TOWNSHIP OF LUMBERTON

Resolution 2015-05-104

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING, REJECTING BID PROTEST BY THE THIRD LOWEST BIDDER AND REJECTING CERTAIN BIDS AS SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDING THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

WHEREAS, the Township of Lumberton, through its Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc., solicited bids for the demolition and removal of the Old Municipal Building on Municipal Drive; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place for receiving bids, the Township received ten bids as follows:

Vendor	Base	Alt 1	Total
RVT Construction (Paterson)	\$285,000	\$8000	\$293,000
Jerrell's Landscape (Mt.	\$348,400	\$4000	\$352,400
Laurel)			
Site Enterprises (Hammonton)	\$370,000	\$5000	\$375,000
Yannuzzi (Hillsborough)	\$386,210	\$8000	\$394,210
Eagle Paving (Toms River)	\$429,440	\$5000	\$434,440
Niram (Boonton)	\$443,000	\$8300	\$451,300
Neri's (Williamstown)	\$467,011	\$26,940	\$493,951
Two Brothers (Clifton)	\$468,100	\$9,800	\$477,900
Ranco (Southampton)	\$549,190	\$26,730	\$575,920
JPC Group (Blackwood)	\$637,500	\$8520	\$646,020

WHEREAS, the third lowest vendor (Site Enterprises) filed a bid protest challenging the lowest two vendors' bids; and

WHEREAS, as to the first vendor RVT, the protestor alleged that the asbestos and waste hauler licenses were expired and/or non-existent, the vendor lacked the proper insurance coverage, qualifications and equipment and issue with the Surety Bond; and

WHEREAS, the engineer and the Township Solicitor reviewed the bids and confirmed that the low vendor possessed the proper licenses, insurance, qualifications and Bid Bond and copies of the same have been provided to the Township and confirmed through communications with references; and

WHEREAS, none of the issues raised are considered material requiring an automatic rejection pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends award to the low vendor RVT Construction; and

LAW OFFICE Parker McCay P.A. WHEREAS, with the recommendation of the low vendor as compliant, there was no need to evaluate the merits of the third vendor's protest against the second vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Township determined that the bids of the third through tenth vendors were substantially higher than engineer's estimate (\$348,000) permitting rejection of those bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds are available for the award of this bid to the lowest vendor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lumberton as follows:

- 1. The protest of Site Enterprises, Inc. as to the first vendor is rejected for the reasons expressed herein.
- 2. The protest of Site Enterprises, Inc. as the second vendor is not considered by the Township.
- 3. The contract for the demolition of the Old Municipal Building is awarded to RVT Construction in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$293,000) (Base plus Alternate).
- 4. The bids of the third through tenth vendors are rejected as substantially exceeding the engineer's estimate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a).
- 5. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to RVT Construction and Pennoni Associates.

Adopted: May 12, 2015

Stephanie N. Yurko, RMC/CMR

Municipal Clerk