PUBLIC NOTICE

SEALED BIDS

The Warren County Port Commission is seeking **SEALED BIDS** from individuals or groups for a Five Year Exclusive Recreational Use Land Lease of certain property owned by Warren County. Deadline for receipt of bids is 10:00 a.m. CST on Monday, July 10, 2023. The Bid File Number is **2023-0615PORT**.

The property consists of three parcels totaling 1,020 acres, more or less. The minimum acceptable bid has been set at Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per acre, for a base minimum bid of Fifty-one Thousand Dollars (\$51,000.00). Parcels will not be leased separately. The land available for lease is described as follows.

- Parcel One is North of the Port of Vicksburg and East of and adjacent to the Yazoo River Diversion Canal;
- Parcel Two is South and West of the Yazoo River Diversion Canal and North of the Kings Point Ferry to the Southern boundary of Lake Centennial;
- Parcel Three is South of the Port of Vicksburg and East of and adjacent to the Yazoo River Diversion Canal;

Individuals or groups who wish to participate in the Bid Opening should submit Required Information, including proof of insurance, or at a minimum, proof of ability to obtain the insurance and the bid surety bond. A Cashier's or Certified check payable to Warren County Port Commission in the amount of \$1000.00 that will be considered a deposit toward the total final bid accepted. The following criteria shall be used to evaluate bids:

- 1. Compliance with Sealed Bids submission requirements, including insurance and the bid surety;
- 2. Responses to Questionnaire;
- 3. Demonstrated experience, ability and resources of the Individual or Group to pay the required Lease;
- 4. Warren County and/or Warren County Port Commission's experience with the bidder;

The specification package and instructions for submission of sealed bids may be obtained by visiting the website Central Bidding (Central Bidding House) at https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/ or by contacting Victoria Bell, Purchasing Agent by email, vbell@co.warren.ms.us. Bids may be submitted via electronic or paper delivery means. Paper Sealed Bid delivery shall be to the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson St, Vicksburg MS 39183. Late or incomplete bids will not be considered. Modifications will not be considered after the closing date and time. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or the Warren County Purchasing Dept., 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183, 601-638-7428.

The Warren County Port Commission reserves the right to determine responsible proposing individuals or groups, responsive and most advantageous Bid(s), invite bids from multiple bidders, reject any and all bids and waive minor informalities in the bid process. Warren County Port Commission reserves the right to award the lease to the bidder(s) believed most advantageous to Warren County, price and other factors considered.

This notice is published pursuant to an order of the said Port Commission dated the 15th day of June, 2023.

Warren County Port Commission By: Victoria Bell, Purchasing Agent

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