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May 2, 2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS Proposal No. 2828

Notice is hereby given that the Commission of Limestone County, Alabama will receive competitive bids for a fiber optic cable splicing trailer. Please see the attached information and specifications regarding this bid.

TAX: All applicable taxes must be included in the bid price.

You are invited to bid on the attached specifications. Any substitutes offered must be submitted in detail. The rights to reject any items or materials not of quality or under any provisions of this bid and to waive any errors or informalities in a bid are reserved.

Bids will be opened on **FRIDAY** the **16th** day of **JUNE 2023**, at **10:00 am** and awarded by Limestone County on **MONDAY**, the **19th** day of **JUNE 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.**

Requirement: Pursuant to Alabama Code 31-13-9, as a condition of the award of any contract, the business entity or employer, and any of its subcontractors, shall provide a sworn affidavit and documentation that it will not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien; that it is enrolled in the E-Verify program; and, during the contract period, it will participate in the E-Verify program and will verify every employee that is required to be verified under applicable state and federal laws. During the performance of the contract, the business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations.

All bids must be sealed and the word "BID," name of item, proposal number, and opening date must be marked on the outside of the envelope.



COLLIN DALY, Chairman
Limestone County Commission

Limestone County Fiber Optic Cable Splicing Trailer Bid Proposal No. 2828

1.0 OVERVIEW

This Bid provides interested vendors with sufficient information to prepare and submit proposals for consideration with the intent to provide a fiber splicing trailer for the Limestone County Commission (“COUNTY”). COUNTY is requesting price quotations and detailed explanations of products offered by the bidder (“contractor”). The contractor must provide all equipment quoted at the specified rates.

1.0.1 Definitions

In order to simplify the language throughout this request for qualification, the following definitions shall apply:

COUNTY – The County Commission of Limestone County, Alabama

CONTRACT – An agreement between the County and a Contractor to furnish supplies and/or services of the commodity and/or service specified.

CONTRACTOR – Company or firm providing supplies and/or services

1.0.2 Important Dates

1.0.2.1 Release Bid to Vendors
May 2nd, 2023

1.0.2.2 Deadline for Questions and Inquiries
June 2nd, 2023

1.0.2.3 Proposal Submission Deadline
June 16th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

1.0.2.4 Bid Opening Date
June 16th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

1.0.2.5 Award by County
June 19th, 2023

1.0.2.6 Delivery Date
Within 90 days of bid award, unless otherwise specified in writing

2.0 GENERAL INFORMATION:

2.0.1 Limestone County point of contact:

Jonathan Yerdon, IT Director
Limestone County Commission
256-216-3450
jonathan.yerdon@limestonecounty-al.gov

2.0.3 Questions and Requests for Clarification

All questions and requests for clarification or information must be received within 5 days of the receipt of bid. Questions and requests for clarification will be received by **E-MAIL ONLY**. Responses will be forwarded to all potential respondents and/or posted as addendum to the bid on the County website (<https://limestonecounty-al.gov>).

2.0.4 Response Copies

Respondents must submit a minimum of five (5) hard copies of the bid response to Limestone County prior to the stated bid closing date and time. E-mailed responses will not be considered.

2.0.5 Incurring Costs

The County is not liable for any cost incurred by the contractors for preparation of the BID or costs incurred prior to award of a contract.

2.0.6 Bid Respondent's Obligations

Each response to this BID must be indexed in the **exact same order** as requirements are indicated. For example, responses to the Requirements section shall be titled and numbered in exact correlation to the requirement requested. Deviations to this required response format may result in the rejection of part or all of a bid submission.

2.0.7 Right to Reject Bids

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. No bids will be received after the time set for opening bids. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations or provisions attached to the Bid, except as provided herein, will render it informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids will be subject to rejection. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. Telegraphic or written requests for withdrawal must be in the possession of the County prior to the closing time for receipt of bids.

2.0.8 Examination of Contract Documents

Prospective bidders shall examine the contract documents and before submitting a bid, shall make a written request to the County for an interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, in consistency or error therein which could be

discovered by a bidder. At the bid opening each bidder shall be presumed to have read and be familiar with the contract documents.

2.0.9 Termination

The County may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation at any time the vendor fails to carry out the contract provisions, if in the opinion of the County, the performance of the contract is unreasonably delayed, or the vendor is in direct violation of the contract conditions. The County shall provide the vendor with notice of any conditions which violate or endanger the performance of the contract and, if after such notice the contractor fails to remedy such conditions within thirty (30) days, to the satisfaction of the County, the County may exercise their option in writing to terminate the Contract without further notice to the Contractor. Vendor agrees by its bid submission that the County's decision is final and valid.

3.0 INVITATION - BID PROPOSAL

3.0.1 Intention

It is the intention of this solicitation to receive bids for a **FIBER OPTIC CABLE SPLICING TRAILER**. Bidders are encouraged to fully study this bid proposal before completing and submitting responses on or before the bid due date and time.

***NOTE:** Please return all pages of this bid document. The County reserves the right to reject all or part of the respondent's offer. The County reserves the right to contact references concerning similar cooperative program participants who can attest to the respondent's abilities to meet or exceed the County's requirements. References (names and phone numbers) must be provided with the bid response.*

3.0.3 Purpose

Bids are being solicited to provide a trailer that a technician can work inside of to splice fiber optic cable. Bidders are encouraged to fully study this bid proposal before completing and submitting responses on or before the bid due date and time.

4.0 ENVIRONMENT

4.0.1 Trailer will be used and stored outdoors.

5.0 REQUIREMENTS

5.0.1 DIMENSIONS

Bidders are requested to provide bids on (3) similarly equipped fiber splicing trailers, (1) 6' x 10' trailer, (1) 7' x 12' trailer, and (1) 8' x 12' trailer.

5.0.2 STRUCTURAL FEATURES

Trailers being bid must have the following features:

- Full perimeter aluminum frame
- Tube aluminum construction
- Electric brakes on all axles
- Nitrogen filled wheels
- 7-way trailer plug
- Safety chains & hooks
- 5000 lb. manual jack
- 24" on center floor crossmembers
- 16" on center wall studs
- 16" on center roof studs
- Insulated walls & ceiling
- 3/4" subfloor, with plastic/rubber interior surface
- Dual Axles
- Minimum 20-gallon fuel tank with fuel gage & exterior fuel fill
- Minimum 30A load center

- Cable access door on rear & at least one side with brushes
- Minimum 24" entrance door
- Stabilizer jacks
- At least (1) power roof vent
- Spare tire included
- 25' shore power cord
- Battery cut off switch

5.0.3 EXTERIOR FEATURES

Trailers being bid must have the following features:

- Minimum 4000W gasoline powered generator with remote start
- Automatic transfer switch
- At least (1) 120V/15A exterior GFCI receptacle
- DOT-approved LED clearance & tail lights
- License plate holder
- Window on rear door
- Window on at least (1) side of trailer
- Step on rear of trailer
- LED flood lights
- 24" front stoneguard
- Lighted directional arrow board

5.0.4 INTERIOR FEATURES

Trailers being bid must have the following features:

- Minimum 13,500 BTU air conditioner
- Minimum 5,200 BTU wall heater
- Laminate cabinets, including overhead cabinet (Please include the upcharge for aluminum cabinets option on a separate line)
- Under-counter cabinets on both road & curb sides
- At least (1) laminate countertop that is minimum 22" deep
- At least (5) 120V/15A interior receptacles
- Ceiling mounted LED lights
- Class A-B-C fire extinguisher
- At least (1) cable clamp
- Hardwired carbon monoxide detector

5.0.5 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Please provide a list of available options and the price for each option.

5.0.6 WARRANTY

The trailer should have a minimum of a 2-year structural warranty and a 2-year defects in materials and workmanship warranty.

6.0 REFERENCES

- 6.0.1** Contractor is to provide a minimum of three (3) references. References should be from government institutions with similar equipment.
- 6.0.2** Each reference should include the name and address of the organization, the name(s), titles and telephone numbers of the person(s) to be contacted.

7.0 PRICING

- 7.0.1 Pricing**
Pricing should include all applicable charges for the purchase of the trailer. Any additional charges, such as a delivery charge, should be listed as a separate line item.
- 7.0.2 Invoices**
Invoices should be sent to:

Limestone County Commission
Attn: Accounts Payable
310 W. Washington St.
Athens, AL 35611

8.0 BID SUBMITTALS

- 8.0.1** Submit all bid documentation to:

**Limestone County Commission
310 W. Washington Street
Athens, AL 35611**

All bids must be sealed and the word "BID" and name of item being bid marked on outside of envelope along with the proposal number and opening date.

BID RESPONSE FORM

Bid pricing for each product should be independent.

Minimum Bid Package Requirements	YES	NO
Completed & Signed Bid Response/Certification Forms		
A description of the proposed product and pricing		
A list of available options and fee for each option		
A list of references with contact information for each reference		

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS OF FIRM: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE*: _____

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT): _____

DATE: _____ **TELEPHONE: (____) _____**

*Signature certifies the proposed solution and services meet all requirements outlined in Sections 1 through 8 and the Vendor will comply with all specified requirements unless exceptions are noted on the following page.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

