

ADVERTISEMENT OR INVITATION TO BID

Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

SB 1849 CYPRESS BAYOU GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Separate sealed bids for the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Cypress Bayou Green Infrastructure Project, will be received by the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge at 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806 until 2:00 P.M. (Central Time), on April 29, 2025 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds, Drawings and Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following location:

6201 Florida Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Work includes:

- Sediment Forebay- The sediment forebay will be constructed upstream of Greenwood Lake and improve the quality of stormwater run on before it discharges into the lake. It will also function to reduce the amount of sedimentation that gets into the lake.
- Lake Expansion and improvements– The lake expansion provides additional drainage storage while also providing recreational benefits. The lake expansion was designed to provide an aesthetic configuration with the proposed amphitheater landform.
- Existing lake improvements –Lake Improvements include excavating the lake to provide a minimum of 5’ pond depth and modifying the existing weir to lower the lake which provides additional stormwater storage. The current budget accounts for lowering the existing lake by approximately 1.5’. Lowering the water surface of the lake will require modifications to existing decks and the banks around the perimeter of the lake. These modifications are also included as a part of this project.
- Lakeview shelter – This includes a shelter structure that overlooks Greenwood Lake and was included in the master plan which will be used by the community and showcase the improvements to Greenwood Park.
- Cypress Bayou Channel Improvements -Channel improvements from Lavey Ln to the existing lake provide significant drainage benefit to the area upstream (north) of the park. The channel will also be designed to function as a blue trail that promotes paddling. Channel improvements include laying back the existing slopes of the bayou to 3:1 to prevent erosion and deepening the channel to encourage kayaking.
- Trail connection to Lavey Lane – The constructability of improving Cypress Bayou will involve clearing a portion of the wooded area along Cypress Bayou to allow for a long reach excavator to be able to improve the bayou. The plan is to then replant some of the cleared area and add a walkable trail to this area after the channel has been improved. This trail will run north until it connects to the trail along Lavey Lane. Plantings will be added along this corridor to improve the area while still providing maintenance zones for future channel improvements.

- Amphitheater landform- The amphitheater landform area will be created using material from lake excavation. It will then be landscaped and graded to set up a location for a future robust amphitheater. Current earthwork estimates show that there will be ample material provided to construct the amphitheater landform. Excess material will be stockpiled in the northeast portion of the park.
- Path along entrance from roundabout to Hwy 19 – This path will provide pedestrian connectivity from the core of the park to a sidewalk project being constructed along Hwy 19.

Copies of the bidding documents shall be obtained from the office of BREC Purchasing Department upon deposit of \$10. for each set of documents; or from the electronic bid submittal option as noted in the advertisement. The deposit on the first set of documents furnished to bonafide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the deposit less actual cost of reproduction will be refunded upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids.

Pursuant to L.R.S. 38:2212.E.(1) Bidder, have the option to submit bids and bid bonds electronically. www.bidexpress.com. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to Bid Express Customer Service at support@bidexpress.com. Toll free phone: (888) 352-BIDX (2439), Phone: (352) 381-4888, Fax: (352) 381-4444, Monday thru Friday, 6am – 6 pm CST.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause. Such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the L.R.S.

In accordance with L.R.S. 38:2212.B.(1), the provisions and requirements stated in the bidding documents shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived.

Each Bidder must deposit with the bid, security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price, as described in the Instructions to Bidders. Bid bonds shall be written by a surety or insurance company meeting the requirements noted in L.R.S. 38:2218; with the exception that sureties used for obtaining bonds on federally funded projects must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, written by a surety or insurance company meeting the requirements noted in L.R.S. 38:2219 A. (1)(a), (b) and (c); with the exception that sureties used for obtaining bonds on federally funded projects must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract (Davis-Bacon Act), Section 3 (Low Income Resident Participation) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 (Non-Discrimination) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 503 (Non-Discrimination Against Employees with Disabilities) and Section 504 (Non-Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

Minority owned firms, small businesses, and/or Section 3 businesses are encouraged to participate.

Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge is an equal opportunity employer.

Any person with disabilities who require special accommodations must contact the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

The mandatory pre-bid meeting shall be held on April 16, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Waterfront Building at Greenwood Community Park, 13350 Highway 19, Baton Rouge, LA 70714.

Successful bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (UEI), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to award of contract.

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PLEASE PUBLISH THREE (3) TIMES:

April 2, 2025

April 8, 2025

April 14, 2025