2nd REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – BENTON COUNTY HOME REHAB PROJECT

Benton County will receive sealed proposals from qualified persons or firms for **Home Rehabilitation Inspections, Certified Asbestos Inspectors, and Surveyors** required on their 2014 HOME Rehabilitation Project to demolish and reconstruct one (1) dilapidated home and to demolish one (1) dilapidated mobile/manufactured home, replacing it with a new manufactured home.

The **Housing Inspector** must have a valid Mississippi Home Inspection Board (MHIB) license with the New Home Designation (NH). The proposals should be labeled "Home Inspector Proposal" and have a valid License number recorded on the outside.

Trained Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Certified Asbestos Inspectors to inspect the units (for lead based paint and asbestos) to be reconstructed/rehabilitated are also required. The proposals should be labeled "Asbestos Inspection Proposal" and have a valid DEQ certification number recorded on the outside.

Finally, sealed proposals are needed from qualified property **Surveyors** to perform a Boundary Survey and Plot Plan for the two (2) residential properties within two (2) weeks of contract signing. These proposals should be labeled "Surveyor Proposal."

The proposers should be familiar with the HUD/Home Requirements, rules and regulations. These proposals are requested in accordance with current state law and 24 CFR 85 "Common Rule." The contract(s) will be awarded to the qualified proposers whose proposals are determined to be most advantageous to the County. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days following its submission. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Benton County will receive sealed proposals until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016, at the Benton County Courthouse Chancery Clerk Office, (Physical Address for Hand Deliveries Only: 190 Ripley Ave) mailing address: P. O. Box 218, Ashland, MS 38603. The Board will open and review these proposals during their regular scheduled Board meeting that same morning.

This county has passed and executed a Section 3 Resolution declaring, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities be given to low and very-low income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to eligible business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part, by persons residing in the project area. Each service contracted must demonstrate a good faith effort and document compliance as set forth by 24 CFR 135 and CSD policy. Benton County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status or disability.

An information to bidders sheet regarding the proposed work is available for the home inspector and the asbestos inspector upon request at the NE MS Planning and Development District, Attention: Darlene Grimes or Amy Ivy, P O Box 600, Booneville, MS 38829 or by calling 662-728-6248 or emailing dgrimes@nempdd.com.

All proposals will be rated on the following system to determine the best firm: Description and Maximum Points: Qualifications - 30, Participation/Experience in Federally Funded Projects - 40, Availability to Do Work in Timely Manner - 30, Total - 100 Points.

Ricky Pipkin, President