



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERS, LLC



VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

December 2, 2020

Mississippi Procurement Technical
Assistance Program
MDA –Minority & Small Business Development
P.O. Box 849
Jackson, MS 39205

**RE: Town of Walnut, Mississippi
SRF and CDBG Projects**

Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you the Town of Walnut was awarded a Community Development Block Grant and SRF funding for a Water System Improvements Project.

A copy of the advertisement for bids is attached, detailing the project and the bidding procedures.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mattie J. Cushman, Project Manager, at (615) 386-0222.

Sincerely,

Jackie Smith
Office Manager

Enclosure

cc: Town of Walnut

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No.: SRF Number: DWI-H280-700011-1
CDBG Subgrant Number: 1134-18-375-PF-01

Town of Walnut, Mississippi

Separate sealed bids will be received by the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, located at 621 Main Street, Walnut, Mississippi until 6:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, for supplying all labor and materials (as specified) necessary for construction of the Water System Improvements Project for the Town of Walnut.

The work generally consists of 3 sub-projects that have the following major components:

1. County Road 124 and Automated Meter Readers
 - Furnish and install $\pm 7,400$ L.F. of 6-inch water main on C.R. 124
 - Furnish and install 530 Automated Meter Reading devices and one collector
2. MS Highway 354 and Harmony Well House
 - Furnish and install $\pm 4,005$ L.F. of 6-inch water main
 - Furnish and install ± 589 L.F. of 4-inch water main
 - Repair and refurbish one existing well house
 - Install master meters at 2 wells
3. Commerce Street
 - Demolish existing box culvert and replace with concrete arch pipe
 - Relocate 6-inch ductile iron water main

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.

Contract time shall be 150 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed in the amount of the actual costs incurred for each consecutive calendar day beyond the specified contract time.

Special Damages: In addition to the amounts provided for liquidated damages, expenses and other losses, Contractor, in the event of such default, shall pay to the Owner the actual costs, expenses, and other losses reasonably incurred by the Owner.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing classification as to the value and type of construction on which authorized to bid.

Each Bidder shall write the Contractor's Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid.

Bids shall be submitted in duplicate on the blank bid forms provided with the plans and specifications documents and must be accompanied by Bid Guaranty in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, sealed and deposited with the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. The Bid Guaranty may be made by bid bond or certified check made payable to the Town of Walnut, MS. No Bidder may withdraw the submitted bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must submit with the proposal a separate attachment stating qualifications to perform the work. The Statement of Qualifications shall list past projects of similar size and nature, a list of references with name and telephone number, a list of key personnel who will perform the work, and other information supporting the Bidder's qualifications.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident Bidder's state 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 the bid a copy of the resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested, by the Town of Walnut, Mississippi.

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.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.scottengrprojects.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. For questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing (662)407-0193. Copies of bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and open to public inspection at the following locations: (1) Walnut Town Hall, 621 Main Street, Walnut, Mississippi; (2) MSDH/DWSRF, 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi; and (3) Scott Engineering Company, 1530 Polk Street, Corinth, Mississippi.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Walnut Town Hall. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). CDBG regulations governing the grant require that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for contracting, subcontracting, training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG project will be extended to Section 3 businesses and Section 3 residents.

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, material, and/or supply needs.

The lowest qualified Bidder must submit to the Owner within 10 days after bid opening proof of compliance with the Contract Provisions, including required documentation regarding the use of minority and women's businesses. The Supplemental General Conditions provide a list of qualified minority and women's business enterprises for assisting contractors in their MBE/WBE solicitation efforts.

The Town of Walnut is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Walnut hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement 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.

The successful Bidder must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires that all laborers and mechanics shall be paid at rates not less than those determined by the Department of Labor to be prevailing for the locality in which the project is located.

This contract is funded in whole or in part by funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 214 (H.R. 3547); therefore, this project must comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements of the Act.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids is expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program and the Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) Loan Program from the State of Mississippi. Neither the United States, 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 Appendix D of the DWSIRLF Program Regulations. Bidders shall comply with all requirements pertaining to the use of these funds.

Bids may be held by the Town of Walnut, MS, for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of the contract.

The Engineer is R. A. Scott, IV of Scott Engineering Company, 1530 Polk Street, Corinth, Mississippi, (662) 287-2436.

The Town of Walnut reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

BY: Vicki Skinner, Mayor

Town of Walnut, Mississippi

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