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DALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
DALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
202 S HWY 123, SUITE E.
OZARK, ALABAMA 36360

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Request for Bid

The Dale County Board of Education (DCBOE) is soliciting bids for the cutting/clearing and sale of timber (42+/- acres) in Ariton, Alabama. (See Attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B for Location)

Sealed Bids are due on or before Thursday, June 29th 2023 at 10:00 a.m, and will be opened at that time and read aloud on that date at the Dale County Board of Education, 202 S. Hwy. 123 Suite E. Ozark, Alabama, 36360 in the main office.

Objective

The Dale County Board of Education intends to cut, clear and sale timber at its property located at HWY 123 STR 10-07N-23E, Parcel:04021010000060000 and 04021010000090000. The Vendor's responsibility is to bid any additional items they deem needed if not covered in the enclosed specifications. The Vendor may submit one or more bids provided one bid is identified as the primary bid and other bids are identified as alternative bids.

Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any portion of a bid, and accept a primary or alternative bid that they deem to be in the best interest of the school system. Dale County Board of Education may waive any technicality and award a contract to The Vendor who meets the bid requirements and the bid is deemed to be in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education.

Schedule of Events

The following is the schedule of events for this project. The schedule may change depending on the results of the responses and a final schedule will be established prior to contracting with the successful vendor.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Release of Bids	June 12, 2023
2. Deadline for submission of bids/Bid Opening	June 29, 2023
3. Establish contract	July 12, 2023

Bidder's conference is mandatory. The Vendor may schedule site visit with Ben Baker, Superintendent at 334-774-2355, or bbaker@dalecountyboe.org. All clarifications or changes to the bid specifications will be provided in writing to all prospective bidders.

Vendor Qualifications

Each proposal will be evaluated based on criteria and priorities defined by the Dale County Board of Education. Proposals will be screened based upon compliance with the base requirements. The evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The Vendor's overall qualifications based on past performance and company qualifications and certification.
2. The Vendor's ability to meet all the requirements detailed in the bid.
3. Best overall value and in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education.
4. Must be Licensed, Bonded, and Insured.

Response Submission

Responses to this bid must be submitted and delivered to the Dale County Board of Education no later than 10 a.m. on the date specified in the Schedule of Events. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. The bid must be submitted to:

Dale County Board of Education
Ariton Timber Bid
Attn: Jesse W James, CSFO
202 S Hwy123 Suite E
Ozark, AL 36360.

It is the sole responsibility of the respondents to ensure that their responses arrive in a timely manner. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject all late arrivals. The Vendor must submit one copy of their response along with any required supporting documentation. Bid must be valid for 60 days after the established contract. Oral, telephone or electronic bids shall not be considered, nor will modifications of proposals by such communication be considered. The completed bid shall be without erasures or alterations. Signatures on the bids shall be in longhand and executed by a person duly authorized by The Vendor to enter into a contract.

Evaluation of Responses

Dale County Board of Education may at its discretion, and at no fee to school system, invite any vendor to appear and or conference call for questioning during response evaluation for the purpose of explaining statements in their response.

Right to Reject

Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals or sections thereof when the rejection is in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to award without further discussion. Therefore, responses should be submitted initially with the most favorable terms that The Vendor can propose. The Vendor must include in this response any limitations to their acceptance of a partial award.

Contracts will be awarded to the highest ranked vendor as determined to be in the best interest of the Dale County Board of Education.

Evidence of Vendor Qualifications

The Vendor is asked to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their proposal and are in all respects a competent and an eligible vendor to fulfill the terms of this request. Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any vendor's proposal if evidence fails to indicate the Vendor is qualified to provide the items on this request.

General Specifications

1. Cut timber for the purpose of sale.

BID AWARD:

- A. The Dale County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
- B. The award will be made in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975 Section 16-13B.
- C. The decision of the Dale County Board of Education will be final.
- D. The Dale County Board of Education may not award on the basis of **HIGH** bid only. Quality, conformity with specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, terms of payment, transportation, dates of delivery, past service, and experience are among the factors that may be considered in determining the responsive/responsible bidder.
- E. In the event the successful bidder(s) refuses to accept the entire requirements without deviation, their bid will then be considered non-responsive. After refusal by the first bidder, the bid may be awarded to the next successful bidder.
- F. Specifications are written as if in full detail. Use of specific names and numbers is not intended to restrict the bidding of any seller and/or manufacturer, but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size, and quality of materials, products, service or equipment consideration best adapted to the Board's intended use.

PRICING:

- A. Prices are to be quoted by the 'unit' indicated on the face of the bid sheet.
- B. Prices are not to exceed two (2) decimal places.
- C. The bidder offers and agrees to furnish all items upon which prices are quoted.
- D. Dale County Board of Education reserves the privilege to rebid or renegotiate any item(s) if price(s) are beyond amount anticipated or if negotiations are unsatisfactory.

- E. Firm prices shall be bid and include all but not limited to packing, handling, shipping charges and delivery to the destination shown.
- F. In the event of extension error(s), the unit price will prevail and the bidder's total offer will be corrected accordingly. In the event of addition error(s), the bidder's total will be corrected accordingly. Bidders must check their proposal for any such errors and state the discount(s) in the proposal where applicable. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk.
- G. The Dale County Board of Education is tax exempt from all tax as found in the Code of Alabama 1975, section 40-23-4(a)(11), as amended. This statement is in no way to be construed as relieving the seller or contractor from their tax obligation.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Request that each bidder submit bids as per the following instructions:

Bid to contain the complete package as per the enclosed specifications.

Bid Submission

All bids should be submitted to:

Dale County Board of Education
Attn: Jesse James
202 S. Hwy 123 Suite E.
Ozark, Alabama. 36360

Labeled in the bottom right corner
Ariton Timber Bid
Not to be opened until 06/29/2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid Sheet: Next Page

Bids must be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPE, CLEARLY MARKED.

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DUE: June 29, 2023 by 10:00 a.m.

Please sign the form below and submit a copy with your bid to show that you have read and understand the requirements of the bid.

Company Name _____

Phone Number _____

Contact Person _____

Bid Price: _____ **Total Price**

Alternate Bid Price: _____ **Other:** (List below if applicable)

Anticipated Start Date: _____

Anticipated Completion Date: _____

Signature _____