

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the East Jefferson Levee District / Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Administration Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 or send electronically to Central Bidding from <http://www.centralauctionhouse.com> until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021** opened and publicly read aloud for:

EJLD PROJECT NO. E2780076

LANDSIDE RUNOFF CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS – REACHES 2-5 JEFFERSON PARISH LAKEFRONT LEVEE

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

Drawings, specifications and contract documents may be examined and obtained at the office of Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., 909 Poydras Street, Suite 3050, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, Phone (504) 836-8190 upon deposit of \$50.00 for each set of documents. Deposit on the first set is 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. **Fifty percent** of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids, as stated above.

Bidders are invited to attend a **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021**, in the Conference Room located in Franklin Avenue Administration 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.

A **jobsite** visit will be conducted by East Jefferson Levee District immediately after the mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. Participation in the jobsite visit is not mandatory, but it is **highly recommended**. The visit will facilitate access to project features that may not otherwise be accessible to prospective bidders.

Contact Ryan Foster at 504-286-3100 ext. 3157 if directions are needed to the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference or the Jobsite Visit.

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/Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority 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. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R. S. 37:2150-2192 for the **classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction; Heavy Construction; and/or Municipal and Public Works Construction.** In accordance with LA. R.S. 37:2163(D), anyone objecting to the classification must send a certified letter to both the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors and the East Jefferson Levee District/Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority at the address listed above. The letter must be received no later than ten working days prior to the day on which bids are to be opened. 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 East Jefferson 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.

Advertisement Dates:

New Orleans Advocate: Friday March 12, 19, and 26, 2021.

Daily Journal of Commerce: Monday, March 15, 2021.