

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Jefferson County Commission will receive bids for the NORTH SMITHFIELD MANOR COMMUNITY STORM SHELTER (CDBG-DR) at the Commission Chambers, Room 270 of the Jefferson County Courthouse until **9:00 a.m. local time on the 31st day of March, 2015** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bid to be delivered by hand or mail prior to the above time or at a different place shall be at the full risk of the bidder. Such bids may be delivered or mailed to the Jefferson County Office of Community and Economic Development, at 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N, Suite A-430, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. If for any reason such bid does not reach Room 270 of the Jefferson County Courthouse prior to the opening, it may be rejected. No bids shall be accepted after the time stated for receipt of bids. This requirement shall not be waived.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms furnished, or copy thereof, and must be in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope should contain the following:

- (1) "SEALED BID"; (2) "DO NOT OPEN"; (3) PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER;
- 4) PROJECT OFFICER: "Alfonso Holt"; (5) CONTRACTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS;
- (6) ALABAMA LICENSE NUMBER; (7) CONTRACTOR'S DUNS #.

Bids are invited upon the work generally described as follows:

The work includes, but is not limited to providing all necessary materials, labor, equipment, tools, transportation and services to construct a dual purpose Community Center and FEMA 361 Storm Shelter including: HUD project sign, erosion control measures; clearing, grubbing, tree removal, small storm shelter structure demolition and disposal of all debris; approximately 545 C.Y. of earth grading and moving (cut and fill); grated trench drain, storm piping, rip-rap, grassed swale stormwater feature; water line, backflow preventer, 8" sanitary sewer main, sanitary manholes, sanitary lateral and stub out; an approximately 2,021 S.F. storm shelter facility meeting FEMA 361 requirements; roadway milling and asphalt overlay; concrete and paver sidewalks, concrete stairs with steel handrails; two (2) asphalt parking lots, painted striping; site restoration; and other minor miscellaneous site work in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bank draft payable to the order of Jefferson County, Alabama, negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total of the bid amount but not to exceed \$10,000.00, for the NORTH SMITHFIELD MANOR COMMUNITY STORM SHELTER.

The bid security is to become the property of the owner in the event that: (1) the bidder fails to meet any of the qualifications required in the bid specifications stated herein; (2) the bidder misrepresents or falsifies any information required to be provided by the owner; (3) for any reason that the bidder fails to qualify, causing his bid to be withdrawn or rejected and such

withdrawal or rejection results in delay or substantial additional expense to the owner; (4) the contract and bond are not executed within the time set forth, as liquidated damages for the delay and additional expense of the owner caused thereby.

Bid documents are on file and will be available for examination at the JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N, Suite A-430, Birmingham, Alabama 35203; the BIRMINGHAM CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, 3600 4th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35222, and through ALABAMA AGC – ISQFT PLAN ROOM, 2801 5th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35233.

The bid package may be obtained by depositing \$150.00 with ENGINEERING SERVICE ASSOCIATES, INC., 5300 Cahaba River Road, Suite 250, Birmingham, AL 35243 (205-970-0772) for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposit will be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution of the contract documents.

Bidders are advised that submitted bids bind the bidders to the "Bid Conditions Setting Forth Affirmative Action Requirements for all Non-Exempt Federal and Federally-assisted Construction Contracts to be awarded in Jefferson, Shelby and Walker Counties, Alabama, "also known as the Birmingham Hometown Plan.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

All bidders be advised that this contract is subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development act of 1968, as amended, (12 USC 1701U) which if it is in excess of \$100,000, requires that to the “greatest extent feasible”, opportunities for training and employment be given lower income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns which are: (1) 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents; or (2) Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were section 3 residents; or (3) That provides evidence of commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of “section 3 business concern.”

All bidders must be properly licensed by the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama 1975 as amended. General Contractors with a classification of BC or BCU4 should be able to bid this project. If a Contractor has any questions regarding his classification or eligibility to bid this project, those questions should be directed to the State Licensing Board.

THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER OR ITS SUBCONTRACTOR MUST BE PREQUALIFIED TO CONSTRUCT, AT A MINIMUM, CLASS "A" SEWER LINE PROJECTS. TO PREQUALIFY WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CONSTRUCT CLASS "A" SEWER PROJECTS, EACH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER MUST FURNISH WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF COMPETENCY AND EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COUNTY. ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNTY WILL NOT ACCEPT PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS AFTER THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

CONTRACTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT MR. DANIEL WHITE, (205) 325-5496, WITH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 716 RICHARD ARRINGTON JR. BLVD., NORTH, SUITE A-300, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203, IN ADVANCE OF THE DEADLINE TO DETERMINE IF THE CONTRACTOR IS PREQUALIFIED TO CONSTRUCT CLASS "A" SEWER PROJECTS.

The Jefferson County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

This project will be funded in its entirety (100%) with Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of Sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids to allow the Jefferson County Commission to review the bids and investigate the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

To run:

The Birmingham News 3/4/2015, 3/11/2015, 3/18/2015

The Birmingham Times 3/5/2015, 3/12/2015, 3/19/2015

Submit Advertising Bill and Affidavit To:

Attn: Sandra Foster

Jefferson County Community and Economic Development

716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N

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(205-325-5761)