

**PROJECT NO.: 23022 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI OCEAN SPRINGS, MS
IHL #210-248 CEDAR POINT OYSTER HATCHERY
AND RESEARCH CENTER**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, will be received by The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Physical Plant Division until **2:00 P.M., local time, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, and may be hand delivered to the USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) Physical Plant, 127 McIlwain Dr., Ocean Springs, MS. Bid may also be mailed to 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 to the attention of Lucas Applewhite. Following the submission of bids, they will be publicly opened and read in the Physical Plant Conference Room for the following project:

**CEDAR POINT OYSTER HATCHERY AND RESEARCH CENTER
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI CEDAR POINT CAMPUS
OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI**

in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by

McCarty Architects, P.A.
533 West Main St.
Tupelo, MS 38804
(662) 844-4400

As described in the Bid Documents, project consists of new steel structure building with a footprint of approximately 11,700 square feet, and overall area including equipment mezzanines of approximately 15,200 square feet. Building envelope consists of concrete filled CMU walls and cold formed steel studs, decorative masonry veneer and insulated metal panels, aluminum storefront windows and standing seam metal roofing. Interior walls consist primarily of CMU partitions with lesser volume of cold form steel studs and gypsum board. Associated HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection, Electrical, Communications, and Fire Alarm are including. The building will be used as an algae production and oyster hatchery facility. Lab and production spaces have extensive utility, lab casework and biosecurity requirements included herein.

The project is funded by RESTORE Act Direct Component funds and administered under MDEQ, USM and MS IHL requirements.

Bid documents are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at **www.mccartycompanyplans.com**. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP)
Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street
Suite B 01
Jackson, MS 39201
- B. South MS Contract Procurement Center
1636 Popps Ferry Road, Suite 203
Biloxi, MS 39532
Phone (228) 396-1288

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Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of the funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, neither MDEQ nor Treasury, or any of their agents, representatives, or employees, is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. Further, any contractor awarded a contract under this Invitation for Bids shall not be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ or Treasury.

Minority and women’s business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

Proposals shall be submitted on the blank bid form furnished with the specifications and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to University of Southern Mississippi in amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who may be awarded the contract but who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute the contract and post performance bond in the form and amount within the time specified. Bids shall not be modified on the exterior of the sealed envelope.

All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000.00 by a prime or subcontractor to do any erection, building, construction, repair, maintenance or related work, must comply with Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, by having a current Certificate of Responsibility from the State Board of Public Contractors. The current Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be indicated on the exterior of the sealed bid envelope before it can be opened.

In the letting of public contracts in the State of Mississippi, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a non-resident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances; and resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals, or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non-residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident. When a non-resident contractor submits a bid for a public project, he shall attach thereto a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for a period of forty-five (45) days. The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all projects and to waive informalities.

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A pre-bid meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 11:00 am at the USM Cedar Point Campus Research Building, Conference Room A, 300 Laurel Oak Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

BY: Jacob Cochran
TITLE: Director of Procurement and Contracts
The University of Southern Mississippi

If anyone prefers to submit their bid electronically, please follow the instructions below using the following website: 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.

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