

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Harrison County Utility Authority, Gulfport, Mississippi, will receive bids for the Harrison County Utility Authority ("Owner") S10 Robinwood/Riverbend Utility Connection Project HARCUA -02 Project S10 Gulfport, Mississippi at 10271 Express Drive, Gulfport, Mississippi, at the Board Meeting Room, Harrison County Utility Authority until 11:00 AM, local time, Thursday, March 26, 2015 and then at said office, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project generally consists of Construction of a new 375 GPM pump station, Rehabilitation of an existing 430 GPM pump station, Installation of approximately 5,300 LF of 8-inch force main; and Installation of approximately 1,200 LF of 6-inch force main.

Copies of plans and specifications, together with the contract documents, may be examined at the office of the Owner or Engineer; or purchased at the office of the Engineer (Thompson Engineering, 711 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Biloxi, MS, 39530, phone 228-374-1130). A non-refundable reproduction cost of \$100 for each hard copy or \$20 for each digital copy set is required.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations: Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP).

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on 1:30 PM, local time, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in the Utility Authority Board Room, 10271 Express Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503. All interested parties are Strongly Recommended to attend this conference.

Three (3) Original Bid Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked plainly on the outside of the envelope with the following: "BID: Robinwood/Riverbend Utility Connection Project". Bids that are hand-delivered or sent overnight must be addressed to the Executive Director, Harrison County Utility Authority, 10271 Express Drive, Gulfport, MS, 39503. Additionally, the envelope shall list the bidders Company Name and Company Address. Envelopes not so marked are submitted entirely at the risk of the bidder as the Owner and Engineer assume no responsibility for the premature opening of any bid envelope by any employee of the Owner or Engineer. In addition, each Contractor submitting a bid must show on the face of the envelope containing the bid, his Mississippi State Certificate of Responsibility Number unless there appears a statement on the face of the envelope that the enclosed bid does not exceed \$50,000.00.

Bid proposals shall be submitted only upon the blank proposal forms (submit three originals) provided with the specifications and must be accompanied by Proposal Security in the form of Certified Check or acceptable Bid Bond in the amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the Bid: such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute a contract and post Performance and Payment Bonds in the form and amount within the time specified. The Bid Bond, if used, shall be payable to the Owner.

Bid proposals must be received on or before the scheduled time for opening of bids and no bid may be withdrawn after the declared closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities, the right to reject any or all bids and the option to postpone action and final decision for a period of up to sixty (60) days.

This project is funded in part by Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Mississippi Development Authority from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All local, state, and federal special conditions will apply. 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.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Mississippi. Neither the State of Mississippi nor the Commission on Environmental Quality nor any of their employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as well as federal, state, and local rules, regulations, codes and ordinances; specifically, Section 31-5-37 (2012 and 2013 updated) which states:

"All public works projects utilizing funds received by state or local governmental entities resulting from a federally declared disaster or a spill of national significance, including damages, penalties, fines or supplemental projects paid or financed by responsible parties pursuant to a court order, negotiated settlement, or other instrument, including under any law distributing such fines and penalties including the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economy of the Gulf Coast Act of 2011 (R.E.S.T.O.R.E.), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or similar legislation, shall be subject to the hiring policies established by this section."

This law requires contractors submitting bids for public works projects utilizing specified funding to submit an employment plan WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF BID AWARD. If your bid is accepted, you will be required to submit a copy of your employment plan to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. If a contractor has VACANT positions that must be filled to complete the workforce for the project, upon award of the bid the Contractor is required to place a job order with MDES for a list of qualified individuals for those vacant positions. Once the job order with MDES is opened, the Contractor will be required to ONLY hire MDES referred job applicants for the open positions for a period of 10 days. The contractor is not prohibited from hiring any MDES referrals during this 10 day period and may hire such persons immediately. The contractor must review all job applicants referred by MDES during this 10 day period. Documentation will be required on any hired individuals or lack of hired individuals if company does not hire.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY, MISSISSIPPI, negotiable U. S. Government bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid is required for the project.

### Section 3

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 to very low-income persons and businesses residing in the community where the project is located. Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit a bid as any responsive, responsible bidder that qualifies as a Section 3 Business Concern will be given a preference during evaluation. A bidder selected for this Project will be

responsible for ensuring compliance with all Section 3 requirements including, but not limited to, the hiring and contracting decisions made on the Project.

Award, if made, will be made from the lowest and best bidder, subject to the Section 3 preference stated above. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process.