

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Jefferson County Commission will receive bids for CONCORD STORM SHELTER (CDBG-DR-13-03-U3-CSS) at Room 270 of the Jefferson County Courthouse until 9:00 a.m. local time on the 24th day of MARCH, 2016, 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 Human-Community Services 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: "FELICIA SMITH"; (5) CONTRACTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS
- (6) ALABAMA LICENSE NUMBER; (7) DUNS NUMBER.

Bids are invited upon the work as follows:

2,695 SF storm shelter and associated site improvements as designed in the plans and specifications. The site is located at 6017 Willow Circle, Concord, Al 35023.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for General Contractor Bidders will be held at Concord Community Center, 1350 N Church Rd, Concord, AL 35023 at 10:00 am, CDST, Wednesday, March 16, 2016. A tour of the project site will be held after the conference.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check 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 CONCORD STORM SHELTER AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. 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required to be provided by the owner; (3) for any reason that the bidder fails to qualify, causing his bid to be withdrawn or rejected and such withdrawal or rejection results in delay or substantial additional expense to the owner; (4) the contract and bond are not executed within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.

On February 29, 2016 bid documents will be on file and will be available for examination at the JEFFERSON COUNTY OFFICE OF HUMAN-COMMUNITY SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N, Suite A-430, Birmingham, Alabama 35203; at the PLAN ROOM OF F.W. DODGE CORPORATION, 1011 Edenton Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35242; and at the BIRMINGHAM CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, 601 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35222 and NHB Group, LLC, 1721 4<sup>th</sup> Av N, Suite 101, Birmingham, Al 35203.

The bid package may be obtained by contacting ALGX (Alabama Graphics) at 205-252-8505 or 800-292-3806 on February 29, 2016. There will be a deposit of \$175.00 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 (must be a complete set without any marks) 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, religion, sex, national origin, age, 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 licensed by the State of Alabama Licensing Board of General Contractors, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama 1975 as amended.

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 Disaster Recovery Funds.

All bidders are advised that they must be registered with System For Award Management (SAM.gov) prior to being awarded a federally funded contract with Jefferson County Commission.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of NINETY (90) 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: 2/26/16, 3/4/16, 3/11/16

The Huntsville Times: 2/26/16

The Mobile Press Register: 2/26/16

The Birmingham Times: 2/25/16, 3/3/16, 3/10/16