

**CITY OF AMERICUS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR GRANT
WRITING, ADMINISTRATIVE & RELATED GRANT SERVICES**

October 20, 2020

The City of Americus is considering requesting funds from the Georgia Statements of qualifications and proposals are being requested from consultants with a strong record in successfully assisting local governments with grant writing for and implementation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Responding firms should be qualified to provide grant administration and related services including, but not limited to: Preparation of the grant application; Preparation of the Environmental Review Record; Preparation of draw/disbursement requests; Assistance with financial administration of grant funds and record keeping; Assistance with holding public hearings; Assistance with any required acquisition following the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA); Assisting the engineer/architect with preparation of bid documents, advertising and conducting the bid opening; Assisting the city with Davis-Bacon and related labor requirements including weekly payroll review and employee interviews; Assisting the city with meeting Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements; and Preparation of close-out documents.

The City of Americus plans are to contract with a reputable consulting firm for grant writing, and, if funded, for administration services, for a 2021 CDBG project. The purpose of the project is anticipated to provide Housing Improvement, Street & Drainage Improvements and/or water and sewer improvements.

Information which should be submitted for our evaluation is as follows:

- 1) History of firm and resources
- 2) CDBG experience, including other DCA grant programs
- 3) Capacity to complete scope of work
- 4) Current workload
- 5) Scope and level of service proposed
- 6) Experience with similar projects and list of references
- 7) Fees associated with grant writing, and grant administration, if the project is funded
- 8) Statement of Qualifications Form
- 9) Applicable Section 3 Certification forms, if claiming Section 3 Status

All contracts are subject to Federal and State contract provisions prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This project is covered under the requirements of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.

The City of Americus also abides by the following laws as they pertain to HUD Assisted Projects: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title I; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act); Section 104(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.

Interested parties should request copies of the Statement of Qualifications Form and Section 3 Solicitation Package prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. Proposals should be received no later than **4:00 p.m. on November 20, 2020**. Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered. Hand delivered proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Proposals received after the above date and time will not be considered. The City of Americus reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities in the proposal process. Questions and Completed Proposals should be submitted to the name and address listed below:

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