

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.centrauctionhouse.com> until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday July 25th 2018** opened and publicly read aloud for:

**OLD PROJECT NO. 24769
ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AND WAREHOUSE RENOVATIONS
6920 Franklin Ave. – New Orleans, LA**

Bids received after the above specified time will not be considered.

Included in the work is the following: Furnishing all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the partial interior demolition and renovation of the existing Administrative Offices and Warehouse of the Orleans Levee District, including new mechanical chiller and cooling tower, (2) two new 800KW generators and electrical switch gear and architectural finishes. The project will have two-phases of construction and the contractor will be responsible for the coordination of the owner's modular walls and furnishings installation.

Drawings, specifications and contract documents may be examined and obtained from the architect – **RCL Architecture, LLC at 900 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471 - Phone (985) 727-4440** upon deposit of **\$250.00** 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 are invited to attend a **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference at the **Orleans Levee District Administration Building – 6920 Franklin Avenue at 10:00 a.m. on July 11th, 2018**, in the Conference Room located in Franklin Avenue Administration Building at 6920 Franklin Avenue. Participants will visit the physical site at the conclusion of this conference.

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. 2017.

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 General 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.

Other documentation not provided with the bid, but that is required by LA R.S. 38:2212, the owner, or the specifications, must be furnished by the low bidder within ten (10) calendar days after the bid opening. Such documentation shall be supplied as originals (no copies). Failure to provide this information and documentation within ten (10) calendar days after bid opening will be grounds for disqualification on grounds that the bidder is not a "responsible bidder". This information and documentation includes, but is not limited to, the non-collusion affidavit, no conviction affidavit, and employment verification affidavit. However, the payment and performance bond must be supplied upon contract signing. Note that, although these instructions list specific items that are required, it is solely the bidder's responsibility to stay abreast of changes in public bid law and to ensure compliance with LA R.S. 38:2212 and all other statutes related to public bid law.

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.

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