**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 be **received until 3:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, the fifteenth (15th) day of August, 2023**, for the following:

# FEB RAIL TRACK EXPANSION

# PROJECT 04-23-2

Bids are invited to supply all necessary materials, labor and equipment to construct a new 1000’ rail section as per proposal section 905A.

The winning 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.

The Bid Schedule along with plans, specifications and proposal documents may be viewed without charge utilizing the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) website at https://mscpc.com/ [mscpc.com], or by visiting MSCoast.Org/Bids. You may also request the bid packet in person 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 in letter form with the envelope or electronic attachment and bid marked plainly **FEB RAIL TRACK EXPANSION, PROJECT 04-23-2** and shall be addressed to Harrison County Development Commission Gulfport, Mississippi 39503. In addition, the envelope or electronic attachment shall list the Company Name, address, UEI# and all applicable state and local license numbers *(where applicable)*.

BIDS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO HARRISON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 12281 INTRAPLEX PARKWAY, GULFPORT, Mississippi, 39503, OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED TO BIDS@MSCOAST.ORG by **3:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, the fifteenth (15th) day of August, 2023**.

All bids will be publicly opened and recorded **9:00 a.m. CST, Thursday August 17th, 2023**, 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 rest 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 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding

from the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) and the Mississippi Department of

Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist

Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract

resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of the funding award, the

RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and

Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t),

Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms

and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars,

executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, neither

MDEQ nor Treasury, or any of their agents, representatives, or employees, is or will be a party to this

Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. Further, any contractor awarded a contract under this Invitation

for Bids shall not be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee, or servant of MDEQ or Treasury.

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 and equipment, material

and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business

enterprises.

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