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NOTICE is hereby given that the **Town of Shubuta**, **Mississippi**, will receive written sealed bids until the hour of **4:00 p.m.**, local time on, **Thursday**, **August 31**, **2017** at the **Temporary Shubuta Town Hall** located at **131 West Eucutta Street**, **Shubuta**, **MS 39360** (**601-687-1536**) for the furnishing of all labor and materials, and for performing all activities specified in the Contract Documents, for the construction of the **Wastewater System Rehabilitation and Improvements**, **CDBG Grant #1132-15-338-PF-01**.

The project includes improvements to the existing sewer collection system, transport system, and sewage treatment system located in Shubuta, Clarke County, Mississippi, such work being the extension of sewer service to at least 2 unserved residents located along Second and First Streets, rehabilitation of a least 5 manholes by replacing casting, raising and/or replacing them to alleviate infiltration and inflow problems near pump station #2, rehabilitation of primary pump station #1 by installing new conductors, new hatch, controls and raising the top elevation to prevent flooding of the wetwell, and rehabilitation of the existing WWTP by repairing and reworking the existing chlorination, de-chlorination and post-aeration systems. The Contract Time will be one-hundred eighty (180) consecutive calendar days, and the liquidated damages will be \$250 per consecutive calendar day thereafter. Substantial completion shall be met with one-hundred fifty (150) consecutive calendar days. A nonmandatory pre bid conference will be held on August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center of the Town of Shubuta, 161 Graham Street, Shubuta, MS 39360.

Plans, contract documents and proposal forms are on file for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Shubuta, 131 West Eucutta Street, Shubuta, MS 39360 (601-687-1536), and in the office of the Engineer, Innovative Design & Engineering Services, LLC, 607 Corinne Street, Suite B-2, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (601-336-9270). One copy of the contract documents and plans may be procured from Innovative Design & Engineering Services, LLC, 607 Corinne Street, Suite B-2, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 upon payment of \$200, none of which is refundable.

This Advertisement and the Proposal/Bid 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, Phone (601) 359-3485, and at the MPTAP Meridian Branch Office, 1901 Front Street, Meridian, MS 39302, Contact Natalie Purvis, Phone (601) 934-5975.

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 City 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 Shubuta**, **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 August 31, 2017 and at the time set forth above at the Senior Citizens Center of the Town of Shubuta, 161 Graham Street, Shubuta, MS 39360. The bids will be considered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Shubuta.

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 (CDBG) Grant 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**.

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The Town of Shubuta 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 Shubuta, this the 5th day of July, 2017.

This Advertisement for Bids is hereby issued this the 20th day of July 2017.

Publish as a legal ad in the Clarke County Tribune on July 20th and July 27th, 2017. Forward proof and invoice for legal ad to the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 416, Shubuta, MS 39360.