

The HOMEWOOD WATER ASSOCIATION (OWNER) requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide legal services on an as needed basis for a project funded by the Mississippi State Department of Health American Rescue Plan Act: Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

You are invited to either submit five (5) copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, by mail (P.O. Box 1058 Forest, MS 39074) or hand-delivered to: 11620 Morton Marathon Road, Forest, MS 39074 (PH: (601) 536- 2729) or provide an electronic copy to this email address: susansorey@hotmail.com no later than 10:00 A.M., on August 31, 2023.

Selection of an Attorney will be based on the criteria established in this Legal advertisement. Attorney(s) shall submit an hourly rate sheet with their proposals. Attorney(s) should submit complete proposals sufficient for final selection of the most qualified attorney. The selected Attorney will provide all legal services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. The scope of work may include, but is not limited to, the following: 1) guidance and legal advice as needed in selecting a project based on system needs and insuring program compliance; 2) assistance in the drafting, review and execution of construction contracts to insure program compliance; 3) attending pre-construction conference as may be required from time to time; 4) providing legal consulting to assist in construction management services, attendance at regular meetings with construction contractor when requested, and 5) assistance with project closeout per specific contractual guidelines to insure program compliance. The final scope of work will be negotiated at the time of contract execution.

The OWNER is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The OWNER encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals.

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions apply to the ARPA/CSLFRF grant award:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions
- Subpart B, General provisions
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)
- Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) & (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4))
- Subpart E, Cost Principles
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements
- 2 CFR Part 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)
- 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)
- 2 CFR Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))
- Executed contracts shall include provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards listed in Appendix II to Part 200

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for Legal Services for MSDH RWAIG Project." Proposals will be evaluated on the following

factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (20 points), Project Knowledge (20 Points), and Cost (20 Points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

- Qualifications - The qualifications of the firm and persons assigned to the project;
- Experience - The firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, the project activities, and the status of the projects;
- Project Knowledge - Familiarity with the Owner's infrastructure and regulatory requirements of similar funding programs;
- Price - Cost Reasonableness

The OWNER will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The OWNER will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the OWNER, all factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. The contract will be on a fixed price basis. The OWNER has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

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David Foreman, President