

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, will be received by The University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Division until **2:00 P.M., local time, on Thursday, August 3, 2017**, at the Henderson Physical Plant Department Conference Room, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read for the following project:

**WP00703
PAYNE CENTER POOL REPAIRS
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI**

In accordance with plans and specifications prepared by:

Engineering Resource Group Inc
350 Edgewood Terrace Dr.
Jackson, MS 39206

Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Office of Architect, at One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each set and is non-refundable. Bid preparation will be in accordance with the instructions to Bidders bound within the Project Manual. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held Thursday, July 27, at 10:00 A.M., in the Henderson Physical Plant Department Conference Room at The University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. All interested Contractors and Subcontractors are highly encouraged to attend.

Proposals shall be submitted on the blank bid form furnished with the specifications and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to University of Southern Mississippi in amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who may be awarded the contract, but fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute the contract, or post performance bond in the form and amount within the time specified. Bids shall not be modified on the exterior of the sealed envelope.

All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000.00 by a prime or subcontractor to do any erection, building, construction, repair, maintenance or related work, must comply with Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, by having a current Certificate of Responsibility from the State Board of Public Contractors. The current Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be indicated on the exterior of the sealed bid envelope before it can be opened.

All bidding contractors must be registered with The Mississippi Secretary of State within their Business Services Division and must be in "Good Standing" with them at time of bid opening.

In the letting of public contracts in the State of Mississippi, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a non-resident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances; and resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals, or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non-residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident. When a non-resident contractor submits a bid for a public project, he shall attach thereto a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for a period of sixty (60) days. The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all projects and to waive informalities.

BY: Mr. Steve Ballew
TITLE: Director of Procurement and Contracts
The University of Southern Mississippi

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