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:

St. John the Baptist Parish River Crossing

This WORK includes the installation of a 14" HDPE water line under the Mississippi River and other miscellaneous items.

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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 19</u>, <u>2014</u>. **Bid envelope shall be marked "Sealed Bid – St. John the Baptist Parish River Crossing".** 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 Blvd., Laplace, LA 70068, Phone (985) 653-0185. Copies may be obtained at that office upon payment of \$175 which constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. Details may be viewed and electronic bids are being accepted @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 Statues.

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.

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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.

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.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2014, at the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Chambers located at 1801 W. Airline Hwy, Laplace, LA 70068. All interested parties are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL

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