SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION No. 2016-Q-1

December 8, 2016

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR BIDS TO PROVIDE LABOR, MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR LANDFILL METHANE GAS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Salem County Improvement Authority has a need to acquire the services of a qualified construction company for the Solid Waste Division pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. for improvements to the methane gas system in the landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Authority advertised and provided specifications for the scope of the work and the requirements of the bid proposals for a bid opening that occurred on December 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Engineering "Cornerstone", an environmental engineering firm, was retained to oversee the methane gas system project, analyze the job specifications and prepare all bid documents; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstone issued an opinion that the cost of the project would be approximately $385,000; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened publicly on December 6, 2016, and the bidder submitting the apparent low bid was Crown Pipeline Construction Co. of Millville, New Jersey ("Crown") in the amount of $556,218.00; and

WHEREAS, this low bid was $171,218 higher than the projected cost as estimated by Cornerstone, and the Salem County Improvement Authority will be unable to issue the necessary certification of available funds to accommodate a bid of 144% of the projected cost; and

WHEREAS, due to budget constraints and financial considerations, the Salem County Improvement Authority has determined that the bid specifications must be reviewed and revised to bring them to within acceptable financial parameters; and

WHEREAS, on advice of the Authority Solicitor, the Authority may reject all bids and re-hold the project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a), (b), and (d) where it finds that the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimate; the lowest bid substantially exceeds the Authority's appropriation; and/or the Authority wants to substantially revise the specifications;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Improvement Authority Board as follows:

1. All bids opened on December 6, 2016, to provide labor, material and equipment for construction of the methane gas system improvements are hereby rejected.
2. The methane gas system improvements bid solicitation package shall be revised in such a manner to encourage substantially lower public bids.

3. The Executive Director and/or Authority engineer is hereby authorized to advertise the solicitation of bids for the methane gas system improvements in accordance with the local public contracts law.

ATTEST

Paul Williams, Secretary

Robert Widdifield, Chairman

December 8, 2016
Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Salem County Improvement Authority Board at a special meeting held December 8, 2016.

Paul Williams, Secretary