

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

St. John the Baptist Parish Council (herein referred to as the “Owner”)

Sealed bids shall be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

Reserve Wastewater Treatment Plant

This WORK includes the upgrade of an existing oxidation pond into a four cell aerated lagoon with an equalization basin capable of treating 3.0 MGD.

Bids shall be addressed to the St. John the Baptist Parish Council and delivered to the receptionist at the Parish President's Office in the Percy Hebert Building, 1801 West Airline Hwy., LaPlace, LA not later than **2:45 o'clock P. M. on March 14, 2017**. **Bid envelope shall be marked:**

“Sealed Bid – Reserve Wastewater Treatment Plant”

Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 o'clock P. M. that same date in the St. John the Baptist Parish Joel S. McTopy Council Chambers located at 1801 West Airline Hwy. LaPlace, LA.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, insurance and other contract documents may be examined at the Office of Environmental Engineering Services, Inc., 610 Belle Terre Boulevard, Laplace, Louisiana 70068, Phone: (985) 653-0185. Hard copies may be obtained upon payment of \$175.00 dollars per set. In lieu of, or in addition, an electronic version (via USB flash drive) may be obtained upon payment of \$50.00 dollars. Deposits will be fully refunded upon return of the documents and/or USB flash drive in original condition and no later than ten (10) days after receipt of Bids. Details may be viewed and electronic bids are being accepted at www.centralbidding.com. Bid documents are also available for viewing on www.sjbparish.com.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities incidental thereto, and to accept any bid, which the Owner feels, serves their best interest. Such action will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Bids shall be received from Bidders only on the Bid Form in the Bidding Documents which is issued to him in his name, as provided in the Louisiana Revised Statutes R.S. 37:2162(b). A single bid shall be submitted for all portions of the Contract Work.

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

All bidders must show proof that he/she is licensed in the State of Louisiana under the classification of "Municipal and Public Works Construction". ***Contractor's license number must appear on the face of the sealed envelope containing the bid.***

*St. John the Baptist Parish Council, being a government agency, is exempt from all sales tax. The vendor awarded the contract will be provided documentation to support their tax free purchases for this project. Therefore, **the amount you bid should contain no sales tax.***

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Certificates of Insurance will also be required as specified in the bid package.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of necessary materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Any person with disabilities requiring Special Accommodation must contact The St. John the Baptist Parish Council Office at (985) 652-9569 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening. Participation by minority and female owned business, as well as businesses located in this Parish is encouraged.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in 40 CFR Part 31 excluding the Davis-Bacon Act requirements and the Buy American provisions.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidder whose evaluation by Owner indicates to Owner that the award will be in the best interests of the Project.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM on February 22, 2017**, at the St. John the Baptist Parish Joel S. McTopy Council Chambers located at 1801 W. Airline Hwy, Laplace, LA 70068. All bidders must attend and other interested parties are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL

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