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## COMPLETION OF WORK

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION Pulaski Pike Rehabilitation Project

In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that AMERICAN SUNCRAFT CO., INC. has completed the Contract for Pulaski Pike Rehabilitation Project 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 Water Department, 112 Spragins St., Huntsville, Alabama 35801.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives Legal Notice of Completion of the Contract with The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority for the project known as Air Cargo South Access Road Extension Road Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning on August 7, 2024, and ending on August 28, 2024. All claims should be filed at 6200 Stringfield Road, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35806, during this period.

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives Legal Notice of Completion of the Contract with The Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority for the project known as Employee Parking and Cell Phone Waiting Parking Lot Project. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks, beginning on July 19, 2024, and ending on August 9, 2024. All claims should be filed at 6200 Stringfield Road, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35806, during this period.

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**MANDATORY** Pre-bid meeting to be held on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 10:00 am**, in the 6th Floor Training Room 624625 at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801. Bidders must attend this pre-bid meeting to be eligible to submit a bid.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**WANTED:** Sealed bids in duplicate for the construction of: **Clinton Avenue and Monroe Street Streetscape**, more particularly known as **Project No. 71-22-SP27**.

**Description of Project:** Utilities and sidewalk improvements that include new curb and gutter roadway construction with decorative concrete walks, landscaping, irrigation and street lighting to support downtown development. Total length of the new roadways is approximately 1,400 LF.

The attention of all bidders is called to Code of Alabama §§ 34-8-1 and 34-8-2 (1975) and 34-8-1, 34-8-2, 34-8-4, 34-8-6, 34-8-7, 34-8-8 and 34-8-9 (amended 1996) setting forth the definition of general contractor and the licensing procedures and requirements for state licensing. A copy of the above Codes may be obtained from the OWNER (City of Huntsville). No one is entitled to bid and no contract may be awarded to anyone who does not possess a valid general contractor's license and the required classification for the municipal type work to be performed. The general contractor's license and classification must appear on the outside of the bid envelope along with the general contractor's name and address, project name and number and date and time of bid opening. Section 39-3-5 Code of Alabama has been amended as follows:

"In awarding the Contract, preference will be given to Alabama resident contractors and a 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."

After proposals are opened and read, they will be compared on the basis of the summation of the products or approximate quantities shown in Attachment "A", multiplied by the unit bid prices. In the event of a discrepancy between unit prices and extensions, the unit bid price shall govern. A proposal which is not considered unless signed by the bidder or his authorized agent and accompanied by cashier's check or properly signed bid bond, as required by law.

In determining the successful bidder, the Owner will consider in addition to the bid prices, such responsibility factors as characteristics and responsibility, skill, experience, record of integrity in business, and of performance offered and past record of performance on Owner contracts on other similar projects. Any other factors not specifically mentioned or provided for herein, in addition to that of the bid price which would affect the final cost of the Owner, will be taken into consideration in making award of contract. The right is reserved to reject any bid where investigation of the business and technical organization of the bidder available for the contemplated work, including financial resources, equipment, and experience on similar projects does not satisfy the Owner that such bidder is qualified to perform the work. The City Council of the City of Huntsville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Separate sealed bids for the construction of this project will be received at the City Hall, 305 Fountain Circle, in the 6th Floor in Training Room 624625, on the 28th day of August, 2024, until 10:00 a.m. If it is mailed, the bid should be addressed to City Engineering, 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801 and must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Each bid shall be accompanied by an original signed, dated and sealed Bid Bond in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total shown on the schedule of prices, but not exceeding \$100,000.00. Quantities are known as Attachment "A". No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of opening.

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 that 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:

- Addenda
- General Requirements (Instructions to Bidders and Bid Proposal including Attachments)
- Supplement to General Requirements
- Drawings / City of Huntsville Standard Specifications for Construction of Public Improvements Contract Projects 1991
- Supplemental Specifications (Earthwork, Chain Link Fences, and Gates)
- Special Conditions
- Current ALDOT Specifications

Standard Specifications for Construction of Public Improvements Contract Projects and Engineering Standards are available at no charge by downloading from the City Engineering website: <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/engineering-department/>. Plans and proposals can be downloaded from our website at no cost: <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/business/bid-a-project/info/>. Contractors will be responsible for their own plans and can choose photocopying facility. Contractor is required to submit pricing, provided by the COH (Attachment "A") and made available for download from the Engineering website, on a thumbflash drive (preferably in a liveshift drive format) in the Excel format. The thumbflash drive (preferably in a liveshift drive format) must be in working condition and included with original bid packet and reflect the correct revision, along with two signed hard copies. Bid must be submitted from the file (Quantities) provided and downloaded from the City of Huntsville's website. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of bid. The City reserves the right to reject any altered bid resulting from altering the thumbflash drive in any manner. If a price discrepancy is found on the thumbflash drive, or the correct version of bid quantities is not submitted on the thumbflash drive, which corresponds to the printed hard copy, then printed hard copy prices submitted with original bid documents, with Contractor signature, will prevail. All bids must be SEALED before submittal at the bid opening. Any bids received that are not sealed will be immediately rejected.

### E-VERIFY - NOTICE

The Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30 (also known as and hereinafter referred to as "the Alabama Immigration Act") as amended by Act No. 2012-491 on May 16, 2012 is applicable to all competitively bid contracts with the City of Huntsville. As a condition for the award of a contract as a term and condition of the contract with the City of Huntsville, in accordance with § 31-13-9 (a) of the Alabama Immigration Act, as amended, any business entity or employer that employs one or more employees shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. During the performance of the contract, such business entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. The business entity or employer shall assure that these requirements are included in each subcontract in accordance with § 31-13-9(c). Failure to comply with these requirements may result in breach of contract, termination of the contract or subcontract, and possibly suspension or revocation of business licenses and permits in accordance with § 31-13-9 (e) (1) & (2). Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-9 (k) requires that the following clause be included in all City of Huntsville contracts that have been competitively bid and is hereby made a part of this contract:

"By signing this contract the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom."

Contractor's E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding shall be a part of the contract bid documents and shall be submitted with the bid package.

**ALABAMA IMMIGRATION ACT** (Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, Code of Alabama (1975))

Compliance with the requirements of the (Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, Code of Alabama (1975) § 31-13-1 through 31-13-30, as amended by Alabama Act 2012-241, commonly referred to as the Alabama Immigration Law, is required for City of Huntsville, Alabama contracts that are competitively bid as a condition of the contract performance. The Contractor shall submit in the bid package, with the requested information included on the form, the "City of Huntsville, Alabama Report of Ownership Form" listed in the bid proposal as Attachment "I". The bidder selected for award of the contract may be required to complete additional forms relating to citizenship or alien status of the bidder and its employees, including e-verify information, prior to award of a contract.

**ALABAMA ACT 2016-312**

"In accordance with Alabama Act 2016-312 as adopted and approved on May 5, 2016, on behalf of (insert name of business) I do hereby certify and represent that this business is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of authorized individual)"

Advertise Date: 8/7/24

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

HOWARD ROSS, Plaintiff  
v. RADIAH M. FLETCHER, Defendant.  
CV 2024-97

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RADIAH M. FLETCHER  
You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of July, 2024, Complaint CV 2024-97 for ejectment was filed in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama, and the following is the name of the party to the action: Radiah M. Fletcher, whose whereabouts are unknown and which cannot be ascertained after the exercise of due diligence. Said Radiah M. Fletcher is hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 28th day of August, 2024 else at the expiration thirty (30) days thereafter suffer judgment by default to be rendered against her, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against said party who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Debra Kizer mm  
Debra Kizer  
Circuit Court Clerk of  
Madison County, Alabama

Publish in the Speaking Out News: August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28, 2024

HOWARD ROSS  
PLAINTIFF  
P.O. BOX 1522  
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35807

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama. The Commission will take action on the following items:

- 1300 Randolph Avenue - Desiree and Michael Gebler, applicants. Remove two garage doors and install new windows.
- 307 Gates Avenue - Paul Matheny for First Presbyterian Church, applicant. Construct two-story corridor to connect existing building to addition.
- 212 Walker Avenue - Leslie Curtis and Laurence Dwyer, applicants. Construct detached greenhouse.
- 400 White Street - Carol and Deane Dayton, applicants. Reconstruct/repair damaged rear additions.
- 612 Eustis Avenue - Frank Nola for Ann Ever and Austin Ainsworth, applicants. Rebuild damaged façade and install new window on detached accessory building.
- 1106 Ward Avenue - Larissa and Ryan Pierce, applicants. Construct detached carport.
- 209 Walker Avenue - Kayla and Mark Huber, applicants. Replace front porch deck, replace and modify front porch posts and paint house.

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 7, 2024  
City of Huntsville, Alabama  
P.O. Box 308  
Huntsville, Alabama 35804  
256-427-5400

On or about August 15, 2024, the City of Huntsville, Alabama will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as 2134 Evans Avenue - Rehab for the purpose of rehabilitating an existing single family home that will be used to provide transitional housing opportunities to those of low-income and at risk of homelessness. The proposed project is located at 2134 Evans Avenue NW, Huntsville, AL 35810 with an estimated total HUD funding amount of \$80,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Huntsville, Office of Community Development where the ERR is available for review and be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M on the 3rd floor of Huntsville City Hall located at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. 256-427-5400

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Huntsville. All comments received by August 15, 2024 will be considered by the City of Huntsville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Huntsville certifies to HUD that Scott Erwin in his capacity as Manager of Community Development consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Huntsville to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Huntsville's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Huntsville; (b) the City of Huntsville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at CPD\_GeneralCorr-BHM@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Scott Erwin  
Manager, Community Development  
City of Huntsville, Alabama  
August 7, 2024

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Scott Erwin  
Manager, Community Development  
City of Huntsville, Alabama  
August 7, 2024

### INVITATION FOR BID # 58-2024-55

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: August 8, 2024 at 10:00AM local time  
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: August 9, 2024 at 5:00PM local time  
BID OPENING DATE: August 15, 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 3**.

PROJECT ADDRESS: Various 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  
305 Fountain Cir., 3rd 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 Schrimmer 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.

**BID OPENING:** The bid opening will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 305 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 Contracts Projects and Engineering Standards were published to Bidnet Direct at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville> for review, inspection and download on **July 31, 2024**. 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 thumbflash drive in the Excel format. The thumbflash drive 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. The bid must be submitted from the file provided and downloaded from Bidnet Direct. Failure to do so may be 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 thumb drive, then unit prices detailed on Appendix C Supplement-Schedule of Bid Quantities 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, 1991, (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 City Hall located at 305 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.

**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.

### INVITATION FOR BID # 57-2024-14

PREQUALIFICATION DUE: 8/29/2024  
5:00 PM local time

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 9/10/2024  
9:00 AM local time  
BID OPENING DATE: 10/1/2024  
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 construction of the **Sandra Moore Community Complex Phase 4**.

PROJECT ADDRESS: 7901 Bailey Cove Road SE  
Huntsville, AL 35802  
ARCHITECT: KPS Group  
(205) 251-0125  
PROJECT MANAGER: Mark Thomas - City Project Manager  
(256) 427-5283  
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
PROCUREMENT SERVICES: Larissa Schroeder, Procurement Services, (256) 427-5058  
305 Fountain Circle, 3rd 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 7901 Bailey Cove Road SE, Huntsville, AL 35802 at the south side entrance to the building (Contractors to park in the south parking lot) 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 mandatory for the pre-qualified General Contractors.

**PLANS:** The contract documents, plans, and specifications will be available for inspection at area plan rooms no later than August 7, 2024 and can be downloaded through BidNet Direct at [www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville](https://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.

**PRE-QUALIFICATION:** All Contractors who plan to submit a bid for any of the bid packages must submit a prequalification form, which can be obtained at [www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville](https://www.bidnetdirect.com/alabama/cityofhuntsville) through BidNet Direct. One (1) copy of the completed prequalification forms must be submitted to the City of Huntsville Procurement Services contact provided above no later than 5:00 pm on the above referenced submittal deadline. Responses will be evaluated, and contractors will be notified promptly. Bids will only be considered from Contractors deemed to be qualified through this process. The City of Huntsville will not be responsible for a bidder's failure to complete the pre-qualification forms nor to become pre-qualified.

**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.

**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 Huntsville City Hall located at 305 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.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County Commission of Mobile County, Alabama, in the Mobile Government Plaza, Eighth Floor South Tower, Mobile, Alabama, until **10:00 A.M. on AUGUST 28, 2024**, and then

Alabama Engineering Department, Mobile Government Plaza, Sixth Floor South Tower, Mobile, Alabama. All prospective bidders should have a representative present at the pre-bid conference.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly licensed and qualified to perform the work described herein in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current certificate to engage in general contracting in the State of Alabama, issued by the State of Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Section 34-8-2, Code of Alabama (1975). Any contractor that desires to bid as a prime contractor must have at least one of the following major classifications of license per Section 230-X-1-.27 of the State of Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors Administrative Code:

1.c.) Highways and Streets  
1.d.) Municipal and Utility  
1.e.) Heavy and Railroad Construction

Out of state corporations shall furnish a certificate of authority to transact business in Alabama. Out of state limited liability companies shall provide proof of registration to transact business in this state.

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](http://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 Policy, available in the Engineering Department, or online at [www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/departments/engineering](http://www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/departments/engineering).

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, Alabama. A tabulation of the bids will be available for public viewing within two (2) weeks of the award of the bid by visiting the following web address: [www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/departments/engineering](http://www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/departments/engineering).

COUNTY COMMISSION OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

BY: RANDALL DUEITT, PRESIDENT

PUBLISH FOLLOWING DATE: AUGUST 7, 2024

Charge to Mobile County Commission

Public Hearing Notice

In accordance with Section 23-4-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, you are hereby notified of a public hearing to be held at Huntsville City Hall in the Council Chamber, located at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on an application submitted by the City of Huntsville for the vacation of Right-of-way which runs along Wayne Road at Tate Farms at Hidden Cave which is more particularly described as follows:

Legal Description of Right-of-Way

STATE OF ALABAMA  
MADISON COUNTY

PARCEL #1

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, (BEARINGS AND/OR DISTANCES REFERENCED TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE, NAD83(2011)) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, TATE FARMS AT HIDDEN CAVE (PLAT BOOK 2024 PAGE 13); THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 1478.40 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2, TATE FARMS AT HIDDEN CAVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 25.00 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2, TATE FARMS AT HIDDEN CAVE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 1478.40 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 25.00 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.848 ACRES (36,959 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS.

BUT RESERVING IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER, ACROSS AND UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

AND ALSO,

PARCEL #2

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LOT 2, DRY CREEK VILLAS PHASE 2 (PLAT BOOK 2021 PAGE 37830) AND IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, (BEARINGS AND/OR DISTANCES REFERENCED TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE, NAD 83(2011)) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, TATE FARMS AT HIDDEN CAVE (PLAT BOOK 2024 PAGE 13); THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 25.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25 TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2, DRY CREEK VILLAS PHASE 2 (PLAT BOOK 2021 PAGE 37830) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 1478.40 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2, TATE FARMS AT HIDDEN CAVE (PLAT BOOK 2024 PAGE 13); THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 25.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 1478.40 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 25.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25 BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.849 ACRES (36,962 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS.

BUT RESERVING IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER, ACROSS AND UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

This notice is being sent by United States mail at least 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing to all abutting owners, if any, and to all entities know to have facilities or equipment within the public Right-of-way or Utility and Drainage Easement of the street to be vacated, as their names and addresses appear on roll in the Madison County Revenue Commissioner's office or Madison County Tax Assessor's office, and shall be posted at the Madison County Courthouse and at Huntsville City Hall. Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may submit a written objection to the City Council or may request an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing held as required by law, any such objection or request may be directed to: Attn: Thomas Nunez, City Planning Department, 305 Fountain Circle, 4th Floor, Huntsville, Alabama 35801 or [thomas.nunez@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:thomas.nunez@huntsvilleal.gov).

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The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on an application submitted by the City of Huntsville for the vacation of a portion of a Right-of-way which runs along the 600 Block of Davis Circle, SW, which is more particularly described as follows:

Legal Description of Right-of-Way

STATE OF ALABAMA  
MADISON COUNTY

2-FOOT WIDE STRIP OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE VACATED ALONG DAVIS CIRCLE

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, OF THE HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, (BEARINGS AND/OR DISTANCES REFERENCED TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE, NAD '83 (2011)) AND BEING A TWO FOOT WIDE STRIP OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF VISTA AT COUNCILL SQUARE PHASE II AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2023, PAGE 140 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1 AND HAVING STATE PLANE COORDINATES OF NORTH: 1537421.50, EAST: 429451.08; SAID POINT BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LYING ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY MARGIN OF DAVIS CIRCLE (50-FOOT WIDE PRESENT RIGHT-OF-WAY); THENCE RUN ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, SOUTH 82 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST, 241.15 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, RUN SOUTH 82 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST, 87.15 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, RUN 28.26 FEET ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 04 SECONDS, AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 83 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST, 28.26 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE, LEAVING THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, RUN NORTH 28 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, 2.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN 26.83 FEET ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 523.00 FEET, A DELTA ANGLE OF 02 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 21 SECONDS, AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 83 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, 26.83 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST, 87.17 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, 241.15 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, 2.00 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.016 ACRES (712 SQUARE FEET) MORE OR LESS.

BUT RESERVING IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT OVER, ACROSS AND UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A 5-FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND EVENLY OFF OF THE WEST END OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 0.016 ACRE PARCEL.

AND:

A 5-FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND EVENLY OFF OF THE EAST END OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 0.016 ACRE PARCEL.

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# BACKLOG

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peals process before filing a lawsuit.

The department argued that Alabamians who had problems with their unemployment should seek appeals, "not by bringing this collateral suit to skip the line."

Alabama's appeals were backlogged by several years. According to an analysis of federal data by The Century Foundation. In 2021, Alabama had the greatest delays of any state. The average wait time for an appeal was 566 days. At that time, some states were hearing appeals within 20 days.

"It just seems so nonsensical," said Larry Gardella, attorney for Legal Services Alabama which filed the lawsuit.

"They take forever to make a decision, (and) you have to wait for them to make a decision before you can challenge the decision?"

The U.S. Supreme Court will now weigh in. Gardella said he expects the court will rule on the issue by next summer.

In October, the high court will hear arguments from both sides about

whether states are required to follow a reconstruction-era law that provides protections for citizens who feel their rights have been violated or whether such claims must exclusively be made through federal courts.

"Fundamental to our federal system is the fact that state courts as well as federal courts are entrusted with providing a forum for the vindication of federal rights violated by state or local officials acting under color of state law," Legal Services of Alabama stated in its petition for certiorari filed in August of 2023.

In its filing before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Alabama Department of Labor noted that between April of 2020 and March of 2022, the state received almost one and a half million unemployment claims, one million of which were COVID related. The department was short-staffed, it said, which amounted to inevitable delays.

The state argued that state courts have freedom to decide when they are obligated to intervene in a case against state agency and that plaintiffs still have access to federal courts.

"There will be little practical difference for... plaintiffs whether they are allowed to skip past ad-

ministrative law judges and head straight to state courts or whether they must follow the state law."

Gardella, attorney for Legal Services, said having access to state courts for such claims increases the breath of options for addressing civil rights violations.

Aaron Johnson, 68, is one of 26 plaintiffs in the case. He lost his job with the U.S. Census Bureau in 2020, according to the complaint, and tried to get unemployment in October of that year. By January of 2022, no decision had been made on his application, even after he called multiple times to follow up.

Christin Burnett lost her job in 2019 and tried to get unemployment. According to the complaint, she was approved and received funds until 2020. But she was not able to get help during the pandemic because of a data error involving her social security number, and because she lost her job before COVID.

"Ms. Burnett is unable to find new employment because of COVID. She is waiting for (the department) to acknowledge her hearing request and schedule a hearing," the lawsuit said.

In its response to the original suit, the depart-

ment acknowledged that staffing shortages slowed the processing of claims. It said it was doing all it could to improve.

"The Department is now entering in appeals received in early December 2020," said Thomas Daniel, director of Unemployment Compensation, in an affidavit in the suit in March of 2022. "Given the current backlog, it is impossible to provide a hearing date for all claimants within 90 days — even if ordered by the court."

Sixteen states filed a brief in support of Alabama's right to reject the lawsuit.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States filed a brief in support of the rights of individuals to sue in state court before exhausting administrative processes. The chamber said the obligation to file such claims in federal court is costly.

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# DONALD TRUMP

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ever been asked a question in such a horrible manner," Trump responded. His statement was met with audible gasps from the audience, setting a combative tone for the 34-minute discussion that followed a nearly hour-long delay.

During the discussion, Trump, among his many rant-filled and off the rails diatribes, questioned Vice President Kamala Harris's racial identity, asking, "Is she Indian or is she Black?" He falsely claimed that Harris, who has long identified as Black and attended a historically Black university, previously identified as Indian before "all of a sudden" becoming Black. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre condemned Trump's comments as "repulsive" and "insulting," asserting that "no one has any right to tell someone who they are."

The 34 times convicted felon and former president also reiterated his openness to pardoning January 6 rioters, stating, "If they're innocent, I would pardon them." When Scott drew attention

to their convictions, Trump dissembled by asserting falsely that pro-Palestinian protesters had attacked the Capitol last week, confusing it with the recent protests at Washington, D.C.'s Union Station.

Throughout the panel discussion, which included Scott, FOX News personality and Trump apologist Harris Faulkner, and Kadia Goba from Semafor, Trump continued to clash with the audience and the panelists. He labeled Scott "nasty" for her questions, prompting shouts of "false" and boos from the crowd.

Trump also addressed his running mate, J.D. Vance, downplaying the significance of a running mate following Vance's controversial remarks about childless women. Toward the event's conclusion, Trump declared his intentions to "close the border" and lower energy prices and interest rates if re-elected. "I want people to come into our country, but they have to be vetted, and they have to be checked," he told the crowd. He also doubled-down on his insult to African Americans by stating that illegal immigrants were taking "Black jobs," to which the audience again hissed and booed.

The aftermath of the event has led to significant fallout within the NABJ.

Karen Attiah, a Washington Post columnist and co-chair of the convention, resigned in protest over the decision to invite Trump. In her resignation announcement on X (formerly Twitter), Attiah expressed disappointment over not being consulted about the decision.

Prominent members of the journalism community also voiced their disapproval. Jim Trotter, a sports-writer for The Athletic and NABJ's 2023 Journalist of the Year, called the decision "difficult to put into words." CBS Sports analyst Ashley Nicole Moss, journalist-turned-publicist Dave Jordan, and media strategist April Reign joined the chorus of criticism.

Ameshia Cross, a Democratic strategist and political pundit, and former NABJ journalist of the year Ernest Owens highlighted the irony of inviting Trump, given his history of attacking Black journalists and efforts to undermine diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. "Shame on you NABJ," Owens tweeted. "A disgrace. Defund and divest."

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) also condemned the invitation, with NNPA National Chair Bobby Henry and President & CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis

denouncing the decision as harmful and contrary to NABJ's values of inclusion and solidarity. "They invited him to disrespect a Black woman and did nothing to protect or back her up," journalist and author David Dennis Jr. tweeted. "The single most disgraceful thing I've ever seen at NABJ."

Harris communication's director Michael Tyler also denounced Trump's hostile engagement with NABJ.

"The hostility Donald Trump showed on stage today is the same hostility he has shown throughout his life, throughout his term in office, and throughout his campaign for president as he seeks to regain power and inflict his harmful Project 2025 agenda on the American people," Tyler stated.

"Trump lobbed personal attacks and insults at Black journalists the same way he did throughout his presidency — while he failed Black families and left the entire country digging out of the ditch, he left us in. Donald Trump has already proven he cannot unite America, so he attempts to divide us. "Today's tirade is simply a taste of the chaos and division that has been a hallmark of Trump's MAGA rallies this entire campaign."

# PROJECT 2025

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ernment and the establishment of an autocracy. This week, I want to talk about how that government takeover could conceivably be accomplished.

Step back to the last presidential election. Trump and his allies and supporters gave us reason to be concerned about this year's election, given what happened January 6, 2021.

That insurrection failed, but we know those planning the next insurrection will have a better plan this time.

How does Trump plan to ensure that he's inaugurated on January 20, 2025?

First: ahead of January 6, when federal law requires the presidential election to be certified by Congress, led by the sitting vice president, there's strong evidence that people are in place to subvert certification of several states' elections.

Lacking that certification, it's questionable how we move forward towards January 6. Chaos. Something Trump has thrived on his entire career.

According to Rolling Stone magazine, a media outlet that prides themselves on factual investigative reporting (and has a reputation for such), **there**

are at least 70 election officials in key swing states with a history of promoting conspiracy theories related to the 2020 election.

These officials will refuse to certify the votes in their district. They may be in smaller districts, but their refusal to certify will render their respective state's elections unsettled and uncertified. Which will throw the presidential election into chaos. Just like in 2020. Chaos.

As attorney Marc Elias explained in his August 1 column, "we are going to see mass refusals to certify the elections" because the GOP is "counting on the fact that if they don't certify in several small counties, you cannot certify these statewide results."

Chaos. Attorney Elias is a Democratic attorney who's been successfully prosecuting election and voting rights cases all over the country for the last several years. Elias feels that with the election rapidly closing in, Republicans are weaponizing election certification, and "building an election subversion war machine."

Rachel Maddow of MSNBC has recently expressed her fears of what's coming to subvert this election.

Second: their plan to steal the election for Donald Trump would include the procedures of January 6, when Congress and the Vice President confirm the winner of the 2024 importance. They desperately

didn't want it to happen in 2021.

The first insurrection (yes, first) wasn't successful for a number of reasons. Confusion and bad information surrounded sending back-up law enforcement for the Capitol Police. That never should have happened, which is why I feel withheld information kept other agencies from preparedness and response.

Then, lawmakers were protected and removed from harm's way. We know the insurrectionists were coming after them, but their security was successful. Will it be successful in 2025?

VP Mike Pence wasn't in on the scheme and likely wouldn't have supported if he had been, but he listened to his gut and didn't leave the Capitol. The insurrectionists didn't plan on it, but all these individuals were still able to return late that night and finish the certification for Joe Biden's win.

We know Trump had co-conspirators within Congress and their numbers will have grown. What we don't know is how many of the Heritage Foundation loyalists will already be planted in positions that would jeopardize the safety of Congress, unbeknownst to "the good guys." How many more law enforcement positions will be compromised?

What can we do? We can throw up our hands and say that we're

powerless: our votes don't matter in blood red Alabama. But they do.

"If we all vote, we win." I've heard that phrase for a third of my life. Why not test it out? Help get family, friends, and neighbors to the polls on November 5. Help them understand how they can vote absentee if they need to. Volunteer to register voters.

Our votes may only contribute to the national popular vote numbers, but they also may show us that we're here, and that when we vote, we can win — or at least begin to see our power.

Third: This one is important. Do what you can to help VP Kamala Harris win in a swing state.

Getting on a phone banking Zoom call — where they'll teach you the best techniques, give you a script, and be there if you have questions.

If you can travel to knock on doors — canvass — in a swing state (Georgia's right next door), make arrangements with the national campaign. Sometimes they'll even put canvassers up when they're helping.

The people you call and the people whose doors you knock will very likely be a Democratic or Independent voter. Not a Trumpster.

If we don't stop the people who want to implement Project 2025, we will face a very different life in America.

Start at [www.Kamala-Harris.com](http://www.Kamala-Harris.com) and sign up to do whatever you can. And help kill the chaos.