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AN ORDER**

REQUEST FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS COVERSHEET
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Procurement and Contract Services
118 College Drive #5003, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001

Date: April 22, 2022

BID No. 22-41

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI is considering the purchase of the following item(s). We ask that you submit your bid and retain one copy for your files. Right is reserved to accept or reject any part of your bid. Your quotation will be given consideration if received in Bond Hall, Room 214 on or before:

2:00 p.m. CT

May 11, 2022

Buyer: Deidre Edwards

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

TERMS - Bidder should state terms of sale. Our terms are 2% ten days, net 45 days.

These terms will apply per Mississippi law.

AWARDING CONTRACT - Cash terms will not be used as a basis for awarding contracts; however, the University will accept cash discounts when earned.

NOTE: If you cannot quote on the exact material shown, please indicate any exception giving brand name and complete specifications of any alternate. If additional space is required, use a separate sheet or letter of transmittal.

ITEM	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	TOTAL NET PRICE
		<p>RFx # 3160005084</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p> <p>BID 22-41 Electrical Wiring</p> <p>PROPOSAL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS. RFP NUMBER AND DATE OF BID OPENING MUST BE SHOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE IF USING THAT METHOD.</p>		

We quote you as above - F.O.B. The University of Southern Mississippi.
Shipment can be made in _____ days from receipt of order. DATE _____
Return quotation to Procurement Services at above address.

Signature Required _____

The University of Southern Mississippi
Request for Bid # 22-41
Electrical Wiring

1.0 Introduction

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) is seeking to purchase electrical wiring to replace existing wiring, transformers in vaults, switches with pad-mount transformers and PME switches. The existing wiring and equipment dates from 1978 and is severely outdated. The work needs to be done for purposes of safety and to reduce the risk of power outages.

2.0 General Performance Specification

The wiring must be capable of transitioning from duct banks into cable trays. Sidewall protection of 1000 lbs. /FT is required. Wiring that can be installed without lubrication is required.

3.0 Required Specification

The following specifications are to ensure that the wiring will perform the tasks necessary to satisfy the project's objectives. Any deviation from the following specifications must be explained and justified.

4.0 Justification for a Preferred Brand-Specific Item

The product uses an EFC insulation compound contains no Lead stabilizer yet exhibits both electrical and physical properties that are comparable to that of the leaded compound. The *SIMPull* jacket also contains no Lead stabilizers and is infused with an additive that reduces the jacket's coefficient of friction making it easier and less costly to pull in conduit. The use of polymeric technology resulted in a cable that is reliable, environmentally friendly, UL listed, and code compliant. Specific characteristics that benefit the University include:

- The *SIMPull* PVC jacket technology allows for a sidewall protection of 1000 lbs. /FT.
- It can be used in a cable tray whereas conventional wiring products cannot.
- The medium and 600-volt Ethylene Propylene Rubber EPR insulation contains no Lead.
- The protective jacket contains no Lead and requires no lubrication during installation.
- The *SIMPull* PVC jacket saves on:
 - 1) Labor: No need for labor to lubricate jacket and clean up.
 - 2) Material: No need for lubrication gel.
 - 3) Lubricating pull boxes can be eliminated for less than 360 degrees bends.
 - 4) Clean up is environmentally friendly, eliminating the need for rags and buckets.

5.0 Quantity Required

Twenty-two (22) 1,000' Reels of Wire

6.0 Manufacturer

Southwire Company, LLC
1 Southwire Drive
Carrollton, GA 30119
www.southwire.com

7.0 *Simpull* Product Specifications

1/C CU 15k V 220 NLE PR (Lead-Free EAM) 133% *SIMPull* PVC MV-105

Type MV-105 Single Conductor Copper, 220 Mils No Lead Ethylene Propylene Rubber (NL-EPR) Lead-Free EAM 133% Insulation Level, Tape Shield, *SIMPull* Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Jacket, Dual Rated UL/CSA.

Construction:

- 1) Conductor: Class B compressed stranded bare copper per ASTM B3 and ASTM B8.
- 2) Conductor Shield: Semi-conducting cross-linked copolymer
- 3) Insulation: No Lead Ethylene Propylene Rubber (NL-EPR) / No-Lead Ethylene Alkene Copolymer (EAM) 133% Insulation Level
- 4) Insulation Shield: Strippable semi-conducting cross-linked copolymer
- 5) Copper Tape Shield: Helically wrapped 5 mil copper tape with 25% overlap
- 6) Overall Jacket: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

Applications and Features:

Southwire's 15KV cables are suited for use in wet and dry areas, conduits, ducts, troughs, trays, direct burial when installed with a grounding conductor in close proximity that conforms to NEC section 311.36 and 250.4(A)(5), aerially supported by a messenger and where superior electrical properties are desired. These cables are capable of operating continuously at the conductor temperature not in excess of 105°C for normal operation, 140°C for emergency overload, and 250°C for short circuit conditions. Rated at -35°C for cold bend. ST1 (low smoke). Rated for sizes 1/0 and larger. PVC jacket is made with SIM technology and has a coefficient of friction COF of 0.2. Cable can be installed in conduit without the aid of lubrication. Rated for 1000 lbs. /FT maximum sidewall pressure. These cables feature sunlight and moisture resistance, exceptional corona resistance, resistance to most chemicals, oils and acids and are flame retardant.

Specifications:

- ASTM B3 Standard Specification for Soft or Annealed Copper Wire
- ASTM B8 Concentric-Lay Stranded Copper Conductors
- ASTM B496 Compact Round Concentric-lay-standard copper
- UL 1072 Medium-Voltage Power Cables
- UL 1685 FT4-ST1 Vertical-Tray Fire Propagation and Smoke Release Test (1/0 and Larger)

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- CSA C22.2 No. 230 Tray Cables – Rated TC-ER (1/0 AWG and Larger)
- CSA C22.2 No. 2556 / UL 2556 Cable Test Methods
- CSA C68.10 Shielded Power Cables for Commercial and Industrial Applications – 5 to 46kV
- ICEA S-93-639 (NEMA WC 74) 5-46 KV Shielded Power Cable
- ICEA S-97-682 Standard for Shielded Utility Cable Rated for 5 – 46kV
- IEEE 1202 FT4 Flame Test (70,000) BTU/hr Vertical Tray Test (1/0 and Larger)
- AEIC CS-8 Specification for extruded dielectric shielded power cables rated for 5 through 46kV

Sample Print Legend:

{SQFTG_DUAL} SOUTHWIRE *SIMPull*{R} POWER CABLE MASTER-DESIGN {UL} XX KCMIL CU 220 MILS NL-EPR 15KV 133% INS LEVEL 25%TS MV-105 FOR CT USE ST1 SUN RES (NESC) – {CSA} XX KCMIL CU 5.59mm (220 mils) NL-EPR 15KV 133% INS LEVEL 25%TS SR TC-ER 105{D}C FT4 – 25{D}C LTDD – PAT www.patentSW.com – RoHS

Table 1 – Weights and Measures

Stock Number	Cond. Diameter Over Size	Diameter Over Conductor	Diameter Over Insulation	Diameter Over Insulation Shield	Jacket Thickness ¹	Approx. OD	Approx. Weight	Max Pull Tension	Min Bending Radius	Conduit Size*
AWG/Kcmil	inch		inch	inch	mil	inch	lb/1000ft	lb	inch	inch
956011◇4/0	0.512	0.989	1.049		80	1.229	1235	1693	14.7	3.5

All dimensions are nominal and subject to normal manufacturing tolerances.

◇ Cable marked with this symbol is a standard stock item

* Conduit size based on 3 phase 40% fill-factor without ground

1 Comply with ICEA S-93-639 Appendix C for jacket thickness determination

Table 2 – Electrical and Engineering Data

Cond. Size	DC Resistance @ 25°C	AC Resistance @ 90°C	Capacitive Reactance @ 60Hz	Inductive Reactance @ 60Hz	Zero Sequence Impedance*	Positive Sequence Impedance*	Shield Short Circuit Current 6 Cycles	Allowable Ampacity In 90/105°C	Allowable Ampacity In Air † ‡ 90/105°C
AWG/Kcmil	Ω/1000ft	Ω/1000ft	MΩ*1000ft	Ω/1000ft	Ω/1000ft	Ω/1000ft	Amp	Amp	Amp
4/0	0.051	0.064	0.036	0.042	0.423 + j0.327	0.065 + j0.042	3445	295/315	400/445

* Calculations are based on three cables triplexed / 5 mil 25% overlapping copper tape shield / Conductor temperature of 90°C / Shield temperature of 45°C / Earth resistivity of 100 ohms-meter

† Ampacities are based on TABLE 310.60(C)(77) Detail 1. of the 2020 National Electrical Code (20°C Ambient Earth Temperature, Thermal Resistance ROH of 90)

‡ Ampacities are based on TABLE 310.60(C)(69) of the 2020 National Electrical Code (40°C Ambient Air Temperature)

8.0 Points of Contact

For questions of a technical nature, contact:

Gabriel Ladner
Superintendent of Electrical Services
USM Physical Plant
gabriel.ladner@usm.edu
(O) 601-266-4418

For questions of a business nature, and those pertaining to submission procedures, contact the Buyer listed on the Bid Coversheet at:

bids@usm.edu

9.0 Submission Instructions to Bidders

One (1) original, two (2) copies, and one (1) electronic version (USB jump drive) of the sealed bid response, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received by **2:00 PM CDT on Wednesday, May 11, 2022** in the USM Procurement and Contract Services office, as indicated in the General Terms, Conditions, and Instructions to Bidders described herein. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that the proposal package arrives in the Procurement and Contract Services Office.

Each bid **must** be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name "RFP #22-41 Electrical Wiring," the name of the Vendor, and the opening date specified on the coversheet.

The proposal should be addressed as follows:

For regular mail:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Attn: Deidre Edwards, Buyer
118 College Drive, Box 5003
Hattiesburg, MS 39406
BID 22-41

For FedEx, UPS, or other express couriers:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Attn: Deidre Edwards, Buyer
2609 W. 4th Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
BID 22-41

Hand-carried responses should be brought to:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Attn: Deidre Edwards, Buyer
214 Bond Hall
Hattiesburg, MS 39406
BID 22-41

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Should a vendor choose to submit their response electronically, please follow the instructions below using the following website:

https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Home/Sell.

On this site you will find helpful links to procurement opportunities, as well as a link to supplier registration. If 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, suppliers can return to the original website and click on 'Procurement Opportunities' where they can either search by keyword for the bid they 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.

Please note that emailed bids will not be accepted.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities.

Vendors are responsible for examining all specifications, terms, conditions, and instructions of this request. Failure to do so will be at Vendor's risk.

In order to ensure all interested bidders receive any addenda that may be issued, proposers must email their intent to propose using the Intent to Bid link on the USM Bid Calendar under RFP 22-21 prior to the deadline to submit:

<https://www.usm.edu/procurement-contract-services/current-bids-and-sole-source-notices.php>

All bidding contractors must be registered with The Mississippi Secretary of State within their Business

Services Division and must be in "Good Standing" with them at time of bid opening.

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.

10.0 USM General Terms, Conditions, and Instructions for Bids/Proposals

Failure to examine any drawings, specifications, and instructions will be at bidder's risk.

- 2.) Samples of items when called for must be furnished free of expense and if not destroyed in testing, will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Request for the return of samples must be made within ten (10) days following opening bids. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name and manufacturer's brand name and number.
- 3.) Bids must be signed and sealed with bidder's name and address on the outside of the envelope, and the time and date of the bid opening and the bid file number shown in the lower-left corner of the packages; envelopes, express mailing labels, boxes, etc.
- 4.) In order for your bid to be considered, it must be received and time stamped in our office by 2:00 P.M. of the bid opening date. It is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure their bid is received within the appointed time. If your bid package is not received in Bond Hall, Room 214, by 2:00 P.M. of the bid opening date, it will not be considered.

If you are delivering your bid, you need to hand carry the bid package to:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Procurement Services
Bond Hall, Room 214
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

If you are mailing your bid package via U.S. Postal Service, mail to:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Procurement Services
118 College Drive #5003
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

If you are express mailing your bid package via Federal Express or UPS, or any other delivery service which requires the use of a physical address, deliver to:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Receiving Department
2609 West 4th Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

- 5.) Bids or proposals shall not be modified, corrected, altered, or amended after the specified closing time and the opening of such bids, unless otherwise noted in the request for bids or proposals.
- 6.) The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and unless otherwise specified by the bidders, to accept any items on the bid. If the bidder fails to state the time within which bids must be accepted, it is understood and agreed that The University of Southern Mississippi shall have 60 days to accept. The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to make an award to this bid on an all or none basis, or on a line by line basis, whichever serves the best interest of The University of Southern Mississippi.
- 7.) Contracts and purchases will be made or entered into with the lowest, responsible bidder meeting specifications.
- 8.) A written purchase order or contract award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder within the time of acceptance specified in the Invitation for Bid results in a binding contract without further action by either party. The contract shall not be assignable by the vendor in whole or in part without the written consent of The University of Southern Mississippi.
- 9.) Bid files may be examined during normal working hours by bid participants. Non-participants will be prohibited from obtaining any information relative to the bid until the official award has been made.
- 10.) If purchase orders or contracts are canceled because of the awarded vendor's failure to perform or request for price increase, that vendor shall be removed from our bidders' list for a period of 24 months.
- 11.) No addendum will be issued within a period of two (2) working days prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Should it become necessary to issue an addendum within the two-day period prior to the bid opening, the bid date will be reset giving bidders ample time to answer the addendum.
- 12.) Alternate bids, unless specifically requested or allowed, will not be considered.
- 13.) Bid openings will be conducted open to the public. However, they will serve only to open the bids. No discussion will be entered into with any vendor as to the quality or provisions of the specifications, and no award will be made either stated or implied at the bid opening. After the close of the bid opening meeting, the bids will be considered to be in the evaluation process and will not be available for review by bidders. Proposal openings are not required to be open to the public; however, the resulting award is open for public

inspection.

- 14.) Prices quoted shall be firm for the term of the contract or for the stated time of acceptance.
- 15.) The bidder understands that The University of Southern Mississippi is an equal opportunity employer and, therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, or any other such discrimination; and the bidder, by signing this bid, agrees during the term of agreement that the bidder will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and provision of products or services.
- 16.) Bidders must upon request of The University of Southern Mississippi furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to make the final determination as to the bidder's ability.
- 17.) Questions or problems arising from bid procedures should be directed to the Buyer listed on the solicitation at:

The University of Southern Mississippi
118 College Drive #5003
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001
Phone: (601) 266-4131

- 18.) All items must equal or exceed the specifications listed. The absence of detail specifications or the omission of detail description shall be recognized as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only first quality materials and workmanship are to be used.
- 19.) It is the intent of the specifications to obtain a product that will adequately meet the needs of the user while promoting the greatest extent of competition that is practicable. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to review the entire Invitation to Bid packet and to notify The University of Southern Mississippi if the Specifications, Instructions, General, or Special Conditions are formulated in a manner which would unnecessarily restrict competition.
- 20.) It shall be incumbent upon the bidders to understand the specifications. Any requests for clarifications shall be in writing and shall be submitted to our Procurement Services office at least five (5) days prior to the time and date set for the bid opening, unless otherwise noted in the bid or proposal specifications.
- 21.) The minimum specifications are used to set a standard and in no case are used with the intention to discriminate against any manufacturer. Bidders should note the name and the manufacturer and model number of the product they propose to furnish and submit descriptive literature.
- 22.) Trade names, brand names, and/or manufacturer's information used in these specifications are for the purpose of establishing quality, unless otherwise noted. Bids on products of

other qualified manufacturers are acceptable, provided they are demonstrated as equal to those specified in construction, design and suitability. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a complete brochure with pictures on each item and shall point out specifically any deviations from the specified items. Failure to do so may disqualify any bid. Please bid as specified or an approved equal.

- 23.) A copy of the manufacturer's standard guarantee/warranty shall accompany and become a part of this bid.
- 24.) There are no federal or state laws that prohibit bidders from submitting a bid lower than a price or bid given to the U.S. Government. Bidders may bid lower than U.S. Government contract price without any liability as The University of Southern Mississippi is exempt from the provisions of the Robinson-Patman Act and other related laws. In addition, the U.S. Government has no provisions in any of its purchasing arrangements with bidders whereby a lower price to The University of Southern Mississippi must automatically be given to the U.S. Government.
- 25.) All invoices, unless noted otherwise, are to be billed to:

The University of Southern Mississippi
Accounts Payable
118 College Drive #5104
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

- 26.) All equipment bids shall be of current production and of the latest design and construction.
- 27.) Where all, or part(s), of the bid is requested on a unit price basis, both the unit prices and the extension of the unit prices constitute a basis of determining the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. In cases of error in the extension of price, the unit price will govern.
- 28.) All bidders/respondents are on notice that USM is a public agency of the State of Mississippi and is subject to the Mississippi Public Records Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 25- 6-1, *et seq.* If a public records request is made for any information provided to the USM pursuant to this solicitation, USM shall promptly notify the Disclosing Party of such request. The Disclosing Party shall promptly institute appropriate legal proceedings to protect its information. No party to this agreement shall be liable to the other party for disclosures of information required by court order or required by law. For clarity, documents are not considered public record unless and until an award is made from such solicitation.
- 29.) Should the University of Southern Mississippi close due to inclement weather conditions, or any other unforeseen events on the bid opening date, sealed bids will open the following business day at the same time and location.
- 30.) As an alternative to traditional sealed bids in envelopes, the University of Southern Mississippi is capable of receiving electronic bid responses. While this option is available, it is not required and we ask that all potential respondents keep in mind that with any electronic system there could be delays or glitches with the submission process; therefore

the University highly encourages traditional sealed bids which are either mailed or submitted in person. Should a vendor choose to submit their response electronically, please follow the instructions below using the following website: https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Home/Sell. On this site you will find helpful links to procurement opportunities, as well as a link to supplier registration. If 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, they can return to the original website and click on 'Procurement Opportunities' where they can either search by keyword for the bid they 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.

With regard to construction bids, there is one additional step required during the bid submission process. Along with the bid response and other attachments, contractors will also need to attach their Certificate of Responsibility (COR), or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00). If their COR or such statement is not attached, the bid will be invalid and not considered.

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