**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

NOTICE is hereby given that the **City of Newton, Mississippi,** will receive written sealed bids until the hour of **10:00 AM**, local time on, **September 8, 2017** at the **Board Room** of the **Newton City Hall** located at **203 East Church Street, Newton, Mississippi 39345, (601-683-6181)** for the furnishing of all labor and materials, and for performing all activities specified in the Contract Documents, for the construction of the **City of Newton Railway Spur Project, 2015 CDBG Grant #1132-15-277-ED-01 / 2016 Economic Development Grant #04-01-07163,** consisting of a **Proposed Industrial Rail Spur.**

The project includes **roadbed and track construction within the Newton Industrial Park and all associated work**. The Contract Time will be **ninety (90)** consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be $1,000 per consecutive calendar day thereafter. A **mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on August 24, 2017 at 10:00 AM,** at the **Board Room** of the **Newton City Hall**.

Plans, Contract Documents and Proposal Forms are on file for public inspection in the office of the **City Clerk, City of Newton, 203 East Church Street, Newton, MS 39345 (601-683-6181)**, and in the office of the Engineer, **Foster, Jones and Associates, Inc., 120 Solleftea Drive, Suite C, Madison, MS 39110, (601-898-1404)**. A copy of the Contract Documents and Plans may be procured from **Foster, Jones and Associates, Inc., 120 Solleftea Drive, Suite C, Madison, MS 39110, (601-898-1404)** upon payment of a non-refundable document fee of $250.

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 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 **City of Newton, 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** of the **Newton City Hall** (address noted above). The bids will be considered by the **Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton** at the next regular or specially called 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 (CDBG) Grant Program** administered by the **Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)** and **Economic Development Grant Program** administered by the **Economic Development Authority (EDA) and shall be governed by the requirements thereof.** Neither the **Mississippi Development Authority**, the **Economic Development Authority**, the **MDA** staff, the State of Mississippi, the U.S. Government, nor any of their department, 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, to the Community Development Block Grant Program Regulations, and all applicable EDA Regulations.**

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

Publication Dates:

August 9, 2017

August 16, 2017

August 23, 2017

August 30, 2017