**SECTION 00000**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Mayor and Aldermen of The City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, until 9:00 a.m., local time, Monday, May 7, 2018 at the City Clerk’s Office and shortly thereafter publicly opened and read aloud by the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi in Board meeting at 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, May 7, 2018 for the construction of a new Splash Pad Water Feature in Catfish Row Art Park in Vicksburg, Mississippi, under the **Catfish Row Art Park Splash Pad Re-Development.**

Electronic bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding. Electronic bids are due at the same time and date as sealed bids. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call 225-810-4814. Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the City Clerk of Vicksburg. Bid documents can only be obtained through Central Bidding.

Bidders are cautioned that the City Clerk does not receive the daily U.S. Mail on or before 9:00 a.m. Bids will be time-stamped upon receipt according to City Clerk’s time clock.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is from **Date of Notice to Proceed to August 30, 2018**. The Contract will be subject to liquidated damages of five hundred ($500) per working 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.

Each bidder must deposit with his proposal a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Base Bid, payable to The City of Vicksburg as bid security; such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute contract and post Performance Bond in the form and amount within the specified time. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount awarded.

Bidders shall submit a statement of qualifications, detailing a minimum of five years of experience in the successful construction and installation of formed concrete, concrete paving, colored and decorative concrete, drainage, splash pad/water feature, irrigation and general construction. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested, by The City of Vicksburg.

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.

Proposals shall be submitted in whole, sealed and deposited, with The City of Vicksburg prior to the hour and date above designated. All Proposals must be submitted upon the proposal forms provided with the specifications.

Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. For bids less than $50,000, a Certificate of Responsibility number is not required. Bidder shall note on the outside of the envelope containing the bid that the “bid is less than $50,000, CR No. not required”.

The City of Vicksburg reserves the right to reject any and all bids on any or all projects and to waive informalities. The City of Vicksburg reserves the right to award the base bid and any combination of alternates.

DATES OF ADVERTISEMENT: Thursday April 5, 2018 Thursday, April 12, 2018

/s/ Walter W. Osborne, Jr.

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