

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that The Warren County Port Commission on behalf of The Warren County Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the following project:

Ceres Industrial Park - Rehabilitation of Elevated Water Tank Project - 75(345), which consists of the repainting of a 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tank at CERES and making necessary repairs.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **Ninety (90) Calendar Days**. The Contract will be subject to liquidated damages of three hundred (\$300) per working day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed.

Sealed bids will be received at the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson St, Vicksburg MS 39183 until 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, November 1, 2019 and shortly thereafter publicly opened, read aloud and recorded. Contractors have the option of submitting bids in a sealed envelope or through the County's electronic bid submission portal at www.bidnowsolutions.com. Registration and a valid email address are required for electronic bid submission. Further instructions are provided in the Contact Documents package.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors. This project is expected to exceed \$50,000, therefore the Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be written on the outside of the sealed bid envelope. For electronic bids, the COR information may be submitted as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal. All bids shall be in compliance with and subject to the guidelines and requirements of Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended.

Mississippi has a reciprocal preference law. Mississippi Code 31-3-21 requires that a copy of any non-resident bidder's current state law pertaining to its treatment of non-resident contractors be submitted at the time the bid is submitted, or that bid shall not be considered further. Any preference an out of state bidder would have in his home state shall be applied in a reciprocal manner.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid payable to Warren County Port Commission as bid security. Prior to the start of work, the successful bidder shall furnish a Proof of Insurance, along with Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement if requested by Warren County Port Commission.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Warren County Purchasing Department, 913 Jackson Street, Vicksburg MS, along with various Contractor Plan Room Service Providers. Bid documents will contain instructions for bidding by both sealed envelope and electronic means. Bidders are cautioned to read all instructions carefully. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by cash or check made payable to "John E. McKee, Jr., Warren County Port Commission Engineer) from John E. McKee, Jr., Warren County Port Commission Engineer, 901 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183, 601-638-2642 (office phone). The payment is non-refundable.

Bidders may request documents by visiting the website www.bidnowsolutions.com/warrencounty/ and clicking on the *Ceres Industrial Park – Rehabilitation of Elevated Water Tank Project* tab and completing the online registration form under the *Request Contract Documents* tab. A valid email address is required. The Engineer will respond with instructions on how to obtain plans and specifications.

The Warren County Port Commission reserves the right to determine responsible bidders, responsive bids, the lowest and best bid, reject any and all bids, award to the bidder believed most advantageous to Warren County, and to waive any informalities in the bids or bidding process.

Warren County Port Commission
On behalf of The Warren County Board of Supervisors
By: Tonga L. Vinson, Purchasing Agent

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