

**PORT OF PORT ARTHUR NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on July 21, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center, 401 Houston Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77640 to discuss the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas ("Port of Port Arthur") Berth 6 Expansion Project, consisting of the furnishing of all materials, equipment, tools, labor, supervision, services, and performing all operations in connection with the construction of wharf deck, new bulkhead wall, anchor wall, bulkhead return wall, low mast light poles and associated foundations, shoreline stabilization, dredging, site fill, fencing, hydromulching, and other work associated with the construction of a one thousand (1,000) foot dock structure located at the Port of Port Arthur, including any and all demolition required to accommodate the new construction, all as more specifically set forth in the Berth 6 Expansion Project Construction Manual issued by the Port of Port Arthur and dated June 2021 (the "Berth 6 Expansion Project"). Registration for the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will begin on-site at 1:00 p.m. on July 21, 2021, and there will no admission after 2:00 p.m.

Thereafter, sealed bids addressed to the Port of Port Arthur for the Berth 6 Expansion Project will be received at the office of the Port Director, Larry Kelley, 221 Houston Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77640, until 9:00 a.m. local time on August 25, 2021, and all bids received will immediately thereafter be opened and read on August 25, 2021 at 221 Houston Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas.

A performance bond and payment bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, will be required in accordance with State Law for any contract in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars. A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid must also be submitted with the Bid documents.

Each bidder will be required to hold insurance naming the Port of Port Arthur as an additional insured and certificate holder under the policy(ies), with minimum coverages as set forth in the Insurance Requirements of the Port of Port Arthur as detailed at its website, www.portpa.com.

Attention is called to the fact that this is a contract for construction of public works and that there must be paid on same not less than the prevailing wage rates which have been established by all applicable statutes and the terms of this contract pursuant to State Law and which are set out in detail in the contract documents. The Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the Port of Port Arthur Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each laborer, workman or mechanic employed, for each calendar day, or portion thereof, if such laborer, workman or mechanic is paid less than the said stipulated rates for any work done under this contract, by him, or by any subcontractor under him. A copy of such current wage schedule is included in the contract documents and any Equal Employment Opportunity requirements must be met.

The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District is an organization which qualifies for exemptions pursuant to the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 151, Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act. No Texas sales tax shall be included on the prices bid for tangible personal property which is to be incorporated into and/or consumed in the performance of this Project. The contractor performing this Project may purchase materials, supplies, and/or equipment incorporated into and/or consumed in the performance of this Project by providing to its suppliers an exemption certificate issued in accordance with Texas law.

The Port of Port Arthur, as a recipient of a FY 2018 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant and in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origins in consideration for an award.

For inspection of the existing facilities contact Ed Long, PE, Director of Engineering for the Port of Port Arthur, at (409) 983-2011. For technical information, contact Michael Schneider, PE, Collins Engineers, Inc., at (409) 351-3270, or the Port's website at www.portpa.com. The Port of Port Arthur reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any formalities.

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