

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The City of Natchez requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide architectural services for work related to the implementation of approved FY 2026 CDBG Project. You are invited to submit a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the Office of the City Clerk, 124 South Pearl Street, Natchez, MS 39120, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time on March 17, 2026.

The Architect will be responsible for preparing the scope of work and project cost estimate for application preparation and if awarded, the selected architect will provide all architectural services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications for the project, 2) distribute bid documents, 3) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation, 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts, 5) hold pre-construction conference, and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the City and approve all payment requests.

The City of Natchez is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. The City 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 City and its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents of Natchez. Section 3 also requires that contracts for work in connection with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for 2026 CDBG Architectural Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points) and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

Qualifications - List of qualifications of people to be assigned to the project;

Experience - Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of grants awarded, the projects activities and the status of the projects.

Capacity for Performance - Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services.

The City will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period not to exceed (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

Subject to CDBG award(s) and the removal of all environmental conditions, the City will award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the

highest number of cumulative points issued by the selection committee and determined to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each project awarded, and the contract will be on a fixed price basis. The City has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

Dan M. Gibson, Mayor
Megan Mckenzie, City Clerk

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