Sealed Bids for the maintenance of the Little Calumet River levees will be received by Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, 900 Ridge Road, Suite H, Munster, Indiana 46321, until 12:00 PM local time on March 14, 2018. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. The Bids received will be publicly opened and read at the Commission Board meeting at 6:00 PM on that date.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The work shall consist of periodic mowing of the entire levee profile which includes the top and side embankments and shall also include areas extending 15 feet from the toe of the embankment. The levee covers 28 miles from Homan Avenue in Hammond, Indiana to Martin Luther King Drive Gary, Indiana, primarily on both side of the Little Calumet River.

Mowing will be completed at a minimum of four (4) times from early Spring to late Fall mowed to a minimum height of 3 inches.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 1, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Harrison Avenue and the Little Calumet River. Representatives of OWNER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Written responses to relevant questions arising at the conference will be transmitted to all prospective Bidders of record in the form of an addendum. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

Contractor shall provide a base cost to provide periodic mowing for each visit assuming four (4) visits per year. Additional visits, if necessary, will be completed at the base cost. Contractor shall provide with the bid a summary of similar work completed and a list of equipment which will be used to complete the work. Bids shall only be valid for the 2018 mowing season.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within a period of 90 days following the date set for receiving bids. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 90 days, and said bids shall remain in full force and effective during said time. The Commission reserves the right to waive informalities, and to award the contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, or to reject all bids.

Contractor will be required to maintain Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Workers Compensation and Leased/Rental Construction Equipment Insurance. A Certificate of Insurance will need to be issued prior to notice to proceed and remain in effect throughout the contract.

Contractor is encouraged to participate in the MWBE Commission goals as adopted in Resolution Number 2015-04.

Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, or national origin and each bidder must conform with the anti-discrimination provisions of IC 5-16-6.