ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

MAINLINE TRACK REHABILITATION – PROJECT # MM14-02 HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, located at 706 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, **January 14th 2015**, then bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for supplying all labor and materials (as specified) necessary for Mainlined Track Rehabilitation

The work generally consists of construction of concrete panel railroad crossings on both Port and Harbor Drive and Lower Bay Road and replacement of an existing concrete drainage pipe crossing under the rail. This work also includes but is not limited to demolition, asphalt repair and surfacing, striping, signage, earthwork and site grading, shoulder improvements, grassing and other items of work associated with site improvements as required by the Contract Documents

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.

The Contractor will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and will attain Substantial Completion within 75 consecutive calendar days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date and Final Completion of the project will be obtained within 90 consecutive calendar days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Contractor shall be liable for the continued assessment of liquidated damages at \$300.00 for each calendar day that he is in default in attaining Final Completion within the time stipulated as provided herein.

The Contractor shall be limited to a maximum of forty eight hours to complete the work at each work site (3) thus allowing the Owner to resume all rail and automobile traffic. The Contractor will be liable for the assessment of liquidated damages of \$1,000.00 for each calendar that he is in default of opening rail and automobile traffic at each work site. The Contractor shall notify the Owner one week in advance of all rail and road closures and schedule the specific days for closure of each site as approved by the Owner.

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 Owner.

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

Each Bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must submit with his proposal a separate attachment stating his 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 his bid a copy of his resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent of his bid, payable to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested, by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. 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.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, 706 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi. Copies of the Instructions to Bidders, Bid Forms, Contract Drawings and Contract Specifications (with the exception of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction) may be procured at the office of the Engineer between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Local Time, Monday through Friday, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, which will not be refunded. Checks are to be made payable to the Engineer.

"Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 Edition" as referred to herein, may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

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, materials and/or supply needs.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises 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, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Engineer is Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 704 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401, (601)545-1565, Fax No. (601) 545-2267.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

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Harry J. Farve, Secretary Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

DATES OF PUBLICATION:

December 10, 2014

December 17, 2014