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COMPLETION OF WORK

ABC Form C-14 August 2001

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Prada Enterprises, Inc. (Contractor), has completed the Contract for (Construction) (Renovation) (Alteration) (Equipment) (Improvement) of (Name of Project) QSP # 2023-14 Roof Repair, Minor Paintings

at 2201 Clinton Ave Huntsville, AL 35805 and 2818 Turf Ave NW Huntsville, AL 35816

(Insert location data in County or City) HSV

for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Huntsville Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Huntsville Housing Authority, 200 Washington St, Huntsville, AL 35801

(Contractor) James H. Prada, Prada Ent. Inc., 2626 Lascott Dr, HSV, AL 35803

NOTE: This notice must be run once a week for four successive weeks for projects exceeding \$50,000.00, for projects of less than \$50,000.00, run one time only. Proof of publication is required.

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In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Ryzec Building Group, LLC (Contractor), has completed the Contract for (Construction) (Renovation) (Alteration) (Equipment) (Improvement) of Huntsville Housing Authority - Radon Mitigation Brookside IFB No. 2023-09 2003 Brookside Street SW Huntsville, Alabama 35805

at HHA Radon Mitigation Brookside - HUNTSVILLE, AL.

(Insert location data in County or City)

for the State of Alabama and the County of Madison, City of Huntsville, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Mark Blazer at EDT-THA Architecture

(Contractor) Mark Blazer, EDT-THA Architecture, 114 Confederate Drive, Franklin TN, 37064

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DCM Form C-14 August 2021

SAMPLE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that _____ (Contractor Company Name) Contractor, has completed the Contract for (Construction) (Renovation) (Alteration) (Equipment) (Improvement) of _____ (Name of Project):

at _____

(Insert location data in County or City)

for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of _____ Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify _____ (Architect / Engineer)

(Contractor) _____

(Business Address) _____

NOTE: This notice must be run once a week for _____ successive weeks for projects exceeding \$50,000.00. For projects of \$50,000.00 or less, run one time only. A copy of the publisher's affidavit of publication (including a copy of the advertisement) shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Design Professional for inclusion with DCM Form B-13: Final Payment Checklist for state agencies, PSCA-funded and other bond-funded projects.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

McMullen Cove Regulator Station Project #IFB 22-077.

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Apel Machine & Supply Co., Inc. has completed the Contract for McMullen Cove Regulator Station Project #IFB 23-077 for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation, d/b/a Huntsville Utilities and has made request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Huntsville Utilities Engineering Department, 112 Spragins St., Huntsville Alabama, 35801.

APEL MACHINE & SUPPLY CO., INC.,
9910 US Hwy 31, Hanceville, AL 35077

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama. The Commission will take action on the following items:

405 Lincoln Street – Drew Crow for Jackie and David Hobbs, applicants. Construct covered carport and 8 ft privacy fence, ADA access to side entrance, replace driveway and rear deck and repair retaining walls.

1308 Pratt Avenue – Joseph T. Lundy, applicant. Remove storm windows and replace front elevation windows.

424 Randolph Avenue – Accents of the South for Christy Allison, applicant. Enclose rear second floor porch.

HUNTSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RFP NO. 2024-03 SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA) is requesting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured entities to provide Security Guard services for Johnson Towers and Todd Towers. A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Todd Towers, located at 204 Greene Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801.

Separate, sealed proposals to provide these services will be received at 200 Washington Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801 until 11:00 A.M. CST, March 26, 2024. Electronic proposal documents are available through Housing Agency Marketplace E-Procurement, by accessing the following website: https://ha.economicengine.com/requests.html?company_id=978

HHA reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, make the determination as to what is equal to the specifications, or to waive any informality in the proposals received, and to accept any proposal, which, in its opinion may be in the best interest of HHA.

HUNTSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
ANTONIO MCGINNIS, SR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

INVITATION FOR BID # 7-2024-14

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 3/14/2024 9:00 AM local time BID OPENING DATE: 4/4/2024 2:00:00 PM 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 **Huntsville Crime Scene Investigation Building & Warehouse**.

PROJECT ADDRESS: 616 Wheeler Avenue NW Huntsville, AL 35801

ARCHITECT: Nola | Van Peursem Architects, PC (256) 533-6617

PROJECT MANAGER: Nicholas Gabig – City Project Manager (256) 427-5267

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE PROCUREMENT SERVICES: LaRisa Schroeder, Procurement Services, (256) 427-5058 308 Fountain Circle, 4th Floor, Huntsville, AL 35801 (physical address) P. O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 (mailing address)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on site at 616 Wheeler Avenue NW, Huntsville, AL 35801 at the large gravel parking lot across the street from the Madison County Sheriff's Annex at 9:00 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, but attendance is strongly suggested.

PLANS: The contract documents, plans, and specifications will be available for inspection at area plan rooms no later than March 6, 2024 and can be downloaded through BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville. The City of Huntsville will refund the cost of printing for up to one set for each prime contractor bidder upon receipt of the documents in usable condition within ten days following the bid opening along with a receipt showing the cost of printing.

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 39-5-5, 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.

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 contact.

ITEM I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County Commission, in the Mobile Government Plaza, Alabama, Eighth Floor South Tower, Mobile, AL, until **10:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 3, 2024**, and then publicly opened for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work required by Mobile County and described as follows:

Project Name: Government Plaza Pocket Park

Project Number: ARPO1-107-22

Project Summary:

Earthwork-site grading-excavation/backfilling; Storm drainage; Unit paver paving; Cement concrete pavement-cast-in-place concrete; Fountain pools and fountains; Site furnishings; Electrical service, distribution, outdoor lighting; Aquatic controls service, distribution; Onsite utility adjustments and protections; Site controls; Underground vault; Site monuments remove and relocate; Flag poles; Landscaping; Irrigation.

Two Hundred and Seventy (270) calendar days are allowed for the construction of the project.

All bids must be on blank forms provided in the Specifications and submitted in its entirety. A cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a Bidder's Bond, payable to Mobile County, Alabama, for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, but no more than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, shall be filed with the proposal, the Bidder's Bond being prepared on the form specified and signed by a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama.

A Performance Bond in the form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price will be required at the signing of the contract. A labor and materials bond in form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price, insuring payment for all labor and materials, shall also be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the County at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract.

Liquidated damages for non-completion of the work within the time limit agreed upon will be assessed in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Specifications are on file and may be seen at the office of the Facilities Design and Construction, 7th Floor West, South Tower, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile Alabama, and at the offices of **WAS Design, Inc. 256 Wacker Ln N. Mobile, AL 36608**. Specifications may be obtained at the office of **WAS Design, Inc.** for free for PDF electronic delivery by email request from Channon Toland at ctoland@was-design.com or by depositing two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each paper set. Provide three (3) day notice to produce any paper set request by calling 251-344-4023. This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime Contractor Bidder upon return of the documents in reusable condition within ten (10) days after Bid Opening for up to two (2) sets. The cost of and return of additional sets of Specifications shall be in accordance with Section 39-2-3 in the code of Alabama 1975. No specifications will be issued to contractors later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving bids.

All prospective bidders shall have a representative present at a **Mandatory** Pre-bid Conference that will be held at **10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 27, 2024**, in the Atrium of the Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile AL, 36644. All contractors not having a representative at this meeting will be disqualified from bidding on this project.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly licensed and qualified to submit a proposal for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama. As well as a System for Award Management (SAM) Unique Entity ID (UEI)

Prior to the award of a competitively bid contract to a contractor having one or more employees in the state of Alabama, Alabama law requires that the contractor provide the county proof of enrollment in E-Verify (see www.uscis.gov/everify).

If applicable to a contract resulting from this bid invitation, the successful bidder must comply with the Mobile County Contractor Felony Investigation, available in the Engineering Department, or online at <https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/uploads/investigationpolicy1107.pdf>.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the County Commission of Mobile County.

Contractors and suppliers wishing to do business with Mobile County may now review Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) at and Mobile County Bid Alerts.

<https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/bids/>

COUNTY COMMISSION OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
BY: RANDALL DUEITT, PRESIDENT

FOLLOWING DATES:

LAGNIAPPE
March 6, 2024
March 13, 2024
March 20, 2024

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER:
March 6, 2024

ALABAMA MESSENGER:
March 6, 2024

HUNTSVILLE SPEAKIN OUT NEWS:
March 6, 2024

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CHASM Architecture LLC (Architect)

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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.

at which time they will be opened and read.

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Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of Dodge Data Analytics (www.construction.com) and Construction Connect Data Plan Room (www.constructionconnect.com) Electronic Bid documents may be obtained from Dodge Data. Bidders may order prints directly from Repro Products (770) 434-3050.

Only general contractors who have been approval to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of **Alabama A & M University, 4900 Meridian Street, Normal, Alabama 35762**.

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Frank Lewis Gymnasium Roof Replacement: This is an exterior renovation of an existing roof on the Alabama A & M campus.

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Normal Hills (3,4,5,6,8) Roof Replacement: This is an exterior renovation of an existing roof on the Alabama A & M campus.

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Terry Hall Roof Replacement: This is an exterior renovation of an existing roof on the Alabama A & M campus.

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Stephen Hall Roof Replacement: This is an exterior renovation of an existing roof on the Alabama A & M campus.

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President Office Elevator Upgrades: This is an interior renovation of one existing elevator on the Alabama A & M campus.

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New School of Business Elevator Upgrades: This is an interior renovation of one existing elevator on the Alabama A & M campus.

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Morrison Fine Arts Elevator Upgrades: This is an interior renovation of one existing elevator on the Alabama A & M campus.

at which time they will be opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama A & M University in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of Dodge Data Analytics (www.construction.com) and Construction Connect Data Plan Room (www.constructconnect.com) Electronic Bid documents may be obtained from Dodge Data. Bidders may order prints directly from Repro Products (770) 434- 3050.

Only general contractors who have been approval to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of Alabama A & M University, 4900 Meridian Street, Normal, Alabama 35762.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or the bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

Alabama A & M University (Awarding authority)

Alabama A & M University (Local Awarding authority)

CHASM Architecture LLC (Architect)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-57

WHEREAS, certain property has recently been annexed to the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said property is now legally part of the incorporated municipality of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and as such is subject to the laws and ordinances governing the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said property, having been outside the boundaries of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, prior to the annexing of same to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has never been subject to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has given consideration to an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, a synopsis of said amendment being as follows:

- (1) The zoning of 3.66 acres of land lying on the west side of US 431 S Hwy and south of Miller Lane to Highway Business C-4 District.
(2) The first publication of this resolution, this synopsis, and the ordinance hereinafter set out at length shall be in the Speakin' Out News on the 28th day of February, 2024, and the second publication shall be one week thereafter on the 6th day of March, 2024, both of which publications shall be at least 15 days in advance of the date of the public hearing hereinafter referred to.

WHEREAS, it is the judgement and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that consideration should be given to the adoption of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, in accordance with said request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

- 1. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall meet at 5:30 p.m. on the 28th day of March, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the City of Huntsville Administration Building at 308 Fountain Circle in the City of Huntsville, Alabama, for the purpose of holding a public hearing at which time and place all persons, parties in interest and cities who desire, shall have an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of said Ordinance No. 24-58, which was introduced by the City Council of the City of Huntsville on the 8th day of February, 2024, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.
2. That the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is substantially in words and figures as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-58

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

- 1. That the following area, land lying on the west side of US 431 S Hwy and south of Miller Lane, which area is a newly annexed area of the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, and which has not been zoned previously, shall be shown and classified on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as Highway Business C-4 District, in the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, said property being particularly described as follows:

All that part of Section 23, Township 04 South, Range 01 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama more particularly described as beginning at a point located at the Southeast Corner of said Section 23; thence North 46 Degrees 05 Minutes 27 Seconds West 2517.78 feet to a point; said point is further described as the Point of True Beginning; thence from the Point of True Beginning, North 23 Degrees 45 Minutes 02 Seconds West 417.76 feet to a point; thence South 80 Degrees 36 Minutes 46 Seconds West 407.55 feet to a point; thence South 13 Degrees 19 Minutes 24 Seconds East 319.32 feet to a point; thence South 89 Degrees 24 Minutes 06 Seconds East 496.79 feet back to the Point of True Beginning and containing 3.66 acres, more or less.

- 2. The boundaries of the above district as described and defined above are hereby established and shall be shown on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, on file in the Planning Division of the Urban Development Department, in accordance with the various classifications herein enumerated and hereafter the regulations governing said district under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall apply to the area so described.
3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of publication.

ADOPTED this the ___ day of ___, 2024.

President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

APPROVED this the ___ day of ___, 2024.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February, 2024

Signature of President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of February, 2024.

Signature of Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Dwayne Butler, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Hope Garner's petition for divorce and other relief by May 1, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 47-DR-2023-901049.00, Circuit Court of Madison County.

Done the 8th day of March 2024.

DEBRA KIZER

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County.

Leigh Haynie

Legal Services Alabama

610 Airport Road, Ste. 200

Huntsville, AL 35802

Attorney for Hope Garner

SELMA MARCH

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primary ballots in Michigan after calls by activists. Protesters almost penetrated the security perimeter around the president's motorcade in San Francisco last month.

More than 30,000 Palestinians have died since the conflict began, according to the Hamas-run Gaza health ministry. About 1,200 people were killed in the Hamas attack on Israel, and another 250 were kidnapped. Hamas is designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. and the European Union.

"Hamas claims it wants a cease-fire. Well, there is a deal on the table, and as we have said, Hamas needs to agree to that deal," Harris said.

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will connect the campus to the neighborhood, allowing pedestrians and bike riders safe passage. Other significant improvements include:

- Installation of a retaining wall on Pulaski Pike
•Installation of a pedestrian bridge
•Curb ramps
•Signage and pavement striping

"We have worked diligently for three years preparing for this day. I am excited to see it come to fruition, knowing what it will bring to the seniors and this community," said Edwards.

Grants from the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization will fund the project. The project should be complete by August.

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to develop comprehensive gambling legislation. It raises concerns about the transparency of public meetings, particularly with the national Sunshine Week approaching, emphasizing the importance of open government and meetings.

The crux of the matter lies in Alabama's legal framework, which lacks a requirement for detailed meeting agendas, especially concerning high-profile topics like gambling. David Cuillier, Director of the Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Project at the University of Florida, stressed the need for public awareness and participation in democratic processes, emphasizing the significance of transparency.

While acknowledging the meeting's legality within Alabama law, Democrat Senator Bobby Singleton of Greensboro deemed it "unfair" for the committee to host a public hearing before reintroducing a proposed gambling bill. He raised concerns about transparency and fairness, urging greater clarity and public

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term, which begins now and concludes on December 31, 2026. One of his first meetings as a Trustee on its board took place on Feb. 14, when it met on the ASU campus in the John Garrick Hardy Student Center's Ballroom.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be so integrally involved on the board of this important Commission, which positively shapes and molds education in our institutions of higher education

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to undertake extensive repairs to his home on Strain Road after severe flood damage in October. Mold infestation, a by-product of ongoing water intrusion, had rendered his house uninhabitable, prompting a costly renovation.

Echoing Sledge's sentiments, Willie Hardy, another resident, lamented the sewage woes plaguing his household. The foul odor emanating from contaminated water sources has made daily life unbearable and raised concerns about health hazards.

Despite numerous appeals to municipal authorities, the residents' pleas have been largely brushed aside, prompting intervention from the Limestone County chapter of the NAACP last April. Monday's council meeting marked a renewed effort to draw attention to the community's plight following an initial gath-

engagement.

Republican State Senator Greg Albritton, reported by AL.com, said, "We've had so many public hearings that we know who believes in what? I don't think the public hearings are worthwhile. We need to do the job that we have."

The gambling issue is one of the Legislature's significant topics this spring session, and all eyes are on how lawmakers navigate the bill-crafting process. Evans Bailey, an attorney for the Alabama Press Association, highlighted that while the Senate committee has its own rules regarding meeting notices, changes toward more transparency would benefit all parties involved, including legislators.

In Alabama, the Open Meetings Law doesn't mandate detailed meeting agendas for various public bodies, leaving room for discussing matters not initially listed. Despite some lawmakers' optimism about constituent engagement, questions about procedural irregularities and the committee's leadership adequacy linger.

While Republican Senator Randy Price, the committee's chairman, faces scrutiny, some senators defend the meeting's le-

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) NO. DHA2024-05 ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of Decatur, AL (DHA) is accepting bids from qualified, licensed, and insured entities to furnish, labor, materials, tools, and equipment to provide on-call plumbing services on an as needed basis.

Separate, sealed bids to provide this service will be received at 100 Wilson Street N.E., 12th Floor, Decatur, Alabama 35601 until 2:00 P.m. CST, March 27, 2024.

Electronic bids documents are available through Housing Agency Marketplace E-Procurement, by accessing the following website:

https://ha.internationaleprocurement.com/requests.html?company_id=9513

DHA reserves the right to reject any/or all bids, make the determination as to what is equal to the specifications and/or scope of work, or to waive any informality in the bids received, and to accept any bid, which, in its opinion, may be in the best interest of DHA.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ALABAMA Taura L. Denmon, Executive Director

and helps lift-up their students," Rolle said.

ABOUT SACSCOC

Headquartered in Decatur, Ga., SACSCOC serves as the recognized institutional accrediting body for those higher education entities within its area of oversight that award degrees. SACSCOC's main purpose is the improvement of educational quality and assurance to the public that its institutions meet established membership-approved standards.

As a trustee, ASU's Rolle will represent approximately 800 institutions and be part of the board that is responsible for determining Commission policy, reviewing and

making decisions regarding the accreditation of institutions, and conducting the initial review for any proposed changes or any modifications to the standards of the Commission.

"I have been involved in working with SACSCOC for more than 30 years, and I am excited to take a more proactive role by now serving on its board, which allows me to work with my fellow members in helping maintain and better the institutions of higher education that we serve and in turn ensure that all students get the very best educations possible," Rolle added.

ering in June 2022.

In response to mounting pressure, city officials have initiated door-to-door surveys in the affected neighborhood, with plans to promptly address identified public improvement needs. However, residents still need to be convinced, citing years of unfulfilled promises and persistent disparities in service delivery.

Sharon Wilson, accompanied by her elderly mother, Betty, underscored the dire consequences of the city's inaction. Betty, a dialysis patient, grapples with the pungent stench permeating their home, further exacerbating concerns about her deteriorating health.

Diane Steele, spokesperson for the Limestone County NAACP, emphasized the systemic nature of the community's grievances, dating back several years. The city's neglect, she asserted, underscores a broader pattern of discriminatory practices, further exacerbated by disparities in infrastructure development and service provision.

Despite Mayor William "Ronnie" Marks' absence due to health reasons, the council faces mounting pressure to promptly address the community's concerns. Ollie Turner, representing the Limestone NAACP, called for the city to develop a comprehensive drainage and sewage system plan by January 2024, emphasizing the need for equitable treatment and inclusive governance in light of the city's rapid growth.

As Athens grapples with the challenges of urban expansion, the call for equity and accountability reverberates louder than ever, underscoring the imperative of fostering a community where every voice is heard, and every neighborhood is afforded dignity and respect.

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gality within Alabama law. Nonetheless, there's a widespread call for enhanced transparency in legislative procedures and meeting notices akin to state regulations like Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Republican Alabama Senator Chris Elliott stressed the need for a balanced approach, prioritizing trans-

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