

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids or electronic will be received by the University of Southern Mississippi GCRL Physical Plant Division located at 127 McIlwain Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564 until 2:00 p.m. (CT) on Thursday, September 8, 2022, and said bids are to be opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m.

Envelopes containing the bid must be sealed, addressed to University of Southern Mississippi GCRL, and designated as a bid for the following items described, to wit:

BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENTS AT HALSTEAD CAMPUS
GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY

Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened. If any envelope is not so marked, any bid contained therein will not be considered.

Contractors have the option of submitting their bids sealed in an envelope or electronically through MAGIC (https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Home/Sell). If you are not already registered in this system, potential bidders will first need to click on "Supplier Registration" and follow the steps outlined (a one-time process). Once registered, return to the original website and click on "Procurement Opportunities" where you can either search by keyword for the bid you desire to respond to or leave the search box blank and click "Search" for a listing of all current bids and proposals for the various State of Mississippi offices.

When submitting an electronic bid, the bid must be submitted in "pdf" format and shall contain the same information and forms as required for the paper bids. Electronic bids must be secured with a bid bond. When submitting a bid electronically, the authorized signature shall be an electronic signature or handwritten in blue-ink signature. In the event that an electronically submitted bid has a corrupted attachment, the bid will be considered null and void. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

If a sealed envelope bid is submitted by mail, the mailing address of the University of Southern Mississippi GCRL is 103 McIlwain Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Mailed bids should be sent Attn: Lucas Applewhite/Physical Plant. Bids may be hand delivered to the University of Southern Mississippi GCRL Physical Plant Department, 127 McIlwain Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564. All bid envelopes should contain the bidder's name and mailing address on the face of the envelope and also specify the name of the bid item. Bidder's certificate of responsibility number or a statement that the bid inside is less than \$50,000.00 shall appear on the outside or exterior of the envelope or container of such bids, failing which, said bid shall not be opened or considered.

The University of Southern Mississippi hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Project Manuals may be examined at the office of the Design Engineer, Compton Engineering, Inc., 1969 Market Street in Pascagoula, or online at www.comptonengineeringplans.com. The bid documents are being made available online via original paper copy or compact disc upon payment of **\$125.00 per paper copy and \$50.00 per compact disc**. Cost includes shipping and handling for each set. The bid documents are non-refundable. Return of documents is not required. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for online registration. For information regarding online orders for the purchase of original paper copies and the www.comptonengineeringplans.com website registration, please contact Plan House Printing at 228-248-0181. For information regarding this project, contact Compton Engineering's office at 228-762-3970 in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the University of Southern Mississippi as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the University. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Both bonds shall be signed or counter-signed by a Mississippi Resident Agent.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the GCRL Physical Plant Department, 127 McIlwain Dr., Ocean Springs, Mississippi prior to the hour and date above designated.

The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any or all bids not conforming to the intent and purpose of the specifications, and to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which, however, shall not extend beyond 90 days from the bid opening date.

BY: University of Southern Mississippi

Run: Two (2) times – 08/08/22 and 08/15/22

Open: 09/08/22 at 2:00 P.M.