

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Calhoun County, Texas will receive bids for:

Calhoun County Combined Dispatch Facility

The Project consists of a new Combined Dispatch Building for Calhoun County of approximately 5,694 square feet located at 312 West Live Oak Street, Port Lavaca, TX 77979. The new freestanding facility will include a lobby, dispatch control room, private offices, IT areas, meeting/training room, conference room, break room, and restrooms, as well as other building support areas and civil facility work. This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Assistance Listing 21.027 awarded to Calhoun County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Instructions for Bidders, Bid Form, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at G&W Engineers, Inc. at 205 W. Live Oak, Port Lavaca, TX 77979 and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com. There is no charge to view or download the documents. Addendums and other announcements will be distributed via CivCastUSA to all plan holders.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time, Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Meeting location will start in the Commissioners Courtroom, Calhoun County Courthouse, 211 South Ann Street, 1st Floor, Suite 104, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979. Potential bidders are strongly urged to attend.

Bidders must submit with their bid a bid bond, issued by an acceptable surety, or a certified check, payable to Calhoun County, in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid submitted. Bids submitted without the required security will not be considered.

All contractors and subcontractors must be cleared (not suspended or debarred) prior to any formal action authorizing the award of a contract to the contractor and for the duration of the project.

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades.

Sealed Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to:

Honorable Richard H. Meyer, County Judge
Calhoun County Courthouse
211 South Ann Street
3rd Floor, Suite 301
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

All bids must be delivered to the Office of the Calhoun County Judge in a **sealed** 9 x 12 or larger envelope and **clearly marked on the outside of the envelope, or the UPS/FedEx/other Delivery Service envelope: Sealed Bid - Calhoun County Combined Dispatch Facility**

Sealed Bids consisting of one (1) USB flash drive and one (1) original and four (4) printed copies of the complete bid and required forms are DUE BEFORE 2:00:00 PM local time, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 in the County Judge's office, Calhoun County Courthouse, 211 South Ann Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Port Lavaca, Texas. At this time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the conference room located in the County Judge's office.

It is the responsibility of the submitting bidder to ensure that their sealed bid is received in a timely manner. Calhoun County does not accept faxed or emailed bids. Calhoun County accepts no financial responsibility for any cost incurred by any bidder in the course of responding to the bid. Bids received after the date and time the bids are due will not be accepted and will be returned unopened, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside of the control of the submitting bidder.

The cell phone in the County Judge's office or the cell phone of the County Auditor's Representative will be the official clock that shall be used in determining the time the bid is received and the 2:00:00 PM deadline.

Calhoun County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award to the responsible bidder submitting the best qualified acceptable bid who, in the opinion of Calhoun County, offers the bid in the best interest of the County. Bids may be held by Calhoun County for a period not to exceed sixty (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.

The successful bidder will be required to purchase and furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract, written by a responsible surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rates, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, handicapped status or limited English proficiency. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

The successful bidder shall begin work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the work within the Contract Time. Work is subject to liquidated damages.

Calhoun County, Texas is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The County does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, handicapped status or limited English proficiency in employment or the provision of services. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms are encouraged to submit bids.

Cindy Mueller
County Auditor
Calhoun County, Texas