

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids are to be received in this project's listing on Central Bidding [www.centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.com) until **December 4, 2024** at 2:00 pm central time. At that time, the Bids will be **publicly** opened and read aloud at 8555 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 100, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 for the following Project:

### UNIVERSITY LAKES PHASE 1: PACKAGE 4 – INTERIM LANDSCAPE Baton Rouge, Louisiana

All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form or electronic bid form. The Contractor shall display their Contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope on paper bids. Bids received after the above specified time for opening shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the sender.

For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814.

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form and can be downloaded from the following designated website: <http://www.centralauctionhouse.com>

Printed copies are not available from the Architect, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms, or by contacting the University Lakes Project Manager, Mark Goodson, at [mark.goodson@csrsinc.com](mailto:mark.goodson@csrsinc.com). Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs.

Prospective Bidders are urged to register with <http://www.centralauctionhouse.com> website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Prospective Bidders are solely responsible for obtaining the most up-to-date Bidding Documents from the designated website. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

All bids shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to **University Lakes, LLC**, the amount of which shall be five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates. If a bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- Rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The bid bond shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this state and residing in this state. The certified check, cashier's check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract, should it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents within fifteen (15) days of the Notice of Award.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof; except as prescribed in LA R.S. 38:2215 A. Bids and Bid Bonds shall be submitted only on the forms provided with the specifications.

Due to the nature of potential Project funding sources, full funding may not be readily available at the time the bids are received. As a result, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2215, the Owner is exempt from the

requirement of acting to award the Contract or reject all bids within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the bids. Pursuant to this Statute, the Owner specifically reserves the right to hold all bids for greater than forty-five (45) calendar days.

The public shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the contract between the Owner and the Contactor is fully executed.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, R.S. 37:2150-2163, as amended, for all public contracts. It shall also be the responsibility of the General Contractor to assure that all subcontractors comply with this law. The work covered by these bid documents has been classified by the Architect in accordance with LA R.S. 37:2156.1 and LA R.S. 37:2156.2 as: **Building Construction**. Successful bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (UEI), as verified on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to award of contract.

Bids will be evaluated by the Owner based on the lowest responsible bid submitted which is also in compliance with the specifications. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the provisions of LA R.S. 38.2211, et seq. Bids which have not bid in accordance with the requirements, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements of Section 3 (Low Income Resident Participation) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 (Non-Discrimination) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 503 (Non-Discrimination Against Employees with Disabilities) and Section 504 (Non-Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana.

Minority owned firms, small businesses, and/or Section 3 businesses are encouraged to participate.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact Mark Goodson at CSRS, LLC no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

**A pre-bid conference will be held at 8555 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 100, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 on November 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm central time.** Attendance at this conference is **NON-MANDATORY**.

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