**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PARK WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. (local time) on December 18, 2024 at Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., 229 W. Berry Street, Suite 100, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will only be accepted from Plan Holders of Record.

An optional Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (local time) at Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., 229 W. Berry Street, Suite 100, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The pre-bid meeting will be held virtually and hosted by Abonmarche Consultants. Register at abonmarche.com/bid/ to receive an invite to the virtual meeting.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project will be available on December 2, 2024 and can be found at the following designated website: abonmarche.com/bids/ Hard copies are available from Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., 229 W. Berry Street, Suite 100, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The fee for obtaining hard copy documents is One-Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per contract. An additional Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) will be charged for each contract package that requires shipping.

Copies of the Contract Documents and Plans are available for examination at the offices of the Engineer, **Abonmarche Consultants, Inc., 229 West Berry Street, Suite 100, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.**

A certified check payable to Jefferson Township or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder and surety company, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The bidder awarded the contract will be required to furnish a separate Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one-hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the contract price before commencing work.

The Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall remain in effect throughout the entire construction period and, in addition, a Maintenance Bond in the amount of 10% for a period of three years from the date of final completion will be required. Each bidder shall be required to complete all documents listed in the Checklist for Bidders.

This project includes American Rescue Act funds and is subject to all associated requirements, including payment of prevailing wages **and good faith efforts to retain DBE/MBE/WBE Contractors in each trade.** Bids received without the necessary accompanying documentation will be returned to the bidder, unopened.

Each bidder shall be required to complete the Bid Forms 95 and 96, included with these documents. The substantial completion date for this project shall be **September 30, 2025**.

Jefferson Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding and to make an award in the best interest of the Township.

No bid or bid security may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least one hundred twenty (120) days.

All inquiries shall be directed in writing to Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. by December 12, 2024, Attn: William L. Etzler via email: betzler@abonmarche.com and Jaycie Dotson via email: jdotson@abonmarche.com. Questions must be entitled “Jefferson Township Park Water and Wastewater Improvements Project.” A final addenda will be issued on December 13, 2024 addressing any questions.

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