

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

New Zion Utilities, Inc. (OWNER) requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services on an as needed basis for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant (RWAIG) Program. You are invited to submit one (1) copy of a proposal, in accordance with this request, by mail or hand-delivered to New Zion Utilities, Inc., 312 Mill Avenue, Wiggins, MS 39577 (PH: 601-928-6044) no later than 10:00 a.m., on September 20, 2024. Selection of Engineer will be based on the criteria established in this legal advertisement. Engineer shall not submit any cost or price information with their proposals.

Engineer should submit complete proposals sufficient for final selection of the most qualified engineer. The Engineer will be responsible for assisting with project funding applications including the preparation of facility plans, if necessary, and if awarded, the selected Engineer will provide all engineering 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; 2. Distribution of bid documents; 3. Assist in bid opening and 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 OWNER and approve all payment requests. The OWNER is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The OWNER encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "Proposal for Engineering Services for ARPA-RWAIG Program."

Based on the Assistance Listing: Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds and Part 2 of the US Treasury State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance (v3.0 February 2022) (Compliance Guide), the following Uniform Guidance provisions apply to the ARPA/CSLFRF grant award:

Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions

Subpart B, General Provisions

Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 CFR 200.204, .205, .210, and .213)

Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements (except 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) & (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4))

Subpart E, Cost Principles

Subpart F, Audit Requirements

2 CFR Part 25 (Universal Identifier & System for Award Management)

2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information)

2 CFR Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement))

Executed contracts shall include provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards listed in Appendix II to Part 200

Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points), and Project Knowledge (20 points). The submitted proposal must address the following in detail: Qualifications - The qualifications of the firm and persons assigned to the project; Experience - The firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, the project activities, and the status of the projects; Project Knowledge - Familiarity with the OWNER's infrastructure and the proposed funding programs. The OWNER will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period to not exceed ten (10) days for the purpose of reviewing the content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individuals. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The OWNER will award a contract to 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 OWNER, all factors considered. The

contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. The contract will be on a fixed basis. The OWNER has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

President
New Zion Utilities, Inc.

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