

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) will receive electronic or paper bids for the construction of the following project:

**SB 1835 BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER –  
NATURE STATION BUILDING - HVAC REPLACEMENT & RENOVATIONS  
16503 N. OAK HILLS PARKWAY, BATON ROUGE, LA 70810**

**Project Description:** The project is an addition and partial renovation of a 3,296 s.f. single story wood frame and brick veneer building located in Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center. The major components of the project are the replacement of all HVAC systems, replacement of lighting with LED fixtures, replacement of all single pane windows and storefront systems to insulated glass energy efficient units in the existing Nature Station Building.

Electronic **OR** Paper bids will be received until **2:00 PM CT, April 2, 2024**, by the BREC Finance Department, BREC Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. All electronic bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud, along with all paper bids received, immediately after the **2:00 PM CT** bid closing in **Room 1501** of the BREC Administration Building. Bidders or their authorized representatives are invited to be present. No bids will be received after **2:00 PM CT** on the same day and date.

Bids, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids, received after the time specified for bid opening shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever, except as required by law. Bids shall be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of bids and no bid shall be withdrawn for any reason during this period of time except as allowed per LSA-R.S.38:2214.C. Bidders shall obtain an original set of bidding documents from BREC as follows.

Complete bid documents are available on disk for purchase for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) at the BREC Purchasing Department, 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 70806. Any Addenda, if issued, will be e-mailed to prospective bidders who have purchased plans and registered with the BREC Purchasing Department. Plans may be picked up or BREC will overnight / mail plans at bidder's expense. Contact the BREC Purchasing Department at (225)273-6421.

Complete bid documents are available in electronic format at [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com). Questions about this procedure shall be directed to Bid Express Customer Service at [support@bidexpress.com](mailto:support@bidexpress.com). Toll Free: (888) 352-BIDX (2439), Phone: (352) 381-4888, Fax: (888) 971-4191, Monday through Friday, 6am - 7pm CT.

Bidders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. A set of documents can be printed by most reprographers.

**Electronic** bids and electronic bid bonds must be submitted through [www.bidexpress.com](http://www.bidexpress.com) prior to the bidding deadline. Electronic bid bonds will be downloaded by the BREC Finance Department immediately after the **2:00 pm CT** bid closing. Bidders utilizing the electronic bid process are responsible for confirming that all documents are properly submitted and received by Bid Express. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to Bid Express Customer Service at [support@bidexpress.com](mailto:support@bidexpress.com). Toll Free: (888) 352-BIDX (2439), Phone: (352) 381-4888, Fax: (888) 971-4191, Monday through Friday, 6am - 7pm CT.

**Paper** bid forms must be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope and endorsed **SB 1835 Project Name for the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge along with Contractor's license number** as required by LSA-R.S. 37:2151-2165. **Bids with no license number will be rejected.** One (1) copy of the bid form shall be submitted. Bid form blanks must be duly filled in by the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned not to attach any conditions or provisions to their proposals. Any foreign conditions will render the proposal invalid and may cause its rejection. A Certified Check or Cashier's Check, payable to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge or a satisfactory Bid Bond, in compliance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218.A&C, executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid, shall be submitted with each paper bid.

BREC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Bidder is encouraged to utilize minority participation in this contract to the extent possible through the use of small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses as suppliers or subcontractors.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, LSA-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. Contractors must be licensed in the proper category of work. If required for bidding, Contractors must hold an active license issued by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors in the classification of "Building Construction" and must show their license number on the face of the bid envelope and the Uniform Public Works Bid Form.

BREC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause as allowed by LSA-R.S. 38:2214.

Bids shall only be accepted by Contractors who have formally obtained a complete set of the contract documents and in whose name the proposal forms and/or specifications were issued.

The construction estimate will be read aloud at the bid opening.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **9:00 AM CT, March 20, 2024** at **BLUEBONNET SWAMP CENTER - NATURE STATION BUILDING – HVAC REPLACEMENT & REPAIRS.** **The pre-bid conference is non-mandatory.** Bidders should review the bid documents and drawings prior to this meeting.

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION  
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

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/s/ Corey Wilson, Superintendent

**THE ADVOCATE**  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

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