NOTICE is hereby given that **Town of Hickory,** **Mississippi**, will receive written sealed bids until the hour of **10:00 AM**, local time on, **Thursday, October 3, 2019** at the **Board Room** of the **Town Hall** located at **180 Jefferson Street, Hickory, Mississippi 39332** (**601-646-2211**) for the furnishing of all labor and materials, and for performing all activities specified in the Contract Documents, for the construction of the **Town of Hickory, Rebid Proposed Water Distribution System Improvements Project, 2018 CDBG Project #1135-18-210-PF-01** consisting of **Water Line and Meter Replacements.**

The project includes **certain repairs and improvements to the existing drinking water supply system located in Town of Hickory, Newton County, Mississippi**, such work being **the construction of a new water line and meter replacements installed along the streets of Monroe, Jackson, Washington, Front, W. College, and Polk including all associated work.** The Contract Time will be **one-hundred twenty (120)** consecutive calendar days, and the liquidated damages will be **$250** per consecutive calendar day thereafter. Substantial completion shall be met with **one-hundred (100)** consecutive calendar days. A nonmandatory **pre bid conference will be held on September 12, 2019 at 10 AM at Town of Hickory Town Hall.**

Plans, contract documents and proposal forms are on file for public inspection in the office of the **Town Clerk, Hickory**, **180 Jefferson Street, Hickory, Mississippi 39332 / P. O. Box**, **Hickory**, **MS 39332** (**601-646-2211**), and in the office of the Engineer, **Cornerstone Engineering, LLC (Attn: Mauricka McKenzie), 710 E. Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056 (601-473-2403)**. One copy of the contract documents and plans may be procured from **Cornerstone Engineering, LLC, 710 E. Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056** upon payment of **$200,** none of which is refundable.

This Advertisement and the Bid/Proposal Form for this project may be examined at the **Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP), Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development, Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Suite B-01, Jackson, MS 39201, Contact: LaTisha Landing.**

**Minority and women’s business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.** Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 requires that the Town and contractors participating in CDBG projects give opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents of the Section 3 area that is described as the **Town of Hickory, MS**. Section 3 also requires that “to the maximum extent feasible” contracts for work in connection with Section 3 covered projects be awarded to business concerns that are located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the Section 3 area.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on the date and at the time set forth above at the **Board Room in the Town Hall** of the **Town of Hickory, 180 Jefferson Street, Hickory, Mississippi 39332**. The bids will be considered by the **Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Hickory** at the next regular meeting thereof to be held within **thirty (30)** days of the date of receipt of bids.

Any contract awarded under this **Advertisement for Bids** is expected to be financed in whole or in part by funds from the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** administered by the **Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)**. Neither the **MS Development Authority**, the **MDA** staff, the State of Mississippi, the U.S. Government, nor any of their departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this advertisement for bids or any resulting construction contract. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the **Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated**, and to the **Community Development Block Grant Program Regulations**.

**The Town of Hickory** reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in the bid process and to reject any and all bids.

As approved by the **Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Hickory**, this the  **7th** day of June  **2019**.

This Advertisement for Bids is hereby issued this the **28th** day of **August 2019**.

Publication Dates:            28th August 2019

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