

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of West Point will receive sealed bids from qualified Bidders for the following Project:

WEST POINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, as indicated in the drawings, specifications, and other contract documentation.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **One hundred twenty (120) Calendar Days**. The Contract will be subject to Liquidated Damages of **One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** 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 City of West Point at the City Clerk's Office (conference room upstairs), 580 Commerce Street, West Point, MS 39773 until **1:00 p.m. local time on December 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 City of West Point 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 City of West Point.

Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file and open to public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, MS 39773. 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 City of West Point 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 City of West Point, and to waive any informalities in the bids and bidding process.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following location:

**Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) Mississippi Development
Authority, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfold Building
501 North West Street, Suite B 01, Jackson, MS 39201**

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.

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