ADVERTISEMENT OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB/MOBILE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM FOWL RIVER MARSH & SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:

Sealed qualification packages will be received by Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (OWNER), attention Roberta Swann, 118 North Royal St. Suite 601, Mobile, AL 36602 until 2:00 P.M. (CDT), Friday, November 11, 2022.

The Dauphin Island Sea Lab/Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (OWNER) is seeking qualification packages from marine contractors for phased, thin-layer placement of sediment to nourish the marsh spits in Fowl River. The work will be completed in up to three (3) phases over a five-year period allowing the marsh vegetation to recover after each phase between thin-layer placements. The project extents span from Shrout Marsh Spit at Oxford Road, down-river to the spit opposite of Bellingrath Gardens at Bebee Point Drive. The work will place thin-layer sediment (6'-8" thick) in phased applications over the five (5) priority marsh spits identified in the Fowl River Watershed Management Plan. In addition to the marsh nourishment, the shorelines will be restored with a combination of rip rap sill and timber wave screen. Once the qualification process is complete, the base bid and any bid alternates will be issued to the qualified list of respondents with Phase 1 of the work to be completed between January 1, 2023, and May 1, 2024.

The full Request for Qualifications is available in electronic form at https://www.mobilebaynep.com/watersheds/fowl-river-watershed under "Latest Uploads." All questions about the meaning or intent of the qualifications process must be submitted to the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program in writing by 2:00 P.M. (CDT) Friday, October 28, 2022, to be considered.

Sealed qualification packages will be received by the OWNER until **2:00 P.M. Friday, November 11, 2022**. All packages either mailed or hand delivered will be received by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program at 118 N. Royal St., Suite 601, Mobile, AL 36602 where they will be opened publicly. All packages received after 2:00 P.M. CDT of the day specified above will be returned unopened. An electronic version of the qualifications package, in PDF format, on Flash-Drive, CD or DVD, shall be submitted, along with three (3) printed, paper hard copies.

Pre-Qualification Meeting

Please be aware that the OWNER will hold a **mandatory**, virtual **PRE-QUALIFICATION MEETING on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. CDT through Zoom**, which will be open for all interested parties to attend. Interested parties contact Jason Kudulis, <u>jkudulis@mobilebaynep.com</u>; 251-459-8872 for Zoom access. The OWNER and ENGINEER will be in attendance to answer questions and explain the intent of the Qualifications & Bid Process.