



TAYLOR COUNTY
FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID

Bid CDBG 2023-10

CDBG Project Number: 22DB-OP-03-72-01-H05

Community Development Block Grant
Housing Rehabilitation Program

Due Date: Friday, March 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Tuesday-February 13, 2024 at 11:00 am

Contractor Notification Date 02/06/2024

Notification Method:

Email & Posting at Building Department

TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

A political subdivision of the State of Florida
Department of Grants Administration
401 Industrial Park Drive
Perry, Florida 32348

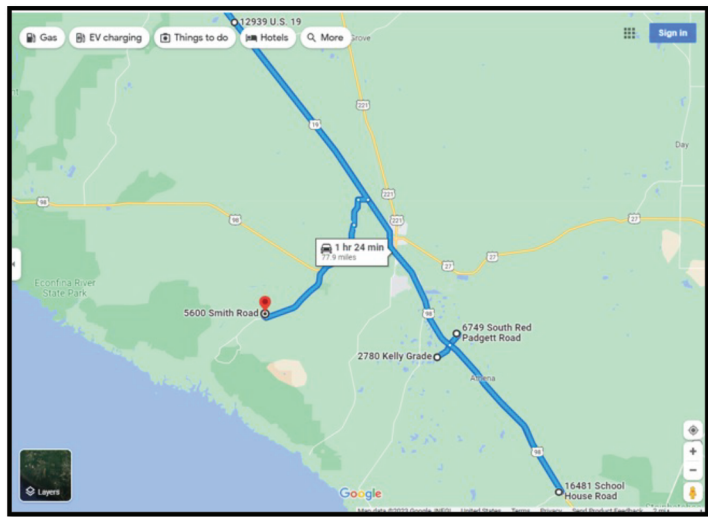
Event Timeline

Bidders should review and become familiar with the Event Timeline. The dates and times of each activity within the Timeline may be subject to change. It is the responsibility of Bidder to check for any changes. All changes to the Timeline will be made through an addendum to this Invitation to Bid.

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Issue Invitation to Bid	February 6, 2024	N/A
MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference	February 13, 2024	11:00 AM
Deadline for Questions	February 26, 2024	4:00 PM
Bid Due Date and Time	March 1, 2024	4:00 PM
Public Opening Date and Time	March 4, 2024	6:10 PM

Location of Projects

- 12939 N US Hwy 19. Greenville, FL 32331
- 5600 Smith Rd. Perry, FL 32348
- 2780 Kelly Grade. Perry, FL 32348
- 6749 Red Padgett Rd. Perry, FL 32348
- 16481 School House Rd. Perry, FL 32348



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on February 13, 2024, at 11:00 am starting at 12939 N US Highway 19. Greenville, FL 32331. This meeting will be followed by a Mandatory Walkthrough at each additional location. (Order of site visits follows the order of listing presented in the Location of Projects heading above).

All bids are due by Friday, March 1, 2024 by 4:00 P.M. Local Time. Bidders will have the option to submit bids physically (in-person) or by mail. In-person or mailed submissions shall provide one-(1) clearly marked original, and two-(2) copies. Bid envelopes are to be identified as CDBG and the ITB number, as well as the bidder's name and address. Late bids shall not be accepted.

All submissions must be delivered to the following:

Hand Delivery: Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Court
108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102
Perry, FL. 32347

Mail Delivery: Gary Knowles
Clerk of the Court
108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102
Perry, FL. 32347

A Public Opening of the Bids is scheduled for March 4, 2024 at 6:10 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida, 32347. Bids will be opened during a regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Copies of the ITB Notification and Bid Documents can be obtained by contacting Guardian CRM, at: 888-482-7393 or at www.taylorcountygov.com. Please print copies of the ITB documents and Scopes of Work so that you may have them for the pre-bid meeting.

Please do not contact the homeowner(s) or visit the project sites prior to the scheduled mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit activities.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact the Taylor County CDBG Program Consulting Grant Administrator Marina Edwards at: (888) 482-7393 or Marina.edwards@guardiancrm.com. All requests shall be made at least Seventy-two (72) hours in advance.

METHOD OF AWARD

The County reserves the right to reject low Bids, to waive irregularities and/or inconsistencies in any Bid, and to award project contracts in a manner deemed to be in the County's best interest.

No Contractor or subcontractor may participate in this work if ineligible to receive Federal or State funded contracts.

Sealed bids will be opened at a public bid opening. The Project Manager will generally recommend that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder within plus or minus fifteen percent (15 %) of the cost estimate. Bids below the fifteen percent (15%) threshold will be reviewed and are not automatically disqualified.

A minus ten percent (10%) contingency will be assessed for all Section 3 and/or W/MBE firms at the bid opening to provide incentive, opportunity and encourage the participation of such established business types in accordance with HUD requirements. All bid awards will be made available to the participating Contractors and homeowners.

No contractor will be allowed to have more than two (2) jobs per bid round, with a maximum award of three (3) jobs under construction at one time without the consent of the PA.

The County places significant value on high quality work and performance, timely access and response, scheduling and cost concerns and communication.

Taylor County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and makes all efforts to include Section 3, W/MBE, Veteran-Owned, and all other underserved business types in any bid solicitations related to County Grant Programs. A complete statewide and local W/MBE listing can be accessed via the following weblink: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/vendor>. A complete nationwide and local Section 3 listing can be accessed via the following weblink: <https://hudapps.hud.gov/OpportunityPortal/searchBusiness.action>. Contractors shall make all relevant and feasible efforts to seek and employ W/MBE and Section 3 business and individuals. Physical or digital copies of the Taylor County W/MBE/Section three firm listing can be provided upon request.

GLAD TIDINGS

In the Bible, "glad tidings" is frequently translated to mean "to tell good news" and "preach the gospel." This space, made available to all local pastors and church leaders, is dedicated to messages of good news to fill readers with uplifting thoughts to carry with them throughout the week.

Repurposed for Him

One can find many treasures in small country stores owned by the locals.

Several pieces of furniture throughout my home were ready for the trash bin.

Stains from years of use, chipped corners and weakened wood scarred these relics.

Nonetheless, something transpired with the different pieces that caught my attention.

The eyes of a local artist saw what I could not.

The wood, marred by time, transformed under her touch.

Great care was taken to remove the layers of old stain or paint.

Her hands sanded and smoothed the scarred edges, preparing them for fresh paint.

Then she grabbed her artist brushes to paint landscapes of marshes, watercranes and shorelines. Through her talent, she has refurbished many items I had considered a loss.

The prophet Jeremiah had first-hand experience in watching an artist at work.

Standing outside the potter's house, he watched the master at work. The vessel being created became marred, losing its shape.

The potter did not become angry, discarding his work.

On the contrary, he continued reshaping the piece on the wheel until it became another pitcher that seemed best to him. Like clay in the potter's hand, we are in the hands of the Lord (Jeremiah 18:1-5).



By CHERRYL MIXON-CRUCÉ

Like old pieces of furniture, our lives are filled with scars and chipped corners that make up who we are.

Triumphs and downfalls, successes and losses, plague us all.

Some choices are of our own doing, while others are beyond our control.

Each of these moments shapes our personalities into who we are.

However, regardless of our scars, we can become repurposed when we become pliable in the potter's hands.

It is the "pliability" that troubles us. Often, we want to climb down from the potter's wheel before we are ready because reshaping becomes a painful process, even though it is necessary.

Without the completed process, we become a new wine poured into an old wineskin; the new wine will burst the old wineskin (Matthew 9:16-17).

Being pliable may be painful, but it is better than spilling the wine.

No man was ever born to live in brokenness, to be spilled out and considered a waste.

We were not created in a darkened world. God created light on the first

day of creation (Genesis 1:2) because light is needed for life.

When Jesus walked the earth, He said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Then Jesus taught the disciples that we are the light of the world, and we are to let our light shine (Matthew 5:14) and we are not to be hidden.

The pliability in the potter's hands will illuminate our lives, allowing our light to shine before others.

When we walk in the image of God, we are walking in our purpose; our light is shining.

We are not to be conformed to the darkness of this world, but transformed by renewing our hearts and minds to the truth and light of God's Word (Romans 12:2).

His truth says we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us (Romans 8:37-39). The world may teach us that we are nothing more than discarded furniture, yet our Father restores us, giving us a new heart and spirit (Ezekiel 36:26).

He is removing our broken pieces and recreating us for His Kingdom.

Therefore, as painful as it may be, staying on the potter's wheel will become our greatest victory as we are repurposed by him.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

30+ plant-based food is a great target

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including lean meats, poultry and eggs; seafood; beans, peas and lentils; and nuts, seeds and soy products.

- Oils, including vegetable oils and oils in food, such as seafood and nuts.

Variety is key when it comes to eating fruits and vegetables. Go for at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day.

Fresh, frozen, canned, and dried all count. Eating a

diverse range of plant-based foods is great news for our gut health and microbiome which thrives best when we consume a wide variety -- aiming for 30+ different plant-based foods a week is a great target.

The dietary guidelines also advise limiting foods and beverages higher in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium and limiting alcoholic beverages.

The recommended limits are:

- Added sugars: Less than 10% of your calories per day.

- Saturated fat: Less than 10% of your calories per day.

- Sodium: Less than 2,300 milligrams per day (and even less for children younger than age 14).

- Alcoholic beverages: Adults of legal drinking age can choose not to drink, or to drink in moderation by limiting intake to two drinks or less in a day for men and one drink or less in a day for women when alcohol is consumed. Drinking less is better for health than drinking more.

Library short story contest now open

The Friends of the Taylor County Public Library are now accepting entries for the 18th annual Short Story Contest.

Categories include:

youth (fifth graders and below); students (sixth-12th graders); and adult. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category: first place, \$100; second

place, \$50; and honorable mention, \$10.

The entry fee is \$5 per story. Full rules and guidelines are available at the library.

LEGALS

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this Court at County, Florida, this 31st day of January, 2024
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Kathryn Lago
Deputy Clerk
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: flmail@raslg.com

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on February 1, 2024: Taylor County BOCC, 201 East Green Street, Perry FL 32347 permit# ERP-123-225824-2. The project is located in Taylor County, Section 23, Township 09 South, Range 09 East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on approximately 0.3 acres for Stephen's Spring Restoration Project Maintenance. The receiving water body is the Steinhatchee River. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the

Suwannee River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40BB-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the Resource Management Business Resource Specialist at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060 or by e-mail to tjm@srwmd.org, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular

District business day.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40B1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, you may request the Notice of Rights for this permit by contacting the Business Resource Specialist in the Division of Resource Management (RM), 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, or by phone at 386.362.1001.

CIS DEPLOYMENT

"Public notification that a Contraband Interdiction System will be deployed at Taylor Correctional Institution. Those in the surrounding community should be aware there is potential for service interruptions during deployment."