

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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CENTRAL RANKIN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

SEALED proposals will be received by CENTRAL RANKIN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. at the office of the Engineer, Heflin Engineering, 1700 West Government Street, Building "A", Ste "J", Brandon, Mississippi 39042 until 10:00 AM local time on November 21, 2023, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. **The project is for the purchase of components of an automatic meter reading system including an automatic meter reading system, three hundred automatic reading water meters, five hundred meter heads to retrofit existing meters and appurtenant items.**

Copies of the Specifications, and other Bidding Documents are on file at Heflin Engineering, 1700 West Government Street, Building "A", Suite "J", Brandon, Mississippi, 39042, Phone 601-824-7569. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer upon payment of \$20.00 for each set, which is NON-REFUNDABLE.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following location: Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP), Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Suite B 01, Jackson, MS 39201.

Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check or cashier's check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be furnished by each Bidder as required by the Contract Documents.

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.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant (RWAIG). Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, nor any of their employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with RWAIG Program Regulations.

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions will be required in all contracts:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions
- Subpart B, General provisions
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)
- Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) & (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4))
- Subpart E, Cost Principles
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements
- 2 CFR Part 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)
- 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)
- 2 CFR Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))
- 2 CFR 200 Appendix ii

Central Rankin Water Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and hereby notifies all bidders 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.

Central Rankin Water Association, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any and all informalities, and reserves the right to hold all Bids for examination for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days and to award Contract to the lowest and best Bid complying with the Plans and Specifications within said time.

CENTRAL RANKIN WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Tyler Bishoff, President

November 1 & 8, 2023