CITY OF FLORENCE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2014-12
BUILDING DEMOLITION SERVICES

The City of Florence (City) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals from qualified firms interested in contracting with the City to provide building demolition services for the removal and clean-up of a total of three sites in the Downtown District.

The sites are as follows:

- Site A: 200, 210, 218 West Evans Street, including drive-through structure.
- Site B: 450, 452, 454, 456 & 458 West Evans Street
- Site C: 400 block of North Irby Street (No addresses available)
  Tax map numbers 90086-04-011, 90085-10-004, 90085-10-001

The sites and buildings are illustrated on the three aerial maps that are attachments to this document.

Note: Respondents may submit proposals for all three sites, any individual site, or any combination of sites. All proposal prices must be quoted on a per site basis. In addition, an alternate price quote for all three sites combined may be submitted in a single lump sum amount. A contract for each site may be awarded to a single contractor or separate contractors by site. It is the City’s intent to select a contractor(s) for the sites that will, in the City’s sole determination, provide the best demolition proposal at the least cost.

Project Requirements:

Demolition – The contractor will be responsible for demolition, removal, and proper disposal of structures and contents of all existing vacant buildings listed above. The contractor will be responsible for all costs of transport and proper disposal of all demolition debris. Florence County has agreed to accept some demolition debris at no charge (see Attachment A from Florence County pertaining to acceptable terms).

Certifications and permits – The contractor will be responsible for obtaining all certifications and permits necessary for completion of the project from the appropriate regulatory agencies.

Surveys and testing – The City of Florence is in the process of completing a Phase I environmental assessment of the buildings and land and will supply the reports to all interested firms at the mandatory pre-bid conference. Any additional surveys and materials testing that may be necessary for the successful completion of the project shall be the responsibility of the contractor.

Utility Disconnects – The demolition contractor will be responsible for coordinating and cost of all utility disconnects.

Reuse of Materials – No materials from the project are proposed for reuse by the City.

Salvage of Materials – Unless referenced otherwise in an addendum which will be provided at the mandatory pre-bid conference, the contractor shall take ownership of all scrap/salvage materials.

Extent of Underground Demolition – The contractor will be responsible for demolition of all slabs and all underground structures. The entire basement structure and foundation should be removed and
the opening filled with compacted earth on 6 inch lifts. Approved material shall be placed as backfill in all excavated areas and graded to the elevation necessary to provide positive surface drainage to all areas of the site.

**Responsibility for Temporary Facilities** – The contractor will be responsible for all temporary facilities necessary to successfully complete the project – to include, but not limited to, portable restrooms, site fencing, site security, etc.

The City of Florence will permit contractor to connect to electrical power that is available on light poles and in landscape beds at Site A. Only 120 volt/20 amp service is available. Contractor may also obtain water from a fire hydrant, if available.

**Special Requirements** – Caution and care must be exercised to prevent damage to adjacent structures, sidewalks and streetscape and to ensure that existing businesses in the area can operate normally without significant disruption during demolition activities. All required street closures shall be approved at least 48 hours through the City of Florence Downtown Development Office. In addition, any required SCDOT, City or County permits for street closure are the responsibility of the contractor.

The completion date for Site A shall be discussed at the mandatory pre-bid conference and walkthrough (see date, time, and location below). On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, the City will provide to all interested contractors the required completion date for Site A. Firms that cannot meet the published schedule for demolition of Site A will not be considered.

**Hazardous Materials** – Preliminary inspections of the sites have been performed to identify and assess suspect asbestos containing materials. Copies of those survey reports will be available at the mandatory pre-bid conference and walkthrough of the sites. The contractor will be responsible for all aspects regarding the removal and disposal of any/all hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, identification, testing, permitting, certification, notifications, best management practices, hauling, disposal fees, etc.

**Expected Condition of Site at Completion of Demolition** – It is expected that the contractor will backfill all excavated areas with suitable material (sandclay fill w/ 4” topsoil surface course), and grade the area to provide for positive surface drainage for the entire site (generally, 0.5% min. slope from highest point of adjacent curb or sidewalk). The contractor will be responsible for installation of silt fence at the edge of curb or sidewalk to prevent sediment runoff. The contractor will be responsible for repair of damage to any adjacent structures, and any curbing, sidewalk, or asphalt damaged during the project.

**Proposal Requirements:**

- Interested firms are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference and walkthrough of the sites to be eligible for consideration of their proposal (see date, time and location below).

Interested firms must, at a minimum, provide the following information:

- **Qualifications/Experience**: Describe the firm’s qualifications and experience with this type of work. Give examples and reference contact information for previous similar projects.
- **Approach**: Describe how the work will be accomplished. What measures will be employed to protect adjacent structures from damage? What practices will be used to minimize disruption of existing business operations?
- **Schedule**: Provide an estimated project schedule to complete the scope of work described above.
• **Safety**: Provide information regarding firm’s safety record, and describe the specific safety measures/plan to be used in this project to protect personnel, public, structures and infrastructure.

• **Price**: Respondents may submit proposals for all three sites, any individual site, or any combination of sites. All proposal prices must be quoted on a per site basis. In addition, an alternate price quote for all three sites combined may be submitted in a single lump sum amount. A contract for each site may be awarded to a single contractor or separate contractors by site. It is the City’s intent to select a contractor(s) for the sites that will, in the City’s sole determination, provide the best demolition proposal at the least cost. Price must include any/all fees related to the project requirements.

Firms are requested to submit five (5) copies of the proposal. Due to time limitations of the Selection Committee members, proposals should be limited to no more than fifteen (15) pages. Please include tab dividers for easy access to each section of the proposal (tab dividers do not count toward the 15-page limit). Additional supplemental information may be submitted, under separate cover, in order to aid in firm selection. This information may include staff resumes, descriptions of similar municipal projects, project references, and a description of the conceptual approach to meeting the project requirements. The firm may also submit, under separate cover, an example of a project previously completed at another municipality that is similar in size and scope to the work described above.

**Selection Process Overview and Selection Criteria**

On or before the time specified herein, the respondents will submit a proposal in response to this RFP. A review panel of five consisting of the Downtown Development Manager, Director of Urban Planning, City Engineer, Engineering Division Manager and Purchasing Agent will assess the proposals utilizing the evaluation criteria as stated below in this RFP document. The Committee may short list up to three firms and request oral presentations from the selected firms. All expenses of the interviews and presentations will be the sole responsibility of the responder and the City of Florence accepts no responsibility for the reimbursement of any expenses incurred by a responder under this document.

Any questions regarding this RFP should be sent in writing to Lynwood F. Givens, Purchasing Agent by email at lgivens@cityofflorence.com. The deadline for the submission of any and all questions and inquiries concerning this RFP is Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12:00 noon. Please do not attempt to contact members of the Selection Committee.

The City shall have sole discretion in evaluating the qualifications of responders and the suitability of their proposals to meet the City’s needs. The City reserves the right to select the Proposal that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals.

The selection criteria will be based on a scoring system as follows:

- Price – 50 points
- Qualifications & experience – 20 points
- Approach – 20 points
- Schedule – 10 points

NOTE: The completion date for Site A shall be discussed at the mandatory pre-bid conference and walkthrough. On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, the City will provide to all interested contractors the required completion date for Site A. Firms that cannot meet the published schedule for demolition of Site A will not be considered.
**Mandatory Pre-bid Conference and Walkthrough Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 2:00 pm

A representative of all interested firms must attend this pre-bid conference and walkthrough of the sites in order for their proposal to be considered. Representatives of the City will be available to answer questions regarding the RFP. Contractors should report to City Council Chambers at the City Center, 324 West Evans Street, Florence, SC, 29501.

**Proposal Due Date:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:00 pm

Interested firms should submit five (5) copies of proposals to:

Lynwood Givens – Purchasing Agent  
Finance Department  
City of Florence  
324 W. Evans Street  
Florence, SC 29501  
Phone: (843) 665-3165  
lgivens@cityofflorence.com

Proposals are due on or before the submission deadline noted above at the Office of Purchasing & Contracting, located in the City Center at 324 W. Evans Street. All proposal packages must be sealed and have “RFP 2014-12 Demolition Services” clearly marked on the outside for easy identification by the City. Proposals may be hand delivered prior to the submission deadline at the address listed above. Directions may be obtained by calling (843) 665-3165. Any proposals received later than the submission deadline will not be accepted or considered. Facsimile (FAX) transmissions will not be accepted. The City will not be responsible for late submission caused by the postal service, other carriers, or any other delivery problems regardless of the reason.

**MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS**

Minority Business Owners (minority or woman owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that minority business and women owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract. Please indicate that you are a minority or woman owned business with your proposal submission.

The successful company must ensure that all subcontractors, agents, personnel assigned by or employees of prime company and subcontractors are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The successful company must make positive efforts to provide equal employment opportunity for minority and women owned businesses.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERORS**

Proposals will only be accepted from responsible and responsive companies that have an established reputation in the field of Architecture/Engineering Services.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the proposal submission date.

A responsible offeror means an offeror who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the
requirements mentioned in the proposal document and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

A responsive offeror means an offeror who has submitted a proposal which conforms in all respects to the request for proposal requirements.

PROTEST PERIOD: Any actual or prospective, offeror, or company who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract/purchase order may formally protest in writing to the Finance Director. The protest may be submitted at any time during the procurement process. However, if a prospective offeror, or company wishes to protest, the formal protest must be submitted in writing and must be received by the City no later than seven (7) days from the date that the aggrieved actual or prospective offeror, or company has been informed of the proposal results by the Procurement Officer. Protests received by the City following seven (7) days after evaluation results have been released by the Purchasing Agent will not be considered by the City.

DISPUTES: In cases of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets scope of work, the decision of the City of Florence shall be final and binding on all parties. The Purchasing Agent may request in writing, the recommendation of the head of the department of the end user or other objective sources.

DEVIANATIONS: Any deviations from the scope of work contained herein must be noted in detail on the respondent’s response for the City of Florence’s consideration.

CHANGES: Any changes in this request for proposal after the purchase order/contract agreement has been awarded must be with the written consent of the Purchasing Agent or the City Manager; otherwise, the responsibility for such changes lies with the company. Any changes to the scope of work in this request for proposal package shall be in writing and an addendum will go out to all prospective respondents so each respondent can compete equitably.

OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL: Ownership of all data, material and documentation originated and prepared for the City of Florence pursuant to this contract/purchase order shall belong exclusively to the City of Florence.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES: The deadline for the submission of any and all questions and inquiries concerning this RFP is Monday, March 3, 2014 at 12:00 noon. All questions must be directed to Lynwood Givens, Purchasing Agent in writing and e-mailed to lgivens@cityofflorence.com.


BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Entities that provide goods and services within the City limits are required to have a business license. The successful contractor/company will be required to contact the Business License Office, 324 West Evans Florence, SC 29501 prior to commencement of work. The Business License Office’s phone number is (843) 665-3173 and its Fax number is (843) 665-3171. The City’s business license application can be viewed at the following URL: http://www.cityofflorence.com/docs/documents-city-council/download-and-print-the-business-license-application-.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Taxes
The City of Florence pays SC Sales Taxes in the amount of 8%. However, the City of Florence is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and will issue exemption certificates, if requested. Include all taxes with your response.

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The successful company shall procure and maintain insurance for protection from claims under workers’ compensations acts; claims for damages because of bodily injury including personal injury, sickness or disease, or death of any and all employees or of any person other than such employees; claims for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom; claims caused by professional errors, acts, or omission; and any other insurance prescribed by law. The successful company shall name the City of Florence, South Carolina, its elected and appointed officials, officers, and employees “Additional Insureds” as their interests may appear but only with respect to services performed or provided by successful company on behalf of the City under Consultant’s commercial general liability insurance policy. The successful company shall, within 10 days of the full execution of any contract resulting from this RFP, provide the City’s Procurement Officer with a certificate(s) of insurance evidencing the coverages required above and containing an endorsement to the effect that any cancellation or non-renewal shall not be until 10 days after the insurer or the selected company gives written notice to the City.

Without limiting the provisions of paragraph above, the selected company shall during the term of any contract resulting from this purchase and maintain insurance with limits not less than those set forth below:

The successful company shall take out and maintain, during the life of the contract agreement, workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance for all employees to be engaged in services on this project under this agreement in an amount not less than $1,000,000.00, and in case any such services are sublet, the company shall require all subcontractor(s) also to provide workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance in an amount not less than $1,000,000.00 for all of the subcontractor’s employees to be engaged in such.

Employer’s Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 each accident, $1,000,000 disease policy limit, $1,000,000 disease each employee

Commercial General Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 per occurrence (bodily injury and property damage) / $1,000,000 general aggregate
Automobile Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 combined single limit (bodily injury and property damage), each accident

Professional Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 per claim / $1,000,000 general aggregate

Professional Services: The selected company shall indemnify and hold the City of Florence, South Carolina, its elected and appointed officials, officers, and employees, harmless from and against judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs but only to the extent otherwise authorized by law) to the extent caused by any negligent act, error, or omission in the performance and furnishing of the selected company’s professional services under any contract resulting from this RFP, including any negligent act, error or omission of any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by the selected company to perform any of the work or anyone for whose acts, errors, or omissions the selected company may be liable, regardless of whether or not caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

Other Than Professional Services: With respect to all acts or omissions of the selected company, or
any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by the selected company to perform any of the work or anyone for whose acts, errors, or omissions the selected company may be liable, which do not arise out of or result from the performance of professional services, and which may be covered by employer’s liability insurance, commercial general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, or other general liability insurance, the selected company shall indemnify and hold the City of Florence, South Carolina, its elected and appointed officials, officers, and employees, harmless from and against judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs but only to the extent otherwise authorized by law) to the extent caused by or arising out of the selected company’s negligent acts of commission or omission (or those of or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by the selected company to perform any of the work or anyone for whose actions or failure to act the selected company may be liable) during the performance of this Agreement.

The selected company shall require any subconsultants and subcontractors to purchase and maintain insurance with limits not less than those required above to be purchased and maintained by the selected company. In addition, the selected company shall require any subconsultants and subcontractors to assume the selected company’s indemnification obligations under any contract resulting from this RFP to the extent they relate to the subconsultant’s or subcontractor’s obligations under any contract with the selected company.