

## Dear Contractor:

Thank you for your interest in working with the Newburgh Community Land Bank. Attached, you will find detailed specifications for the asbestos abatement requirements of a large assemblage of properties in downtown Newburgh, NY. We are seeking bids from qualified, licensed, insured contractors with extensive experience to provide high value services. Following asbestos abatement, the properties will be abated for lead (a separate Request for Proposals will be released) and then rehabilitated for the creation of quality housing.

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY <u>MARCH 11, 2015 AT 5 PM</u> BY EMAIL (<u>MFLETCHER@NEWBURGHCOMMUNITYLANDBANK.ORG</u>) OR MAIL TO: PO BOX 152, NEWBURGH, NY 12550

We invite qualified contractors to attend an information session and to view the properties on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 10 AM at 15 Chamber Street. The experts who developed the project specifications will be available to answer questions about the bid documents, the Land Bank staff will be available for other questions and someone from the Workforce Development Institute will be available to answer questions and make connections to the available workforce with appropriate qualifications for lead and asbestos abatement. The buildings will be available for inspection. If you are unable to attend this session, please contact us to see if alternative time can be arranged.

The Land Bank is committed to connecting contractors and the high quality, trained workforce in Newburgh. In addition to the information required in the bid specifications attached, the successful contractor will identify, in writing, the number of vacancies it will need to fill to complete the work within the proposed schedule. If no vacancies are expected, please note whether any existing employees are residents of the City of Newburgh. Workforce Development Institute (WDI), an organization with convenient local offices, maintains an inventory of trained, screened individuals with current asbestos handling certifications who are actively seeking work. The Land Bank will facilitate a mandatory meeting between the selected contractor and the Working in Newburgh ("WIN") Program Manger to identify appropriate candidates and schedule interviews. Competitively priced, qualified contractors committed to the local hiring process will receive preference.

Contractors <u>must</u> possess an asbestos contractor's license from the State of New York and be listed in the online database and all employees performing abatement work <u>must</u> be properly licensed to handle asbestos. The contractor <u>must</u> possess a minimum insurance requirement of \$3 million per occurrence and \$10 million in aggregate.

The Land Bank will release additional Requests for Proposals (RFP) for smaller property as well as subsequent lead abatement RFP for this assemblage, so if you do not meet the requirements for this

project, please email <u>info@newburghcommunitylandbank.org</u> to sign up for our mailing list and specify "RFP Mailing List" in the subject line.

Spanish translation and interpretation services are available if needed; do not hesitate to contact us.

## **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

To help evaluate whether you are an eligible contractor or eligible for labor vacancies, please review the following questions to determine whether you are an eligible bidder and to find out how to become eligible for future contracts or jobs.

