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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 14, 2015

MS Procurement Technical Assistance Program
Mississippi Development Authority
Minority & Small Business Development
Post Office Box 849
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0849

Re: City of Laurel
CDBG Public Facilities Project
Water System Improvements

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the "Advertisement for Bids" for the above referenced project. If you have any questions concerning the advertisement, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason A. Hicks", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Jason A. Hicks
Project Administrator

Enclosure



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2014 QUEENSBURG CDBG WATER IMPROVEMENTS

CITY OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed bids will be received by the city of Laurel, Mississippi, located at Post Office Box 647 (401 North 5th Avenue) Laurel, Mississippi 39441, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Wednesday, October 14, 2015, for supplying all labor and materials (as specified) necessary for the City of Laurel – 2014 Queensburg CDBG Water Improvements Project.

The work generally consists of the installation of approximately 13,500 linear feet of 6" C-900 PVC water line, installing approximately 155 new water services, and installing approximately 15 fire hydrants.

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.

Contract time shall be 180 consecutive calendar days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Normal weather conditions are assumed and allowed for in the original contract time. Liquidated damages will be assessed in the amount of \$500 per day for each consecutive calendar day beyond the specified contract time.

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.

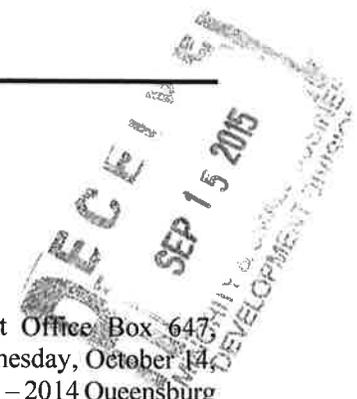
Each Bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the city of Laurel, Mississippi 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 city of Laurel, Mississippi, as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current

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financial statement, if requested, by the city of Laurel, Mississippi. 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 City Clerk of Laurel, 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, 604B Carroll Gartin Boulevard, Laurel, Mississippi, 39440 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Local Time, Monday through Thursday, and between 8:00 A.M. and noon, Local Time, on Friday, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set which will not be refunded. Checks are to be made payable to the Engineer.

The City of Laurel is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 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 and equipment, material and/or supply needs. The City of Laurel 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 work to be performed under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (24 CFR 135). Section 3 regulations require that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for contracting, subcontracting, training, and employment arising in connection with the CDBG Project will be extended to Section 3 Resident and Section Business Concerns. Section 3 Business Concerns are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities to Section 3 Business Concerns.

In order to comply with Federal Procurement Regulations (24 CFR 85), Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid for this project. The successful bidder will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprises are used when possible as subcontractors on this project.

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

The Engineer is Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 604B Carroll Gartin Boulevard, Laurel, Mississippi, 39440; Phone No. (601) 649-1840, Fax No. (601) 649-1848.

The city of Laurel reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

BY: _____
Johnny Magee, Mayor
City of Laurel, Mississippi

DATES OF PUBLICATION:

September 15, 2015
September 22, 2015

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