**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

 **INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Laurel is soliciting bids for one (1) homeowner housing unit to be rehabilitated with the city’s home rehab grant program #1231-M19-SG-280-228. Sealed bids will be received at the Laurel City Hall (City Clerk’s Office) located at 401 N. 5th Avenue, Laurel, MS 39441 until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. They will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M at the Laurel City Hall on February 21, 2023.

There will be an optional pre-bid conference/walk-through at 972 Popular Dr. Laurel, MS on Monday, February 13 at 10:30 AM.

Any contractor wishing to bid must possess a current Mississippi Contractors License.  A copy of bidder’s certification from the Mississippi Board of Contractors must be included in the bid packet. The Mississippi Contractors License Number must be printed on the outside of the bid envelope, as well as “RE: HOME Rehab Grant”. All bids must be typed – handwritten bids will not be accepted.

Drawings and Specifications are available at Laurel City Hall, City Clerk’s Office, 401. N.5th Avenue, Laurel, MS 39441. Inquiries should be directed to Lakeylah White, Project Administrator, at (601)-658-8654.

Bidders must comply with Section 3 of the HUD ACT of 1968, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the Presidents Executive Order No. 11246.

The City of Laurel is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City of Laurel encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit bids. The City of Laurel 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 City of Laurel and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower incomes residents of the City of Laurel. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to qualified Section 3 eligible business concerns, whenever possible.

The City of Laurel reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids on behalf of the homeowners. The City of Laurel is an equal opportunity housing provider.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO NEWSPAPER:**

1. Please publish two times in the legal section of the Laurel Leader Call on **February 4, 2023, and February 11, 2023.**
2. Send the invoice to Rachel Jones, Clerk of the City of Laurel P.O. Box 647 Laurel, MS 39441.
3. Please send a Proof of Publication to: Grants Unlimited, LLC. Attn: Lakeylah White P.O. Box 18154 Hattiesburg, MS 39404.

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