**SECTION 901**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Harrison County Development Commission, will receive sealed bids via mail or in person to the Harrison County Development Commission located at: 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, MS 39503. HCDC will also accept bids via email at: Bids@mscoast.org. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the seventh day of June, 2022, for the following:

# DIRECTIONAL DRILLING CONTRACT FOR THE LORRAINE COWAN WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO PLANT WATSON

# PROJECT 02-22

Bids are invited to supply equipment and labor for two directionally drilled bores for the Lorraine Cowan Water Main Extension project located between Seaway Road and Intraplex Parkway (Latitude 30.438225, Longitude 89.031222) as per proposal section 905A. **Materials shall be supplied by Harrison County Development Commission**.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a 100% Payment and Performance Bond if the bid equals or exceeds $25,000. If the bid is less than $25,000, the Harrison County Development Commission may elect to make a lump sum payment at the completion of the job, in which case a payment and performance bond shall not be required.

Proposals must be accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty consisting of a Bid Bond, Cashier’s Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid. Such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the accepted Bid and/or execute the Contract and Post Performance and Payment Bond as required within the time specified.

All persons having a contract with Harrison County Development Commission must adhere to the Commission’s policy concerning non-discrimination without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

On bids which equal or exceed $50,000, Certificate of Responsibility number issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors shall be written on the outside of the envelope containing the bids. Bids of less than $50,000 will be marked on the outside that the bid contained within does not exceed $50,000. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

The Contractor shall submit their W9s, Certificate of Responsibility, as well as the following insurance certificates with their sealed bid: Liability; Workers Compensation; and Vehicle Liability. If applicable, the Contractor shall also be required to provide a Material Purchase Certificate to the Harrison County Development Commission upon request. Failure to do so could result in a work stoppage. All aforementioned certificates must be presented to Harrison County Development Commission each contractual year prior to expiration.

Bids, which are for work outside of the classification listed for any bidder, shall be returned unopened.

Plans, specifications and proposal documents may be examined without charge online at MSCoast.Org/Bids, or at Harrison County Development Commission located at 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503, (228) 896-5020 during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday).

Preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder’s state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances. In order to ensure that Mississippi’s so-called Golden Rule is followed, state law requires a non-resident bidder to attach to his bid a copy of his resident state’s current law pertaining to such state’s treatment of non-resident contractors. Resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals or partnerships, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation, or political subdivision of domicile of the nonresident.

In compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, in choosing materials for the project, the successful bidder shall be required to give preference to materials grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured within the State of Mississippi. The foregoing notwithstanding, no preference shall be given to materials grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured in the State of Mississippi when other materials of like quality produced outside the State of Mississippi may be purchased or secured at less cost, or any other materials of better quality produced outside the State of Mississippi can be secured at a reasonable cost. The Contractor shall not use any materials on the project that are grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside of the United States. If such materials are not available, then those which are grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside the United States may be used.

BIDS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 12281 INTRAPLEX PARKWAY, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, 39503, OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED TO BIDS@MSCOAST.ORG.

Bids shall be in letter form with the envelope or electronic attachment and bid marked plainly **DIRECTIONAL DRILLING CONTRACT FOR THE LORRAINE COWAN WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO PLANT WATSON-PROJECT 02-22** and shall be addressed to Harrison County Development Commission Gulfport, Mississippi 39503. In addition, the envelope or electronic attachment shall list the Company Name and Address, and all applicable state and local license numbers *(where applicable)*.

All bids will be publicly opened and recorded at 9:00 a.m. CST, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Harrison County Development Commission office located at: 12281 Intraplex Parkway, Gulfport, MS.

All information submitted by each entity will be held in confidence. The final decision rests on the full approval of the Harrison County Development Commission and the Harrison County Board of Supervisors. The Development Commission reserves the right at any time to not award a bid and or select a provider based on the totality of the proposal.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

Harrison County Development Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the proposal accepted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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