

## INVITATION TO BID

### **INNER HARBOR NAVIGATION CANAL ST. CLAUDE AVENUE BRIDGE REHABILITATION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> LINK JOINTS**

The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans (Board) will receive sealed bids in the Purchasing Department, 2nd floor, Room 240, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 until 11:00 AM local time, for Work Order No. 1-1015, Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, St. Claude Avenue Bridge, Rehabilitation of 1<sup>st</sup> Link Joints.

The work consists of furnishing all labor, equipment and materials (except as explicitly stated as provided by the Board) for the Work, including but not limited to, repairing the first link pin assemblies, counterweight links, and gusset plate crack, strain gage testing, span balancing, and adjusting the live load bearings of the St. Claude Avenue Bridge per the drawings and specifications provided in this bid document. The site is located at the St. Claude Avenue Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in New Orleans, Louisiana. (Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000)

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with the Port of New Orleans.

**Complete contract documents may be obtained at Contract Administration on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 240, at the above address on a payment of a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set by check or money order only, payable to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans. In accordance with LSA R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e), contract documents may also be accessed via the Port of New Orleans Web Site: <https://www.portnola.com/business/procurement/bidding-opportunities> (select the Active Construction Solicitations button).**

If request for contract documents is made through U.S. Mail or other delivery services, bidder must furnish a street mailing address and will be held responsible for service fees.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM local time at the bridge site. **Bidders are urged to attend.**

Pre-Bid conference attendees should bring their own PPE including, at minimum, the following: hard hat, traffic safety vest, face covering or mask that covers the nose and mouth, and gloves for anyone wishing to climb onto the bridge to view the work areas. Social distancing practices recommended by the CDC will be followed at the pre-bid conference and attendance is limited to one representative per bidder. Video conferencing will not be provided for the pre-bid meeting. Attendees will meet in the parking area near the bridge house on the east side of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, and parking is very limited.

Federal regulations require that persons seeking entry to secure areas of United States ports must present a valid Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) card and must maintain possession of the TWIC card at all times in secure port areas. The St.

Claude Avenue Bridge site is not a secure port area and TWIC cards are not required for this project.

Proposal forms will be issued only to those contractors complying with state licensing laws for contractors, La. R.S. 37:2163. On any bid submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the contractor must hold at the time this bid is opened a valid license issued by the Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors. This project is classified as Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction. Objection to the required classification should be filed in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2163 as stated by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the cost of the contract price of work to be done for the Base Bid plus all additive Alternate Bid prices, by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond is required, and the bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall also be required to furnish a performance bond in the total amount of the bid. The bid bond must be furnished in accordance with the requirements of La. R.S. 38:2218, and the performance bond in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2219.

Work in the amount of at least 60 percent (60%) of total amount of contract as awarded shall be performed by contractor at the construction site or within his own shop, plant, or yard with his own employees.

The Board as an equal opportunity public entity invites and encourages DBE's and SBE's to submit bids on its projects. In order to comply with the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, such certification programs must be race and gender neutral.

For general information or for questions related to bidding, please contact:

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Technical questions should be addressed to the following:

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These individuals are not authorized to and shall not render legal opinions or advice. No information will be given regarding the proper evidence of corporate authority as required in this bid. Each bidder is advised to consult his own counsel for such information.

Please be advised that these individuals are not the legal representatives of the Board.