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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Mississippi State Port Authority

The MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT has authorized the advertisement to bid on the following Project:

“Marine Research Facility – Early Start Foundation Package, Project No. 413”

The Work consists of, but is not limited to:

Furnish all materials, equipment, labor, and supervision and perform all operations necessary for the completion of Mississippi State Port Authority (“Port Authority”, “Authority”, or “Owner”) **“Marine Research Facility – Early Start Foundation Package, Project No. 413”** at the Port of Gulfport, Gulfport, Mississippi (“Project”) as described in the Agreement, General Conditions, Supplemental Conditions, Drawings and Specifications (“Contract Documents”). The Contractor shall provide and furnish all tools, equipment, materials, supervision, labor, subsistence, rental, subcontractors, profit, overhead, appropriate taxes and any other related costs to construct the work which includes deep pile foundations, perimeter fencing, utility relocation and permanent fencing inside maintenance bay at existing Port M&R Building. The Contractor shall provide all materials required, except those specifically indicated as being Owner Furnished by Port Authority. The Work includes all that is necessary to provide the Owner with a complete Project.

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 and very low-income persons and businesses residing in the community where the project is located. Therefore, Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit a bid as preference will be given for Section 3 businesses if all other requirements are met. A bidder selected for this Project will be responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 3 requirements including, but not limited to, the hiring and contracting decisions made on the Project.

The Award of Contract criteria will be as expressed in the Instruction to Bidders for the Project. Bidders must submit their Bids in a sealed envelope, plainly marked: **“Marine Research Facility – Early Start Foundation Package, Project No. 413”**. The outside of the envelope shall be addressed to the Executive Director, Mississippi State Port Authority, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501. The envelope must also bear on the outside the name of the bidder, the bidder's legal address and the bidder's State of Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility number.

In order to receive consideration by the Port Authority, each Bidder must have (or demonstrate that its subcontractor(s) have at the time of submission of the Bid, all current and active Mississippi certificate(s) of responsibility which are necessary to fully perform the Work and provide the Owner with a complete Project.

The sealed envelope shall include the Bid Form, the Bid Security, and all other required information described and listed in the Instructions to Bidders. The outside of the envelope should be marked "Bid". If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Executive Director, Mississippi State Port Authority, at P.O. Box 40, Gulfport, Mississippi 39502.

Sealed bids must be received only at one of the expressed foregoing locations no later than **2:00 p.m.**, prevailing local time, on **July 12, 2016**. Any Bids received after said date and time shall not be accepted and shall be returned to the Bidder unopened. The sealed bids will be opened publically on the same day and time at the offices of the Port Authority, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport Mississippi 39501.

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid Bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument acceptable to the Port Authority in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount. The power of attorney for the bonding company's agent should be on file with the Port Authority or should accompany the Bid, and the Bid Bond must be furnished by a corporate surety company qualified to do business in Mississippi.

The Bid Bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument shall name the Mississippi State Port Authority as the obligee, shall be substantially in the form of the Bidder's Bond on file with the Port Authority, and shall be payable to the Mississippi State Port Authority in the event the Bidder fails to execute, and deliver to the Port Authority the Contract within fourteen (14) days after the award of the Contract to Bidder.

The Plans, Specifications, Bid Forms and form of Contract for the Project are on file and may be viewed during regular business hours in the office of the Mississippi State Port Authority, Division of Port Restoration, 2510 14th Street, Suite 1450, Gulfport, MS 39501 and are by reference made a part of this Notice. Electronic documents in PDF format are available at no cost and may be obtained by email request to ashortt@shipmspa.com. Hard copies will not be made available.

In addition to the requirements in the Contract Documents, each Bidder shall provide the Port Authority with all of the information and documentation requested in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids as well as any Bid that does not comply with this Advertisement for Bids and the Port Authority's Instructions to Bidders, waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding, and to accept Bids which are considered to be in the best interest of the Port Authority.

Dated: 6-2-16


Jonathan Daniels
Executive Director & CEO
Mississippi State Port Authority

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