ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

STRAIGHT-LEG SIDING – PROJECT NO RR1902 HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

Electronic or sealed Bids for construction **STRAIGHT-LEG SIDING – PROJECT NO RR1902** will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556, until 2:15 p.m., Local Time, **March 28, 2019**, then bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned.

All bids must be addressed to the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION of Hancock County, Mississippi; marked "SEALED BID TO OPENED AT 2:15 P.M., March 28, 2019, and specify the name of the bid project. If bid is submitted by mail, the address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is "14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556". If bid is hand-delivered, the street address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is "14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556".

When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting seal bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.neel-schafferplans.com, and shall include a document representing the cover of the envelope containing the aforementioned criteria.

The project generally consists of earthwork, grading, ballast, subballast, ties, rail, and track construction. The Straight-Leg Siding project is located at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

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 Contractor will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and Final Completion of the project will be obtained within 90 consecutive calendar days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Contractor shall be liable for the continued assessment of liquidated damages at \$300.00 for each calendar day that he is in default in attaining Final Completion within the time stipulated as provided herein.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each Bidder shall write its Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw its bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% (five) percent of its bid, payable to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi. Bid documents are being made available via paper copy or pdf. All interested bidders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.neel-schafferplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through this website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should be directed to our web support line at (662) 407-0193. The Engineer is Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 704 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401, (601)545-1565.

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, materials and/or supply needs.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure 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.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

William V. Cork, Chief Executive Officer
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

DATES OF PUBLICATION:

February 27, 2019

March 6, 2019