in form of a certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Monroe County, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, or cash, in an amount equal to 10 percent (10%) of the total amount bid. If providing a Bid Bond, Bidders shall upload a scanned copy of fully executed bond as part of online sealed bid submission. After Bid Opening and upon request by Owner, Bidder(s) shall provide original hard copy of Bid Bond. If providing security in the form of a certified check or bank money order, security must be delivered to Owner prior to Bid Opening date and time.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide a performance bond and a payment bond in the forms provided in the bid specifications, each in amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the contract within 10 days of receiving notice of the bid award. Each bond shall be issued by a corporate surety listed in the latest issue of the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570 listings and authorized by the PA Department of Insurance to do business in Pennsylvania. The successful bidder shall be required to submit evidence of insurance coverage with an insurance company having an A.M. Best rating of "A-: Class VII" or better in accordance with the specifications.

Prevailing wages established by the PA Dept. of Labor and Industry will apply. The contract documents contain requirements addressing prevailing labor wage rates, labor standards, and nondiscrimination in hiring practices.

Attention is also called to the fact that a Non-Collusion Affidavit is required to be submitted as part of each bid.

Bids may not be modified, withdrawn, or canceled by the bidder for sixty (60) days after the date designated for the receipt of bids. Bids may be held by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days (or 120 days under conditions specified under Section 114 of Instruction to Bidders), from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of the Bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids received or parts thereof, to waive any technicalities in bidding, and to award a contract in the best interests of the County of Monroe.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

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