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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Starkville, Mississippi will receive sealed bids for the construction of improvements planned as part of the City of Starkville ARC MILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO. 17049. Bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk until 9:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. All bids so received will be opened publicly, read aloud and taken under advisement until the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The Starkville Mayor and Board of Aldermen meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. local time in the Courtroom at City Hall, Main Street, Starkville, Mississippi.

Instructions to bidders, the applicable bid and binding forms, the plans and specifications, and the contract documents may be examined at the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 110 West Main Street, Starkville, Mississippi, during normal working hours, Monday through Friday. Contractors may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes from Cody Burnett, Engineering Department, by contacting him at c.burnett@cityofstarkville.org or at telephone number (662) 323-2525 x. 3123.

A certified check or bank draft drawn on a solvent bank, payable without condition to the City of Starkville, Mississippi or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount shall be submitted with each bid as guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and the performance of the contract properly secured. All contractors responding to this advertisement for bids must comply with all applicable requirements of Chapters 3 and 5 of Title 31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Bid containers must be SEALED and marked City of Starkville ARC MILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NO. 17049, due July 10, 2018. Upon the outside or exterior of which is found the contractor’s current Certificate of Responsibility number or statement to the effect that the bid enclosed does not exceed $50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars), pursuant to the provisions of '§31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The bid opening will be held in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

The City of Starkville is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Starkville hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in a contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement 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, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual preference, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status in consideration for an award.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days without the written consent of the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received, or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable to the City.

THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI Lesa Hardin, City Clerk

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