



Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

SOLICITATION: Invitation for Bids (IFB)

SOLICITATION NUMBER: Derelict Vessel – Wits End

DESCRIPTION: Derelict Vessel Auction-Wits End

ISSUE DATE: November 20, 2023

BID CLOSING LOCATION: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

BID COORDINATOR: Rick Kinnard
(228) 523-4147
procurement@dmr.ms.gov

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: December 6, 2023 2:00 PM CST

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) manages the coastal resources for the State of Mississippi. We are dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving the marine interests of Mississippi for present and future generations. We manage all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas for the long-term recreational, educational, commercial, and economic benefit of everyone.

2. PURPOSE

The MDMR is seeking bids from individuals or companies for a derelict vessel for auction at the location listed below. This will be a sealed bid auction with the vessel being awarded to the highest bid received.

TIMELINE

Start Date	
• First Date of Advertisement:	November 20, 2023
• Second Date of Advertisement:	November 27, 2023
Site Visit	Open
Bid Submission/Bid Open Deadline	December 6, 2023 2:00 PM CST
Bid Evaluations	December 6, 2023
Notification of Winning Bid or Bids	December 7, 2023

SITE VISIT:

The vessel is available to view in marshland, Jourdan River near Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, MS. Coordinates: N30*20.319 W89*21.465. View at your own risk.

3. SCOPE OF AUCTION

The Scope for the Derelict Vessel Auction is for the vessel as listed:

1. The vessel available for bid is the above listed location.
2. All bids will be submitted on the attached Bid Form, Attachment C.
3. The vessel is sold **AS IS**, without any warranty. MDMR disclaims any and all warranties, express or implied, as to the items to be sold.
4. Any and all required permits will be obtained by the awarded bidder before removal.
5. Once a bid is submitted to the MDMR, it cannot be withdrawn.
6. Payment for winning bids will be in the form of a certified check or money order and due within two (2) days of notification of winning bid. Payments not made within two (2) days will result in forfeiture of bid.
7. The vessel must be removed within one month of bid payment.

4. BASIS FOR AWARD

The MDMR will award the vessel to the highest bidder. In the event of nonpayment or the vessel not being picked up as stated in Section 3, Scope of Auction, the lot will be awarded to the next highest bidder.

BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Bid Submission Requirements

- **The bid submission must be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope.** It must be submitted to MDMR Procurement Department, 6th Floor, at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi MS 39530 no later than **2:00 PM CST, December 6, 2023.**
- Timely submission is the responsibility of the bidder. Submissions received after the specified time will be rejected and the unopened bid will be made a part of the procurement file.
- The time and date of receipt will be indicated on the envelope or package by the MDMR staff.
- All prices and notations must be printed in ink or typewritten. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed, in ink, by the person signing the bid.
- It is suggested that if a submission is mailed to MDMR, it should be posted in certified mail with a return receipt requested. MDMR will not be responsible for mail delays or lost mail.
- Bids submitted by hand delivery or mail will become the property of the MDMR.
- Bids should be mailed, or hand delivered and must be labeled as follows:

“Derelict Vessel Auction-Wits End”

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Attention MDMR Procurement Department 6th Floor

1141 Bayview Avenue Biloxi MS 39530

SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN

The **deadline** for receiving Bids is **December 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

Late submissions will not be accepted.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THIS IFB

Should an amendment or amendments to this IFB be issued by MDMR, it will be posted on the MDMR website dmr.ms.gov and on the Mississippi Contract Procurement Opportunity Search Board (Procurement Portal) website ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Bid in a manner that all bidders will be able to view. **Furthermore, bidders must acknowledge receipt of**

any amendment to this IFB by signing and returning the amendment with the bid submission, or by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the Bid Form-[Attachment C](#), or by letter. The acknowledgment must be received by the MDMR by the time and at the place specified for receipt of Bids. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to monitor the website for amendments to the IFB.

6. QUESTIONS/REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

All questions and requests for clarification must be submitted by email to: procurement@dmr.ms.gov. All questions/requests for clarification must be received no later than **November 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. CST**.

The MDMR will not be bound by any verbal or written information that is not specified within this IFB unless formally noticed and issued by the contact person.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR BIDDING

All bids must include the following:

- [Attachment B](#) - Bid Cover Form completed and signed;
- [Attachment C](#) - Bid Form

Use the bid form to identify your best price. **You must identify your name on each page of the bid form, and each of the attachments. Complete all of the blanks and sign the form.**

You *must* use the bid form. Submissions without a bid form will be rejected as nonresponsive. Do not amend or add to the bid form. We may reject modified bid forms as nonresponsive on a case-by-case basis.

You are responsible for the costs of preparing your bid. We do not accept liability for such expenses.

8. CONDITIONS OF SOLICITATION

When you submit a bid, then you promise that you will accept, pay for, and pick up the vessel awarded to you. You also certify that you have not communicated with any other bidder or competitor regarding your bid or the price, your intention to submit a bid, or the factors you used to calculate the bid price.

The MDMR reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive any minor informality.

9. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO AWARD

Notification will be sent to all bidders by email of the selection of the successful bidder for each lot.

10. GOVERNING LAW

This solicitation and any resulting sale shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi.

11. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

MDMR will select the successful bidder(s) without regard to political affiliation, race, color, handicap, genetic information, religion, national origin, sex, religious creed, age, or disability.

12. ATTACHMENTS

The attachments to this IFB are made a part of this IFB as if copied herein in words and figures and include:

- [Attachment A](#): Vessel available for bid
- [Attachment B](#): Bid Cover Form
- [Attachment C](#): Bid Form

Attachment A

Approximately 35', white fiberglass,
Jefferson 42, cruising vessel,
location: marshland, Jourdan River near
Hollywood Casino, Bay St. Louis, MS,
location coordinates: N30*20.319 W89*21.465,
vessel name: Wits End,
no visible vessel registration number,
last known owner: unknown;



Attachment B - Bid Cover Form

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is accepting bids for the purchase of items for the Derelict Vessel-Wits End.

Bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. CST on December 6, 2023.

Bidders Name: _____

Quoted by: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Attachment C - Bid Form

Name: _____

On the lines below, please bid the price for the Derelict Vessel-Wits End.

Wits End	Price

By signing below, you certify that you are binding yourself or the company you represent, and further acknowledge and certify:

- That you thoroughly read and understand the Invitation for Bids and its attachments.
- That you meet all requirements and acknowledge all the certifications contained in the IFB.
- That you will pay for and pick up items awarded to you at the prices quoted above.
- **Non-Debarment:** By submitting a bid, you are certifying that you are not currently debarred from bidding by the State, any political subdivision of the State (towns, cities, counties, agencies, etc.), any other state, or the federal government. You also certify that you are not submitting a bid as an agent of someone so debarred.
- **Independent Price Determination:** You certify that you have not communicated with any other bidder or competitor regarding your bid or the price, your intention to submit a bid, or the factors you used to calculate the bid price.
- **Contingent Fees:** Have you retained a person to solicit or secure a state contract or bid award upon an agreement or understanding for compensation?
 - Yes
 - No

If yes, please explain:

- **Gratuities:** The Bidder has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities as provided under state law.
- That you are not a “consumer” as defined under the Mississippi Uniform Commercial Code.
- That you are over the age of eighteen (18).
- That you are not an employee of MDMR or the State of Mississippi and are not an agent or immediate family member of any such employee.
- That all items sold in this auction are sold “as is” without warranties of any kind, express or implied.

- **Claims Liability:** You certify that you will hold the MDMR and the State of Mississippi harmless from any and all actions, claims, debts, demands, judgments, liabilities, costs and attorneys' fees arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner predicated upon loss of or damage to property and persons, including injuries, illness, disabilities to or death of any and all persons whatsoever, including members of the general public, or to the property of any legal or political entity including State, local and interstate bodies, in any manner caused by or contributed to by you, your agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to your control while in, upon or about the site on which the property is located, or while the property is in the possession of or subject to the control of you, your agents, servants or employees while the property is being removed or after the property has been removed.
- You agree that you will ascertain and comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations pertaining to the registration, licensing, handling, possession, transportation, transfer, sale, use or disposal of the property awarded to you.

- **Acknowledgment of Amendments:** You acknowledge all amendments to this IFB. Please list the amendments acknowledged by the amendment number and date:

Signature

Date