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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRE-BID CONFERENCE CALL will be held on October 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. on a conference call with the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas ("Port of Port Arthur") to discuss the Port of Port Arthur 2023 Mechanical Maintenance Dredging of Berths 1 through 5 (the "Project"). The call-in number is 1-866-244-8528, with participant code 328412#. Thereafter, sealed bids addressed to the Port of Port Arthur for the 2023 Mechanical Maintenance Dredging of Berths 1-5 Project will be received at the office of the Port Director, Larry Kelley, until 9:00 a.m. local time on October 18, 2023, and all bids received will immediately thereafter be opened and read on October 18, 2023 at 221 Houston Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas. The bid shall be on a unit pricing basis. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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 Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) 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 section of the specifications and as detailed at its website, https://portpa.com. Additionally, plans, specifications and/or drawings for the 2023 Maintenance Dredging of Berths 1-5 Project may also be found on the Port of Port Arthur's website.

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 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.

For inspection of the existing facilities or technical information, contact Ed Long, P.E., Director of Engineering at: (409) 983-2011. The Port of Port Arthur reserves the right to reject any, and all bids and waive any formalities.