REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTUAL SERVICES

The Kemper County Board of Supervisors requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide Architectual services for work related to the implementation of approved FY2021 CDBG project(s). You are invited to submit eight (8) copies of a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Kemper County Board of Supervisors, P. O. Box 188, Dekalb, MS 39328 no later than 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2021.

The Architect will be responsible for preparing project cost estimates for application preparation for the proposed CDBG PF application for sewer improvements and, if awarded, the selected Architect will provide all Architectual services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications; 2) distribute bid documents; 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation; 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts; 5) hold pre-construction conference; and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the County and approve all payment requests.

The Kemper County Board of Supervisors is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The County encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The County 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 County and its contractors that participate in the above-referenced program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower-income residents of the County. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: “Proposal for CDBG Architectual Services.” Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points); Experience (40 points); and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

 Qualifications – List qualifications of persons assigned to the project;

Experience – Information regarding the firm’s experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the project activities, and the status of the projects;

Capacity for Performance – Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services.

The County will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period to not 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 County reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

Subject to CDBG award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the County 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 County, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The County has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

***PUBLICATIONS:***

**Please publish the above notice in the legal section of the Kemper County Messenger on April 15, 2021 and April 22, 2021. Please run TWO (2) times.**

Send ***Bill and Certified Proof*** **to**: Polly Metcalf, Comptroller

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