INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Hardin County, Texas will accept sealed bids for furnishing necessary materials, equipment, superintendence, and labor for the construction of the <u>Hardin County, Texas – Cooks Lake Road Drainage Crossing Repairs Project.</u> The project is generally described as a repair to two existing drainage crossing structures that have experienced severe erosion through the installation and placement of concrete structures, backfilling with stabilization materials and roadway repairs as required in the contract documents. Bids must be received before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2024 at the Hardin County Courthouse Purchasing Department, 300 West Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas 77625. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Commissioners Courtroom at the time set forth.

The right is reserved by Hardin County, Texas, as the County's interest may require, to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in the bids received.

There will be a **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid conference** with the Engineer, Owner, and Prospective Bidders at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025** at the Hardin County Commissioners Courtroom, 300 West Monroe Street, Kountze, Texas 77625.

Bidding Documents are on file at www.civcastusa.com. There is no cost to view the plans, and printing can be done through the website. Hard copies of Bidding Documents will not be sold. Complete sets of Bidding Documents shall be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents. Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other purpose.

Bid Security, only in the form of: 1) a certified or cashier's check drawn on a Texas bank and made payable to Hardin County, Texas; or 2) a bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Texas, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the total bid, must accompany each bid at the time it is submitted. Bids must be submitted on the form shown in the Contract Documents. A Contractor Qualification Statement must also accompany each bid.

Bids may be held by the Hardin County for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Hardin County, Texas is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual identity, gender identity or national origin.

All contractors/subcontractors whose System for Award Management (SAM.gov) registration is not active or that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Upon award, the successful bidder will be required to furnish payment and performance bonds.

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