**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS**

 **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

 **(Competitive Negotiation)**

The Town ofPickens, Mississippi, hereby requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for engineering services in relation to its proposed 2018 Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities application for water/sewer system improvements.

 The Scope of Work will consist of preparation of preliminary cost estimates, preparation of plans and specifications for advertisement of bids; evaluation of bids and recommendation of contract award; preparation of the contract in accordance with CDBG, Federal, State and local laws and regulations; conducting pre-construction conference in coordination with project administrator; inspecting construction in progress; and advising the mayor and board of aldermen and the project administrator on contractor payments.

 The Town of Pickens is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Pickens encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The Town of Pickens also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the Town of Pickens and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower incomes residents of Pickens. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to qualified Section 3- eligible business concerns.

 Those desiring consideration should submit proposals by the time and date stated and must include the following:

 1. Qualifications - List of qualifications of each staff person to be assigned to project.

 2. Experience - Information regarding the experience of the firm. This information should include types of project activities undertaken.

 3. Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff available to be assigned to provide services and capacity to perform the work within the time limitations.

 4. Familiarity - Knowledge of the type of problems applicable to the project.

 All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best proposal: Description and Maximum Points: Qualifications - 30; Experience - 30; Capacity - 30; Familiarity - 30; Total: 120 Points.

 Proposals will be reviewed by the board of aldermen using the above selection criteria. Each member of the board will assign points to each criterion based on the content of the proposal. Negotiations will be conducted to determine a mutually satisfactory contract first with the firm receiving the highest accumulated points, as rated by the board.

 Final award will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Town with a contract contingent upon funding for the project.

 Proposals should be in a sealed envelope marked "ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – Pickens – 2018 CDBG Water/Sewer System Improvements.” Proposals should be submitted to the Town of Pickens, 163 N. Second Street or P.O. Box 297, Pickens, Mississippi 39146 no later than 5:00 p. m. on March 30, 2018.

 The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

 For more information, contact Rio Winters, North Central Planning and Development District, Winona, Mississippi, at (662)283-2675, or write to 28 Industrial Park Blvd., Winona, Mississippi 38967.

 /s/ William Primer, Mayor

 Town of Pickens

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