

SPECIFICATIONS

INTENT: The purpose and intent of this public bid is the acquisition for the County of Union of a reputable and experienced vendor who can furnish and deliver **Rock Salt** at various locations in Union County as per the following specifications.

Rock Salt shall conform to the current New Jersey State Highway Department Standard Specifications, Article 8:5:36.

The bidder agrees to have on hand the needs of the Division of Public Works, and, the needs of all participating cooperative members, if the bidder agrees to extend. The bidder will have the facilities capable of handling, storing and delivering to the designated locations in the required amounts and to ensure protection from the elements and prevent contamination. Facilities will be subject to inspection and approval of the Division of Public Works prior to the award of bid.

CONTRACT PERIOD: The period of the contract shall be for twelve (12) consecutive months. There shall be an option to extend contract to 24 months. Unit price shall be firm for the length of the contract.

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES: The quantities specified below are derived from historical purchasing records of the County and are given for the information of the bidder and for the purpose of bid evaluation. Nothing contained in any of the bid documents shall be construed to guarantee or warrant an amount of the commodity that the County shall purchase. The quantities set forth herein constitute either historic information or estimates of future needs and may not be indicative of the actual quantities to be used in the future.

To assist bidders in preparing proposals, the following historical data is provided as to the amount of the commodity supplied by previous vendors:

2009 – 7,500 Tons – 12 Month
2010 – 7,500 Tons– 12 Month
2011 – 7,000 Tons - 12 Month
2012 -- 8,000 Tons – 12 Month
2013 – 6,300 Tons – 12 Month
2014 – 3,000 Tons – 12 Month (Last Quarter)
2015 – 7,000 Tons – 12 Month

County is bidding on 10,000 Tons (More or Less)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENSUING CONTRACT IS INTENDED TO BE AN OPEN END CONTRACT AS ALLOWED UNDER N.J.A.C. 5:30 ET. SEQ. AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES, THE MINIMUM NUMBER SET ON THE BID SHALL BE ZERO (0) AND MAXIMUM SHALL BE THE QUANTITY ESTIMATED ON THE BID FORM PAGE(S).

DELIVERY: Rock salt shall be delivered at the bid price F.O.B. Destination to a site specified by the County of Union and, if the bidder agrees to extend, to the location specified by each cooperative member. Deliveries of rock salt shall be within 24 hours after receipt of order. The minimum for a delivered order shall be twenty (20) tons. Normal delivery to be between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday unless as required otherwise by the Director of the Division of Public Works or his designee.

Note: In the event that the Division of Public Works and/or any of the cooperative members deem it necessary to pick up rock salt at the plant site named on the bid pages, the bidder agrees to allow for such a process at the

bid price and a minimum of five tons a pick up. Said may be picked up at any time of day or night, seven (7) days a week.

EXPERIENCE: The bidder will have three (3) years of experience serving as a distributor of Rock Salt to a government entity or entity similar in the size and scope of Union County. References will include name and address of entity, contact name and phone number and number of years providing service.

PAYMENT TO VENDOR: When payment for Rock Salt is specified on a ton basis, each truckload or carload or material shall be weighed by a Certified Weigh master on a certified scale approved by the State Department of Weights and Measures. The weigh master shall furnish to the truck driver duplicate weigh master slips showing the gross, tare and net weight with his signature and official seal affixed. One of these delivery slips will be furnished to the Division representative on the project. No materials will be accepted unless accompanied by such a delivery slip.

LINE 2 BIDDER CONSENT: The County always prefers a longer term of contract. Toward that end, the bid form page, Line 2, will allow bidders to agree to provide the County with twelve additional months of the contract, all prices and terms remaining the same. Bid shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for Line 1 regardless of the result of Line 2.