INVITATION TO BID

Sussex County will receive sealed bids <u>until 1:00 PM. EDT, May 23, 2025,</u> in the Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Michael A. Izzo Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in Council Chambers for the following project:

AERONAUTICAL OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL Sussex County Project A25-26 Contract Term: 30 Consecutive Calendar Days

Bids are being sought from qualified Contractors to provide all labor, materials and equipment required to fell and remove trees on County-owned land adjacent to the Delaware Coastal Airport.

Bidding Documents, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained in an electronic format at no cost, or in hard copy for a charge of \$25.00. Contact Ms. Kaycee Widen of the Sussex County Engineering Department, 3rd Floor, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, telephone 302-855-7370.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee equivalent to **ten (10) percent** of the amount of the base bid and all alternates. The bid guarantee may be a certified check or a bid bond secured by a surety authorized to do business in Delaware. The bid guarantee shall be made payable to Sussex County Council.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on May 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM. EST in the Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Michael A. Izzo Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947.

Contractors should visit the project site at their earliest convenience to familiarize themselves with the entirety of proposed work. All Contractor questions must be submitted in writing to J. Mark Parker of the Engineering Department at mark.parker@sussexcountyde.gov no later than three (3) business days prior to the bid opening.

If the responding Contractor deems any portion of its response to contain trade secrets, proprietary or other confidential information, it shall isolate and identify in writing the confidential portions, together with a statement in support of its designation as such. The submission shall be confidential until the bid has been awarded and a contract has been executed. Thereafter, all submissions shall be open to public inspection.

Federal or State scale wage rates are NOT applicable on this Project.

Liquid Asphalt Cement Cost Adjustment and Diesel Fuel Index are NOT applicable to this Project.

Sussex County reserves the right to extend the time and place of the bid opening on not less than two (2) calendar days' notice by electronic means to those who have obtained copies of the Contract Documents. Sussex County reserves the right to waive irregularities and reject any or all bids.

J. Mark Parker, P. E. Sussex County Assistant Engineer