ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tupelo will receive un-priced technical proposals to prequalify vendors for:

Bucket Truck Bid # 2023-027PR

Deadline for receipt of un-priced technical proposals is **June 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM**, local time. Un-Priced proposals, including Specification Response Form and all other documents, shall be submitted electronically at <u>www.tupelomsbids.com</u>.

Pursuant to MS Code 31-7-13 and House Bill 1109, this commodity will be procured through a multi-step procurement process, including a Reverse Auction. In Phase One, unpriced technical proposals are evaluated for potential acceptability based upon pre-determined criteria. In Phase Two, only those bidders whose technical proposals are determined acceptable shall be invited to provide priced bids for consideration. The City of Tupelo encourages vendor participation in this multi-step process. Complete instructions are provided in the specifications package.

Specifications and detailed instructions regarding the bid process may be obtained by visiting the website <u>www.tupelomsbids.com</u>. Specification response forms, along with all other required information detailed in the bid instructions should be submitted no later than **10:00 AM on June 16, 2023**, per the detailed bid instructions. Un-priced Specification Response submissions will be evaluated, and vendors meeting the required specifications will be invited to participate in the **Electronic Reverse Auction process on June 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM.** Approved vendors will be given detailed instructions regarding the reverse auction. The City of Tupelo reserves the right to extend the auction date if necessary, to complete the pre-qualification process. Pricing will only be accepted from qualified bidders during the reverse auction process. For any questions relating to the electronic submittal or reverse auction process, please call PH Bidding Group at 662-407-0193.

The City of Tupelo is an equal opportunity employer and hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that, in any contract entered unto pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin in consideration for an award.

The City of Tupelo reserves the right to reject any and or all bids, waive technicalities, informalities or irregularities in the bids received, solicit new bids or choose that bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Tupelo.

Jennifer Shempert Purchasing Agent

Publishing Dates: May 18, 2023, & May 25, 2023