

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Orleans Levee District, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Administration Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 or send electronic to <http://www.centralauctionhouse.com> until 2:00 p.m., September 26th, 2017, opened and publicly read aloud for:

OLD PROJECT NO. 22824 IHNC and Michoud Floodgate Sandblast, Paint, and Repair

Bids received after the above specified time will not be considered

Included in the work is the Floodgate Blasting, Painting, Structural Steel Repair, and Seal Replacement.

Drawings, specifications and contract documents may be examined and obtained from Burk-Kleinpeter Inc., 4176 Canal St. New Orleans, La 70119. Phone (504) 486-5901 upon deposit of \$ 70.00 for each set of documents. Deposits on the first set are fully refundable to all bonafide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. The deposit less actual cost of reproduction of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of documents as stated above.

Bidders shall attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at 9:00a.m. on September 12, 2017, in the Conference Room located in Franklin Avenue Administration Building at 6920 Franklin Avenue.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA. R. S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

Bids must be submitted on forms provided by the Owner. Envelopes containing bids and bid guarantee must be sealed, marked with the project name and with the Contractor's name as it appears on the License and Louisiana Contractor's license number.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U. S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A – rating in the latest printing of the A.M. 2009.

Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualified by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bid Bond shall be in favor of the Orleans Levee District and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five (5%) by any method is acceptable.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractor's who are licensed under LA. R. S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of Heavy Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA. R.S.38:2212. Bids may be withdrawn by the bidder due to errors if done within 48 hours of bid opening by affidavit in accordance with LA. R. S. 38:2214.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury list, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana

Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A – rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact.

The Orleans Levee District encourages, to the extent feasible, participation by minority and woman-owned businesses in all bids and proposals for goods and services. It also encourages the structuring of major projects into categories which may commensurate with the capabilities of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and actively encourages major prime contractors to provide opportunities for these businesses to become involved as subcontractors.

THE TIMES PICAYUNE: August 23, August 30 and September 6, 2017

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