ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Warren County, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m., local time, December 18, 2014 at the Warren County Courthouse and shortly thereafter publicly opened for the construction of slide repairs, clearing & grubbing, earthwork, grassing, pavement replacement and drainage improvements along Haining Road at the Port of Vicksburg located in Warren County, Mississippi known as Haining Road Slide Repair Project - CDBG PROJECT # R-110-075-01-GZ & # R-103-075-01-KED.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi State law and possess a Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors.

The contract time for the work included in this contract is **one hundred twenty (120) Calendar days**. The Contract will be subject to liquidated damages of four hundred (\$400) per calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed.

Plans, specifications, and contract documents are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Chancery Clerk of Warren County. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured upon payment of \$100.00 (by check made payable to "John E. McKee, Jr., Warren County Engineer) from John E. McKee, Jr., Warren County Engineer, 901 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180. The payment is non-refundable.

Each bidder must deposit with his proposal a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid payable to Warren County as bid security. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount awarded.

Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement if requested by Warren County.

Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited, with Warren County prior to the hour and date above designated.

Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. For bids less than \$50,000, a Certificate of Responsibility number is not required. Bidder shall note on the outside of the envelope containing the bid that the "bid is less than \$50,000, CR No. not required".

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.

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. 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.

All bidders are required to demonstrate commitment to the achievement of the KCDBG Section 3 goals in one of the following two ways:

- (1) A bidder must certify as a Section 3 Business Concern; or
- (2) A bidder must provide a Section 3 plan detailing how the bidder will meet the required Section 3 subcontracting goal of providing subcontracting opportunities to Section 3 business concerns in an amount not less than 10% of the total contract amount. In its subcontracting plan, the bidder should include the necessary number of Section 3 business subcontractors to meet or exceed the goal for this contract. The plan should also clearly state the total dollar value that will be self-performed and the total dollar value which will be subcontracted to Section 3 Business Concerns; providing for each listed Section 3 Business Concern a fully completed Section 3 Business Certification form including the company name, address, contact person, telephone number, and e-mail address; the amount to be performed/subcontracted; the scope of work to be performed; and the anticipated timeframe for performance of the work.

If a bid is submitted without satisfying one of the two requirements set forth above, then that bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected; provided, however, that in the event the Prime Contractor bidder, itself, is a Section 3 Business Concern and provides the requisite documentation in support thereof, such bidder will be encouraged, but not required to extend subcontracting opportunities to Section 3 business concerns as contemplated by this paragraph.

William F. Lauderdale, President Warren County Board of Supervisors

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