

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – 2022 COAHOMA COUNTY ILEX PROJECT  
CDBG-ED GRANT #1137-20-014-ED-01 & DRA MS 54569  
CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI**

Sealed bids will be received by the county of Coahoma, Mississippi, at the Coahoma County Courthouse located at 115 First Street Clarksdale, MS 38614, or electronically by email at [bids@coahomacountymiss.gov](mailto:bids@coahomacountymiss.gov) until 2:00pm local time on **Tuesday, March 14th, 2023**, for supplying all labor and materials (as specified) necessary for construction of the 2022 Coahoma County Ilex Project.

The work generally consists of the construction of spaces used for 2 factory operations: 1) processing of raw tea leaves into a bagged product for distribution and retail sale, and 2) an aquaponics greenhouse which includes a grow room as well as space for aquaponics tanks and storage. There will also be a pair of restrooms, new lighting, fans, and a new fire protection system for the building. Some demolition of the existing interior construction will be required to accommodate the new program. The existing building shell requires some rehabilitation. In the aquaponics area, light-transmitting panels will replace some of the existing metal panels to facilitate plant growth.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and drawings referred to therein.

Contract time shall be 120 calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed in the amount of \$250 per day for each consecutive calendar day beyond the specified contract time.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing his classification as to the value and type of construction on which he is authorized to bid.

Each Bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the County of Coahoma, Mississippi, or received by email prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must submit with his proposal a separate attachment stating his qualifications to perform the work. The Statement of Qualifications shall list past projects of similar size and nature, a list of references with name and telephone number, a list of key personnel who will perform the work, and other information supporting the Bidder's qualifications.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident Bidders state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. In order to ensure that Mississippi's so-called Golden Rule is followed, state law requires a non-resident bidder to attach to his bid a copy of his resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to Coahoma County, Mississippi, as a bid security.

Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested, by Coahoma County, Mississippi.

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal Forms are available digitally or in print for a fee by contacting Memphis Reprographics in Memphis, Tennessee at (901) 381-9811 or by email at [orders@memphisreprographics.com](mailto:orders@memphisreprographics.com).

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). CDBG regulations governing the grant require that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for contracting, subcontracting, training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG project will be extended to Section 3 businesses and Section 3 residents.

An optional pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21st at 2:00pm** at the project site to discuss the Section 3 requirements of the Contract and outline Contractor's action steps during the bidding process which are necessary to comply with the current CDBG requirements. The design team will also be available for any questions at that time.

Those planning to attend the pre-bid meeting MUST RSVP to [carley@marlonblackwell.com](mailto:carley@marlonblackwell.com) or by calling Marlon Blackwell Architects at 479.973.9121. RSVP must be received no later than 12:00pm on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. A video conference link can be provided for those who wish to join remotely. The project site address is 2550 Oakhurst Company Road, Clarksdale, MS 38614.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material, and/or supply needs.

Coahoma County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Coahoma County hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in a contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual preference, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status in consideration for award.

Coahoma County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

BY: Johnny Newson, President-Board of Supervisors

Coahoma County, Mississippi

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