

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, will be received by The University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Division until 2:00 P.M., local time, on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at the Physical Plant Department Conference Room, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read for the following project:

34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Lot  
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

In accordance with plans and specifications prepared by

Neel-Schaffer, Inc.  
704 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

The work shall consist of asphalt paving, striping, drainage improvements, sidewalk, lighting, landscape and irrigation. 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.

Plans and contract documents are on file for public inspection in the office of the University of Southern Mississippi, Physical Plant Division, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401 and in the office of Neel-Schaffer, Inc., Post Office Box 1487, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1487 (704 Hardy Street, Telephone No. 601-545-1565). One copy of the contract documents and special provisions together with the contract plans may be procured from Neel-Schaffer, Inc. upon payment of \$150.00, none of which is refundable.

Proposals shall be submitted on the blank bid form furnished with the specifications and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to 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 bond 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.

**All bidding contractors must be registered with The Mississippi Secretary of State within their Business Services Division and must be in "Good Standing" with them at time of bid opening.**

In the letting of public contracts in the State of Mississippi, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a non-resident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances; and resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals, or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non-residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident. When a non-resident contractor submits a bid for a public project, he shall attach thereto a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time 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  
TITLE: Director of Procurement and Contracts  
The University of Southern Mississippi

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