

GULFPORT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
FOR  
MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM

Notice is hereby given that the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission as the Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Gulfport, Mississippi (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner"), will receive sealed bids at the Office of Procurement, 1410 24th Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Gulfport, **until 10:00 A.M. local time on Friday, September 22, 2017** for the following – "**MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM**"; after which time they will be opened and read aloud.

The Mississippi Aquarium will be a state of the art facility that will contain over 1,000,000 gallons of both salt and fresh water. The Mississippi Aquarium campus is composed of three public buildings that will house exhibits, ticketing and a gift shop as well as three small support buildings and several exterior exhibit habitats, all situated within an enclosed heavily landscaped campus.

Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Form of Contract Bond, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents are being made available via hard copy or CD at [www.eleyguildhardyprojects.com](http://www.eleyguildhardyprojects.com).

Interested bidders should log-in or register for a free account to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. The cost of the bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website (digital and hard copies). Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House at (228) 248-0181. Contract Documents may also be examined at the following locations:

1. Office of the Architect, Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., 1091 Tommy Munro Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532.
2. ABC Plan Rooms, Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi.
3. AGC Plan Rooms, Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi.
4. MS Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MTAP); MDA, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfolk Bldg., 501, NW Street, Ste B01, Jackson, MS 39201
5. South MS Contract Procurement Center, 1636 Popps Ferry Road, Ste 203, Biloxi, MS 39532; (228)396-1288.

This procurement will be paid for with grant funding from the Department of the Treasury and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of said funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable.

All bids must be on file with the Office of Procurement prior to the opening time as stated above. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated "**Mississippi Aquarium**" and addressed to the Office of Procurement, 1410 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501.

For bids exceeding \$50,000.00, Bidder must indicate his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of sealed bid as required by Mississippi Law. In addition to the above, the sealed envelope shall list the Company Name and Address. Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and the Owner nor any of its affiliates, employees, officers, or commissioners assume any responsibility for the premature opening of same by any Owner affiliate, employee, officer, or commissioner.

An assortment of projects associated with the Mississippi Aquarium could be funded in part or in whole with Restore Acts funds and the successful bidder must comply with all federal, state, and local

requirements and regulations, including but not limited to “Restore Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program Specific Terms and Conditions”, any special grant conditions and E-Verify.

Minority and Women’s business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

The Owner is NOT responsible for bids which are mailed to the wrong address or which arrive in the mail after the designated bid opening time. Bids may be delivered in person to the Office of Procurement prior to the bid opening at the time, date and location listed above.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent U.S. 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 Owner as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

Per MS Code 31-3-21(3); any bid submitted by a nonresident contractor which does not include the nonresident contractor’s current state law pertaining to such state’s treatment of nonresident contractors, shall be rejected and not considered for award. If no such law exists in the non-resident contractor’s state, then the non-resident contractor may provide a statement to that effect.

The project will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informality.

The successful bidder must adhere to the Owner’s policy concerning non-discrimination without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin or handicap.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Ad Dates: 08/15/17  
08/22/17

Send Invoice and Proof of Publication to: Connie Debenport, CPPB  
1410 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Gulfport, MS 39501