REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Artesia will accept sealed proposals from qualified firms and individuals interested in providing engineering services for proposed infrastructure improvements to the town-owned sewer system and lagoon. The work will be constructed with funding through the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program.

Engineering Services required include, but are not limited to, project development, design, administration and construction supervision, preparation of specifications, supervision of bid procedures and inspection of the project.

Award of the aforementioned contract will be made to the responsible parties whose proposals are most advantageous to the Town of Artesia. Proposals will be rated according to the following criteria: (1) Previous experience with CDBG and other similar Federal Programs; (2) Knowledge of Federal and State laws concerning bid procedures and contracts; (3) General experience and technical expertise in the profession; and (4) Previous experience in performing the required services in a timely manner, with equal value assigned to each category. Cost is not a factor in the selection process and should not be a part of the proposal. Cost will be negotiated with the firm or individual receiving the highest rating according to the stated criteria.

Interested parties are invited to submit sealed proposals until 11:30 AM, March 6, 2017, to the Town of Artesia at the Town Hall at 22 South Front Street (P.O. Box 277), Artesia, MS 39736. All proposals will be opened and read at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2017. All proposals should be marked clearly as being a CDBG Engineering Proposal

The Town of Artesia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town of Artesia encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The Town of Artesia also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the Town of Artesia and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents of Artesia. Section 3 also requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns.

Publish one (1) time as a legal advertisement on February 17, 2017 in the Columbus Commercial Dispatch newspaper. Proof of publication required.