
SECTION 901 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**FORREST AVENUE PEDESTRIAN PLAZA
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. STP-0210-00(039) LPA / 108805-701000**

Sealed bids will be received by the University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Division, located at West 4th Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, **August 8**, 2023 for supplying all labor, equipment, and materials (as specified) necessary for the construction of the above referenced project. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

Pavers, drainage improvements, parking improvements, and lighting along Forrest Avenue. All other related items of work required to complete the project as shown and specified in the Contract Documents.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

Plans, contract documents and special provisions and proposal forms are on file for public inspection in the office of the University of Southern Mississippi. Physical Plant Division, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401 and in the office of Neel-Schaffer, Inc., Post Office Box 1487, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1487 (704 Hardy Street, Telephone No. 601-545-1565).

Bid documents are being made available via paper copy. Plan holders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.neel-schafferplans.com to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at (601) 336-6378

The attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions governing selection and employment of labor.

Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

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.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The *2017 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*, adopted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as referred to herein, may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

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 countersigned by a Mississippi Resident Agent.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the Physical Plant, Hattiesburg, Mississippi prior to the hour and date above designated.

The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or irregularities, or to advertise for new proposals, and the decision of the University to reject any bid or proposal shall not be cause for any liability or damages against the University of Southern Mississippi, any officers or employees.

The bidder must agree to commence work on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" of the Owner and to fully complete the project within the Contract Time. The bidder must also agree to pay as liquidated damages the sum specified in the Standard Specifications per day for each calendar day of overrun in Contract Time that work is not completed.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the “Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017”, together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

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University of Southern Mississippi,

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