INVITATION TO BID

BID# TFR-295-041614 TORRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD RENOVATION PROJECT Torrington, Connecticut

Sealed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Torrington at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Room 206, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790, until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday April 16, 2014,** after which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the date and time specified will be rejected. In the event of the closure of City Hall, the bid will be opened at the scheduled time on the following business day that City Hall is opened. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided and in a sealed envelope clearly marked with appropriate title. Bidders to submit an original and two (2) copies.

This Project consists of, but is not limited to: the select demolition of existing running track, bleachers, utilities and fencing and the installation of a new synthetic turf athletic field on the interior of a new 8 lane synthetic surfaced running track, new bleachers, pressbox, asphalt walks, fencing, athletic amenities, storm drainage and utilities at Torrington High School, Torrington, CT.

A non-mandatory pre bid walk through meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. April 4, 2014, at the Torrington High School track and field facility, 50 Major Besse Drive, Torrington, CT 06790. No visitors allowed on the school property without an escort.

The City of Torrington hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and that they will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, in consideration for this award.

Plans and specifications will be available starting Friday March 28, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. Plans, specifications and instructions for bidding the above project are available in hardcopy form or on line for a fee from Merritt Graphics, 488 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708. Printed documents (plans and specifications) may be obtained for a non-refundable fee of Fifty Three (\$53) dollars per set plus tax & delivery charges. PDF sets sent by mail or email are available for thirty five dollars (\$35) per set plus tax and delivery charges. To be on the bidders list, bidders must obtain printed or PDF documents. To obtain a copy of the bidders list, bidders can sign up by calling 203-753-2721 or email Waterbury-jobs@merrittgraphics.com to ensure inclusion on the bidders list request for a response email.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed in the Purchasing Department, Room 206, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790 during normal business hours.

To be considered a responsive Bidder, the Contractor shall have purchased a complete set of plans and specifications (in PDF or Paper form) from Merritt Graphics. To establish the record of purchase, a prospective Bidder must purchase a full set of plans and specifications using the name that is to appear on the Contractor's Bid Forms.

This project falls under the requirements of the State of Connecticut Prevailing Wage Rates law. Current wage rates information is included with the bidding documents.

Bid security in the form of a Surety Company Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid must accompany each proposal on the form furnished. A Non-collusion statement for Prime Contractors and any addendum acknowledgement must also be submitted at the time of the bid. Bid Security shall be made payable to City of Torrington, Connecticut. Bids submitted without Bid Security will not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn for 60 days after receipt of Bids unless released by the Owner.

To be considered, all General Contractors bidding this project must be listed as a currently approved contractor under the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Contractor Prequalification Program. http://www.das.state.ct.us/cr1.aspx?page=10. The City of Torrington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, to award the contract to a bidder other than the lowest bid, and to award the contract as it feels will best serve the public interest.

A performance, labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid will be required.

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER MBEs, WBEs and SBEs ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

CITY OF TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT

Pennie Zucco PURCHASING AGENT

Dated: 3/26/14