#### **INVITATION TO BID**

#### STATE OF ALABAMA

#### COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Commission of Baldwin County, ("Commission"), Alabama, will receive bids in the Purchasing Office on February 23, 2023, at 1:00 P.M., for the Purchase and Installation of Ceiling Netting for Baldwin County Highway Maintenance Facility (Area 300) located at Foley, Alabama for the Baldwin County Commission. Bids will be opened on February 23, 2023, at 1:30 P.M., in the Purchasing Conference Room located at 257 Hand Ave., Bay Minette, Alabama. Bids received after the February 23, 2023, at 1:00 P.M., deadline will not be considered. All times to be determined solely by the clock on the wall of the Purchasing Conference Room. For all purposes and uses herein, a bid and all required paperwork is "received" at the time and date indicated on the Purchasing Office file stamp which shall be impressed on the face of all such documents when and as presented at the Purchasing Office.

# SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

This invitation package consists of **FIFTEEN (15)** pages. Bidders shall verify that have received all pages as indicated. If all pages have not been received, then it is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 phone, (251) 580-2536 fax.

#### **GENERAL BID INFORMATION**

Bidders shall carefully read all parts of the invitation package with its accompanying schedules and attachments, if any. Bidders shall direct all requests for explanation or additional information concerning the meaning or interpretation of the conditions or attached specifications of this invitation to Wanda Gautney in writing or by e-mail (wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov) in sufficient time for a reply before submission date of bids. The Commission cannot, and does not, guarantee that such inquiries sent by mail or e-mail will be received timely or prior to the required submission date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 if a reply is not received.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of materials, product services, or equipment considered best suited for Baldwin County.

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with a county official will be only as specifically set out in this invitation. Any other contact with a county official initiated by a potential bidder or bidder regarding this bid, between the date of this invitation to the date of bid award, shall be deemed and treated as an attempt to unduly influence the bid award, and may be grounds for rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder initiating such other contact, at the discretion of the Baldwin County Commission.

#### **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

All bidders, to the best of their knowledge and belief, must be in, and remain in compliance with all applicable Federal, Alabama State, County and municipal laws, regulations, resolutions and ordinances. In particular, and without limitation, all bidders must be licensed and permitted in accordance with The Code of Alabama Title 10, concerning corporations doing business within Alabama, Title 34, dealing with licensing for businesses, Title 40, concerning licenses and taxation, unless otherwise exempt. All bidders should be prepared to timely submit to the County non confidential evidence or documentation demonstrating that the fact they are presently licensed and permitted under Alabama law. Such non confidential evidence or documentation is encouraged to be submitted with the Bid Package.

The bidder expressly acknowledges, to and for the benefit of the Baldwin County Commission, that this Agreement may be funded with <u>federal grant monies</u> and, therefore, bidder expressly warrants and agrees that it shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, local and municipal laws and regulations. For more information about the Federal regulations visit the website <a href="http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html">http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html</a> Code of Federal Regulations.

All bidders must provide proof of proper certification of authority, and any required registration, to transact business in this State, in order to perform work for the Baldwin County Commission. Bidder's Registration Number shall be provided on the Bid Response Form. The phone number for the Alabama Secretary of State is (334) 242-5324, Corporate Division.

All vendors, contractors and grantee are required to comply with the Alabama Immigration Law under Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the Code of Alabama. Forms and documents will be included with award documents. Information and forms can be found on the Baldwin County Commission's Purchasing website under E-Verify at <a href="www.baldwincountyal.gov">www.baldwincountyal.gov</a> Please complete and submit with your Bid Response the E-Verify package.

All Bidders that qualify as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) much provide supporting documentation in their bid response along with the completed DBE Registration form that may be downloaded from the County website <a href="www.baldwincountyal.gov">www.baldwincountyal.gov</a> A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or DBE means a for profit small business that (1) is at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and (2) whose management and daily business operation are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

## PREPARING THE BID

Bids must be typed or handwritten in ink. A bid submitted in pencil is unacceptable. The Bid Guarantee and Bid Response Form must be the original paperwork; copies are not acceptable. All required paperwork must be received in the sealed Bid Package.

These specifications exhibit the general intent and purpose of Baldwin County regarding this bid; and they shall be so considered by the bidders. Accordingly, the bidder admits and agrees that said specifications are not complete in every detail. The bidder also agrees that the work and materials not indicated, or expressly mentioned in these specifications, but which are reasonably necessary for

the full and faithful performance of the item(s) bid in accordance with the full and faithful intent, will be included in the bid and incorporated in the work the same as if fully and expressly indicated and specified.

The Bidders shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. The exceptions shall be labeled "EXCEPTION(S) TO BID CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS," and shall be attached to the front of the bid inside the Bid Package. Additional features and/or capabilities not included in the specifications may be included in the bid.

To facilitate the bid evaluation and tabulation, bids should be submitted with specifications identified in the order in which they appear in this document. If applicable, the bidder will provide cost in two (2) categories:

- (1) Cost using material as specified.
- (2) Cost using material as specified of at least 25% recycled material, if available.

It is the intent of the Commission to award bids which include recycled material when not prohibitive in cost and when in compliance with all other terms and conditions of the Alabama Competitive Bid Law.

IF THE TOTAL PROPOSED BID AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$10,000.00, A BID GUARANTEE OF AT LEAST 5% OF THE PROPOSED BID AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00, WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE BID. Such bid guarantee shall be in the form of a bid bond (individual or annual, provided, that bonding is available for such services, equipment or materials), postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, or Letter of Credit. No exceptions will be allowed. In the event that a bidder is unable to, or does not, accept the bid award, the bid guarantee may be forfeited to the County at the County's discretion.

## **SUBMITTING THE BID**

In the event that a bidder is financing the product(s) through another agency other than itself, the financing agency must sign the Bid Response Form along with the bidder. A copy of the financing agreement and all conditions must be included with the Bid Response Form. The bidder and the Financing Agency will be held to the requirements stated in the Invitation to Bid. Any assignment of the financing agreement must be approved by the financing agency and the County Commission. Failure to disclose the financing information and all conditions will disqualify the Bidder at the County's discretion.

Bidders that are returning a **NO BID** statement shall write on the outside of the Bid Package, the **Bid Number (i.e., WG23-08A) with "NO BID"** written underneath. The Bid Package will not be opened in public, but it will be noted that the bidder did respond.

Bids may be hand delivered at any time prior to the bid opening date and time to the Baldwin County Purchasing Office, Annex III Building, 257 Hand Avenue, ATTN: Wanda Gautney, (mailing) 312 Courthouse Square-Suite 15, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507. The Commission cannot guarantee that bids sent by mail or courier will be received will be received on or before the bid opening day and time as required. Bids received after the deadline shall not be accepted and shall be returned.

All bids received must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked, "WG23-08A" "PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CEILING NETTING FOR AREA 300 – HIGHWAY

**MAINTENANCE FACILITY LOCATED IN FOLEY, ALABAMA**" Bids submitted by "Express/Overnight" services must be in a separate inner envelope/package sealed and identified as stated in the previous sentence. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

## **BID AWARD**

The Baldwin County Commission, at its discretion, may offer an extension of the Contract awarded to the successful bidder for an additional period not to exceed twelve (12) months or until such time that a new contract can be bid and awarded. Any extension will be at the same prices, terms and conditions. Any extension must have the written approval of both the County and Awarded Bidder within sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the original contract.

All factors stated in this invitation package will be considered in determining the successful bidder, and any omission(s) of the stated requirements may be cause for rejection of the bid (s), all as determined solely by the Baldwin County Commission.

The County Commission reserves the right to study bids as to their correctness and may award the bid within a thirty (30) day period, but the County Commission reserves the right to extend the bid award for an additional thirty (30) days until an award decision can be made.

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to reject any, and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and to accept in whole or in part, such bid or bids, solely at its discretion.

## **TITLE 39/CODE OF AL COMPLIANCE**

As a condition of any Bid Award and the respective contract(s) pursuant thereto, the County places full reliance upon the fact that it is the sole responsibility of any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works, to ensure that they and/or any of their respective agents comply with all applicable provisions of Title 39-1-1 et seq. Code of AL 1975.

More specifically, any contractor, person or entity entering into such a contract with Baldwin County for the prosecution of any public works shall be in compliance with, and have full knowledge of, the following provisions of Title 39:

- "(f) The Contractor shall, immediately after the completion of the contract give notice of the completion by an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published within the city or county in which the work has been done, for a period of four successive weeks. A final settlement shall not be made upon the contract until the expiration of 30 days after the completion of the notice. Proof of publication of the notice shall be made by the contractor to the authority by whom the contract was made by affidavit of the publisher and a printed copy of the notice published . . ."  $\S 39$ -1-1(f) Code of AL 1975.
- "(g) Subsection (f) shall not apply to contractors performing contracts of less than fifty thousand (\$50,000) in amount. In such cases, the governing body of the contracting agency, to expedite final payment, shall cause notice of final completion of the contract to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published in the county of the contracting agency and shall post notice of final completion on the agency's bulletin board for one week, and shall require the contractor to certify under

oath that all bills have been paid in full. Final settlement with the contractor may be made at any time after the notice has been posted for one entire week."  $\underline{\S}39-1-1$  (g) Code of AL 1975.

<u>NOTE:</u> Any failure to fully comply with this section or any applicable laws of the State of Alabama shall be deemed a material breach of the terms of both the Bid Award and the respective contracts resulting there from. Furthermore, Baldwin County takes no responsibility for resulting delayed payments, penalties, or damages as a result of any failure to strictly comply with Alabama Law.

Done this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

Charles F. Gruber s/s
CHARLES F. GRUBER, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

## **BID #WG23-08A SPECIFICATIONS**

These specifications shall be construed as minimum. All integral parts not specifically mentioned in the scope of these specifications that are necessary to provide a complete working unit shall be furnished.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer's but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of equipment considered best adapted to Baldwin County.

#### **BID RESPONSE FORM**

Each Supplier should use the Response Form provided for their bid. All warranties and exceptions are to be attached to the back of the Response Form. The Bid Guarantee should be attached to the front of the Response Form.

#### **BID PRICE**

Bidders shall give a Lump Sum price as indicated on the Bid Response Form. The price bid shall include all destination charges, delivery charges, and all other applicable cost.

#### **AWARD**

The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder complying with the conditions of the bid invitation provided that said bid is reasonable and is in the best interest of Baldwin County. These specifications shall be construed as minimum. All integral parts not specifically mentioned in the scope of these specifications that are necessary to provide a complete working unit shall be furnished. **NO BID WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROOF OF INSURANCE.** 

# It is the intent of the County to award to one (1) vendor.

Purchase Order will be issued for the services.

## **WARRANTY**

All workmen, equipment, labor, and materials listed shall be furnished by the Contractor. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days following the bid opening unless approved by the Baldwin County Commission, Bay Minette, Alabama.

# **BIDS FOR ALL OR PART**

The County reserves the right of awarding the contract in whole or in part, according to the best interest of the County.

#### **BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS**

The County may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability of the bidders to furnish all materials, and the bidder shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted, or investigation of such bidder, fails to satisfy the County that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to furnish all materials contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

#### **LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable state laws, municipal ordinances, and rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to

the contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

## CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS AND INSURANCE

The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until all the required insurance has been obtained. Such insurance has been approved by the County, nor shall the Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until the insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved.

#### **COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract Workmen's Compensation Insurance for all of his employees to be engaged in work on the project under his contract, and, in case of any such work sublet, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor's Workmen's Compensation Insurance. In case a class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this contract is not protected under the Workmen's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each Subcontractor to provide adequate employer's general liability insurance for the protection of such of his employees as are not otherwise protected. The Baldwin County Commission, it's Departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

## CONTRACTOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

The Contractor shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this contract a Comprehensive Liability Policy providing bodily injury and property damage coverage on an occurrence basis including damages arising from blasting explosion or collapse, mechanical equipment digging in streets or highways, and including completed operations, independent contractors and contractual general liability. Insurance shall be contractual general liability \$500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage; \$5,000 per person medical payments or medical expense; and \$500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage; \$5,000 per person medical payments or medical expense; \$500,000.00 personal and advertising injury; \$50,000.00 fire damage (any one firm); \$1,000,000.00. The Baldwin County Commission, its' Departments and its employees shall be named as additional insured.

The Contractor agrees to maintain such coverage as is required in this section for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the work by the County or at the date of the final amounts owed the Contractor by the County, whichever occurs first.

## COUNTY'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor shall at his expense provide County's protective Liability policies issued in the names of the County and its departments covering their liability for operation of the Contractor. These policies shall provide limits of liability in the amount of\$500,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and property damage, \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.

# **HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION**

The contractor shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the County and it's Departments, their officers and employees, against all liability, claim of liability, loss, cost or damage, including death, and loss of services, on account of any injury to persons or property, occurring from any cause whatsoever in the construction work involved in the contract, and will at his expense defend on behalf

of the County and it's departments, their officers and employees, either or all, any suit brought against them or any of the, arising from any such cause.

The obligations of the Contractor under this Paragraph shall not extend to the liability of the departments, its agents, or employees arising out of (1) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs, or specifications. Or (2) the giving of or the failure to give direction or instruction by the county's departments, its agents or employees provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of the injury or damage.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

Provide and install ¾" black polyethylene knotted netting for insulation protection along two ceilings. Stainless-steel hardware shall be used to secure the netting. Once netting is installed net zippers should be installed to allow access to lights and other related areas. Zippers shall be black and UV resistant with stainless steel net rings. Netting needs to be installed above the heaters to prevent any damages due to heat. Netting should be installed in a manner to follow any corrugation along the walls.

Pictures are attached for review of other County facilities with the ceiling netting along with a pictures of Area 300 facility.

# **SITE INSPECTION (Optional)**

You may schedule an onsite inspection prior to submitting a bid. The Contact person for the Baldwin County Commission is Orie King, Maintenance Facility Manager – Baldwin County Highway Department.

#### **Contact Info**:

Phone: 251-937-0371 ext. 2903

Email: orie.king@baldwincountyal.gov

Location Address: 20764 County Road 24, Foley, Alabama 36535

BID #WG23-08A RESPONSE FORM
Purchase and Installation of Ceiling Netting for Area 300 – Highway Maintenance Facility located in Foley, Alabama
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