

**THE GRAY INSURANCE COMPANY
THE GRAY CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, corporations duly organized and existing under the laws of Louisiana, and having their principal offices in Metairie, Louisiana, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint: **Fielden Mitts** on behalf of each of the Companies named above its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf and as its deed, bonds, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, as surety, contracts of suretyship as are or may be required or permitted by law, regulation, contract or otherwise, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed the amount of \$10,000,000.

Surety Bond Number: Bid Bond
Principal: James A. Hodges Construction Inc.
Obligee: City of Tupelo, MS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of both The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company at meetings duly called and held on the 26th day of June, 2003.

"RESOLVED, that the President, Executive Vice President, any Vice President, or the Secretary be and each or any of them hereby is authorized to execute a power of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute on behalf of the Company bonds, undertakings, and all contracts of surety, and that each or any of them is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of such Power of Attorney, and to attach the seal of the Company; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be binding upon the Company now and in the future when so affixed with regard to any bond, undertaking or contract of surety to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company have caused their official seals to be hereinto affixed, and these presents to be signed by their authorized officers this 12th day of September, 2011.



By:

Michael T. Gray
President, The Gray Insurance Company
and
Vice President,
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company

Attest:

Mark S. Manguno
Secretary,
The Gray Insurance Company,
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company



State of Louisiana

ss:

Parish of Jefferson

On this 12th day of September, 2011, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael T. Gray, President of The Gray Insurance Company and Vice President of The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, and Mark S. Manguno, Secretary of The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, personally known to me, being duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney and affixed the seals of the companies as officers of, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed, of their companies.



Lisa S. Millar, Notary Public, Parish of Orleans
State of Louisiana
My Commission is for Life

I, Mark S. Manguno, Secretary of The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, do hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney given by the companies, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seals of the Companies this 12th day of July, 2023.



Mark S. Manguno, Secretary
The Gray Insurance Company
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company

PROPOSAL

Proposal of James A Hodges Construction, Inc, (hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi doing business as a (corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or individual) to **TUPELO, MS**, (hereinafter called "OWNER"). In compliance with your advertisement for Bids, BIDDER, hereby proposes to perform all WORK for construction of

"CITY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"

in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" and to fully complete the Project within **45** consecutive calendar days thereafter. BIDDER further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$300** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided for elsewhere in these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: <u>1</u>	DATE: <u>June 20, 2023</u>
NUMBER: <u>2</u>	DATE: <u>July 10, 2023</u>
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to this bid.

BIDDER understands that the quantities mentioned below are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease, and hereby proposes to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work at the Unit Price Bid.

In accordance with the requirements of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents, BIDDER proposes to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, labor, tools and other means of construction and to construct the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the specified Contract Time for the following Unit Prices specified.

BIDDER further agrees to execute the contract agreement as bound herein within ten (10) days after receipt of contract forms from the OWNER.

BIDDER agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount provided herein for each consecutive calendar day after the Contract completion date specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" that he fails to complete the work unless the Contract Time is extended by a written Change Order.

BIDDER also proposes to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, as shown in the Specifications, each in an amount of not less than **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total of the Base Bid. These Bonds shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on the BIDDERS part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted.

BIDDER encloses a Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of Base Bid Amount DOLLARS (\$ 5% of bid amount) and hereby agree that in case of failure to execute the Contract and furnish the required Bonds within (10) days after the Receipt of Contract Forms, the amount of this Certified Check or Bid Bond will be forfeited to the OWNER, as liquidated damages arising out of his failure to execute the Contract as proposed.

It is understood that in case BIDDER is awarded the work, the Certified Check or Bid Bond submitted as Bid security will be returned as stipulated in the Specifications.

Further, the BIDDER agrees to abide by the requirements under Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, including specifically the provision of the Equal Opportunity Clause set forth in the Federal Requirements, if applicable.

The low BIDDER shall supply the names and address of major MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS when required to do so by the OWNER.

Inspection trips for prospective BIDDERS will be coordinated thru OWNER prior to submission of proposal.

BIDDER agrees to perform all the work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the following unit prices or base bid amount: **SEE PAGE D-4 FOR BID ITEMS.**

NOTES:

1. Unit price amounts are to be shown in figures where indicated. Where a discrepancy in the unit price and the extension of any items occurs, the unit price will govern.
2. Unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bonding, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for.
3. Any erasure, change or alteration of any kind must be initialed by the BIDDER.
4. Bid prices shall include sales tax and all other applicable taxes and fees.
5. Any item of work not specified on the Proposal as a separate pay item or indicated as an absorbed cost in a pay item but which is incidental to completion of the work shall be considered as an absorbed cost with full compensation included in the unit price bid for the particular item involved.
6. OWNER reserves the right to award any combination of base and additive alternate bids (if any) it deems advantageous and in the event that all specified bid item units are lump sum (LS), the OWNER reserves the right to delete any such item or combination of such items from the project. The OWNER further reserves the right to delete any item or items desired from the Bid Schedule after the Contract has been awarded. Any deletions, if any made, shall be by Change Order and BIDDER hereby agrees to accept such Change Orders.

**BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-028PW
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI
CITY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
MAY, 2023**

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$21,2050.00	\$21,250.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	200	\$19.50	\$3,900.00
4	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	50	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
5	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SY	15	\$20.00	\$300.00
6	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONCRETE INLETS	EA	3	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
7	REMOVAL OF EXISTING RIP-RAP	SY	30	\$24.00	\$720.00
8	REMOVAL OF 30" RCP	LF	140	\$18.00	\$2,520.00
9	REMOVAL OF 42" RCP	LF	485	\$18.00	\$8,730.00
10	ASPHALT PAVEMENT / WALKING TRACK	TONS	15	\$402.25	\$6,033.75
11	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, MATCH EXISTING	SY	20	\$72.00	\$1,440.00
12	SAWCUTTING	LF	100	\$10.50	\$1,050.00
13	CRUSHED STONE SUB-BASE MATERIAL	TONS	40	\$52.50	\$2,100.00
14	BORROW EXCAVATION	CY	50	\$24.00	\$1,200.00
15	48" HDPE DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	140	\$132.00	\$18,480.00
16	60" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	485	\$298.00	\$144,530.00
17	REINFORCED CONCRETE INLET, PER PLANS	EA	3	\$12,980.00	\$38,940.00
18	3' X 3' CAST IRON GRATE	EA	3	\$1,750.00	\$5,250.00
19	CONCRETE, CLASS B	CY	5	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00
20	CONNECT TO EXISTING PIPES	EA	5	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
21	SOLID SODDING	SY	3000	\$4.35	\$13,050.00
22	TEMPORARY FENCING / BARRIER	LS	1	\$4,125.00	\$4,125.00
23	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	\$4,575.00	\$4,575.00
24	IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPAIRS (AS REQ'D.)	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL					\$317,693.75

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED BID NOTICE, GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY FOR THE REFERENCED BID, THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AGREE TO FURNISH THE DEFINED MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PRICES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. BIDDER AGREES TO SPECIFIED PRICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY UNTIL THE CLOSEOUT OF THE PROJECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: James A Hodges Construction, Inc,
(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: *J A Hodges*

NAME AND TITLE: James A Hodges President
(PLEASE PRINT)

(SEAL)
IF BY CORPORATION

ADDRESS: James A Hodges Construction, Inc,
1281A CR 811
Saltillo, MS 38866
PHONE NUMBER: 662-842-8538



NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Lee

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(name of person signing affidavit)

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(title)

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being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

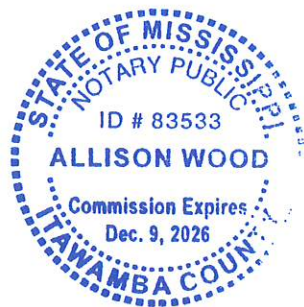
(a) That James A Hodges Construction, Inc., Bidder on the "CITY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" for **Tupelo, MS**, has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; nor have any of its officers, partners, employees or principal owners.

(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal Highway Administration.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Title PRESIDENT

(SEAL)
Sworn before me this 12th day of July, 2023.
Allison Wood, Notary Public
My commission expires December 9, 2026



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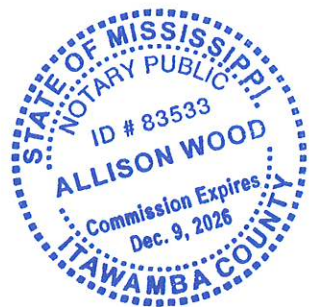
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