

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the East Jefferson Levee District / Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East, Engineering Department, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Administration Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 or sent electronically to Central Bidding at <http://www.centralauctionhouse.com> until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021, opened and publicly read aloud for:

FPA PROJECT NO. E2820006 EAST JEFFERSON SHEET PILE WALL REHABILITATION

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

The East Jefferson Sheet Pile Wall Rehabilitation project is located near the Jefferson Parish – St. Charles Parish line generally between the Louis Armstrong Airport and River Road. The work includes rehabilitating approximately 3,100 linear feet of existing steel sheet pile flood wall by blast cleaning, repairing and/or patching surface defects, application of new coating system, and associated labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the project in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Drawings, specifications, and contract documents may be examined and obtained at the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East, Engineering Department, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Administration Building, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122, Phone (504) 283-1855. The bid documents for this project are also posted on [centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.com). To view, download, and receive bid notices/updates by email, prospective bidders will have to register with Central Auction House (www.centralauctionhouse.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 address above 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.

Bidders are invited to attend a **Mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in the Meeting Hall located in the 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.

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 East Jefferson Levee District / Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East, Engineering Department 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 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 Contractors 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.

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 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.

THE ADVOCATE: _____ 4/9/2021, 4/16/2021, 4/23/2021 _____

DAILY JOURNAL OF COMMERCE: _____ 4/12/2021 _____

PURCHASE ORDER NO.: E2820006

Please indicate purchase order number on invoice.