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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Warren County Board of Supervisors (OWNER) will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the following project:

Modernization and Upgrade (2) Geared Traction Passenger Elevators at the Warren County Courthouse and (1) Hydraulic Passenger Elevator in the Warren County Library. Mr. Bobby Jones of Elevator Technical Services, Inc. is the Technical Consultant and Project Administrator. The Project Number is 2017-0717.

Sealed bids will be received at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson St, Vicksburg MS 39183 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 and shortly thereafter publicly opened, read aloud and recorded. Contractors have the option of submitting bids in a sealed envelope or through the County's electronic bid submission portal at www.bidnewsolutions.com. Registration and a valid email address are required for electronic bid submission. Further instructions are provided in the Specifications and Bid Documents package.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a current Certificate of Responsibility (COR) 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. CORs from outside states that recognize CORs from Mississippi may be considered.

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 in his home state shall be applied in a reciprocal manner.

Bids must include a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) payable to Warren County as bid security. 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. Proof of Insurance and Performance and Payment Bonds at 100% of contract award will be required.

A Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the Warren County Board of Supervisors Bldg. Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. local time on March 2, 2018. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended for those contractors desiring to submit a bid on the project. Bids submitted by contractors not attending the Pre-Bid shall be at a disadvantage during evaluation.

Specifications and bid documents are on file and open to public inspection at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg MS 39183. 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 available to potential bidders at no charge. Bidders may request documents by visiting the website www.bidnewsolutions.com/warrencounty/ and clicking on the **Elevator Modernization Project** tab and completing the online registration form under the **Request Contract Documents** tab. A valid email address is required. After registration, a PDF of the bid documents will be available for download, and bidder's name will be added to a plan-holders list. The Technical Consultant will communicate with plan-holders using DropBox for any questions/answers or addenda that may be issued. Bidders are responsible for checking and printing documents from the DropBox.

The Warren County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to determine responsible bidders, responsive bids, the lowest and best bid, reject any and all bids, award to the bidder believed most advantageous to Warren County, and to waive any informalities in the bids or bidding process.

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