

**Marlboro Township
Department of Administration
1979 Township Drive
Marlboro, NJ 07746**

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

CLARIFICATION NO. 1

Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Questions have been raised by prospective bidders with respect to the

**CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF EVENT EQUIPMENT RENTAL SERVICES
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO
(Bid 2024-07)**

Please be advised as follows:

Q 1: Is the insurance language for the umbrella policy correct, the limits seem very high?

A: Please see page T-5, section 8 Insurance, item E

E) Umbrella Liability: \$4,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate are **strongly recommended**, sitting excess of the General Liability, Automobile Liability and Employers Liability coverages.

Bidders may submit an alternative insurance certificate of insurance; however as per page T-5, item 10 Review and Approval

Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement are all subject to approval by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

Q 2: Can you please clarify the bid bond requirements?

A: Please see page 6, section 4 Bid Security, item a

Bid Guarantee Required

Bidder shall submit with the bid a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of **ten (10%) percent of the total price bid, but not in excess of \$20,000**, payable unconditionally to the Township of Marlboro.

The total bid price is to be understood as the total of all items bid

Q 2: Can you please clarify if a consent of surety is required?

A: Please see page 6, section 4 Bid Security, item b

Consent of Surety Required

Bidder shall submit with a bid a Certificate (Consent of Surety) with Power of attorney for the full amount of the bid price from a Surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township stating that it will provide said bidder with a Performance Bond in the full amount of the bid. This certificate shall be obtained in order to confirm that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will furnish Performance and Payment Bonds from an acceptable surety company on behalf of said bidder, any or all subcontractors or by each respective subcontractor or by any combination thereof which results in performance security equal to the total amount of the contract.

Q 3: Can you please clarify the performance bond requirements?

A: Please see page 7, section 4 Bid Security, item 3

Performance Bond X Required

Successful bidder shall simultaneously with the delivery of the executed contract, submit an executed bond in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the acceptable bid as security for the faithful performance of this contract.

Failure to submit this with the executed contract shall be cause for declaring the contract null and void pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22.

Please be reminded that proposals are due by **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 10:00 am prevailing time.**