REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING

PURPOSE:

The City of __________ is soliciting sealed proposals to provide Disaster Debris Monitoring Services.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:

Firms or companies desiring to provide services, as described in the Scope of Work, shall submit sealed proposals in one (1) original and four (4) complete copies not later than __________ (Local Time) on ________________ (day/date), to the City of __________, __________, __________, Mississippi __________.

Offers by telephone or telegram shall not be accepted. Also, proposers are instructed NOT to fax or email their proposal. Faxed or emailed proposals shall be rejected as non-responsive regardless of where the fax or email is received.

Respondents are cautioned that they are responsible for delivery to the specific location cited above. Therefore, if your proposal is delivered by an express mail carrier or by any other means, it is your responsibility to ensure delivery to the above address. This office will not be responsible for deliveries made to any place other than the specified address.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his or her Proposal reaches the City. The time and date for receipt of Proposals will be scrupulously observed. Late deliveries or mail delays will be rejected as non-responsive regardless for the reason for delay.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept the proposal which, in its sole judgment, best serves the interest of the City, or to award a contract to the next most qualified proposers if a successful proposer does not execute a contract within thirty (30) days after approval of the selection by the City.

The City reserves the right to cancel a solicitation at any time prior to approval of the award by the City.

2. The City reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request
additional information of one or more applicants.

3. Any proposal may be withdrawn until the date and time set above for the submission of the proposals. Any proposals not so withdrawn shall constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of ninety (90) days, to provide to the City the services set forth in this Request for Proposals, or until one or more of the proposals have been awarded.

4. Proposals shall be sealed and proposers should indicate on the packaging of their proposal the following:
   a. RFP – Debris Monitoring
   b. Due Date (example: Monday, May 15, 2017)
   c. Name and Address of Proposer

5. Costs of preparation of a response to this request for proposals are solely those of the proposers. The City assumes no responsibility for any such costs incurred by the proposer. The proposer also agrees that the City bears no responsibility for any costs associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.

6. The proposer receiving the award will obtain or possess the following insurance coverages, and will provide Certificates of Insurance to the City to verify such coverage.
   a. Workers’ Compensation – The vendor shall provide coverage for its employees with statutory workers’ compensation limits, and no less than $1,000,000.00 for Employers’ Liability. Said coverage shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City and its agents, employees and officials.
   b. Commercial General Liability – The vendor shall provide coverage for all operations including, but not limited to Contractual, Products and Completed Operations, and Personal Injury. The limits shall be not less than $1,000,000.00.
   c. Business Automobile Liability – The vendor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with limits of not less than $1,000,000.00 per occurrence, Combined Single Limits (CSL), or its equivalent.
   d. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) – The vendor shall provide coverage for all claims arising out of the services performed with limits not less than $1,000,000.00 per claim. The aggregate limit shall either apply separately to this contract or shall be at least twice the required per claim limit.

7. The consultant awarded this contract shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion of the contract resulting from this RFP. The City shall have access to all records, documents, and information collected and/or maintained by others in the course of the administration of the agreement. This information shall be made accessible at the awardees place of business to the City, including the Comptroller’s Office and/or its designees, for purposes of
inspection, reproduction, and audit without restriction.

8. It is the intent of the City to enter into a ________________________________.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP:

All questions or concerns regarding this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing or by email to the City of __________ no later than ______________ (Local Time), on ____________________ (day and date). The City may issue an addendum to the Request for Proposals for distribution to all known prospective proposers.

No oral interpretation of this Request for Proposal shall be considered binding. The City shall be bound by information and statements only when such statements are written and executed under the authority of the Mayor.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Proposers must succinctly respond in the format delineated below. Elaborate, irrelevant, or otherwise unnecessary information will not be considered.

The following information should be tabbed to identify the required information. Failure to submit this information may render your proposal non-responsive.

1. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIRM

   a. Provide a description and history of the firm focusing on previous governmental experience. Only past experience as the prime contractor will be considered. Firm qualifications must include, at minimum, the following:

      i. Recent experience demonstrating current capacity and current expertise in debris removal, solid waste and hazardous waste management, and disposal.

      ii. Documented knowledge and experience coordinating with Federal, State and Local emergency agencies.

      iii. Experience representing local governments with various state and federal funding sources and reimbursement processes, including FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), and NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services).

      iv. Experience with special disaster recovery program management services including private property/right-of-entry (ROE) work, waterways clean-up and reimbursement, sand recovery and beach remediation, leaning tree and hanging limb removal, hazardous material removal, vessel and vehicle
recovery, asbestos abatement, data management, and hauler invoice reconciliation and contracting, and FEMA appeals assistance.

b. Provide three (3) references for which the firm has performed services within the past five (5) years that are similar to the requirements in the Scope of Services. Provide the reference’s contact name, address, e-mail address, telephone numbers and date of the contract.

2. QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF

Provide an organizational chart, resumes and summary of staff qualifications. Key project staff (management staff including, but not limited to: project manager, collection and disposal operations managers, FEMA reimbursement specialist, data manager, etc.) should be full time employees of the proposing firm and have experience working for the Proposer, in the following:

a. Experience demonstrating current capacity and current expertise in debris removal, solid waste and hazardous waste management, and disposal.

b. Documented knowledge and experience of Federal, State and Local emergency agencies, state and federal programs, funding sources, and reimbursement processes.

c. Experience with special disaster recovery program management services including private property/right-of-entry (ROE) work, waterways clean-up and reimbursement, leaning tree and hanging limb removal, hazardous material removal, vessel and vehicle recovery, data management, and hauler invoice reconciliation and contracting, and FEMA appeals assistance.

3. TECHNICAL APPROACH

Provide a description of the Proposer’s approach to the project, to include startup procedures/requirements, debris estimate methodology, analysis of debris recovery operations and management of the debris recovery contractors and billing/invoices reporting procedures to FEMA and the City.

4. COST PROPOSAL

Each Proposer must complete and submit the Cost Proposal Form/Fee Schedule included herein. The Cost Proposal will be evaluated on the hourly rates submitted on the cost proposal form for the labor positions listed. All non-labor projected costs will be billed to the City at cost without markup. All Per Diem Expenses shall be billed directly to the City at a rate not to exceed the GSA Per Diem Allowance for the project area.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following weighted criteria will be utilized to select the consultant awarded this contract.

Qualifications of Firm  25
SCOPE OF SERVICES

I. BACKGROUND

The City requires management, recovery and consulting services related to disaster recovery. Upon request of the City, other services may include, but not limited to, facilitating communication with FEMA, FHWA, the State of Mississippi and other agencies, coordination with insurance representatives, pre-event planning, and post-event reconstruction, grant funding, and reimbursement services.

II. SCOPE

A. DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES

The selected firm will be expected to provide disaster debris monitoring services to include debris generated from the public rights-of-way, private property, drainage areas/canals, waterways and other areas designated as eligible by the City. Specific services may include:

a. Providing technical support and guidance in selecting a debris removal contractor. This shall include the preparation, review and recommendations of Request for Proposals for debris removal.

b. Coordinating daily briefings, work progress, staffing, and other key items with the City.

c. Support with the selection and permitting of Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Site (TDSRS) locations and other permitting/regulatory issues as requested.

d. Scheduling work for team members and contractors on a daily basis.

e. Hiring, scheduling, and managing field staff.

f. Monitoring recovery contractor operations and making/implementing recommendations to improve efficiency and speed-up recovery work.

g. Assisting the City with responding to public concerns and comments.

h. Certifying contractor vehicles for debris removal using methodology and documentation practices appropriate for contract monitoring.

i. The Debris monitoring company shall utilize an Electronic Ticketing System to generate
electronic debris load tickets for each load of debris generated. The Electronic Ticketing System shall capture a digital photograph, GPS coordinates, Electronic Signature, and a timestamp for each load of debris generated as it is loaded and as it is dumped. The System shall also capture before and after photos of each Leaner, Hanger, and Stump removed along with GPS coordinates and timestamps. This information shall be transmitted electronically to a central information database that provides real time access to debris removal activities via a web-based interface. Along with the digital records, the system shall also have the ability to generate paper receipts in the field for redundancy and debris removal crew validation if requested by the City at no additional cost. The System shall also be capable of providing a real time connection to the City’s GIS system and shall be customizable to meet specific needs of the City with no additional cost to the City. The purpose of the Electronic Ticketing System is to provide the City with complete documentation of every load of debris generated for auditing and reimbursement purposes.

j. Developing daily operational reports to keep the City informed of work progress.

k. Development of maps, GIS applications, etc. as necessary.

l. Comprehensive review, reconciliation, and validation of debris removal contractor(s) invoices prior to submission to the City for processing.

m. Project Worksheet and other pertinent report preparation required for reimbursement by FEMA, FHWA and any other applicable agencies for disaster recovery efforts by City staff and designated debris removal contractors.

n. Final report and appeal preparation and assistance.

END OF SCOPE
The hourly labor rates shall include all applicable overhead and profit. All non-labor related project costs will be billed to the City at cost without mark-up. All Per Diem Expenses shall be billed directly to the City at a rate not to exceed the GSA Per Diem Allowance for the project area. The rates listed below shall be straight time rates. All hours in excess of 40 per week shall be billed at 1.5 times the straight time rate.

**DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES**

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Proposal Ranking Form

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A few key notes—

- The debris removal RFP includes in Section 8.0 various of the specific contract clauses that are required by federal regulations (which is great). The debris monitoring RFP is missing those clauses, though.

- For the costs to be reimbursable by FEMA, the procurement must not only comply with the minimum federal standards, but also must comply with State and local procurement laws/standards/requirements, which FEMA isn’t in a position to offer an opinion on.

- Reviewing the RFP is just the beginning when it comes to determining whether a procurement meets the criteria for eligibility for FEMA reimbursement that are set forth in 2 CFR 200.317-326. There are also various other procurement requirements that can’t be discerned just by reading the RFP, such as whether the City has kept detailed records of its procurement decisions, whether the City has conducted a price or cost analysis, whether is has made efforts to advertise the opportunity to small and women/minority owned businesses, etc.. I’ve attached some materials that explain these requirements. Other information is available online at [https://www.fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team](https://www.fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team).