

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **BIDS RECEIVED FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM DRAINAGE PROJECT**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine received bids for its FEMA-funded Hazard Mitigation Program drainage project on May 29, 2014.

Bidders were: Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., \$1,940,641.80; Charles Marandino, LLC, \$1,632,988; Colonnelli Bros., Inc., \$1,631,165; Fred M. Schiavone Construction, Inc., \$1,568,427.05; Garden State General Construction \$1,357,695.88; Landberg Construction, LLC, \$1,657,097.20; Mathis Construction Co., Inc., \$2,005,254; Mount Construction Co., Inc., \$1,740, 686; R.E. Pierson Construction Co., \$1,629,008.40; South State, Inc., \$1,360,375; WECO Construction, \$1,846,272.80.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had provided the Borough of Woodbine with \$1,070,207 through its Hazard Mitigation Program to protect crucial roadways in the Borough from flood damage. The required match was provided through a Small Cities Public Facilities grant award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount \$400,000.

New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded the Borough of Woodbine additional discretionary aid funding in the amount of \$300,000 to supplement funds previously received from Federal Emergency Management Administration and from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs's Small Cities program for drainage related reconstruction on various Borough roads.

The Borough had previously received bids on this project with the low bid exceeding the then available construction budget by almost \$300,000. Since FEMA expected the Borough to mitigate the drainage problem that was originally identified in its entirety, reducing the project scope was not a viable solution, and the additional DOT funds were thus applied for.

Funding is for design and construction to mitigate the drainage problems that became critical during extreme storms in the past several years.

In addition to improving drainage on various Borough streets, the project will also provide an ancillary benefit by providing a positive drainage system at the intersections of these roads with County Route 550 and County Route 557.

This will result in a much needed improvement for the Borough that will include transportation related components including roadway paving; drainage improvements that will extend pavement life; and the reduction of safety issues attributed to flooding of the roads due to inadequate or non-existent drainage infrastructure.

“We expect to award this contract at the June 19 Council meeting,” added Mayor Pikolycky. “The competition among so many bidders had has made it now possible to keep the project within budget.”