

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors, Gulfport, Mississippi, will receive by “Sealed” Submission Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for:

### ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISSISSIPPI SOUND COALITION PROJECT HARRISON COUNTY, MS

at GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, at the BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST JUDICIAL COURTHOUSE, 1801 23<sup>rd</sup> AVE, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, until 9:00 A.M., December 7, 2023 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Request for Qualifications documents may be viewed or downloaded at [www.harrisoncountybids.com](http://www.harrisoncountybids.com). RFQ documents are also available at the Harrison County Purchasing Department, 1801 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501, or calling (228) 865-4028, or email to [jswilliams@co.harrison.ms.us](mailto:jswilliams@co.harrison.ms.us)

**“Electronic Submissions”** may be submitted on-line at [www.harrisoncountybids.com](http://www.harrisoncountybids.com) prior to the opening date and time as stated above. For any questions relating to Registration at [www.harrisoncountybids.com](http://www.harrisoncountybids.com) or the Electronic Submission process, call PH Bidding at 662-407-0193.

**“ALL Sealed Submissions” must be on file with the Clerk of the Board prior to the opening date and time as stated above. All submissions must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated “ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISSISSIPPI SOUND COALITION PROJECT, HARRISON COUNTY, MS, to be opened December 7, 2023”. Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the prospective Firm and the County assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of same by any County employee.**

“Sealed Submissions” sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the Prospective Vendor and should be addressed to the Harrison County Board of Supervisors, in care of the Chancery Clerks Office, Post Office Drawer CC, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502 or 1801 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501. The County is NOT responsible for Sealed Submissions that arrive in the mail after the designated opening time. Sealed Submissions may be delivered in person to the Harrison County Chancery Clerk’s Office in the First Judicial District Courthouse located at 1801 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Gulfport, Mississippi until 9:00 A.M., Thursday, December 7, 2023, or the Board of Supervisor’s Conference room at the First Judicial District Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi on December 7, 2023, prior to the opening time as listed above.

If the agency is closed for any reason, including but not limited to: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters (the “Force Majeure Events”), which closure prevents the opening of submissions at the advertised date and time, all submissions received shall be publicly opened and read aloud on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. The new date and time of the submission opening, as determined in accordance with this paragraph, shall not be advertised, and all Vendors/Contractors, upon submission, shall be deemed to have knowledge of and shall have agreed to the provisions of this paragraph. Bids shall be received by the agency until the new date and time of the opening as set forth herein. **The agency shall not be held responsible for the receipt of any submission for which the delivery was attempted and failed due to the closure of the agency as a result of a Force Majeure Event.** Each Vendor/Contractor shall be required to ensure the delivery and receipt of its Sealed submission by the agency prior to the new date and time of the public opening.

Additional information regarding the scope of work for this solicitation may also be viewed utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) website at <https://mscpc.com>.

The Harrison County Board of Supervisors (the “County”) received a Sub-Award Agreement from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources providing Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (“GOMESA”) funds to the County for the Mississippi Sound Coalition Project (the “Project”), for Fiscal Year 2024. The County will pay invoices for the services requested by this RFP and, under the Sub-Award Agreement, will request reimbursement from GOMESA funds appropriated by the State Legislature to DMR.

Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with GOMESA grant funding, as described in the County's Sub-Award Agreement. Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of said funding award, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act ("GOMESA"), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, the United States, or any of its departments, agencies or employees is not and will not be a party to this solicitation or any resulting contract.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to submit a statement of qualifications and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2. C. F. R. §200.321.

**Any contract awarded will require compliance with all applicable provisions of Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), also known as the Build America, Buy America Act.**

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all submissions and to waive informalities.

Submissions may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of submittal for the purpose of reviewing and investigating the qualifications of Firms, prior to awarding of the Contract.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors, adopted on Monday, October 9, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ John McAdams  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Publication Dates:

Monday, November 13, 2023  
Monday, November 20, 2023