

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Sardis will receive sealed bids from qualified Bidders for the following Project:

Capital Improvements Plan Water System Improvements, as indicated in the drawings, specifications, and other contract documentation.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **One hundred fifty (150) Calendar Days**. The Contract will be subject to Liquidated Damages of **five hundred dollars (\$500.00)** per calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed.

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Sardis at the Town of Sardis City Hall, 114 W. Lee Street, Sardis, MS 38666 until **10:00 A.M. local time on August 1, 2023** and shortly thereafter publicly opened, read aloud, and recorded. Contractors have the option of submitting bids in a sealed envelope or through the Engineer's electronic bid submission portal at www.waggonerengplans.com. 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 bid 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 had 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 an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid payable to Town of Sardis as bid security. Prior to the start of work, the successful bidder shall furnish a 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 Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their Power of Attorney. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement if requested by the Town of Sardis.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town of Sardis City Hall, 114 W. Lee Street, Sardis, MS 38666. Bid Documents will contain instructions for bidding by both sealed envelope and electronic means. Bidders are cautioned to read all instructions carefully.

Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or digital copy through www.waggonerengplans.com. Plans can be viewed for no charge or physically purchased at this website location. All plan holders are required to have a valid e-mail address to register for an account and log in at www.waggonerengplans.com. Purchased bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website.

The Town of Sardis reserves the right to determine responsible bidders, responsive bids, the lowest and best bid, reject and all bids, award to the bidder believed most advantageous to the Town of Sardis, and to waive any informalities in the bids and bidding process.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street, Suite B 01, Jackson, MS 39201
- B. Northwest MS Contract Procurement Office
7075 Golden Oaks Loop W. Suite 12, Southaven, MS 3867. Phone: (662) 349-2379

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 and equipment, material, and/or supply needs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant (RWAIG). Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, nor any of their employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with RWAIG Program Regulations.

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions will be required in all contracts:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions
- Subpart B, General Provisions
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)
- Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) & (9), 3.08, 3.09, and .320(c)(4))
- Subpart E, Cost Principles
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements
- 2 CFR 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)
- 2 CFR 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)
- 2 CFR 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))
- 2 CFR 200 Appendix ii

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