## **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 following project:

New Pole Barn for Warren County Board of Supervisors located at 200 County Lane, Vicksburg, MS 39183. Brumfield, Ward & Associates Architects PA is the Architect of record for this project. The Architect's Project Number is 23.8.1.

Sealed bids will be received at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson St., Vicksburg, MS 39183 until 10:00 a.m. Local time on Thursday, November 9, 2023 and shortly thereafter publicly opened, read aloud and recorded. Contractors have the option of submitting bids in a sealed envelope or through the Central Bidding's electronic bid submission portal at <a href="https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/">https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/</a>. Registration and a valid email address are required for electronic bid submission. Further instructions are provided in the Contract Documents package.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors. This project is expected to exceed \$50,000, therefore the Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be written on the outside of the sealed envelope. For electronic bids, the COR information may be submitted as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal. All bids shall be in compliance with and subject to the guidelines and requirements of Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended.

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. Any preference an out of state bidder would have in his home state shall be applied in a reciprocal manner.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid payable to Warren County as bid security. Prior to the start of the work, the successful bidder shall furnish Proof of Insurance, along with Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

A Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the project site, 200 County Lane, Vicksburg, MS 39183, at 2:00 p.m. Local time on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended for those contractors desiring to submit a bid on the project.

Plans, Specifications, and Bid Documents are on file and open to public inspection at Brumfield, Ward & Associates Architects PA, 1050 Northpark Drive, Suite C, Ridgeland, MS 39157 or the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183, along with various Contractor Plan Room Service Providers. Bid Documents will contain instructions for bidding by both sealed envelope and electronic means. Bidders are cautioned to read all instructions carefully.

The complete set of Documents is available to potential bidders at no charge via a DropBox link. A valid email address is required. The Architect will respond with instructions to access the DropBox link. Complete specifications and instructions for bidding may also be obtained from Central Bidding at <a href="www.centralbidding.com">www.centralbidding.com</a>. 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. The phone number is 601-638-7428.

Printed copies or Documents on CD are available by contacting the printing service, American Blueprint & Copy Center, Jackson, MS at 601-366-9000 and arranging payment directly to them. Printed or CD copies are not required to be returned, and payment to the printer is non-refundable.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to determine responsible proposing companies, responsive and most advantageous proposal(s), invite bids from multiple bidders, reject any and all proposals or bids and waive minor informalities in the proposal and bid process. Warren County reserves the right to award a contract 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 Board of Supervisors dated this the 21st day of November 2022.

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

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