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Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program
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Jackson, MS 39205

RE: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Town of Walnut, MS
Request for Statement of Qualification - Engineering Services

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Town of Walnut, Mississippi is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from professional engineering firms to provide engineering services for a 2016 CDBG project.

Enclosed is a copy of the Request for Qualifications that outlines the scope of work and the Town's procedures for the selection of a Professional Engineering Firm. If you have any questions concerning this solicitation for proposals, please contact Mayor Vicki Skinner, at (662) 223-4405.

Sincerely,

Vicki J. Skinner

Vicki Skinner
Mayor

Enclosure

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TOWN OF WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) CDBG
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Walnut, Mississippi is requesting Statements of Qualifications from qualified professional engineering firms in connection with a Mississippi FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., CST, March 30, 2016. They must be either mailed or delivered to: Mayor Vicki Skinner, Town of Walnut, P.O. Box 540, Walnut, MS 38683-0540 (662-223-4405.

Engineering Services are needed to assist in engineering preliminary design, and development of engineering reports, plans, specifications and bid documents; on-site inspection, and all engineering services necessary to carry out the activities of the Town's CDBG project if funded. The Engineering consultant must carry out all activities in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations, and procedures of the CDBG Program.

All proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: **"Statement of Qualifications for CDBG Engineering Services."** Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications and Availability of Key Personnel (40 points), Experience and Technical Expertise (40 points), and the Scope of Services (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail: **Availability of Qualified Personnel** – List of qualifications of persons to be assigned to project. **Experience Technical Expertise** – Information regarding the firm's experience and projects previously undertaken, including the types and cost of project. **Scope of Services** – Summarize scope and the type of services and activities offered by the firm.

The Town of Walnut is an Equal Opportunity Provider an Employer. The Town encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. Additionally, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended September 2, 1992, as a statutory provision per 24 CFR 135 of the federal regulations, requires that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training, employment, and contracting and other economic opportunities be given to low and moderate income residents of the project area. Section 3 also requires that, to the greatest extent feasible, contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part, by persons residing in the project area.

The Town of Walnut will award a contract to the qualified firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the Town and determined to be the most advantageous to the Town. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements. An individual contract will be executed for each funded project. The contract will be on a lump sum basis.