**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID**

**Notice is hereby given that sealed or electronic bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Stone County, Mississippi for the purpose of purchasing ONE (1) OR MORE NEW 2018 REAR LOADING GARBAGE TRUCK(s) WITH A 2-YEAR BUY-BACK PROVISION.**

**BID SPECIFICATIONS (NO PRICES) will be accepted until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.**

**Bid Specifications and Procedures may be obtained by contacting the Stone County Purchasing Department at 601-928-5266, located in the Stone County Courthouse at 323 East Cavers Ave., Wiggins, Mississippi, 39577 on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Bid Specifications may be submitted by *Sealed Envelope* at the Stone County Courthouse or by *Electronic Submittal* at** [**www.centralbidding.com**](http://www.centralbidding.com)**.**

**All Sealed Bid Specifications and Procedures must be on file with the Clerk of the Board prior to or by the acceptance date and time as stated above. Specifications and Procedures must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated: ONE (1) OR MORE NEW 2018 REAR LOADING GARBAGE TRUCK(s) / BID DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018. Submissions not so marked are submitted at the risk of the prospective Bidder and the County assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of same by any County employee. Specifications and Procedures sent through the U.S. Mail or delivered in person are done so at the risk of the prospective bidder and should be addressed and/or delivered to the Stone County Board of Supervisors, in care of the Chancery Clerks Office, P. O. Drawer 7, Wiggins, MS 39577. The County is NOT responsible for submissions that are delivered in person or arrive in the mail *after* the designated opening time.**

**All Electronic Bid Specifications and Procedures may be obtained and submitted electronically at** [**www.centralbidding.com**](http://www.centralbidding.com)**. For questions relating to electronic downloads and submittals and/or the bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.**

**Bid Specifications and Procedures will be evaluated and vendors submitting *acceptable* Specifications and Procedures will be *invited by email* (no later than Tuesday, June 12, 2018) to submit PRICED BIDS.**

**FINAL BIDDING WILL BE HELD BY ELECTRONIC REVERSE AUCTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2018**

**AT** [**www.centralbidding.com**](http://www.centralbidding.com) **BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM AND ENDING AT 3:00 PM (CST).**

**ELECTRONIC BIDS and/or REVERSE AUCTION bids may be submitted at** [**www.centralbidding.com**](http://www.centralbidding.com)**. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. SEALED BIDS may be submitted in the Board Room at the Stone County Courthouse, Wiggins, MS on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM and will be included in the “live” reverse auction. After careful consideration the Stone County Board of Supervisors will officially award the bid at the next scheduled Board meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018.**

**If the agency is closed for any unforeseen reason, which closure prevents the acceptance, opening of Sealed or Electronic bids, or the live Reverse Auction at the advertised date and time, all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. All reverse auctions shall begin on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. *The agency shall not be held responsible for the receipt of any bids 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 and/or electronic bid by the agency prior to the new date and time of the bid opening.**

**The Board expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or any part of any or all bids based on a lowest and best bid determination in the best interest of the County. The Board reserves the right to waive informalities.**

**The County reserves the right to utilize “anti-sniping” for reverse auctions. Anti-sniping is a tool that automatically extends the bid time for reverse auction by five (5) minutes if a vendor places a bid in the final five (5) minutes of the reverse auction. The anti-sniping effect will auto extend the reverse auction bid time any time a bid is placed in the last five (5) minutes of the reverse auction and can auto extend the reverse auction multiple times until the bidding on the reverse auction ends.**

**By Order of the Board of Supervisors of Stone County, MS**

 **WITNESS my hand and official seal of office, this the 7th day of May, 2018.**

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**GERALD W. BOND, CHANCERY CLERK**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**STONE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**PUBLICATION DATES: Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

 **Wednesday, May 23, 2018**