

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The **County of Carbon** will receive bids until **3:30 P.M.**, prevailing local time, **Monday, August 29, 2016**, at the Office of the Controller, County of Carbon, 2 Hazard Square, Courthouse Annex, P.O. Box 59, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Carbon County Commissioners at **10:30 A.M.**, prevailing local time, **Thursday, September 1, 2016**, at the Commissioners' Conference Room, Third Floor, Carbon County Courthouse Annex, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229. Bids are invited for the following:

Mahoning Township: Street Improvements **Rex Road Bridge Reconstruction (FY2014)**

***A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Rex Road Bridge over Mahoning Creek, Lehighton, Pa 18235 for the above project only.**

Palmerton Borough: Street Improvements **ADA Intersections – Lehigh Avenue (5th & 6th Street) (FY2014)**

Contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be obtained by payment of **\$25.00 for each CD or \$40.00 for each Paper Copy, non-refundable**. Payable to: Carbon County Office of Planning and Development, 76 Susquehanna Street, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229, 570-325-3671. Addenda, if any, will be issued to those only whose name and address is on record as having obtained the Contract Documents. A TDD number is available for any person with hearing impairments (570-732-0084). **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS (BID PACKAGES) ARE AVAILABLE ON CD (PDF FORMAT) AND PAPER COPY. IF PAPER COPY IS NEEDED, PLEASE SPECIFY IN ADVANCE.**

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Order of the **County of Carbon**, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid. The Bidder shall include the fully completed Non-collusion Affidavit with the bid.

In addition to the Equal Employment requirements of Executive Order 11246 regarding discrimination, the CONTRACTOR must establish a 6.9% goal for female participation and a 1% goal for minority participation in his/her aggregate on-site construction workforce for contracts in excess of \$10,000.

The Carbon County Office of Planning and Development is utilizing federal funds for these projects, and has adopted a Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) in accordance with Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432 and a Section 3 Action Plan in accordance with Title 24 Part 135 Code of Federal Regulations. As such, the bidders must submit documentary evidence of minority and women business enterprises and Section 3 business concerns that have been contacted and to whom commitments have been made. Documentation of such must be submitted with the bid.

Moreover, the CONTRACTOR shall strive to meet the MBE goal of 5% and the WBE goal of 3% for contracts of \$25,000 or more. The Section 3 Action Plan applies to contracts of \$100,000 or greater and requires the CONTRACTOR to strive to meet the minimum participation level of 10% of the contract amount to be awarded to Section 3 business concerns, and 30% of all new hires shall be Section 3 residents. MBE/WBE and Section 3 business concerns shall be afforded full opportunity to bid without discrimination. **Contractor is obligated to make a “diligent effort” to achieve all goals.** Davis-Bacon and Related Acts apply to this Project.

Bids may be held by the COUNTY for up to 90 days from the date of opening for the purposes of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders prior to awarding the contract. The COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities, or to negotiate contract amounts.

COUNTY OF CARBON
Wayne E. Nothstein, Chairman

