## **LEGAL NOTICE**

The City of Gulfport is soliciting RFPs for Program Management Services for New Construction of an Elevated Fuel and Service Support Facility.

For the Proposal to be considered, <u>One (1) original marked "ORIGINAL" and three (3) copies and one (1) electronic PDF copy on Compact disk (CD)</u> of the proposal shall be submitted. All proposals must be received in the Procurement Office of the City of Gulfport, 1410 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501, no later than <u>5:00 o'clock p.m. local time</u>, <u>November 10, 2014</u>, after which time they will be referred to the Selection Committee. Any submittal received after the above stated date and time will be returned unopened.

The RFP Package may be picked up at the Procurement Office, located at 1410 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS or the package can be faxed or emailed by calling 228-868-5705.

Inquiries - All inquiries shall be in writing and directed to the following office. No questions or requests for clarifications will be addressed within seven (7) days of the due date of the proposal.

Procurement Department Hardy Bldg., 1410 24th Avenue Gulfport, MS 39501 cdebenport@gulfport-ms.gov

The selection committee will review each proposal based on the grading criteria published in the RFP document and will assist the City's governing authority in evaluating the submissions and assessing the most qualified. The governing authority retains the ultimate authority in making these determinations. The committee may develop a short list from which interview will be scheduled and evaluation will be based in part on review of ONLY the data submitted in response to the request for proposal. Upon final selection(s) and a determination made by the City's governing authority, negotiations may commence and a written contract may be awarded to the individual(s)/firm(s) whose proposal is determined by the governing authority to be the most qualified.

This project is funded fully or partially with Federal funds provided through Mississippi Development Authority, utilizing Supplemental Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; the successful bidder must comply with all applicable federal, state and local requirements contained in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to Section 3, Davis-Bacon Federal Wage Regulations, E-Verify, etc., as identified in the bid proposal packet as "HUD Contract Provisions for Non-Construction Contracts". All Women and Minority and Section 3 Contractors are encouraged to apply.

Section 3: This project is covered by the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. § 1701u) ("Section 3"). Section 3 requires that when employment or contracting opportunities are generated by HUD-funded projects, preference is given to low to very low-income persons and businesses residing in the community where the project is located. Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit a bid as any responsive, responsible bidder that qualifies as a Section 3 Business Concern will be given a preference during evaluation. A bidder selected for this Project will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all Section 3 requirements including, but not limited to, the hiring and contracting decisions made on the Project.

The successful bidder must adhere to the Owner's policy concerning non-discrimination without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin or handicap.

The City of Gulfport reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to discontinue contract execution with any party at any time prior to final contract execution. The City of Gulfport is an equal opportunity employer.

Direct contact with any city employee, including the Governing Authority on the subject of this proposal is strictly forbidden. Violation of this paragraph will result in disqualification of your submission.

Publish in the Legal Section on:

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Send Invoice & Proof of publication to:

Connie Debenport, CPPB

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