

Date: September 18, 2025

To: Plan Holders

From: University of Southern Mississippi

Subject: ADDENDUM NO. 1
Library Plaza and Forrest Avenue Pedestrian Plaza Phase II
STP-0210-00(044) LPA / 109418-701000
Forrest County, Mississippi

Attached is Addendum No. 1 for the above referenced project.

***Plan Holders are reminded that this Addendum must be acknowledged on
Page 905-2.***

Contract Documents

1. Replace Advertisement for Bids with attached **Advertisement for Bids**
2. Replace SECTION 905 – PROPOSAL (CONTINUED) with attached **SECTION 905-PROPOSAL (CONTINUED)**. (2 sheets)

You should receive (5) pages **including this cover sheet**. Please notify us if the message is incomplete or unclear. Thank you.

SECTION 901 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

LIBRARY PLAZA AND FORREST AVENUE PEDESTRIAN PLAZA PHASE 2 PROJECT

FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. STP-0210-00(044) LPA / 109418-701000

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, **September 30, 2025** 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:

Sidewalk and hardscape improvements, parking improvements, drainage improvements, lighting, and landscaping along Forrest Avenue and in the plaza space between Cook Library and McCain Library. 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.

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.

University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi

Dates of Publication:

August 24, 2025

August 31, 2025

SECTION 905 - PROPOSAL

Last Edited 6/12/2018

Date _____

TO: _____

Sirs: The following proposal is made on behalf of _____
_____ of _____

for constructing the following designated project(s) within the time(s) hereinafter specified.

The plans are composed of drawings and blue prints on file in the offices of _____
_____, Mississippi.

The Specifications are the current Standard Specifications of the Mississippi Department of Transportation approved by the Federal Highway Administration, except where superseded or amended by the plans, Special Provisions and Notice(s) to Bidders attached hereto and made a part thereof.

I (We) certify that I (we) possess a copy of said Standard and any Supplemental Specifications.

Evidence of my (our) authority to submit the Proposal is hereby furnished. The proposal is made without collusion on the part of any person, firm or corporation. I (We) certify that I (we) have carefully examined the Plans, the Specifications, including the Special Provisions and Notice(s) to Bidders, herein, and have personally examined the site of the work. On the basis of the Specifications, Special Provisions, Notice(s) to Bidders, and Plans, I (we) propose to furnish all necessary machinery, tools, apparatus and other means of construction and do all the work and furnish all the materials in the manner specified. I (We) understand that the quantities mentioned herein are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease, and hereby propose to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work at the unit prices bid, in accordance with the above.

I (We) acknowledge that this proposal will be found irregular and/or non-responsive unless a certified check, cashier's check, or Proposal Guaranty Bond in the amount as required in the Advertisement (or, by law) is submitted electronically with the proposal or is delivered to the office of _____ located at _____ prior to the bid opening time specified in the advertisement.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS: Alternate and Optional Items on Bid Schedule.

1. Two or more items entered opposite a single unit quantity WITHOUT DEFINITE DESIGNATION AS "ALTERNATE ITEMS" are considered as "OPTIONAL ITEMS". Bidders may or may not indicate on bids the Optional Item proposed to be furnished or performed WITHOUT PREJUDICE IN REGARD TO IRREGULARITY OF BIDS.
2. Items classified on the bid schedule as "ALTERNATE ITEMS" and/or "ALTERNATE TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION" must be preselected and indicated on bids. However, "Alternate Types of Construction" may include Optional Items to be treated as set out in Paragraph 1, above.
3. Optional items not preselected and indicated on the bid schedule MUST be designated in accordance with Subsection 102.06 prior to or at the time of execution of the contract.
4. Optional and Alternate items designated must be used throughout the project.

I (We) further propose to perform all "force account or extra work" that may be required of me (us) on the basis provided in the Specifications and to give such work my (our) personal attention in order to see that it is economically performed.

I (We) further propose to execute the attached contract agreement (Section 902) as soon as the work is awarded to me (us), and to begin and complete the work within the time limit(s) provided for in the Specifications and Advertisement. I (We) also propose to execute the attached contract bond (Section 903) in an amount not less than one hundred (100) percent of the total of my (our) part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted.

SECTION 905 - PROPOSAL (CONTINUED)

I (We) shall submit electronically with our proposal or deliver prior to the bid opening time a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond for **five percent (5%) of total bid** and hereby agree that in case of my (our) failure to execute the contract and furnish bond within Ten (10) days after notice of award, the amount of this check (bid bond) will be forfeited to the State of Mississippi as liquidated damages arising out of my (our) failure to execute the contract as proposed. It is understood that in case I am (we are) not awarded the work, the check will be returned as provided in the Specifications.

I (We) hereby certify by conventional signature below of a paper bid submission, or by digital signature of an electronic submission via any authorized electronic submittal software, of the Section 905 proposal below, that all certifications, disclosures and affidavits incorporated herein are deemed to be duly executed in the aggregate, fully enforceable and binding upon delivery of the bid proposal. I (We) further acknowledge that this certification shall not extend to the bid bond or alternate security which must be separately executed for the benefit of the _____. This signature does not cure deficiencies in any required certifications, disclosures and/or affidavits. I (We) also acknowledge the right of the _____ to require full and final execution on any certification, disclosure or affidavit contained in the proposal at the _____ election upon award. Failure to so execute at the request within the time allowed in the Standard Specifications for execution of all contract documents will result in forfeiture of the bid bond or alternate security.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of and has added to and made a part of the proposal and contract documents the following addendum (addenda):

ADDENDUM NO. _____ DATED _____ ADDENDUM NO. _____ DATED _____
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TOTAL ADDENDA: _____

(Must agree with total addenda issued prior to opening of bids)

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Respectfully submitted,

DATE: _____

Contractor

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____