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Lewis Crews Football Stadium Elevator Upgrades: This is an interior renovation of an two existing elevator on the Alabama A & M campus.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City of Huntsville, Alabama is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) informing the public that 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may submit proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Economic Development activities for Program Year 2024 from Monday, March 11, 2024, to Monday, April 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Responses to the RFP must be submitted online through the following link: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/HUNTSVILLEAL/Participant> The application link will be available for access beginning on Monday, March 11, 2024.

The City of Huntsville, Alabama receives funding for Economic Development activities through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Economic Development Program funds may be used to further economic stability, increase the standard of living, and build a highly skilled, flexible workforce. Eligible activities include job creation and retention programs and workforce development training. Funds are limited to projects that, if implemented, meet a CDBG National Objective (benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, prevention and elimination of slums and blight, and urgent need) and meet the Economic Development Priority Need and Goal identified in the 2020-2024 City of Huntsville Consolidated Plan, as amended, that is available on the City's website at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/community-development-public-notices-and-reports/>.

Please refer all questions prior to the submission deadline, Monday, April 1, 2024 to:

City of Huntsville
Community Development Department
120 Holmes Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801
or email at: comdev@huntsvilleal.gov

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES

The City of Huntsville, Alabama is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) informing the public that 501(c)3 non-profit organizations may submit proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding of Public Facilities for Program Year 2024 from Monday, March 18, 2024, to Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Responses to the RFP must be submitted online through the following link: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/HUNTSVILLEAL/Participant> The application link will be available for access beginning on Monday, March 18, 2024.

The City of Huntsville, Alabama receives funding for Public Facilities activities through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City of Huntsville's Public Facilities Program helps support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public improvements or facilities. Examples of eligible projects include improvements, repairs, or expansions community centers and facilities. Funds are limited to projects that, if implemented, meet a CDBG National Objective (benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, prevention and elimination of slums and blight, and urgent need) and meet the Priority Need and Goal identified in the 2020-2024 City of Huntsville Consolidated Plan, as amended, that is available on the City's website at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/community-development-public-notices-and-reports/>.

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INVITATION FOR BID # 37-2024-55

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: March 20, 2024 at 10:00AM local time
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: March 22, 2024, at 5:00PM local time
BID OPENING DATE: March 28, 2024 at 2:00PM local time

The City of Huntsville will receive sealed bids, priced on a firm fixed price basis (stipulated sum), to provide all necessary equipment, materials, labor and supervision necessary, as outlined in the Plans, Specifications, and Bid Manual for the **Resurfacing of Residential Streets – 2024 – Phase 2**.

PROJECT ADDRESS Varios Street - Huntsville, AL 35805
ARCHITECT N/A
PROJECT MANAGER Scott Richardson – City Project Manager at (256) 883-3984
PROCUREMENT SERVICES Tamara M Yancy, Procurement Manager at (256) 883-3614 308 Fountain Cir, 4th Floor, Huntsville, AL 35801 (physical address) P. O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 (mailing address)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Resurfacing of Residential Streets in accordance with details, specifications, and general requirements of the City of Huntsville. The purpose of this bid is to provide for the expedient construction of resurfacing projects as designated by the City of Huntsville, utilizing unit prices for the commonly performed contractor work items. Construction of these projects is intended to be performed within 280 days with the work beginning and ending on dates selected by the City of Huntsville. Failure to comply with the times specified in the Notice to Proceed (NTP) may, in the sole determination of the City of Huntsville, result in the contractor being prohibited from bidding on additional work for the City of Huntsville, until such time as contractor is back on schedule.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on site at the Public Works Services-South Maintenance Building located at 4209 East Schrimsher Lane, Huntsville, AL 35805 at 10:00 AM on the above referenced date at which time the Architect and City representatives will discuss the project and answer questions. This Pre-Bid Conference is NOT mandatory. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting to gain a full understanding of the project specifications and requirements.

DR. KELLEY

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IN RESPONSE TO DR. JOE REEDS' LETTER:

Dr. Joe L. Reed is a political legend in the State of Alabama. As Blacks, we have as much political representation as we do because of Dr. Joe L. Reed's advocacy and activism.

Dr. Joe Reed has a valid concern about the congressional district two candidates whom conservative organizations are heavily financing. This is important because, as Black people,

we have had to be culturally paranoid to survive. In addition, we have had to fight for everything we have.

For many years, we have had too many politicians who have walked a tight-rope between our adversaries, money, and popularity. In this process, we tend to receive ineffective Ken representation.

In far too many cases, we have had political representation that suffers from what Paulo Freire called cultural invasion in his book, "The Pedagogy of the Oppressed." To paraphrase Freire, he says cultural invasion occurs when the

BID OPENING: The bid opening will be held in the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the Municipal Administration Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama.

PLANS: The contract documents, plans, and specifications, along with the City of Huntsville's Standard Specifications for Construction of Public Improvements Contract Projects and Engineering Standards will be available for inspection no later than **March 13, 2024** and can be downloaded through Bidnet Direct at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville>. Contractors will be responsible for costs of duplicating their own plans and can choose photocopying facility of their choice. Additionally, Contractors are responsible for registering with Bidnet Direct and monitoring it for any revisions/updates. Contractor is required to submit pricing, provided by the COH (Appendix C Supplement – Schedule of Bid Quantities) and made available for download from Bidnet Direct, on either a CD-RW (preferably in a live/flash drive format) in the Excel format. The CD-RW (preferably in a live/flash drive format) must be in working condition and included with original bid packet and reflect the correct revision, along with Appendix C – Bidder Pricing Form – Bid Quantities. Bid must be submitted from the file provided and downloaded from Bidnet Direct. Failure to do so may cause for rejection of bid. The City reserves the right to reject any altered bid resulting from altering the file in any manner. If a price discrepancy between the total base bid price detailed below and the total on the CD-RW, then total base bid price detailed below shall prevail. All bids must be SEALED before submittal at the bid opening. Any bids received that are not sealed will be immediately rejected.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: These Addenda, Special Provisions, Plans, the Supplement to General Requirements for Construction of Public Improvements City of Huntsville Specifications, Standard Specifications for Construction of Public Improvements Contract Projects and all supplementary documents are essential parts of the contract, and a requirement occurring in one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complimentary and to describe and provide for a complete work. Contract Document Order of Precedence shall be as follows: (1) Addenda; (2) General Requirements (including attachments); (3) Supplement to General Requirements; (4) Drawings/City of Huntsville Standard Specifications for Construction of Public Improvements Contract Projects; (5) Supplemental Specifications (Earthwork, Chain Link Fences, and Gates); (6) Special Conditions; and (7) Current ALDOT Specifications. Construction of Public Improvement Contract Projects – Standard Specifications and Construction of Public Improvements - Engineering Standards are available for no charge and downloading at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/development/building-construction/permits-standards-a-to-z/> under the Engineering Section.

INTERPRETATIONS: Any bidder finding discrepancies in or omissions from documents or in doubt as to their meaning should immediately notify the Architect. If necessary, written additional instructions or clarifications will be sent to all plan holders in the form of addenda issued by the City of Huntsville. The City of Huntsville will not be responsible for oral instructions.

QUALIFICATIONS: The qualifications, ability, and responsibility of all bidders and of their proposed sub-contractors will be considered in making the award. Bids of \$50,000 or more will be accepted only from qualified General Contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Code of Alabama (1975) Titles 34 and 46 as amended. Only bids of such Contractors who are licensed prior to the date of the bid opening will be considered. Any bid submitted without the current General Contractor's License Number clearly noted on the outside of the sealed envelope will not be opened and will be rejected. In accordance with Alabama Code 39-3-5, preferences shall be given to Alabama resident contractors and nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded the contract only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances. The contractor must possess a State of Alabama Classification of (HS) Highway & Streets or (MU) Municipal & Utility designation.

RECEIVING BIDS: All bids shall be submitted to the City of Huntsville, Procurement Services, no later than the time to be determined on the above referenced bid date at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 308 Fountain Circle. All bids received prior to time of bid opening shall be kept secure and unopened. Late bids will not be accepted. All bids shall be submitted in duplicate on the bid forms prepared and furnished by the City of Huntsville in a sealed envelope addressed to the City's Procurement Services contract.

IRON OR STEEL PRODUCTS: This project is subject to Alabama Department of Transportation Alabama Standards Specifications, 2022 Editions, Section 600, Subitem 106.01(a)2a:

(a) Any contractor for a public works project, financed entirely by the State of Alabama or any political subdivision thereof, within this state, shall use iron or steel produced within the United

States when specifications in the construction contract require the use of iron or steel and do not limit its supply to a sole source under subsection (f) of Section 39-2-2. If the awarding authority decides that the procurement of domestic iron or steel products becomes impractical as a result of a national emergency, national strike or other cause, the awarding authority shall waive the above restriction. (b) In the event the contractor violates the domestic iron or steel requirements of subsection (a), and domestic iron or steel is not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor.


enemy's mind gets in your mind and is stronger than your mind. As a result, you fight against the people who are fighting for you. This is similar to what the South African Freedom Fighter Steve Biko said, "The greatest weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

That is why sometimes the most vicious enemy Black people have to fight looks like them. This is the case with Clarence Thomas, Ben Carson, and Tim Scott. Every Black person in America should be ashamed of Tim Scott's buffoonery on national television when he

told Donald Trump, "I just love you."

I have witnessed Anthony Daniels work in our community. However, Shomari Figures also has the potential to be an excellent congressman. We need a congressman to serve our people with dignity. We have been sold out too often and too long. We need a member of Congress who knows who they ought to be fighting for and who they ought to be fighting against.

Keep the Faith, Rev. Dr. Randy B. Kelley Alabama Democratic Party Chairman



ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE
(Black Political Caucus of Alabama)

424 S. DECATUR STREET — MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104
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TO: Randy Kelley, Chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party

FROM: Joe L. Reed
Chairman, Alabama Democratic Conference

DATE: March 1, 2024

Mr. Chairman:

I just read two disturbing articles which revealed some very disturbing facts that show the Republican Party's efforts to buy the Congressional seat in District 2 by contributing untold and unimaginable amounts of dark dollars to at least two candidates seeking the Democratic nomination in the March 5 Alabama Democratic Primary.

According to the reports, Protect Progress, a conservative group, has donated 1.7 million dollars to Shomari Figures alone. The other candidate, Anthony Daniels, the current Democratic Minority Leader in the Alabama House of Representative, has received untold amounts of dollars from other Republicans, many who live in Alabama. The veracity of these claims is beyond doubt because the candidates themselves made the reports. [Attachments]

The Democratic Party should not stand idly by and let the crooks, thugs, and thieves steal the election from us. The United States Supreme Court ordered Alabama's Legislature to *draw a District that Blacks could win*. It certainly did not order that there be drawn a *district for Republicans to buy or steal* or for Blacks to sell!

For the reasons cited above, the Democratic Party needs to consider whether or not these two candidates can continue to run as Democrats. Our bylaws give the Party the right to determine whether a candidate is qualified to represent the Party in November. I do not believe that, if by chance, either one or both can win the election in November. We need to elect a candidate who is **unbought and unbossed**, and who can win. **The candidate who comes in second never takes the oath.**

It is imperative that this matter be addressed forthwith. If we cannot finalize this question before the election, we need to address it immediately after the election and, if possible, prior to certification if by chance either one, or both, makes the run-off.



This report should be frightening and alarming to every citizen in Alabama and every Democratic voter in the State.

It would be a crime, indeed, against humanity for Black folks in Alabama to have a chance of electing a Black Congressional candidate and we yield to greed, trickery, excuses, and lose the seat.

The Alabama Democratic Party owes it to the people of Alabama, in general, and the Democratic Party voters, in particular, to expose this political shenanigan. [The Republicans cannot buy this election without buying the people whose campaigns they are funding]. I have been telling all who will listen for the last 50 years that **you cannot send a lunch by a hungry boy. He will eat it!**

There is a serious question as to whether these candidates should be allowed to continue to run as Democrats.

Corruption triumphs when good people do nothing. It is time to act!

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