

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Orleans Levee District / Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East, Engineering Department, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Administration Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 or send electronically to Central Bidding from <http://www.centrauctionhouse.com> until 2:00 p.m., **Wednesday, December 16, 2020** opened and publicly read aloud for:

OLD PROJECT NO. O2440146
Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration
(Lake Marina Dr. to Canal Blvd)
New Orleans, LA

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

The project titled “Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration” is located along Lakeshore Drive (between West End and Canal Blvd.). It involves asphalt mill & overlay; reconfiguration of Lakeshore Drive to include a two-way bike lane, center turn lane / median with upgraded pedestrian crosswalks; installation of pedestrian flashing beacons and double arm blue light poles, electrical work including installation of electrical conduits and electrical hand boxes, connections, directional drilling, excavation and backfill, replacement of brick and concrete pavement, debris disposal, and traffic control.

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 37:2163, sets of complete Bidding Documents are available to licensed contractors and others for review at the office of the Engineer at address below

AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
1555 Poydras Street, Suite 1200
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Telephone: (504) 586-8111
Fax: (504) 522-0554

The bid documents for this project are also posted on centrauctionhouse.com. To view, download, and receive bid notices/updates by email, prospective bidders will have to register with Central Auction House (www.centrauctionhouse.com). Bidders will have the option to submit their bids and bid bonds electronically or by paper copy. If a bid is submitted electronically, bidder shall enclose a copy of their proposal guaranty (bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check) with the electronic submission. The original proposal guaranty shall be delivered to the Owner within 48 hrs of bid opening. Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer until 24 hours prior to Bid opening upon payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in certified check, company or cashier's check payable to the Engineering firm. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212 A(1)(e), deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents in good condition, no later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of bids. All sets furnished to subcontractors and suppliers will be non-refundable. Good condition is defined as free of all pencil, pen, highlighter, and other ITB – 2 marks, free of significant tears, and free of missing sheets or pages. Partial sets of documents will not be issued.

Bidders are invited to attend a **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **November 24, 2020**, in the Meeting Hall located in Franklin Avenue Administration/Engineering Building at 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122. Bids shall be accepted only from those bidders who attend the Pre-Bid Conference in its entirety.

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 for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

Bids may be submitted electronically or on paper. Paper bids shall be delivered to Orleans Levee District at the address listed above in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Electronic bids and electronic bid bonds must be submitted through Central Bidding from www.centralauctionhouse.com. Additional information regarding electronic bidding is included in the Instruction to Bidders.

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. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety is qualified by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten (10%) 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 Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East 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 and Municipal, Public Works 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, non-conviction affidavit, list of licensed sub-contractors, 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 statues related to public bid law.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

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 be 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 ADVOCATE: _____ November 13, November 20, and November 27, 2020

DAILY JOURNAL OF COMMERCE: November 16, 2020

PURCHASE ORDER NO.:

Please indicate purchase order number on invoice.