**Advertisement for Bids**

**Subject: Invitation to Bid #283: Pearl Upper Elementary Slide Repair Project for the Pearl Public School District**

Pearl Public School District invites you to submit a bid for the Pearl Upper Elementary School Slide Repair. You are invited to submit a bid in accordance with the information contained herein.

In general, the project includes embankment excavation and backfill, grading, draining, and embankment stabilization. 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.

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 the Pearl Public School District 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 the School Board. 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.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is Ninety (90) Calendar Days. The Contract will be subject to liquidated damages of five hundred dollars ($500) 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.

Proposals must be returned no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023, to the Office of Superintendent located at 3375 Highway 80 East, Pearl, Mississippi 39208 or through electronic secure folder. The proposal should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “PUE Slide Repair Project #283” on the outside of the envelope. Or, submitted electronically through a secure folder invitation. To receive a secure folder invitation, the vendor may contact Cindy Grantham, 601-932-7916 or email cgrantham@pearlk12.com. Late proposals will not be considered. All proposals will be taken under advisement and evaluated to be awarded at a subsequent board meeting.

Questions concerning this invitation to bid should be addressed to Cindy Grantham, in writing via email to cgrantham@pearlk12.com. Questions will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Please return your bid to the following address:

Pearl Public School District

3375 Highway 80 East
Pearl, MS 39208

Bid Number: 283

Bid Name: PUE Slide Repair Project

Your envelope *must* be sealed and should show your company's name and address or be submitted through a secure electronic folder.

Responsive bids received at the above address will be opened at that time. Bids must be signed to be considered. Late bids cannot be considered. Faxed bids or emailed bids cannot be considered.

If you download this invitation to bid from the district’s web site, it will be your responsibility to check the web site for any addenda that might be issued for this solicitation. The district cannot not be responsible for a vendor not receiving information provided in any addendum.

The Pearl Public School District reserves the right to determine responsible bidders, responsive bids, the lowest and best bid, reject any or all bids, award to the bidder believed most advantageous to the School District, and to waive any informalities in the bids and bidding process.

Thank you for participating in the solicitation process.

Paige Bromen

Chief Financial Officer

April 26, 2023

May 3, 2023