BID SOLICITATION

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee County, Florida will receive sealed bids from Florida certified contractors, at the Clerk of Court Cashier Window at the Courthouse to the attention of Clerk to the Board, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 until Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Judicial Annex, 218 Parshley Avenue SW, Live Oak, Florida 32064, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the following:

DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FL

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids from firms to provide for the removal of derelict vessel(s) from the waters of the state, transport the vessel(s) parts to an approved landfill facility and destroy the vessel(s). The contractor selected will use Florida Fish and Wildlife Best Management Practices for Derelict Vessel Removal. These include protective measures and equipment to prevent erosion and pollution during removal.

The Board of County Commissioners may accept all or part of any bid. Any bid received after March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. will be retained at the Clerk of Court Office, unopened, and will not be considered. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive formalities and re-advertise and award the bid in the best interest of Suwannee County.

The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status.

The Board of County Commissioners requires a Sworn Statement under section 287.133(3)(a), F.S., on Public Entity Crimes.

The following condition will be a part of the contract as required by Suwannee County:

Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

1. all persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with Suwannee County.
Bid information can be found online at [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) or [www.suwcounty.org](http://www.suwcounty.org).

Any questions concerning specifications and/or bid documents should be directed to Randy Harris, County Administration, (386) 364-3400.

All bids must be submitted with one original and three copies (4 total) and labeled on the outside of the envelope as “CLERK TO THE BOARD, 200 SOUTH OHIO AVENUE, LIVE OAK, FL 32064 SEALED BID NO. 2020-09 DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL

LEN STAPLETON, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BID 2020-09

DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCOPE OF WORK

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Suwannee County is authorized to remove and destroy the following vessel:

- **Vessel Make:** Sea Ray
- **Vessel Model:** 29' Motor Vessel
- **Vessel Hull Identification Number:** SERF17780778
- **Vessel Registration Number:** FL 7732 HR
- **Vessel Color:** White
- **Vessel Location Latitude/Longitude:** 29 54.64098N 082 51.819 W
- **Vessel Location Description:** Santa Fe River

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Best Management Practices for derelict Vessel removal

**Derelict Vessel Removal Process**

Derelict vessels are existing impacts to the environment as well as boating safety hazards, impediments to navigation, and esthetic nuisances. Typically these vessels are found grounded on the edges of active waterways where they may have physical impacts on benthic and shoreline communities. However, the impact of these vessels is not limited to their immediate location. If left unattended, the influences of winds and tides continue to push the boats causing greater impact as they become more deeply mired into the environment. Early extraction of these vessels will avoid and minimize the environmental impacts. In addition to these physical impacts resulting from the movement of these vessel through the environment; there is the long term effect caused by their continued degradation and decay in the marine environment. These vessels may be constructed of various materials, such as wood, steel, aluminum, or fiberglass; each having varying degrees of resilience and can remain in the marine environment for extended periods of time. With the progression of time; the environmental impacts increase with the shading from the hull and displacement of live bottom and emergent vegetative communities resulting from the expansion of the debris field as the vessels
disintegrates. The impacts resulting from the removal of these vessels during any stage is less than the impacts caused by the long-term presence of the vessel in the marine environment. Therefore the early detection and removal of these abandoned and derelict vessels is the best means of minimizing the individual or cumulative impacts to the environment.

**Derelict Vessel Removal (FDEP) Permit Exemption**

An Exemption under Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-330-051(5)(g) by Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has been established for the removal of derelict vessels. Based on the presumption that the extraction of these vessels from the marine environment will cause only minimal environmental impacts and in turn avoid the long-term impacts resulting from the degradation of the vessel at its current location. The environmental impacts are ameliorated by the application of the best management practices referenced below.

**Florida Administrative Code**

Chapter 62-330-051(5)(g) The removal of derelict vessels, as defined in Section 823.11(1), F.S., by federal, state, and local agencies, provided:

1. The derelict vessel case has been completed as specified in Section 705.103, F.S., and has been entered into the Statewide Derelict Vessel Database maintained by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;

2. All work is done in a manner that, to the greatest practicable extent, avoids additional dredging or filling, grounding or dragging of vessels, and damage to submerged resources such as seagrass beds, oyster beds, coral communities, mangroves, other wetlands, and live bottom; and

3. An absorbent blanket or boom shall be immediately deployed on the surface of the water around the derelict vessel if fuel, oil, or other free-floating pollutants are observed during the work.

**General Derelict Vessel Removal and Environmental Protection Best Management Practices**

The following best management practices (BMP’s) will be employed by the marine contractor during the removal of derelict vessels. These BMP’s will be incorporated into the contact for the vessel removal project. The marine contractor selected for the project will be required to show proof of their ability to meeting the BMP requirements with their contingency of equipment, staff and expertise in the removal of derelict vessels. Compliance with these BMP’s will be monitored by the County and by local Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers. These BMP’s are as follows:
A. All Work Is To Meet The Following Requirements:

1. Operations are to be limited to daylight hours.

2. Operations are to be staged from an upland area.

3. All work is to be performed in a manner that avoids and/or minimizes impacts to live bottom and other resource areas (e.g., seagrass beds, oyster beds, wetlands, mangroves, and other sensitive habitats) while approaching, working in, and leaving the derelict vessel site.

4. All work shall avoid impacts to manatees, sea turtles, and other species listed by the state and federal government as threatened or protected.

5. The Contractor will at all times be cautious of manatee presence and will stop work immediately until a manatee is a safe distance from the work area if a manatee is spotted.

6. The Contractor will remove all contaminants and pollutants including fuels, batteries, paints, solvents, and engine from the derelict vessel prior to extraction. Any contaminant or pollutant found to be contained within a derelict vessel shall be removed by the Contractor, placed in an approved container, and disposed of properly. The placement of an absorbent blanket on the surface of the water around the derelict vessel within the turbidity barrier is required where free floating product (gas/oil) is observed.

7. The Contractor is to provide appropriate best management practices (BMPs) approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for erosion control and turbidity protection while each derelict vessel is being removed. In areas of low to moderate currents, a Type II floating turbidity barrier will be installed within a ten (10) foot radius of the vessel being removed prior to starting any removal activities. The turbidity barrier shall be anchored to the bottom of the waterway.

8. The Contractor is to provide appropriate BMPs for erosion control and turbidity prevention around the vessels/barges being used to remove the derelict vessel and around the perimeter of any upland staging site (where necessary).

9. The Contractor is to monitor turbidity levels throughout removal work.

10. In an effort to reduce turbidity, a crane, winch and/or approved alternate method is to be used to raise the derelict vessel from the water.

11. The Contractor will measure turbidity levels and allow them to return to a level that is not in excess of 20 NTU’s over initial turbidity readings prior to removal of turbidity measures.
12. The dragging of vessels is to be avoided both on and off-shore. All vessels/barges used in vessel removal shall continually monitor water depths to avoid running aground.

13. The Contractor will load derelict vessels onto a barge and/or flatbed truck (or similar) for proper disposal.

14. The Contractor is to photo-document all removals as described in Item 6 below with pictures taken before, during and after removal. The Contractor will provide a daily written report of all removal activities.

B. For Derelict Vessels That Are Floating or Lightly Aground:

1. The vessel is to be pumped out as needed and extracted (floated out) during high water.

2. Following extraction, the vessel is to be towed from the grounded location to a boat ramp or other removal point while avoiding and/or minimizing impacts to live bottom areas.

C. For Derelict Vessels That Are Hard Aground:

1. The vessel is to be approached using shallow draft vessels.

2. The vessel is to be extracted using a crane from a shallow draft deck barge, by hand using the best available tools, or similar approach to minimize impacts to the site and surrounding areas.

D. For Derelict Vessels Sunken In Shallow Water:

1. Install and inflate flotation bags as needed.

2. Lift the vessel with barge mounted crane or similar equipment.
Bid Summary
(Must Precede All Bid Documents)

Bidder Name

Address and Phone Number

Bid Number: 2020-09

Description of Project: Derelict Vessel Removal
Suwannee County, Florida

Date/Time of Bid Opening: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. or thereafter

Location of Bid Opening: Judicial Annex
218 Parshley Avenue SW
Live Oak, FL 32064

Total Base Bid Amount in Figures: ______________________________________________________

Total Base Bid Amount in Words: ______________________________________________________

Bidder Company Name (Print or Type)

Signature of Authorized Company Representative

Authorized Company Representative (Print or Type)

Date Completed

IMPORTANT:
This bid summary must be completed and must precede all bidder proposal documents
*Alternate bids to be submitted on next page when applicable
1. This sworn statement is submitted to ____________________________ [print name of public entity]

by ____________________________ [print individual’s name and title]

for ____________________________ [print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is ____________________________

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is ________________ (If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: ____________________________.)

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:

1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or

2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [indicate which statement applies.]

___ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

___ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. [attach a copy of the final order]

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

__________________________
[signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _______________ day of ____________________, 20______.

Personally known ____________________________

OR Produced identification ___________________ Notary Public - State of ________________________

______________________________ My commission expires _______________________

(Type of Identification)

(Printed typed or stamped Commissioned name of Notary Public)
REFERENCES

List 3 similar commercial projects the Bidder has completed within the last 5 years.

1. Company name __________________________________________________________________________
   Address __________________________________________________________________________
   Contact Name __________________________________________________________________________
   Contact Phone or e-mail __________________________________________________________________
   Short description of project __________________________________________________________________
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2. Company name __________________________________________________________________________
   Address __________________________________________________________________________
   Contact Name __________________________________________________________________________
   Contact Phone or e-mail __________________________________________________________________
   Short description of project __________________________________________________________________
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E-Verify for
Bid No. 2020-09
DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL
Suwannee County, Florida

Company/Entity: _________________________________________

Authorized Signature: _______________________________________

The Company acknowledges and agrees to utilize the U. S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, for the purpose of confirming the employment eligibility of all employees, subcontractors or persons utilized by the Company while undertaking work within Suwannee County.
Name of Company: ______________________________________________________

1. Has the company been involved in any litigation within the last (5) five years for failure to perform?

Yes _____    No_____  

If yes, explain:
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2. Has a bond company or other insurance been utilized to complete a project for the company within the last (5) five years?

Yes _____    No _____  

If yes, explain:
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
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Checklist for Bid No. 2020-09
Derelict Vessel Removal
Suwannee County, Florida

☐ Bid Summary Page
☐ Sworn Entity Statement
☐ References
☐ Copies of Applicable Business & Professional Licenses
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☐ Submission of one original and three (3) copies of bid