

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Forest, Mississippi will receive written sealed bids until the hour of **10:00 A.M. on February 12, 2015** at the Forest City Hall, 120 South Davis Street, Forest, Mississippi 39074, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and for the construction of that certain project designated as **“Forest POTW ASB #1, Slope Improvements”**, Drawings and Specifications being on file at the office of the City Clerk.

The project consists of construction of: slope stabilization improvements at three locations within the treatment lagoons at the treatment facility and all related appurtenances shown on the Bid Form.

The total Contract Time will be 180 consecutive calendar days and the liquidated damages will be \$500.00 per consecutive calendar day thereafter.

The City of Forest, Mississippi hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises/woman business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Copies of the plans and specifications, together with contract documents, may be obtained from the office of Waggoner Engineering, Inc., located at 143-A LeFleurs Square, Jackson, Mississippi 39211-5525, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, none of which is refundable.

Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder and the City of Forest, Mississippi reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This project is funded in whole or in part by Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Mississippi Development Authority, Community Services Division from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All local, state, and federal special condition will apply.

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Community Development Act 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) is intended to ensure, **to the greatest extent feasible**, that training and employment opportunities generated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development projects be given to low income residents of the Section 3 project area and **preference be given to qualified Section 3 Business concerns** for work in connection with projects funded in whole or in part with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds, provided the Section 3 Business meets all of the criteria set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations Part 135 and all subparts thereof. The designated Section 3 area for this project is the City limits of Forest, Mississippi.

A Section 3 resident is defined as: (1) A public housing resident; or (2) An individual who resides in the metropolitan area or non-metropolitan county in which the Section 3 covered assistance is expended, and who is a low or very low-income person, as this term is defined in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)).

A Section 3 business concern is defined as:

1. That is 51 percent or more owned by Section 3 residents within the geographical area of the City of Newton; or
2. Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were Section 3 residents, or
3. That provides evidence of a commitment to by contract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of "Section 3 business concern".

Section 3, 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.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF FOREST, MISSISSIPPI THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

CITY OF FOREST, MISSISSIPPI

**BY: (s) Faye Johnston
FAYE JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK**

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