

Section 901

ADVERTISEMENT DeSoto County, Mississippi

Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Project No. ERBR-LSBP-17(9)

The Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County, Mississippi, will receive bids for the construction of public improvements along Austin Road, Local System Bridge Project No. ERBR-LSBP-17(9) no later than **10:00 A.M., Local Time, April 12th, 2024**, at the DeSoto County Administration Building, located at 365 Loshier Street, Suite 340, Hernando, MS 38632. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

Removal and replacement of an existing bridge located on Austin Road. Other improvements include associated earthwork, stone base, and asphalt paving.

All other related items of work required to complete the project are as shown and specified in the Contract Documents.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor.

The Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Specifications and the drawings referenced to therein are on file in the Office of Procurement during normal business hours. Specifications and drawings may also be viewed at Waggoner Engineering, Inc.'s office located at 2475 Memphis Street, Hernando, Mississippi. Information concerning this bid can also be found on the Procurement Page at desotocountymiss.gov at no cost or from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com for a fee. All bids must comply with the specifications provided. DeSoto County reserves the right to amend the specifications, as necessary, and agrees to notify all having requested bid packets from the DeSoto County Office of Procurement.

Hard copies of the bid documents may be purchased from Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00. All checks should be made payable to Waggoner Engineering, Inc.

Any questions that bidders might have should be directed to Waggoner Engineering, Inc., (662) 429-2100 to the attention of Mitchell Ward or mitchell.ward@waggonereng.com

Each bidder shall comply with the laws of the State of Mississippi for bidding procedures and licensing requirements. All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000 by a prime contractor or subcontractor to do any building, construction, repair, maintenance or related work must comply with Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, by securing a Certificate of Responsibility from the State Board of Public Contractors or by showing a statement to the effect that the bid is less than \$50,000 and Certificate of Responsibility provision does not apply, on the outside of the envelope. Bidders are to include their Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside of the envelope when applicable. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) on the exterior of the envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 31-3-21(3), preference shall be given to resident contractors. Nonresident contractors submitting a bid shall attach thereto a copy of his resident state's current preference law, if any, pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors. Any bid submitted by a nonresident contractor which does not include the nonresident contractors current state law pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors, shall be rejected and not considered for award. If no such law exists in the nonresident contractor's state, the nonresident contractor may provide a statement to that effect. Electronically submitted bids shall include a copy of the nonresident Contractor's state preference law or statement regarding nonexistence of state's preference law as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Cashier's Check, Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to DeSoto County as bid security. Electronic submissions will require the bidder to include an electronic copy of their Certified Check or Bid Bond but a hard copy must be furnished to the DeSoto County Office of Procurement upon **bid award**. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the County. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the proposal and contract documents ***in its entirety*** shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the DeSoto County Office of Procurement, 365 Loshier Street, Suite 340, Hernando, MS 38632 prior to the hour and date above designated. In lieu of sealed bids, you may submit your bid electronically which shall include the proposal and contract documents **in its entirety**. Electronic bid submissions can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Complete Bid Books must be submitted with both the sealed bids and electronic bids. **No stripped bids will be accepted.**

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi Standard Specifications for State Aid Road and Bridge Construction, 2004", together **with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda** to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 4th day of March, 2024.

BY _____

Lee Caldwell, President

Misty Heffner, Chancery Clerk

DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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