

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by The University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Division until 2:00 P.M., local time, on December 10, 2015, in the Dining Hall, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Halstead Road, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read for the following project:

IHL PROJECT NO. 210-245
TOXICOLOGY BUILDING REPLACEMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY
CEDAR POINT SITE - OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by:

Allred Architectural Group, PA
628 Washington Avenue, Suite C
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

It is the Contractor's (Bidder's) responsibility to assure the delivery and receipt, of the sealed bid, prior to the stated bid date and time.

Plans and specifications are now on file and may be examined or obtained from the Office of Allred Architectural Group, 628 Washington Avenue - Suite C, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, upon deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each CD, to be refunded upon return of each CD in good condition within fourteen (14) days after opening of bids. Plans and specifications are also available at ABC Plan Room, AGC Plan Room, McGraw Hill Construction/Plan Room, Construction Market Data, State Wide Plan Room, iSqFt Plan Room, and Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

Proposals shall be submitted on the blank bid form furnished with the specifications, or a copy thereof, and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to The 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 who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute the contract and post, performance and payment, bonds 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.

The regulations related to procurement for disaster relief programs funded with federal dollars are outlined in Section 13.36 of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations. 13.36(e)(1) requires all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. To achieve these affirmative steps the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, will take affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small minority businesses and women's business enterprises; Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, which encourage participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises; Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration <http://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance>; the Mississippi Minority Business Registry <http://mmbbr.org>; and/or the Mississippi Development Authority Minority Business Directory <http://minority.mississippi.org/default.aspx>.

Prime Contractor(s) must submit a letter to be included with the Bid Form, certifying the contractor has taken affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises were solicited as potential sources for subcontracting for the construction of the Toxicology Building Replacement. Letter shall identify the steps taken by the prime contractor to solicit small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises. Failure to submit the letter with the Bid may result in disqualification of the Bid.

No bid may be withdrawn, after the actual date of the bid opening, 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
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The University of Southern Mississippi
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