

BID#:B122021
OPEN: 05/01/2012
TIME: 2:00 PM

INVITATION TO BID ABATEMENT OF JUNKED VEHICLES GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Sealed bids in sets of four (4), one (1) original and three (3) copies will be received in the office of the County Purchasing Agent until **2:00 PM** on **05/01/2012** and opened immediately in that office in the presence of the County Auditor and the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the County Purchasing Agent at the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody Avenue (21st Street), Fifth (5th) Floor, Galveston, Texas 77550. Any proposal received after **2:00 PM** on the date specified will be returned unopened.

All bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope:

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Bidders name, return address, and the enclosed label should be prominently displayed on the envelope. Pricing will be lump sum or as noted on bid sheet.

Specifications can be obtained on application at the office of the County Purchasing Agent, located in the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody Avenue (21st Street), Fifth (5th) Floor, Galveston, Texas.

Bids will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the bid sheet, if applicable. The net price will be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight or shipping charges. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your bid.

Upon satisfaction of contractual terms (e.g., goods delivered in promised condition, services rendered as agreed, etc.), vendor is to be paid via Galveston County's normal accounts payable process.

Commissioners' Court reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid or bids which, in its opinion, is most advantageous to the County.

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Galveston County

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1. BID PACKAGE

The invitation to bid, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the bid sheet are all considered part of this bid package. Bids must be submitted in sets of four (4), one (1) original and three (3) copies on the forms provided by the County, including the bid sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the bid sheet/contract page(s) may disqualify the bid from being considered by Commissioners' Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the bidder expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this bid and to sign the bid sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this bid. Bidder further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by Commissioners' Court. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the bid. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Each bidder is required to thoroughly review this entire bid packet to familiarize themselves with the bid procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work as well as the terms, and conditions of the contract the successful bidder will execute with the County.

2. COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such acquisition efforts, bidders are to direct all communications regarding this bid to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, unless otherwise specifically noted.

Do not contact the requesting department. Attempts by offering firms to circumvent this requirement will be viewed negatively and may result in rejection of the offer of the firm found to be in non-compliance.

All questions regarding this Request for Bid must be submitted in writing to:

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPB
Galveston County Purchasing Agent
722 Moody, Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 621-7987
E-mail: rufus.crowder@co.galveston.tx.us

An authorized person from the submitting firm must sign all bids. This signature acknowledges that the bidder has read the bid documents thoroughly before submitting a bid and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Please carefully review this Invitation to Bid. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

3. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS

Bids received prior to the submission deadline will be maintained unopened until the specified time for opening. If the bidder fails to identify the Bid Number on the outside of the envelope as required, the Purchasing Agent will open the envelope for the sole purpose of identifying the bid number for which the submission was made. The envelope will then be resealed. No liability will attach to a County office or employee for the premature opening of a bid. If you do not submit a bid, return this Invitation to Bid and state reason, otherwise your name may be removed from our mailing list.

4. BID OPENING

The names of the bidders and the pricing will be read aloud at the bid opening. Sealed bids will be received in the office of the County Purchasing Agent and opened immediately in that office in the presence of the County Auditor and the Purchasing Agent. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days of the bid opening date.

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5. REJECTION OF BIDS

The County, acting through its Commissioners' Court reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all bids and waive any informality in the bids received; (2) disregard the bid of any bidder determined to be non responsive to the provisions contained herein.

6. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to review the entire invitation to bid packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any such protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or bid procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for bid opening. Vendors are to bid as specified herein or bid an approved equal. The mention of any brand name in the specifications is not intended to be restrictive, but is intended to describe the general features and requirements (or equivalent) that Galveston County is seeking.

7. SUBSTITUTES

It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any materials of equal merit to those specified; however, should the bidder desire to use any substitutions, prior written approval shall be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent sufficiently in advance in order that an addendum might be issued.

8. EXCEPTIONS TO BID

The bidder will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the bid. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Bid Conditions", and will be attached to the bid. If no exceptions are stated, it will be understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

9. PRICING

Bids will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the bid sheet. The net price will be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight or shipping charges. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your bid.

Cash discount must be shown on bid, otherwise prices will be considered net. Unless prices and all information requested are complete, bid may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the contractor, the County of Galveston may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to the County of Galveston. Prices paid by the County of Galveston shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods or performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the Commissioners' Court.

10. PROCUREMENT CARD

The County of Galveston participates in a Procurement Card (P-Card) program that allows payments made to the vendor by credit card. This method normally results in substantially faster bill payments sometimes within three (3) to five (5) days of the actual transaction date. If your company will accept payment via credit card (Visa, MasterCard), please notate this in you bid submittal.

11. TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code, Galveston County qualifies for exemption from sales, excise and use taxes imposed under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, which is codified at Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code. In accordance with Section 151.309, a taxable item sold, leased, or rented to, or stored, used, or consumed by the County is exempt from the taxes imposed under Chapter 151. Section 151.311 of the Texas Tax Code lists its requirements for tax exemptions on taxable items incorporated into or used for the improvement of realty of an exempt entity. Section 151.3111 lists its requirements for tax exemptions on certain services. Contractor is cautioned that this

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RFP provision simply highlights some statutory qualifying exemptions from the sale and use taxes imposed under Chapter 151. If Contractor believes all or a portion of its costs are exempt from taxes imposed under Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code, it may request a certificate of tax exemption by submitting a written request for such to the County Purchasing Agent. Additionally, information regarding eligibility for exemption from taxes imposed under Chapter 151 may be obtained through the Office of the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, whose website is <http://www.window.state.tx.us/>.

12. PASS THROUGH COST ADJUSTMENTS

Except in instances of extreme extenuating circumstances Vendor prices shall remain firm throughout the Contract period and any renewals. Examples of extreme extenuating circumstances include such situations as a nation wide rail strike, oil shortage, or oil embargos.

In extreme extenuating circumstances Vendors may be allowed to temporarily "pass through" additional costs they are forced to incur through no fault of their own. A request for a pass through cost increase will not be considered unless a Vendor's cost for his product exceeds 10% over the original cost for the product. Also, the increase in cost must be nationwide and consistent for a minimum period of sixty (60) days. If a Vendor thinks he will be asking for a pass through cost adjustment during the term of his contract the original cost of his product to him must be stated in Vendor's original bid.

A request for a pass through cost does not guarantee that one will be granted. Vendors must submit such information on each request as is required by the County Purchasing Agent. The County Purchasing Agent will review each request on a case by case basis and determine the appropriateness of each request as well as amount and duration of increase. Vendors will not be permitted any additional compensation for mark-ups or profits based on the increase in price. Rather, such additional compensation will be limited to the actual increase in original cost to the Vendor as such increase is reflected by the original cost stated in the bid. But in no event will the amount of additional compensation exceed 25% increase in

Vendor's original cost for his product as such cost is reflected in Vendor's original bid or the duration exceed a period of sixty (60) days. In addition, should, during the period of the pass through, cost return to normal or decrease to below pre pass through prices, appropriate downward adjustments will be made. No more than one pass through adjustment will be permitted per year.

13. MODIFICATION OF BIDS

A bidder may modify a bid by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of bids. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by bidder guaranteeing authenticity. Bids may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the Commissioners' Court consideration of same.

14. AWARD OF BIDS

The award will be made to the bidder who is determined to be the lowest bidder demonstrating the best value and ability to fulfill the requirements of the bid. The prices proposed will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline.

The criteria utilized for determining responsibility of bidder(s) includes, but is not limited to, the bidder's experience, skill, ability, business judgment, financial capacity, integrity, honesty, possession of the necessary facilities or equipment, previous performance, reputation, promptness, and any other factor deemed relevant by the County. The bidder shall furnish any information requested by the County in order for the County to determine whether a bidder is responsible.

In determining and evaluating the best bid, the pricing may not necessarily be controlling, but quality, equality, efficiency, utility, general terms, delivery, suitability of the service offered, and the reputation of the service in general use will also be considered with any other relevant items. The Commissioners' Court shall be the sole judge in the determination of these matters.

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Each bidder, by submitting a bid, agrees that if their bid is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such bidder will furnish all items and services upon which prices have been tendered and upon the terms and conditions in this bid and contract.

The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed purchase order, or contract, and after receiving written notification to proceed from Galveston County. The contractor will perform all services indicated in the bid in compliance with this contract.

Neither department heads nor elected officials are authorized to sign any binding contracts or agreements prior to being properly placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda and approved in open court. Department heads and other elected officials are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Galveston County. Only the Commissioners' Court, acting as a body, may enter into a contract on behalf of Galveston County. Additionally, department heads and other elected officials are not authorized to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services. Supplemental agreements are subject to review by the Galveston County Legal Department prior to being signed by the County's authorized representative.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to accept bids on individual items listed, or group items, or on the bid as a whole; to reject any and all bids; to waive any informality in the bids; and to accept the bid that appears to be in the best interest of the County.

Notice of contract award will be made within ninety (90) days of opening of bids to the lowest responsive and responsible contractor, whose bid complies with all the requirements in this Invitation to Bid unless special consideration is granted by the Commissioners' Court.

Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under insurance in the schedule of the Invitation to Bid, item 29, page 7, Proof of Insurance.

The contractor shall not commence work under these terms and conditions of the contract until all applicable Certificates of Insurance, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Irrevocable Letter of Credit (if required) have been approved by the County of Galveston and he/she has received notice to proceed in writing and an executed copy of the contract from the County of Galveston Purchasing Agent.

15. RESULTANT CONTRACT

The resultant contract if applicable, shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of the same. The contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, bid package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work. If applicable to the attached bid, bidder must sign three (3) original contracts and return with their bid submittal.

16. CONTRACT TERM

The term of the resultant contract will begin on the date of execution by the Commissioners' Court and will terminate on the date specified in the resultant contract unless terminated earlier as herein set forth.

17. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

Failure of either party in the performance of any of the provisions of this contract shall constitute a breach of contract, in which case, either party may require corrective action within ten (10) days from date of receipt of written notice citing the exact nature of such breach. Failure of the party being notified to take corrective action within the prescribed ten (10) days, or failure to provide written reply of why no breach has occurred, shall constitute a Default of Contract.

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All notices relating to default by Bidder of the provisions of the contract shall be issued by County by its Legal Department, and all replies shall be made in writing to the Galveston County Legal Department. Notices issued by or issued to anyone other than the Galveston County Legal Department shall be null and void and shall be considered as not having been issued or received.

Galveston County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law in the event of breach or default of this contract, and may contract with another party, with or without solicitation of bids or bids or further negotiations. At a minimum, bidder shall be required to pay any difference in service or materials, should it become necessary to contract with another source, plus reasonable administrative costs and attorney fees.

In the event of Termination for Default, Galveston County, its agents or representatives shall not be liable for loss of any profits anticipated to be made by bidder.

No waiver by either party of any event of default under this agreement shall operate as a waiver of any subsequent default under the terms of this agreement.

County reserves the right to terminate this contract immediately in the event bidder:

- Fails to meet delivery or completion schedules;
- Fails to otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted bid and the contract

18. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

County may terminate this contract upon at least thirty (30) days prior written notice for its' convenience or for any reason deemed by the County to serve the public interest. County may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days prior written notice for any reason resulting from any governmental law, order, ordinance, regulations, or court order. In no event shall County be liable for loss of any profits anticipated to be made hereunder by bidder should this contract be terminated early.

19. FORCE MAJEURE

If by reason of Force Majeure either Party shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its responsibilities under this contract by any occurrence by reason of Force Majeure, then the Party unable to carry out its responsibility shall give the other Party notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event, and such notice shall suspend the Party's responsibility for the continuance of the Forced Majeure claimed, but for no longer period.

Force Majeure means acts of God, floods, hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, acts of a public enemy, acts of terrorism, sovereign conduct, riots, civil commotion, strikes or lockouts, and other causes that are not occasioned by either Party's conduct which by the exercise of due diligence the Party is unable to overcome and which substantially interferes with operations.

20. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Any reference to quantities shown in the Invitation to Bid are an estimate only. Since the exact quantities cannot be predetermined, the County reserves the right to adjust quantities as deemed necessary to meet its' requirements.

21. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a bid, each contractor shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the contractor will rely. If the contractor receives an award as a result of its bid submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the contractor from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

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22. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY OF GALVESTON

This Invitation to Bid does not commit the County of Galveston to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a bid to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

23. SINGLE BID RESPONSE

If only one bid is received in response to the Invitation to Bid, a detailed cost bid may be requested of the single contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost bid in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

24. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDS

Galveston County reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part received by reason of this bid package and may discontinue its efforts for any reason under this bid package at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of bids may be recommended to the Commissioners' Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the bid form furnished by the County, if applicable.
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company on the bid form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the bid.
- D. Bids that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among bidders.

25. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid, a written notice of such revision will be provided to all bidders in the form of addenda. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the County's employees, unless such clarification or change is provided to bidders in a written addendum from the Purchasing Agent.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to revise or amend the specifications up to the time set for opening of bids. Such revisions and amendments, if any, shall be announced by amendments to the solicitation. Copies of such amendments shall be furnished to all prospective contractors. Prospective contractors are defined as those contractors listed on the County's Invitation to Bid list for this material/service or who have obtained his documents subsequent to the advertisement. If revisions and amendments require changes in quantities or prices proposed, or both, the date set for opening of bids may be postponed by such number of days as in the opinion of the County shall enable contractors to revise their bids. In any case, the bid opening shall be at least five working days after the last amendment; and the amendment shall include an announcement of the new date if applicable, for the opening of bids.

26. BID DISCLOSURES

The names of those who submitted bids will not be made public information until after an award is made by Commissioners' Court. No price or staffing information will be released. Bidders are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their bid or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee, other than the Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a bid was received. Violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a bid.

27. PROTEST

Any actual or prospective bidder who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of bid may protest. The protest will be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent within seven (7) days after such aggrieved person knows of, or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Purchasing Agent will promptly issue a decision in writing to the protestant. If the protestant wishes to appeal the decision rendered by the Purchasing Agent, such appeal must be made to the Commissioners' Court through the Purchasing Agent. The decision of the Court will be final. The Court need not consider protests unless this procedure is followed.

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28. WITHDRAWAL OF BID

Bidders may request withdrawal of a sealed bid prior to the scheduled bid opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the bids.

29. INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor shall agree to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County of Galveston, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees for the defense thereof in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from contractor's operations under this contract, its use of County facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the contractor, its employees, agents or any person(s) in or about the County's facilities with the expressed or implied consent of the County. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against Galveston County resulting from contractor's operations under this contract.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then the County reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which County has written notice direct and withhold from Contractor's unpaid compensation a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

30. PROOF OF INSURANCE

Successful bidder agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners' of the State of Texas, with coverage provision insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by successful bidder and providing that the amount by reason of services limits of not less than the following sums:

- A. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident – ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.
- B. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident – THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$300,000.00) DOLLARS.
- C. For any injury to or destruction of property in any one accident – ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.

Successful bidder shall carry in full force Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy(ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful bidder. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful bidder to the County.

Galveston County shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be notified of any changes to the policy during the contractual period.

31. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE REPORTING

Proposer may be required under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code to complete and file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ Form). If so, the completed CIQ Form must be filed with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

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If Proposer has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of Galveston County or with a family member of an officer of Galveston County that results in the officer or family member of the officer receiving taxable income that exceeds \$2,500.00 during the preceding 12-month period, then Proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County.

If Proposer has given an officer of Galveston County or a family member of an officer of Galveston County one or more gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$250.00 during the preceding 12-months, then Proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County.

The Galveston County Clerk has offices at the following locations:

Galveston County Clerk
Galveston County Justice Center, Suite 2001
600 59th Street
Galveston, Texas 77551

Galveston County Clerk
North County Annex, 1st Floor
174 Calder Road
League City, Texas 77573

Again, if Proposer is required to file a CIQ Form, the original completed form is filed with the Galveston County Clerk (**not the Purchasing Agent**).

For Proposer's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Galveston County Clerk's website and/or the Purchasing Agent's website – both of these web sites are linked to the Galveston County homepage, at <http://www.co.galveston.tx.us>.

As well, blank CIQ Forms may be obtained by visiting the Texas Ethics Commission website, specifically at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict_forms.htm.

Chapter 176 specifies deadlines for the filing of CIQ Forms (both initial filings and updated filings).

It is Proposer's sole responsibility to file a true and complete CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk if Proposer is required to file by the requirements of Chapter 176. Proposer is advised that it is an offense to fail to comply with the disclosure reporting requirements dictated under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

If you have questions about compliance with Chapter 176, please consult your own legal counsel. Compliance is the individual responsibility of each person, business, and agent who is subject to Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

32. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION

This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation or representation not expressly set fourth in this contract has no force or effect. Any subsequent modification to this contract must be in writing, signed by both parties.

An official representative, employee, or agent of the County does not have the authority to modify or amend this contract except pursuant to specific authority to do so granted by the Galveston County Commissioners' Court.

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33. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The contractor declares, by signing and submitting a bid, that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another contractor to put in a false or sham bid, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the contractor or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any result of any verbal discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this Invitation to Bid.

No officer or employee of the County of Galveston, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all County of Galveston contracts for this service.

34. PROCUREMENT ETHICS

Galveston County is committed to the highest ethical standards. Therefore, it is a serious breach of the public trust to subvert the public purchasing process by directing purchases to certain favored vendors, or to tamper with the competitive bidding process, whether it's done for kickbacks, friendship or any other reason. Since misuse of the purchasing power of a local government carries criminal penalties, and many such misuses are from a lack of clear guidelines about what constitutes an abuse of office, the Code of Ethics outlined below must be strictly followed.

Galveston County also requires ethical conduct from those who do business with the county.

CODE OF ETHICS – Statement of Purchasing Policy

Public employment is a public trust. It is the policy of Galveston County to promote and balance the objective of protecting the County's integrity and the objective of facilitating the recruitment and retention of personnel needed by Galveston County. Such policy is implemented by prescribing essential standards of ethical conduct without creating unnecessary obstacles to entering public office.

Public employees must discharge their duties impartially so as to assure fair competitive access to governmental procurement by responsible contractors. Moreover, they should conduct themselves in such a manner as to foster public confidence in the integrity of the Galveston County procurement organization.

To achieve this purpose, it is essential that those doing business with Galveston County also observe the ethical standards prescribed herein.

General Ethical Standards

It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to realize personal gain through public employment with Galveston County by any conduct inconsistent with the proper discharge of the employee's duties.

It shall be a breach of ethics to attempt to influence any public employee of Galveston County to breach the standards of ethical conduct set forth in this code.

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It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee of Galveston County to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement when the employee knows that:

- The employee or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement
- A business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee's immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement
- Any other person, business or organization with which the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement.

Gratuities

It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any employee of Galveston County, or for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or bid therefore pending before this government.

Kickbacks

It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for Galveston County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

Contract Clause

The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks prescribed above shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation by Galveston County.

Confidential Information

It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee or former employee of Galveston County to knowingly use confidential information for actual or anticipated personal gain, or for the actual or anticipated gain of any person.

35. OPEN RECORDS

Galveston County is required to adhere to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act. All information, documentation and other material submitted by vendor in response to any solicitations or under any resulting contract thereof may be subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (TX Gov't Code, Chapter 552). Vendors are hereby notified that Galveston County strictly adheres to this statute and the interpretations thereof rendered by the Courts and/or Texas Attorney General's office. Vendor shall be deemed to have knowledge of this law and how to protect their interests under it. Exceptions to disclosure of information as provided by this statute are intended to protect legitimate interests of the County or vendor, and are not intended to serve as a means to withhold or delay disclosure of information not covered by these exceptions.

If vendor considers any submitted information to be proprietary in nature, protected by trade secrets, or otherwise confidential, said material should be clearly UNMARKED and conspicuously notated as such. Failure to do so shall not place any burden on the County of Galveston for the release of any material not abiding by this provision.

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36. NOTICE

Any notice required or permitted between the parties under this contract must be in writing and shall be delivered in person or mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested, or may be transmitted by fax as follows:

To the County at:

Hon. Mark A. Henry, County Judge
722 Moody
Second (2nd) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 765-2653

And to:

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
722 Moody, Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 621-7987

Harvey Bazaman
Director of County Legal
722 Moody, Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 770-5560

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The county of Galveston is seeking a vendor to supply services for the Abatement of Junked Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. One or more tow companies may be awarded a one (1) year contract, with options for two (2), one (1) year renewals, for the removal of junked vehicles and/or parts for the County of Galveston on streets or other property within Galveston County in accordance with applicable state and local laws.

CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Successful contractor shall provide all labor, materials and necessary equipment to perform towing services for the term of the contract.

Successful contractor must adhere to the following bid conditions:

Shall operate a minimum of one (1) approved and licensed wrecker, fully equipped and specifically designed for towing vehicles, including any and all passenger vehicles, trucks, and other items defined herein.

Shall maintain, in full force and effect for the term of the contract, an insurance policy or policies satisfactory to the County of Galveston, indemnifying the County against applicable losses. An insurance certificate shall be included with your bid proposal.

Shall operate and maintain a licensed vehicle storage facility that complies with requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws. The storage facility shall be capable of storing a minimum of 35 junk vehicles per month. The storage facility shall keep the premises outside the fenced area free of all vehicles, not including drive-up customers or employee vehicles.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Services shall include the following: Towing, storage and disposal of junked motor vehicles or parts as directed by the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. A motor vehicle is generally considered as a vehicle subject to registration under the Certificate of Title Act (Chapter 501, Texas Transportation code, as amended), and includes trailers, semi-trailers, motorboats, outboard motors, or vessels subject to registration under Chapter 31, Texas Parks and Wildlife code as amended.

Every vehicle picked up under this contract shall be completely dismantled for salvage or for scrap materials. Such junked vehicles which have been removed shall not be reconstructed or made operable. Such work may be accomplished on the contractor's premises, subject to all provisions of law, or the vehicle may be delivered to a scrap metal yard by the contractor.

The contractor will be required to execute the proper forms, as applicable, relative to each motor vehicle certifying to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that each vehicle has been demolished.

A representative of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office shall place all calls for towing service under this contract. A contractor may not pass on a request to pick up. Once the contractor picks up a junked vehicle, that vehicle must be stored until all legal proceedings pertaining to the disposal of the vehicle have been completed. Estimated time of such procedures is fifteen (15) to twenty (20) days.

Each successful contractor shall indicate in the bid submittal, a lump sum dollar amount they propose to pay to the County for each vehicle picked up under this contract.

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Most tows will be requested to take place between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Location of the junked vehicles shall be within the boundaries of Galveston County.

The order for abatement of junked vehicles shall be given by designated members of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. Such orders may be given verbally, but shall be supported, at a minimum, by a Sheriff's Office Vehicle Inventory Form signed by both the person authorizing the abatement and the person towing the vehicle.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Successful contractor shall provide evidence of insurance required by applicable statutes for the operation of towing vehicles and vehicle storage facilities. Should the contractor operate a vehicle dismantling business, the contractor shall provide evidence of appropriate insurance in accordance with local, state, and federal law. Evidence of Worker's Compensation Insurance shall be provided as required. Any lapsed insurance immediately terminates this contract.

QUANTITY

The estimated total number of vehicles to be abated annually under this program will be 100. This number represents an estimated quantity, as total quantities may vary widely. The County offers no guaranteed quantity.

TOWING

Under these bid provisions, the successful contractor agrees to tow and store vehicles and vessels in a safe responsible manner. Evidence of damage to vehicles ordered abated may be cause for termination of any agreement based on the provisions of this bid.

PROPERTY

All proposals submitted shall be accompanied by evidence that the Proposer owns, leases, or has control of property adequately sized for the outdoor storage and either dismantling of vehicles, or access to proper facility for dismantling. Further, that said property is presently approved for such activity and is ready for use upon award of the contract.

STORAGE

Under this agreement, successful contractor agrees to be responsible for storage of such vehicles for periods prescribed in the specifications or required by law or procedure, to keep them safe from damage, theft, and property loss for this period.

PAYMENT TO COUNTY

Selected contractor shall pay the County on a monthly basis for vehicles picked up based on a monthly billing by the County. Contractor shall make payment by cashier's check, certified check, or money order within fifteen (15) days of billing concurrently submit including the following information on an approved form:

- 1) For each abated vehicle- year, make, model, and color of vehicle, state and license number, and VIN (Vehicle Identification Number), and location and date of tow.
- 2) Should the vehicle be a pile of parts or pieces with no license plate or VIN available, then date and location of said tow should be indicated. Under the year, make and state license, "PARTS ONLY" should appear. A general description of parts shall be provided.

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3) Selected contractor shall send payment and a copy of the Certification of Dismantling to: Galveston County Auditor's Office, P.O. Box 1418, Galveston, Texas 77550.

RESPONSE TIME

The response time shall be in cooperation with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. However, some notice and time will be attempted in order to coordinate schedules for abatements. Once notifications have been made, the junked vehicle must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours. The contractor may not choose to pass on a request to pick up a junked vehicle.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Shall be for one (1) year, commencing on the Commissioner's Court signage date, with two (2) additional one (1) year options of renewal with all terms and conditions remaining the same.

MEETING

The Contractor(s) being awarded this proposal contract shall attend a meeting with authorized County personnel, with the time, date, and location to be announced. This meeting will be to give or receive information about policies, procedures, rules, and laws prior to any vehicles being stored under this contract.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Any special equipment necessary for the removal of junked vehicles in unusual locations will be the sole financial responsibility of the Proposer.

TOW VEHICLES & STORAGE FACILITIES

Proposers shall not send tow trucks or carriers to abate vehicles for the County which have not been specifically approved by the Sheriff's Office. The approved tow vehicles and storage facilities shall be maintained to insure safety and legal requirements throughout the term of the contract. There shall be no sub-contracting or trading with other tow services on the removal of junked vehicles without the prior written approval of the County administrator or his authorized designee.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to maintain all licenses and permits required by local, state, or federal statute to provide the services required of this contract.

COMMUNICATIONS

Successful bidder must be capable of maintaining communications by telephone, mobile radio or cellular telephone.

LINE ITEM DETAIL

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VENDOR ID

Item No.	Product Code	Description	Quantity	Units	Catalog #	Unit Price	Extended Price
0001	96890	ABATEMENT OF JUNKED VEHICLES	1	EA		\$	\$

Extended Price Total of all Item \$

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BID SHEET
ABATEMENT OF JUNKED VEHICLES
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Having read and understood the instructions, terms, conditions, specifications, and inv
to bid we submit the following:

LINE ITEM TOTAL \$ _____

OPTIONS TO RENEV 2 Extensions/1 Year Options

WITNESS

COMPANY NAME

DATE

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

REMIT ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

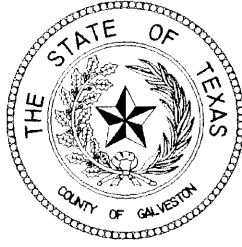
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TELEPHONE NUMBER

FAX NUMBER

ADDENDUM'S RECEIVED #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____



State of Texas

County of Galveston

Contract

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Contract Number: CM12125

Invitation to Bid Number: B122021 Abatement of Junked Vehicles

Term of Contract: One (1) year with two (2) one (1) year extensions

Initial term (Services): Beginning date of execution of this Contract by latest signatory to sign and terminating _____.

Term of Completion (Construction or other time specific contract): The Contractor shall complete the work within N/A Calendar Days of the issuance of the notice to proceed. The time set forth for completion of the work is an essential element of the job.

Renewal Options: (if applicable):

Year One: Yes (X) No ()
Year Two: Yes (X) No ()
Year Three: Yes () No (X)
Year Four: Yes () No (X)

Contractor: _____

Awarded as to addendum(s) (if applicable):

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Addendum No. 3: () yes () no () n.a.

Payment Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Performance Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Notice to be Given to:

Galveston County:

County Purchasing Agent
Galveston County
722 Moody
Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550

Contractor:

County and Contractor agree as follows:

1. **Parts of Contract:** Sections I (Invitation to Bid; Instructions to Bidders), II (Bid Proposal; Contract Award), III (Special Terms and Conditions, including Specifications, Drawings and Addenda, if any), and IV (General Terms and Conditions) attached to this Contract Award are all made a part of this Contract and collectively evidence and constitute the entire contract.

2. **Contractor Responsibilities:** Contractor will obtain all required permits or licenses, if any; furnish all of the required materials, equipment, and supplies; perform all of the work specified in the bid package; and do everything called for therein. All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and at minimal interruption of daily County activities.

3. **Payment for Services:** The County, upon satisfactory work by Contractor and receipt of approved invoice, will pay Contractor according to prices and payment schedule listed in the bid sheets contained in Contractor's Bid Proposal.

4. **Independent Contractor:** None of the provisions of this contract for services are intended to create, nor shall be deemed to create, any relationship between Galveston County and Contractor other than that of independent entities contracting with each other solely for the purpose of effecting the provisions of this Contract. In the performance of work, duties and obligations under this agreement, Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor with complete control over the means, manner, and method by which services are rendered. Contractor is not an agent or employee of the County for any purpose. Contractor and his employees are not eligible for nor will be permitted to participate in any employee benefit plans which are normally provided to employees of the County, including vacation and sick leave, retirement plans, disability and worker's compensation. County assumes no liability to any third party for any actions, inactions or deeds taken in the performance of services by Contractor, its agents, employees or representatives.

5. **Employment Taxes:** Contractor shall be solely responsible for all IRS tax reporting and quarterly payments of estimated tax, FICA payments, and any other tax withholding required by the State or Federal governments.

6. **Initial Term and Options to Renew:** The initial term of the Contract will be as stated above. Contractor hereby grants to County the unilateral right to exercise an option to renew this Contract for such periods of time as specified above. Such option to renew shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions, except for the contract period being extended and pricing indicated on bid sheets, remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Each option is to be executed in the form of a letter from the County Purchasing Agent advising the Contractor of the election of the option. Each option is to be issued not sooner than Ninety (90) Days prior to expiration of this contract or each renewal period, nor later than the final day of the contract period or each renewal period. Each option to renew may not cover more than one (1) year. The total period of this contract, including all extensions as a result of exercising this option, may not exceed the maximum combined period specified above.

7. **Cancellation:** County may cancel the Contract, with or without cause, or solely for its convenience upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Contractor.

8. **Covenant Against Contingent Fees:** Contractor warrants that no persons or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to immediately terminate this Contract without liability to Contractor, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price for consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

9. **Subcontracting or Assignment:** Contractor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of the County. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the contract. Failure to request consent shall be grounds for termination.

10. **Novation and Change of Name Agreements:** Contractor is responsible for the performance of this Contract. In the event a change of name or novation agreement (change of ownership) is required pursuant to action initiated by the Contractor, the County Purchasing Agent shall be notified immediately. No change in the obligation of the Contractor will be recognized until such change is approved by Commissioners' Court.

11. **Force Majeure:** In the event that the performance by the County of any of its obligations or undertakings hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence by an act of God or the common enemy or the result of war, riot, civil commotion, sovereign conduct, or the act or conduct of any person or persons not a party or privy hereto, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

12. **Entirety of Agreement and Modification:** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation, or representation not expressly set forth in this Contract has no force or effect. This Contract may be amended or changed only by the written consent of each party hereto duly executed by the authorized representative of each party.

13. **Severability.** If a provision contained in this contract is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the contract that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Contract are severable.

14. **Validity/Enforceability:** If any current or future legal limitations affect the validity or enforceability of a provision of this Contract, then the legal limitations are made a part of this Contract and shall operate to amend this contract to the minimum extent necessary to bring this contract into conformity with the requirements of the limitation, and as so modified, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

15. **Governing Law:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and all obligations of the parties are performable in Galveston, Texas. Venue shall lie exclusively in Galveston, Texas.

16. **Benefit:** This contract is intended to inure only to the benefit of County and Contractor. This contract is not intended to create, nor shall be deemed or construed to create, any rights in third parties.

17. **Authority to Bind:** The person or persons executing and signing this Contract on behalf of each party guarantee that the person or persons are fully authorized to execute the contract and to legally bind the party to all terms and provisions of this contract, and that this contract constitutes the legal, valid, and binding agreement of each party hereto.

18. **Immunity Retained:** The County does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officer, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this contract and performance of the covenants contained herein. The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

19. **Meaning of Words:** Except as provided otherwise, words shall be given their ordinary meaning. If a word is connected with and used with reference to a particular trade or subject matter or is used as a word of art, the word shall have the meaning given by experts in the particular trade, subject matter, or art. Words in the present or past tense include the future tense. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular unless expressly provided otherwise.

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Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Contractor:

By:

Date:

Galveston County

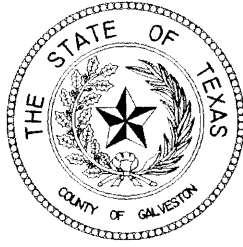
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Attest:

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Contract

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Contract Number: CM12125

Invitation to Bid Number: B122021 Abatement of Junked Vehicles

Term of Contract: One (1) year with two (2) one (1) year extensions

Initial term (Services): Beginning date of execution of this Contract by latest signatory to sign and terminating _____.

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Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Contractor:

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Date:

Galveston County

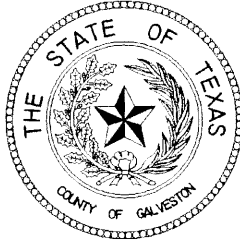
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State of Texas

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Contract

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Contract Number: CM12125

Invitation to Bid Number: B122021 Abatement of Junked Vehicles

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Addendum No. 3: () yes () no () n.a.

Payment Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Performance Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Notice to be Given to:

Galveston County:

County Purchasing Agent
Galveston County
722 Moody
Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550

Contractor:

County and Contractor agree as follows:

1. **Parts of Contract:** Sections I (Invitation to Bid; Instructions to Bidders), II (Bid Proposal; Contract Award), III (Special Terms and Conditions, including Specifications, Drawings and Addenda, if any), and IV (General Terms and Conditions) attached to this Contract Award are all made a part of this Contract and collectively evidence and constitute the entire contract.

2. **Contractor Responsibilities:** Contractor will obtain all required permits or licenses, if any; furnish all of the required materials, equipment, and supplies; perform all of the work specified in the bid package; and do everything called for therein. All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and at minimal interruption of daily County activities.

3. **Payment for Services:** The County, upon satisfactory work by Contractor and receipt of approved invoice, will pay Contractor according to prices and payment schedule listed in the bid sheets contained in Contractor's Bid Proposal.

4. **Independent Contractor:** None of the provisions of this contract for services are intended to create, nor shall be deemed to create, any relationship between Galveston County and Contractor other than that of independent entities contracting with each other solely for the purpose of effecting the provisions of this Contract. In the performance of work, duties and obligations under this agreement, Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor with complete control over the means, manner, and method by which services are rendered. Contractor is not an agent or employee of the County for any purpose. Contractor and his employees are not eligible for nor will be permitted to participate in any employee benefit plans which are normally provided to employees of the County, including vacation and sick leave, retirement plans, disability and worker's compensation. County assumes no liability to any third party for any actions, inactions or deeds taken in the performance of services by Contractor, its agents, employees or representatives.

5. **Employment Taxes:** Contractor shall be solely responsible for all IRS tax reporting and quarterly payments of estimated tax, FICA payments, and any other tax withholding required by the State or Federal governments.

6. **Initial Term and Options to Renew:** The initial term of the Contract will be as stated above. Contractor hereby grants to County the unilateral right to exercise an option to renew this Contract for such periods of time as specified above. Such option to renew shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions, except for the contract period being extended and pricing indicated on bid sheets, remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Each option is to be executed in the form of a letter from the County Purchasing Agent advising the Contractor of the election of the option. Each option is to be issued not sooner than Ninety (90) Days prior to expiration of this contract or each renewal period, nor later than the final day of the contract period or each renewal period. Each option to renew may not cover more than one (1) year. The total period of this contract, including all extensions as a result of exercising this option, may not exceed the maximum combined period specified above.

7. **Cancellation:** County may cancel the Contract, with or without cause, or solely for its convenience upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Contractor.

8. **Covenant Against Contingent Fees:** Contractor warrants that no persons or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to immediately terminate this Contract without liability to Contractor, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price for consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

9. **Subcontracting or Assignment:** Contractor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of the County. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the contract. Failure to request consent shall be grounds for termination.

10. **Novation and Change of Name Agreements:** Contractor is responsible for the performance of this Contract. In the event a change of name or novation agreement (change of ownership) is required pursuant to action initiated by the Contractor, the County Purchasing Agent shall be notified immediately. No change in the obligation of the Contractor will be recognized until such change is approved by Commissioners' Court.

11. **Force Majeure:** In the event that the performance by the County of any of its obligations or undertakings hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence by an act of God or the common enemy or the result of war, riot, civil commotion, sovereign conduct, or the act or conduct of any person or persons not a party or privy hereto, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

12. **Entirety of Agreement and Modification:** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation, or representation not expressly set forth in this Contract has no force or effect. This Contract may be amended or changed only by the written consent of each party hereto duly executed by the authorized representative of each party.

13. **Severability.** If a provision contained in this contract is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the contract that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Contract are severable.

14. **Validity/Enforceability:** If any current or future legal limitations affect the validity or enforceability of a provision of this Contract, then the legal limitations are made a part of this Contract and shall operate to amend this contract to the minimum extent necessary to bring this contract into conformity with the requirements of the limitation, and as so modified, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

15. **Governing Law:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and all obligations of the parties are performable in Galveston, Texas. Venue shall lie exclusively in Galveston, Texas.

16. **Benefit:** This contract is intended to inure only to the benefit of County and Contractor. This contract is not intended to create, nor shall be deemed or construed to create, any rights in third parties.

17. **Authority to Bind:** The person or persons executing and signing this Contract on behalf of each party guarantee that the person or persons are fully authorized to execute the contract and to legally bind the party to all terms and provisions of this contract, and that this contract constitutes the legal, valid, and binding agreement of each party hereto.

18. **Immunity Retained:** The County does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officer, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this contract and performance of the covenants contained herein. The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

19. **Meaning of Words:** Except as provided otherwise, words shall be given their ordinary meaning. If a word is connected with and used with reference to a particular trade or subject matter or is used as a word of art, the word shall have the meaning given by experts in the particular trade, subject matter, or art. Words in the present or past tense include the future tense. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular unless expressly provided otherwise.

20. **Public Information Act:** the parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act.

21. **Headings:** The headings at the beginning of the various provisions of this agreement have been included only in order to make it easier to locate the subject covered by each provision and are not to be used in construing this agreement.

22. **Conflict of Provisions:** In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between provision of this Contract and any part of the Contract listed in Paragraph One above, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Contractor:

By:

Date:

Galveston County

By:

Date:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Attest:

Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk