

Township of West Milford



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LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC SALE OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by Resolution 2024-142 the Township of West Milford has determined to conduct a public sale by accepting sealed bids for the sale of one (1) plenary retail distribution licenses by public sale to the highest qualified bidder(s).

BIDS SHALL BE OPENED at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2024 at the Township of West Milford Municipal Building at 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 for the following:

“PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE BID”

Prequalification sealed bids shall be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2024 (the prior Friday) in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked “Presumptive Qualification”.

All bidders must submit a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 by check made payable to the Township of West Milford for the bid forms. Interested bidders may pick up copies of the forms from the Township Clerk of the Township of West Milford, 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline for submission of said documents is no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024.

The Township Clerk shall publically announce those applicants who presumptively meet the qualifications for bidding, as fixed by law, rules and regulations and resolution, five (5) days prior to the opening of bids. No bids will be opened from or on behalf of a bidder who has not been identified as presumptively meeting the qualification for bidding.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside “Distribution License Bid” addressed to the Township Clerk, 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480, with name and address of bidder on or before May 10, 2024. The minimum bid requirement is not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for the license and other bidding provisions as set forth in Resolution 2024-142.

All prospective bidders for the license shall apply by submitting to the Township Clerk a full and complete (12) twelve page ABC retail license application form, a separately sealed envelope with the applicant’s bid and any bid deposit fee and the certification referenced below. All prospective bidders must qualify no later than five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids. All bidders must be qualified to have an interest in a retail liquor license under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and regulations thereunder, N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13.2-1.1 et seq., and any applicable municipal ordinances. Qualification shall be established in the form of a certification by the applicant that the applicant knows of no reason why the applicant would be disqualified from holding an interest in a retail liquor license in New Jersey and further that the applicant meets all of the special conditions or requirements stated in the notice.

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Successful bidder(s) shall be required to pay the balance of the bid amount no later than five (5) business days from the date that the Township of West Milford passes a Resolution authorizing issuance of the license.

The ultimate issuance of the license is subject to the successful applicant making final payment of the balance of the bid price, payment of the annual State and municipal licensing fees and the satisfactory outcome of an investigation of the source of funds and criminal background checks pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3 through 19.6 to be conducted, as well as demonstrate compliance with all regulations concerning issuance of a license in N.J.A.C. 13:2-2.1 et seq. including but not limited to legal publications and a hearing if there are objections. If the bidder passes satisfactorily, applicant must demonstrate compliance with all regulations concerning issuance of a license in N.J.A.C. 13:2-2.1 et seq., within 60 days or the bid may be rejected by the Township of West Milford and the applicant shall waive his right to the deposit.

The West Milford Governing Body reserves the right to reject all bids if the highest bid is not accepted. A sale may be postponed or canceled at any time prior to the opening of the bids.

2t: Herald News 3/31/2024 & 4/7/2024

William Senande, Township Clerk