

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
USM RFP 24-15 (RFX 316006233)
COOLING TOWER UPGRADES FY24**

The University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Division will receive sealed proposals at the University of Southern Mississippi Physical Plant Department Conference Room in Hattiesburg, Mississippi until **2:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, November 16, 2023**, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment in connection with **Cooling Tower Upgrades FY24**, as described in and reflected by the drawings and specifications prepared by Engineering Resource Group, Inc, Jackson, Mississippi, dated October, 2023, immediately after which time said sealed proposals shall be publicly opened and read.

A single contract shall be let for the complete project.

Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Office of Architect, at One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each set and is non-refundable. Bid preparation will be in accordance with the instructions to Bidders bound within the Project Manual. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

A pre-bid conference will be held Wednesday, November 1st, at 9:30 A.M., in the Henderson Physical Plant Department Conference Room at The University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. All interested Contractors and Subcontractors are highly encouraged to attend.

Responses shall be submitted in duplicate upon the blank bid forms provided with the project manual and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or acceptable bid bond in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid. Said security to be forfeited, as liquidated damages, not penalty, by a bidder who may be awarded the contract, but who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute the contract and post the required performance and payment bonds in the form and amount, and within the time specified. The bid bond, or the certified check, if used in lieu thereof, shall be payable unconditionally to the University of Southern Mississippi.

As an alternative to traditional sealed bids in envelopes, the University of Southern Mississippi is capable of receiving electronic bid responses. 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

Bids on the project must be received on or before the time specified above, and no bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time and date for the receipt of bids for a period of forty-five (45) days. All bids submitted must comply with the requirements of Chapter 3, Title 31 (Sections 31-3-1, et. seq.) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and the performance of any contract awarded shall be bonded in accordance with Chapter 5, Title 31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Bidders who are non-residents of the State of Mississippi must also comply with the provisions of Section 31-3-21(3) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

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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