## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Cover Letter/Notice Invitation for Bids (IFB) – Construction Services

Re: Solicitation of Construction Services for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation for the City of Hardin Project funded with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocated under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Liberty County has received an allocation of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and is issuing an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to solicit bids for a construction contract. The IFB solicitation is to assist the City of Hardin's Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation in providing construction services for projects funded with its allocation of ARPA funds.

The Sole Point of Contact for this solicitation may provide information regarding this IFB. Refer to the Schedule of Events and Selection Summary in Section 1 of this document for response details.

Bidder is responsible to ensure that their IFB response is received in a timely manner and that it contains all elements of the IFB including all required forms and any addendums issued. Bidder should complete the Solicitation Response Cover Sheet/Acknowledgement of Addenda/Submission Checklist contained in Attachment A and all other requirements identified in the IFB. IFB responses received after the deadline will not be opened and therefore not evaluated or considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. Both Liberty County and the City of Hardin reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely responses, to reject any and all bids, and to select multiple Bidders if it deems and/or desires to do so.

Liberty County and City of Hardin is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

Sealed, competitive bids will be received no later than 10:00 A.M., October 24, 2024, at Hardin City Hall, 142 County Road 2010, Liberty, Texas 77575, and subsequently publicly opened and read aloud.

Secure Plans and Specifications from LJA Engineering, Inc., at <a href="https://bids.lja.com">https://bids.lja.com</a> for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents, which sum will not be refunded. A printed set can be picked up at LJA Engineering, Inc. East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway, Suite 360, Houston, TX 77029.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Hardin City Hall at 10:00 A.M., October 16, 2024.