

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids for the furnishing and delivery of **NEW LIBRARY FOR OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM STAFFORD BRANCH** for the County of Ocean, will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the County of Ocean on Tuesday, **March 21, 2023 at 11:00 am**, prevailing time.

Bids may be received electronically via the [County's OpenGov Electronic Bid Portal \(https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/oceancounty/\)](https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/oceancounty/)

Specifications and form of proposal are on the **Procurement Portal (Link Below)** or available for viewing in the Department of Purchase, Room #224, Administration Building, 101 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey. Direct all inquiries to Jennifer L. Bowens, Purchasing Agent.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and P.L. 1975 C. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.) regarding equal employment opportunities and with the requirements of P.L. 1977 C.33 regarding corporate and/or partnership ownership.

Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the total bid shall be supplied in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, but not in excess of \$20,000.00. E-bonds through Surety2000 are also acceptable. See Vendor Questionnaire for additional information regarding e-bonds.

Pre-Bid Meeting: There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Construction Site: Ocean County Southern Service Center Complex, 179 South Main Street, Stafford Township, NJ 08050 (Route 9 and Route 72 interchange)

Project Schedule: Project to be completed within 540 calendar days of Notice to Proceed. Project to have a Liquidating Damage Clause of \$500.00 per day after date of Contract completion. Project to start on or about May 2023.

Electronic Submission Site: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/oceancounty/>

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved in accordance with applicable law.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ocean.

Signed:

JOSEPH H. VICARI, Director

JENNIFER L. BOWENS, Purchasing Agent