NOTICE TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR ONE (1) PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE AND ONE (1) PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by Resolution 2023-068 adopted January 12, 2023 ("Resolution") the Township of Little Egg Harbor resolved to issue **One (1) new Plenary Retail Consumption License** and **One (1) new Plenary Retail Distribution License** by public sale to the highest qualified bidders and invites bids therefore. The bids will be opened on <u>Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the meeting/court room of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. The minimum acceptable bid for the Plenary Retail Consumption License is **\$400,000** and the minimum acceptable bid for the Plenary Retail Distribution License is **\$250,000**.

The Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted. In addition, the Township of Little Egg Harbor reserves the right to postpone or cancel this sale at any time prior to the opening of the bids. Bids shall be accepted only from those bidders who qualify to hold a plenary retail consumption license and a plenary retail distribution license under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, *N.J.S.A.* 33:1-1 *et seq.*, the regulations promulgated thereunder at *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-1.1 *et seq.*, and all applicable municipal ordinances and the Resolution.

Interested bidders may obtain copies of the forms necessary to qualify to be a bidder and for the submission of bids from the office of the Township Clerk, (609) 296-7241 ext. 230 and may be obtained Monday through Friday, except holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All prospective bidders must complete the forms, all paperwork associated therewith, and be determined to be a qualified bidder to have their bids considered and accepted. All prospective bidders must submit to the Township Clerk a full and complete Alcoholic Beverage Control license application form (long form application) and a Certification of Proof of Compliance by the applicant that it meets any and all conditions or requirements contained in this Notice and knows of no reason why he or she would be disqualified from having an interest in a retail license in New Jersey.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, with the bid deposit fee included, marked appropriately and must have the **NAME AND ADDRESS** of the bidder on the outside of the envelope. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed by certified mail to the above-mentioned address. <u>No other forms will be accepted</u>. No bid shall be considered which does not contain proof of qualification (full and complete ABC license application, long form, and Certification of Proof of Compliance).

Applications, bid and associated materials shall be accepted until <u>Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at</u> <u>10:00 am</u> at the office of the Township Clerk, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Bids of applicants who do not preliminary qualify will be returned. On <u>Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.</u> or shortly thereafter, in the Municipal Courtroom, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, the Township Clerk shall publicly announce those applicants who preliminary meet the qualifications for bidding as fixed by law, rules, regulations, ordinances and the Resolution.

On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the meeting/court room of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087, the sealed bids of the preliminarily qualified bidders shall be opened. All bids must contain a deposit of 10% of the bid price, in the form of a certified check. By resolution of the Township Committee, the bids from the highest preliminarily qualified bidders will be accepted, and within 30 days of the adoption of the resolution, the balance of the bid amounts shall be paid to the Township by cash or certified check (which monies shall be kept in an interest bearing account with interest payable to the Township until such time as the licensing process is complete.) Completion of said process includes payment of the State application fee, the source of funds used to purchase the license, the receipt of favorable State and/or Federal criminal background checks; and the compliance with the publication, hearing and resolution requirement under *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-2.1 *et seq.* for the issuance of a license.