

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Harrison County Utility Authority, Gulfport, Mississippi, will receive bids for:

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
S14 WEST GULFPORT REGIONAL INTERCEPTOR
HARCUA #2014-01/S14
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

at 10271 Express Drive, Gulfport, Mississippi, at the BOARD MEETING ROOM, HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY until **10:00 A.M. local time, Friday, May 29, 2015** and then at said office, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of the **HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY, at 10271 Express Drive, Gulfport, Mississippi**. Approximate quantities of the items of work are listed in the Project Plans and Specifications. Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of Knesal Engineering Services, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 14321 Creosote Road, Gulfport, MS, 39503, upon a nonrefundable payment of \$250.00. A compact disc will be available for a \$50.00 nonrefundable payment.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations: Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP).

This project is funded in part by Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Mississippi Development Authority from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All local, state, and federal special conditions will apply.

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 Hurricane Katrina Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Mississippi. Neither the State of Mississippi nor the Commission on Environmental Quality 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 well as federal, state, and local rules, regulations, codes and ordinances; specifically, Section 31-5-37 (2012 and 2013 updated) which states:

"All public works projects utilizing funds received by state or local governmental entities resulting from a federally declared disaster or a spill of national significance, including damages, pen-

alties, fines or supplemental projects paid or financed by responsible parties pursuant to a court order, negotiated settlement, or other instrument, including under any law distributing such fines and penalties including the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economy of the Gulf Coast Act of 2011 (R.E.S.T.O.R.E.), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or similar legislation, shall be subject to the hiring policies established by this section.”

This law requires contractors submitting bids for public works projects utilizing specified funding to submit an employment plan WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF BID AWARD. If your bid is accepted, you will be required to submit a copy of your employment plan to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. If a contractor has VACANT positions that must be filled to complete the workforce for the project, upon award of the bid the Contractor is required to place a job order with MDES for a list of qualified individuals for those vacant positions. Once the job order with MDES is opened, the Contractor will be required to ONLY hire MDES referred job applicants for the open positions for a period of 10 days. The contractor is not prohibited from hiring any MDES referrals during this 10 day period and may hire such persons immediately. The contractor must review all job applicants referred by MDES during this 10 day period. Documentation will be required on any hired individuals or lack of hired individuals if company does not hire.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY, MISSISSIPPI, negotiable U. S. Government bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid is required for the project.

Section 3

This project is covered by the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. § 1701u) (“Section 3”). Section 3 requires that when employment or contracting opportunities are generated by HUD-funded projects, preference is given to low to very low-income persons and businesses residing in the community where the project is located. Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit a bid as any responsive, responsible bidder that qualifies as a Section 3 Business Concern will be given a preference during evaluation. A bidder selected for this Project will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all Section 3 requirements including, but not limited to, the hiring and contracting decisions made on the Project.

Award, if made, will be made from the lowest and best bidder, subject to the Section 3 preference stated above. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. local time at the BOARD MEETING ROOM, HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY.

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.