

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Warren County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the project identified as **Warren County NRCS EWP Erosion Control Project – River Region Circle**. The project includes drainage improvements and bank stabilization along River Region Circle in Warren County, as indicated in the drawings, specifications, and other contract documents. The above general outline of features of work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all parts, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **Sixty (60) Calendar Days**. The Contract will be subject to liquidated damages of **three hundred dollars (\$300)** per calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed.

Deadline for receipt of Bids is 10:00 a.m. local time on December 14, 2023. Bids will be received at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183. Bidders are cautioned that the Purchasing Department does not receive the daily U.S. Mail on or before 10:00 a.m. Bids will be time-stamped upon receipt according to Purchasing Department's time clock. Bids received after the stated deadline will not be considered. All bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding. Interested contractors can register as a vendor at www.centralbidding.com and download plans. Electronic bids are due at the same time and date as sealed bids. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors in a classification such as (a) Highway, Street and Bridge Construction, (b) Municipal and Public Works Construction, (c) Excavation, Grading & Drainage or another closely related classification. This Project is expected to exceed \$50,000, therefore the Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be written on the outside of the sealed bid envelope. For electronic bids, the COR information must be submitted as the first page of the PDF attachment with the electronic bid submittal. For bids less than \$50,000, a Certificate of Responsibility number is not required. Bidder shall note on the outside of the envelope containing the bid that the "bid is less than \$50,000, CR No. not required".

Mississippi has a reciprocal preference law. Mississippi Code 31-3-21 requires that a copy of any non-resident bidder's current state law pertaining to its treatment of non-resident contractors be submitted at the time the bid is submitted, or that bid shall not be considered further.

Each bidder must deposit with his proposal a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid payable to Warren County as bid security. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount awarded. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement if requested by Warren County. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Neel-Schaffer, Inc. is the Engineer for this project. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file and open to public inspection at the local Neel-Schaffer, Inc. office and at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183. Contractors may request bid documents by visiting www.centralbidding.com and following the site instructions for registration and download. Bid Documents may also be picked up at no charge at the Neel-Schaffer office located at 1100 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183. Questions may be addressed to **Brian Robbins, Project Manager** via brian.robbs@neel-schaffer.com.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to determine responsible bidders, responsive bids, the lowest and best bid, reject any and all bids, award to the bidder believed most advantageous to Warren County, and to waive any informalities in the bids and bidding process. Published pursuant to Board Order dated the 6th day of November 2023.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors
By: Victoria Bell, Purchasing Agent

PUBLICATION DATES:

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