

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT BID24001
TO LUCAS BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE HURON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development is responsible for construction and improvements of various municipal streets, roads and curbing; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2023, pursuant to Resolution 59-1.23, municipal engineering firm CME Associates was engaged to provide design through bid phase services relating to the Huron Road Project as part of the Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the project will be funded from existing NJDOT Grant funding in addition to General and Utility Capital Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, the Township Council approved Resolution 236-7.23 authorizing advertisement for receipt of bids for the Huron Road Project, BID24001; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk witnessed the receipt of two bids on August 24, 2023 and the lowest qualifying bid was submitted by Lucas Brothers Inc. of Morganville, New Jersey with a base bid of \$2,320,320.00 for Items 1 through 93 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Engineers for this project, the Purchasing Agent and Legal Counsel have reviewed the qualifications and bid submitted by Lucas Brothers Inc. and determined them responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey, noting a curable bid irregularity that resulted in no change to the base bid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid submitted by Lucas Brothers Inc. is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Lucas Brothers Inc. for the Huron Road Project, pursuant to Contract BID24001, in the amount of \$2,320,320.00 for Items 1 through 93 inclusive, subject approvals by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of North Brunswick, certify that funds in the following accounts totaling \$2,320,320.00 are available under Contract BID24001:

- \$ 907,162.51 are available in Capital Ordinance 22-08 account C-04-55-C22-220-101,
- \$ 106,990.18 are available in Capital Ordinance 22-24 account C-04-55-C22-231-201,
- \$ 596,840.00 are available in NJDOT Grant account G-02-24-195-729-000; and
- \$ 709,327.31 are available in Water Capital Ordinance account C-06-55-C20-201-101.

Cavel Gallimore
Chief Financial Officer

Michael C. Hritz
Director of Community Development

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
HUTCHINSON				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MEHTA				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on September 5, 2023.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk

RECEIPT OF BIDS

August 24, 2023

**Results from the receipt of Requests for Proposals on Thursday,
August 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., Municipal Complex,
710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, N.J.**

**Present: Samantha Sickles, Purchasing Assistant
Lisa Russo, Municipal Clerk
Nellie Sowell, Clerk 3
Michael Hritz, Director Community Development
Steve Bloyed, Acting Director Public Works
Peter Bednarsky, CME
Joseph Conroy, CME**

**Resolution #236-7.23 adopted on July 24, 2023 by the Township Council
authorizing receipt of bids and advertised in the Home News & Tribune as
according to law.**

11:00 a.m. receipt of bids is closed.

The following receipt of bids were received:

**BID24001-
Huron Road Improvement Project**

Base Bid

**Black Rock
1316 Englishtown Road
Old Bridge, NJ 08847**

\$2,695,022.70

**Lucas Brothers
80 Amboy Avenue
Morganville, NJ 07751**

\$2,320,320.00

**A report will be presented to the Township Council for possible awards at the
September 5, 2023 Township Council Meeting.**

**Lisa Russo
Municipal Clerk**

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August 28, 2023

Mr. Michael Hritz
Director of Community Development
Township of North Brunswick
710 Hermann Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Re: *Huron Road Improvements*
Contract No. 24-001
Township of North Brunswick
Our File No.: PNO00659.02

Dear Mr. Hritz,

On August 24, 2023 two (2) bids were received for the Huron Road Improvements as indicated on the attached summary of bids.

The apparent low bid was submitted by Lucas Brothers, Inc. of Morganville, New Jersey with a base bid of \$2,320,320.00 for items 1 through 93 inclusive, which is \$374,702.70 under the price bid by the second lowest bidder. The second lowest bid was submitted by Black Rock Enterprise, LLC. of Old Bridge, New Jersey with a base bid of \$2,695,022.70 for items 1 through 93 inclusive.

The apparent low bid submitted by Lucas Brothers, Inc. contained an irregularity in that page G-14 of the Supplementary Conditions for Construction Contracts was not signed. It should also be noted that Lucas Brothers, Inc. included penny bids for twelve (12) of the ninety-three (93) bid items.

It is our understanding that the apparent low bid is within the available funding for the Project. Accordingly, should the aforementioned irregularity be deemed curable and should there be no other irregularities in the apparent low bid as determined by the Township Attorney, we recommend award of the Project to Lucas Brothers, Inc. for items 1 through 93 inclusive in the amount of \$2,320,320.00, subject to certification of funds by the Township's Chief Financial Officer, review and approval by the Township Attorney including verification that the bonding and surety company is licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey and appears in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds", by the U.S. Treasury Department, verification that the Contractor has sealed the bid with their corporate seal where appropriate, NJDOT Approval and the submission of the required performance bonds and insurance certificates for the Project.

Any award of the project should be further subject to the Contractor Lucas Brothers, Inc. submitting a certification indicating that the work required under item nos. 13, 14, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 58, 59, 60, and 61 will be provided at the prices bid, if and where ordered by the Township.



Mr. Michael Hritz
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Original bid packages submitted by the two (2) bidders will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for his review.

Finally, please note that the Resolution of Award for the Project must indicate that the award is subject to NJDOT approval and two (2) sealed copies of the resolution with original signatures should be provided to our office in order that we may forward same to the State.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours

CME Associates

Louis Ploskonka, PE
Township Engineer's Office

LP/pb
Enclosures

cc: Mayor & Township Council
Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Justine Progebin, Business Administrator
Lisa Russo, Township Clerk