

**GALVESTON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP #B242005

FOOD SERVICE FOR JERRY J. ESMOND JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: 05/02/2024

2:00 P.M.

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Purpose:

The Galveston County Juvenile Board, herein referred to as the School Food Authority (SFA), is responsible for operating the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Nutrition Program (SNP) in schools under its jurisdiction, pursuant to an agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). To assist in carrying out this responsibility, the SFA is soliciting proposals for school food service management services for the 2024-2025 School Year. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for a fixed price contract and sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the proposed procurement. The offeror is herein referred to as the Food Service Management Company (FSMC). The FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work in this RFP and will manage and operate a nonprofit school food service for the SFA according to SNP requirements of the USDA and TDA. The SFA operates a residential child care institution (RCCI) that provides long-term residential and detention treatment services. In addition to serving meals through the School Nutrition Programs, the SFA is seeking a FSMC that will provide non-program services to the residential and detention facility, as described in the Scope and Purpose in this RFP.

Submittal Instructions:

Sealed bids in sets of four (4), one (1) unbound single-sided original and three (3) single-sided copies, will be received in the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent until 2:00 P.M. CST, on Thursday, May 2, 2024, and opened immediately in that office in the presence of Galveston County Auditor and the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids are to be delivered to Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB, Galveston County Purchasing Agent at the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, (21st Street), Floor 5, Purchasing, Galveston, Texas 77550, (409) 770-5372.

The time stamp clock located in the Purchasing Agent's office shall serve as the official time keeping piece for this solicitation process. Any proposals received after 2:00 P.M. CST on the specified date will be returned unopened.

All submittals must be marked on the outside of the sealed envelope:
RFP #B242005, Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center

Respondent's name, return address, should be prominently displayed on the proposal package for identification purposes.

PROCUREMENT TIMELINE

A timeline for this solicitation and initial process is included below. Galveston County reserves the right to change these dates and will notify Respondents of any changes:

Advertise Solicitation (first date of publication)	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Advertise Solicitation (second date of publication)	Thursday, March 21, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference	Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Deadline for Questions & Inquiries	Thursday, April 11, 2024 by 5:00 PM
Submission Deadline / RFP Opening	Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Virtual Bid Opening:

Interested parties can attend the Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM bid opening virtually. Join at the meeting link below:

Join from Meeting Link:

<https://galvestoncountvtx.webex.com/galvestoncountvtx/j.php?MTID=m0aecd1512bc3c3f9e508bea25a474ed>

Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference:

The Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the following location:

Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Dept.
6101 Attwater Avenue
Texas City, TX 77590

All vendors must attend this conference to be eligible to be considered for award.

Contact the Purchasing Department at 409 770-5373 for any information or instructions for the meeting.

Plans and Specifications: Specifications can be obtained at the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, located in the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, (21st Street), Floor 5, Purchasing, Galveston, Texas, 77550, or by visiting the Galveston County website @ <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/county-offices/purchasing>

Pricing: Submitted prices, if required and applicable, shall be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on bid sheets. The net price shall be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight, shipping, and license fees. Galveston County is tax exempt, and no taxes should be included in proposal pricing.

Bonding Requirements:

No bond is required with this Request for Proposal.

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:

To participate in this solicitation, respondent certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

The Galveston County 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 Galveston County with total respect the governing laws.

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Galveston County

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The Special Provisions and the General Provisions of this Request for Proposal and the Exhibits attached hereto are made a part of this agreement between the Parties. In the event of a conflict between the General Provisions and the Special Provisions, the terms of the Special Provisions shall control.

This solicitation is issued under the general guidance and mandates as referenced in the *Texas Local Government Code, SUBCHAPTER C. COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN GENERAL, Sec. 262.021. SHORT TITLE. This subchapter may be cited as the County Purchasing Act.*

Interested parties are requested to familiarize themselves with these provisions as well as the entire General and Special Provision sections of this document prior to participating and submitting a response to this request.

1. RFP PACKAGE

*The Request for Proposal, General and Special provisions, drawings, specifications/line-item details, contract documents, addenda (if any), and the Proposal are all part of the Proposal package and Resultant Contract. **Proposals must be submitted in sets of four (4), one (1) unbound original, and three (3) copies,** on the forms provided by the County if County forms are provided and shall include the Proposal sheets completed in their entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the Proposal sheets/contract page(s) may disqualify the Proposal from being considered by the Commissioners' Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the Proposer expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this Proposal and to sign the Proposal under the terms and conditions in this request for Proposal on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the Proposer to the terms and conditions of this request for Proposal and the Proposer's response hereto.*

Proposer further understands that Proposers' signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless the contract is subsequently awarded by the Commissioners' Court and the contract properly executed by the 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 Proposal. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price shall prevail.

Each Proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire Request for Proposal package to familiarize themselves with the Proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work, as well as the terms and conditions of the contract the successful Proposer will execute with the County.

2. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The Proposer must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and orders regarding this request for Proposal;
- C. have a satisfactory record of performance;
- D. have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- E. be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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3. TIME FOR RECEIVING PROPOSALS

Proposals may be submitted by mail or hand delivery and **must be submitted only to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent**. If by delivery, the Proposer must deliver the Proposal to the reception desk in the County Purchasing Agent's Office. The delivery and mailing instructions for the Galveston County Purchasing Agent are the following:

**Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Galveston County Purchasing Agent
722 Moody, Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550**

Proposals will **not** be accepted by facsimile transmission or by electronic mail (email) unless superseded by instructions within the Special Provisions section of this solicitation. Proposals must be received by the County Purchasing Agent on or before the deadline for the opening of the Proposals. **For clarity, mailing date/postmark is not sufficient – Proposals must be received by the County Purchasing Agent on or before the deadline.** Late Proposals will not be accepted and will be returned to the Proposer unopened. Proposals received prior to the submission deadline will be maintained unopened until the specified time for opening.

The County Purchasing Agent will accept Proposals from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each business day up to the submission deadline. Business days do not include Saturdays and Sundays, and do not include other days in which the County is closed for business in observance of holidays or for other reasons.

The time-stamp clock within the County Purchasing Agent's Office shall be the official time clock for the purpose of this solicitation and thus shall be the determinant of whether the Proposal was timely received.

The Proposer should prominently identify the procurement number and name on the outside of the envelope/ mailing package. If the Proposer fails to identify the request for Proposal number and name on the outside of the envelope as required, the Purchasing Agent will open the envelope for the sole purpose of identifying the solicitation 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 Proposal.

If a Proposal is not submitted, return this Request for Proposal and state reason (s), otherwise your name may be removed from the Purchasing Agent's mailing list.

4. COMPETITIVENESS, INTEGRITY, INQUIRIES AND QUESTIONS

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of the procurement process, **Proposers are to direct all communications regarding this Request for Proposal only 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 Proposal of the firm found to be in non-compliance.

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

Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Purchasing Agent
722 Moody
Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 621-7997
E-mail: purchasing.bids@co.galveston.tx.us

All questions received and the responses thereto will be mailed, emailed, or faxed to all prospective Proposers by addendum. No inquiries except clarification of instructions will be addressed by telephone.

Proposer is advised to carefully review this Request for Proposal – it provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response. Proposer's failure to examine all documents shall not entitle the Proposer to any relief from the conditions imposing in the Request for Proposal and the resultant contract.

An authorized person from the Proposer must sign the Proposal. This signatory must be a person from the submitting firm who is duly authorized to tender and sign the Proposal on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the Proposer to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal, the Proposer's response, and all other terms and conditions of the contract. By this signature, the Proposer further acknowledges that the Proposer has read the request for Proposal and Proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a Proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications detailed herein.

5. PROPOSAL OPENING

The Purchasing Agent shall open the Proposals on the date and time specified herein. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and that keeps the Proposals secret during negotiations. The Purchasing Agent will examine Proposals promptly and thoroughly. **Upon opening, no Proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the Proposal opening date.**

6. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL / FIRM PROPOSAL RULE

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' COURT

No contract is binding on the County until it is properly placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

Department heads and elected officials are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of the County. Only the Commissioners' Court acting as a body may enter into a contract on behalf of and contractually bind the County. Additionally, department heads and elected officials are not authorized to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services.

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Supplemental agreements are subject to review by the County Legal Department prior to being accepted and signed by the County's authorized representative.

8. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS / DISQUALIFICATION

Galveston County, acting through its Commissioners' Court, reserves the right to:

- reject any and all Proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this request for Proposal;
- waive any informality in the Proposals received;
- disregard the Proposal of any Proposer determined to be not responsible;
- disregard the Proposal of any Proposer determined to have not submitted its Proposal timely; and/or
- discontinue its efforts for any reason under this request for Proposal package at any time prior to actual execution of contract by the County.

Proposers may be disqualified, and rejection of Proposals may be recommended to the Commissioners' Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the Proposal forms furnished by the County, if applicable;
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative of Proposer;
- C. Failure to properly complete the Proposal;
- D. Engaging in communications regarding this procurement during the pendency of this procurement with County officials and/or personnel who are not within the Purchasing Department;
- E. Failure to meet the mandatory requirements of this request for Proposal; and/or
- F. Evidence of collusion among Proposers.

9. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the prospective Proposer to review the entire request for Proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Agent if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or Proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Agent's Office not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for Proposal opening. Proposers are to submit their Proposal as specified herein or propose an approved equal.

10. SUBSTITUTES / DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Any brand name or manufacturer reference used herein is intended to be descriptive and not restrictive, unless otherwise noted, and is used to indicate the type and quality of material. The term "or equal" if used, identifies commercially produced items that have the essential performance and salient characteristics of the brand name stated in the item description. All supplies, material, or equipment shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. For clarification, "new" includes products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items and additionally see Section 63 of these General Provisions on contracts involving federal funds. It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any materials or equipment of equal merit to those specified. However, if Proposer desires to use any substitutions, prior written approval must be obtained from the Purchasing Agent and sufficiently in advance such that an addendum may be issued. All material supplied must be one hundred percent (100%) asbestos free. Proposer, by submission of its Proposal, certifies that if awarded any portion of this procurement, the Proposer will supply only material and equipment that is 100% asbestos free.

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11. EXCEPTIONS TO PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

The Proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of this request for Proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the Proposal. If no exceptions are stated, **it will be understood that all general and special conditions will be complied with, without exception.**

The Proposer must specify in its Proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the Proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

The County reserves the right to offer these alternatives to other Proposers.

12. AWARDED PRICES

During the contractual period of the resultant contract, any prices submitted by the respondent shall include all costs to the County, including the material, delivery, current freight rate, state tax, or any other cost.

Award prices include all royalties and costs arising from patents, trademarks, and copyrights in any way involved in the work. Whenever the Awardee is required or desires to use any design, device, material or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, the Awardee shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, tool, material, equipment, or process, to be performed under the contract, and shall indemnify the County its officers, agents, and employees for any costs, expenses and damages which may be incurred by reason of any infringement at any time during the prosecution or after the completion of the work.

Proposal pricing will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the Proposal sheets if included. The net priced items will be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight, shipping, and delivery charges. Galveston County is a tax-exempt local government of the State of Texas, therefore, no taxes shall be included with submitted pricing.

Cash discount must be shown on the Proposal, otherwise prices will be considered net. Unless prices and all information requested are complete, the Proposal 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 of 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.

13. PROCUREMENT CARD (P-CARD) PROGRAM

The County of Galveston participates in a Procurement Card (P-Card) program that allows payments made to a vendor by credit card. This method typically results in substantially faster bill payments, sometimes within three (3) to five (5) days of the actual transaction date. All transaction fees from the card provider are to be paid by the successful contractor. If awarded company will accept payment via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, etc.), this should be notated in the Proposal submittal.

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14. PASS THROUGH COST ADJUSTMENTS

Except in instances of extreme extenuating circumstances, Contractor prices shall remain firm throughout the contract period and any renewals. Examples of extreme extenuating circumstances include such situations as a nationwide rail strike, oil shortage or oil embargo.

In extreme extenuating circumstances, Contractors 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 Contractor's cost for the Contractor's 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) calendar days. Costs that historically are anticipated to rise over a period of time (for example only, such as wages or insurance costs) do not qualify for pass through. If a Contractor thinks he will be asking for a pass-through cost adjustment during the term of the contract, then the original cost of the product to Contractor must be stated in Contractor's original Proposal.

A request for a pass-through cost does not guarantee that one will be granted. Contractors must submit such information on each request as required by the County Purchasing Agent. The County Purchasing Agent will review each request on a case-by-case basis and if valid submit the request to the Commissioners' Court for authorization and determination of the appropriateness of each request as well as amount and duration of increase. Contractors 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 Contractor as such increase is reflected by the original cost stated in the Proposal. But in no event will the amount of additional compensation exceed 25% increase in Contractor's original cost for the product as such cost is reflected in Contractor's original Proposal or the duration exceed a period of sixty (60) calendar days. In addition, should the cost, during the period of the pass through, return to normal or decrease to below pre pass through prices, appropriate downward adjustments shall be made. No more than one pass through adjustment will be permitted per year.

15. MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

A Proposer may modify a Proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of Proposals. Modification requests must be received by the Purchasing Agent prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by Proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Proposals 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 considering of same.

16. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A pre-Proposal conference for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and answering questions of prospective Proposers may be conducted in this procurement. A pre-Proposal conference may be mandatory or voluntary. If the pre-Proposal conference is mandatory, then the County is authorized to condition acceptance of a Proposal on compliance with attendance. The Special Provision section of this procurement shall specify if a pre-Proposal conference is to be held and shall specify whether the pre-Proposal conference is mandatory or voluntary. Regardless of whether the pre-Proposal conference is mandatory or voluntary, only a principal, officer, or employee of the Proposer may represent the Proposer at the pre-Proposal conference and no person may represent more than one Proposer at the pre-Proposal conference.

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17. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSALS

Each Proposal shall give the complete name of the Proposer and the mailing address of the Proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each Proposal shall include the Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Failure to sign the Contract page(s) and Proposal response sheets may disqualify the Proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to tender the Proposal on behalf of the Proposer and to sign the Proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal and to bind the Proposer hereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

18. AWARD OF PROPOSALS – EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

The award will be made to the responsible Proposer whose Proposal is determined to be the lowest and best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal. **The proposed cost to the County will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline, unless the County invokes its right to request a best and final offer.**

"Lowest and best" means a Proposal or offer providing the best value considering associated direct and indirect costs, including transport, maintenance, reliability, life cycle, warranties, and customer service after a sale.

In determining the lowest and best Proposal for a contract for the purchase of earth-moving, material-handling, road maintenance, or construction equipment, the Commissioners' Court may also consider the information submitted under Section 262.0255 of the Local Government Code; and in determining the lowest and best Proposal for a contract for the purchase of road construction material, the Commissioners' Court may consider the pickup and delivery locations of the Proposers and the cost to the county of delivering or hauling the material to be purchased. The Commissioners' Court may award contracts for the purchase of road construction material to more than one Proposer if each of the selected Proposers submits the lowest and best Proposal for a particular location or type of material.

Each Proposer, by submitting a Proposal, agrees that if its' Proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, the Proposer will furnish all items and services upon which prices have been tendered and upon the terms and conditions in this Proposal, including but not limited to the best and final offer if applicable, and the contract.

The contractor shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and after receiving written notification to proceed from the County Purchasing Agent. The contractor will perform all services indicated in the Proposal 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 the 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 County's legal counsel prior to being signed by the County's authorized representatives.

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The County of Galveston reserves the right to accept Proposals on individual items listed, or group items, or on the Proposal as a whole; to reject any and all Proposals; to waive any informality in the Proposals; to disregard Proposals that are not submitted timely; to disregard the Proposals of Proposers determined to be not responsible; and to accept the Proposal that appears to be in the best interest of the County. The selection process may, however, include a request for additional information or an oral presentation to support the written Proposal.

In determining and evaluating the best Proposal, the pricing component 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 along with any other relevant items.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this Request for Proposal and may discontinue its efforts under this Request for Proposal for any reason or no reason or solely for the County's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County.

A Proposer whose Proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this request for Proposal will be considered non-compliant.

The invitation to submit a Proposal which appears in the newspaper, or other authorized advertising mediums, these general provisions, the special specifications which follow, the Proposal sheets, forms, and any addenda issued are all considered part of the Proposal and resultant contract.

Each Proposer, by submitting a Proposal, agrees that if its Proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such Proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this request for Proposal and the resultant contract.

Notice of contract award is anticipated to be made within ninety (90) days of opening of Proposals to the lowest responsive and responsible contractor, whose Proposal complies with all the requirements in the request for Proposal.

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 Section 37, Requirement of and Proof of Insurance, or if different, then as described within the Special Provisions or resultant contract.

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

19. DISPUTE AFTER AWARD / PROTEST

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with this procurement or award of a contract resulting therefrom may protest. The protest shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent within seven (7) calendar 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

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through the Purchasing Agent. The decision of the Commissioners' Court will be final. The Commissioners' Court need not consider protests unless this procedure is followed.

20. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (f/k/a Open Records Act)

The Proposer acknowledges that the County is a government 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 provisions of the Public Information Act.

If Proposer considers any of its submitted information to be proprietary in nature, trade secret, or otherwise confidential, then it must clearly and conspicuously mark such information as proprietary, trade, secret, or confidential. By the submission of its Proposal, Proposer expressly affirms that it has clearly and conspicuously marked any information within its submission that Proposer considers confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

In the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act seeking information that the Proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and /or trade secret, then the County agrees that it shall provide notice to the Proposer of the request for information and the request for decision process under the Public Information Act. Thus, the County will submit the initial correspondence to the Texas Attorney General – however, the burden is and shall be on the Proposer to submit correspondence to the Attorney General if the Proposer wishes its information to be withheld. Proposer is deemed to have knowledge of the Public Information Act. **By the submission of its Proposal, Proposer expressly acknowledges that the burden to withhold its' information from public disclosure lays with the Proposer;** thus, Proposer further acknowledges and agrees that it shall submit comments to the Texas Attorney General in the request for decision process if Proposer wishes to have its' information withheld from public disclosure.

21. PROPOSER'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES – CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE

Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 20, Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the confidentiality of all email addresses Proposer uses or discloses in communicating with the County are **open** to the public in accordance with Section 552.137 of the Government Code and Proposer consents to the release of its email addresses.

22. RESULTANT CONTRACT

Proposer should submit a proposed contract / agreement with its response, or its sample material terms and conditions for review and consideration.

It is the intent of this solicitation to enter a contract that meets State and Federal guidelines. It is imperative that all responders seeking a contract under this solicitation effort, familiarize and adhere to the requirements of the General Provisions, Special Provisions, and the procurement standards as referenced in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Sections 200.317-200.326, and Appendix II, 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Sections 200.317–200.326 and Appendix II are referenced in the General Provisions section of this solicitation.

The resultant contract consists of the following documents: Request for Proposal, General Provisions, Special Provisions, General Terms and Conditions (including specifications, drawings, and addenda), Proposer's Proposal, Proposal Sheets, contract award, and any other documents referenced herein or

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attached hereto for the work. Collectively these documents may also be referred to as the Plans and Specifications.

The Galveston County Commissioners Court, and/or authorized designees will be responsible for negotiating with the successful contractor, the scope of work, the standards of performance, the specific technology provided, and the support services required for the proposed projects. All contractual amendments will be processed in accordance with Galveston County Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

Amendments will also be brought to Galveston County Commissioners' Court for approval as deemed necessary. The approval process serves to ensure the project technology and/or service is within the scope of the resultant contract, and that pricing meets the agreed upon pricing methodology as specified in the contract, and that funds are available.

Proposer shall correctly and fully execute the resultant contract first. After this, the contract shall be set for consideration by the Commissioners' Court. If the Commissioners' Court authorizes the execution of the contract, the resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of same, provided that the contract is executed by all parties to the contract. Contract documents shall consist of the contract, the General and Special Provisions, drawings, solicitation package (including best and final offer(s) if such is utilized), any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work. If applicable to the attached Proposal, Proposer must sign three (3) original contracts and return all three with their Proposal submittal.

The Contractor shall procure all permits, licenses, certificates, or any such approvals of plans or specifications as may be required by federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, for the proper execution and completion of the work under the resultant agreement.

The Contractor is responsible for all damage or loss by fire, theft or otherwise, to materials, tools, equipment, and consumables, left on County property by the contractor.

The resultant agreement is considered a non-exclusive agreement between the parties.

The successful contractor hereby certifies that this agreement is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person who submitted Proposals for the Work covered by

The resultant agreement and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. As to Contractor, the successful contractor hereby warrants and certifies that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement and to execute same on behalf of the Contractor as the act of the said Contractor.

The agreement, including the General and Special Conditions and all amendments or addenda issued by the county, contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of the resultant agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either party hereto.

To satisfy cost reasonableness responsibilities at the time of any extension period, the County of Galveston reserves the right to obtain additional quotes and current pricing information from the successful contractor and other contractors to perform the work as stated per the specification listed herein and in the resultant. The solicited results may be used by the County to determine if the contract extensions will be considered, or other service options be utilized.

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23. CONTRACT TERM

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

24. COLLATERAL CONTRACT

The County reserves the right to provide by separate contract or otherwise, in such manner as not to delay its programs or damage said Contractor, all labor and material essential to the completion of the work that is not included in this contract.

Award prices include all royalties and costs arising from patents, trademarks, and copyrights in any way involved in the work. Whenever the Awardee is required or desires to use any design, device, material or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, the Awardee shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, tool, material, equipment, or process, to be performed under the contract, and shall indemnify the County its officers, agents, and employees for any costs, expenses and damages which may be incurred by reason of any infringement at any time during the prosecution or after the completion of the work.

25. 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) business 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) business days, or failure to provide written reply of why no breach has occurred, shall constitute a Default of Contract.

All notices relating to default by Proposer of the provisions of the contract shall be issued by the County through its Legal counsel, and all replies shall be made in writing to the County's legal counsel. Notices issued by or issued to anyone other than the County's legal counsel 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 Proposals or further negotiations. At a minimum, Proposer 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 Proposer.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

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 Proposer:

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- A. Fails to meet delivery or completion schedules: and or
- B. Fails to otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted Proposal and the contract.

26. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

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

27. 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 Force 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.

28. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Any reference to quantities shown in the request for Proposal is 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.

29. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a Proposal, each Proposer 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. Proposer shall exercise due diligence and is further charged with knowledge of the local, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to this contract. If the Proposer receives an award as a result of its Proposal submission in this procurement, the Proposer's failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the Proposer 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 and/or for excused nonperformance.

30. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY OF GALVESTON

This request for procurement 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 Proposal in response to this request for Proposal and does not commit the County of Galveston to procure or contract for services or supplies.

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31. PROPOSAL COSTS BORNE BY PROPOSER

Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Proposer in preparation, production, or submission of a Proposal, including but not limited to best and final offer if applicable. As well, Galveston County shall not be liable for any work performed by Proposer prior to issuance of fully executed contract and properly issued notice to proceed. Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Proposer by reason of attending a pre-Proposal conference. Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Proposer by reason of the County invoking use of best and final offers.

32. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS (BAFO)

In acceptance of Proposals, the County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more of the Proposers as to any features of their Proposals and to accept modifications of the work and price when such action will be in the best interest of the County. This includes, but is not limited to, the solicitation of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the Proposers. If a Best and Final Offer is invoked, this allows acceptable Proposers the opportunity to amend, change, or supplement their original Proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing by the Purchasing Agent, requesting that they submit their Best and Final Offer. Any such Best and Final Offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

33. SINGLE PROPOSAL RESPONSE

If only one Proposal is received in response to the request for Proposal, a detailed cost Proposal may be requested of the single Proposer. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost Proposal to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

34. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this Request for Proposal, a written notice of such revision will be provided to all Proposers 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 or officials, unless such clarification or change is provided to Proposers in a written addendum from the Purchasing Agent. Proposers are advised to inquire prior to the submission deadline as to whether any addenda to this request for Proposal have been issued, as the successful Proposer will be required to abide by such addenda.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to revise or amend the specifications up to the time set for opening of Proposals. Such revisions and amendments, if any, shall be announced by form of addenda. Copies of such addenda (or addendum in the event only one addendum is issued in the procurement) shall be furnished to all prospective contractors. Prospective contractors are defined as those contractors listed on the County's request for proposal list for this material/service or those who have obtained documents from the Purchasing Agent's Office subsequent to the advertisement. If revisions and amendments require changes in quantities or prices proposed, or both, the date set for opening of Proposals may be postponed by such number of days as in the opinion of the County shall enable prospective contractors to revise their Proposals. In any case, the Proposal opening shall be at least seven (7) business days after the last revising or amendment addendum and the addendum shall include an announcement of the new date, if applicable, for the opening of Proposals.

35. PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

The County reserves to itself the right to adopt or use for its benefit, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any Proposal.

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36. PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES

While this procurement is pending, the names of those who submitted Proposals will not be made public unless in conformity with the County Purchasing Act. Likewise, no pricing, staffing, or other contents of the Proposal information will be released unless in conformity with the County Purchasing Act. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their Proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee or official, other than the County Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a Proposal was received - violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a Proposal.

37. INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor agrees 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, arising out of or 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.

38. REQUIREMENT OF AND PROOF OF INSURANCE

The successful Proposer shall furnish evidence of insurance to the County Purchasing Agent and shall maintain such insurance as required hereunder or as may be required in the Special Provisions or resultant contract, if different. Contractor shall obtain and thereafter continuously maintain in full force and effect, Commercial General Liability insurance, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with combined single limits as listed below or as may be required by State or Federal law, whichever is greater.

- 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.

Insurance shall be placed with insurers having an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A. Such insurance must be issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in

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standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas, with coverage provisions ensuring the public from loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by Contractor.

Galveston County shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be provided with no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior notice of any changes to the policy during the contractual period.

Certificates of Insurance, fully executed by a licensed representative of the insurance company written or countersigned by an authorized Texas state agency, shall be filed with the County Purchasing Agent within ten (10) business days of issuance of notification from the County Purchasing Agent to Proposer that the contract is being activated as written proof of such insurance and further provided that Proposer shall not commence work under this contract until it has obtained all insurance required herein, provided written proof as required herein, and received written notice to proceed issued from the County Purchasing Agent.

Proof of renewal/replacement coverage shall be provided prior to the expiration, termination, or cancellation date of any policy and Galveston County shall be named as an additional insured on any such renewal/replacement coverage and a certificate of insurance showing such shall be provided to the Purchasing Agent. Said insurance shall not be cancelled, permitted to expire, or changed without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County.

Insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect during the life of this contract and shall be issued on an occurrence basis. Contractor shall require that any and all subcontractors that are not protected under the Contractor's own insurance policies take and maintain insurance of the same nature and in the same amounts as required of Contractor and provide written proof of such insurance to Contractor. Proof of renewed/replacement coverage shall be provided prior to the expiration, termination, or cancellation date of any policy. Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on the subcontract until such insurance required for the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

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

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a Best rating of no less than A. The Proposer shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of receiving notification from the County Purchasing Agent that the contract is being activated. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Proposer shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

The County agrees to provide Proposer with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand, or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any

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claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the Proposer.

In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Proposer.

Subrogation Waiver. Proposer and Proposer's insurance carrier waive any and all rights to subrogation against Galveston County in regard to any suit or claim arising out of personal injury or property damage resulting from Proposer's performance under this agreement.

39. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE

Unless specified differently within the Special Provisions of this procurement, each Proposer shall be required to submit a Proposal guarantee with its Proposal as required within this Section.

Evidencing its firm commitment to engage in contract if Proposer is selected for award of contract, each Proposer is required to furnish with their Proposal a cashier's check or an acceptable Proposer's bond (generally, a Proposal bond) in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. If Proposer is using a bond, then the bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Failure to furnish the Proposal guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of Proposals may be cause for rejection of the Proposal.

The cashier's check or Proposer bond (as applicable) will be returned to each respective unsuccessful Proposer(s) after the Commissioners' Court award of contract and shall be returned to the successful Proposer upon the completion and submission of all contract documents. Provided however, that the cashier's check or Proposer bond will be forfeited to the County as liquidated damages should successful Proposer fail to execute the contract within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the acceptance of its Proposal.

40. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS (if required)

Successful Proposer, before beginning work, shall execute a performance bond and a payment bond, each of which must be in the amount of the contract. The required payment and performance bonds must each be executed by a corporate surety authorized to write surety bonds in the State of Texas and in accordance with Chapter 3503 of the Insurance Code (codified in 2005 and originally within Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56th Leg., R.S., 1959, and in Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

The performance and payment bonds must each clearly and prominently display on the bond or on an attachment to the bond:

- a.) The name, mailing address, physical address, and telephone number, including the area code, of the surety company to which any notice of claim should be sent; or
- b.) The toll-free telephone number maintained by the Texas Department of Insurance under Subchapter B, Chapter 521, Insurance Code, and a statement that the address of the surety company to which any notice of claim should be sent may be obtained from the Texas Department of Insurance by calling the toll free-telephone number.

The performance bond shall be solely for the protection of Galveston County, in the full amount of the

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contract, and conditioned on the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents. The payment bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a subcontractor to supply labor or material, and in the amount of the contract.

The payment and performance bonds required to be furnished herein must be furnished before the contractor begins work and are a requirement for issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Such bonds must be furnished to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the full execution of the contract or, if applicable, as required under Chapter 2253, Government Code, whichever is earlier. Contractor's failure to provide the required payment and performance bonds within such time period shall constitute an event of default under this contract. Contractor shall not commence work until all applicable certificates of insurance, performance bonds, and payment bonds have been received and approved by the County Purchasing Agent and the Contractor receives notice to proceed in writing that has been issued by the County Purchasing Agent.

Additionally, if this request for Proposal is for the award of a public works contract, then compliance with Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, which is known as the McGregor Act, is mandatory. Performance and payment bonds are required to be furnished in accordance with Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code. Proposer should familiarize itself with the entire provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code.

41. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

The Proposer agrees at its sole expense to protect the County from claims involving infringement of patents, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property rights. **Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the County of Galveston, its officers, employees, and agents, from liability of any nature and kind whatsoever, including without limitation cost and expenses, for or on account of any copyrighted, trademarked, trade secret, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, or other intellectual property rights, including its use by the County.** Proposer also agrees that if Proposer is awarded this contract, that no work performed hereunder shall be subject to patent, copyright, or other intellectual property by Proposer.

42. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE REPORTING (FORM CIQ)

Proposer may be required under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code to complete and file a Conflict-of-Interest Questionnaire (CIQ Form). The CIQ Form pertains to business relationship, gift giving and family relationship reporting. If Proposer is required to file a CIQ Form, then **the completed CIQ Form must be filed with the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.**

Business relationship. If Proposer has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of Galveston County or with a family member of a local government 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.

Gift-giving. If Proposer has given a local government officer of Galveston County or a family member of a local government officer of Galveston County one or more gifts with an aggregate value of more than

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one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) 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.

Family member. For purposes of the business relationship and gift giving reporting requirements, a “family member” means a person related to another person with the first degree of consanguinity or affinity, as described by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Texas Government Code. Examples of persons within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity include a son, daughter, father, mother, spouse, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepson, stepdaughter, stepmother, and stepfather.

Family relationship. If Proposer has a “family relationship” with a local government officer of Galveston County then Proposer **MUST** complete a CIQ Form and file the original of the CIQ Form with the County Clerk of Galveston County, regardless of whether Proposer has a business relationship or has given gifts to the local government officer or a family member of the local government officer. For this purpose, “family relationship” means Proposer is related within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined under Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code, to a local government officer of Galveston County. Examples of such relationships include a son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister, grandchild, great-grandchild, grandparent, great-grandparent, niece, nephew, uncle, aunt, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, spouse’s grandchild, spouse’s grandparent, grandparent’s spouse, grandchild’s spouse, stepson, stepdaughter, stepmother, and stepfather.

Proposer must file its original CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk. 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 package. Blank CIQ Form(s) may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Agent’s website. This website is linked from the Galveston County homepage, at <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov>.

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 of the Local Government Code. 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, and the failure to file may be grounds to void the contract, if Proposer is awarded a contract.

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If Proposer has any questions about compliance with Chapter 176, Proposer may wish to consult its' 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.

43. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES / FORM 1295

Under Section 2252.908 of the Government Code, any business entity that enters into a contract with Galveston County that requires the approval of the Commissioners' Court must submit a "Disclosure of Interested Parties" to the County prior to the execution of the contract. This form, the "Disclosure of Interested Parties" form was promulgated by the Texas Ethics Commission and is the "Form 1295". **This procurement is subject to these requirements.**

The Texas Ethics Commission was charged with promulgating rules to implement Section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission are located at Sections 46.1, 46.3, and 46.5 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code. Thus, the law covering these requirements is located at Section 2252.908 of the Government Code, and in Title 1, Sections 46.1, 46.3, and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code.

The Texas Ethics Commission's website is: www.ethics.state.tx.us. The area of the Texas Ethics Commission website pertaining to Form 1295 is:

www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.

Form 1295 must be completed electronically through the Texas Ethics Commission website (handwritten forms are not allowable). Once the business entity has completed their electronic filing of Form 1295, then the business entity must print out the electronically completed form, and sign and notarize the Form 1295. Once Form 1295 is signed and notarized, the business entity must submit their completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295 to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent.

Successful Proposer is and shall be subject to these requirements, and no resultant contract may be executed by the Commissioners' Court until the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295 is on file with the County Purchasing Agent.

No portion of the Form 1295 process commits the County to any type of award of contract whatsoever.

After the Purchasing Agent's Office receives the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295, the Purchasing Department representative will, within 30 days, go to the Texas Ethics Commission website to submit electronic confirmation of the County's receipt of the completed, signed, and notarized Form 1295.

44. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS & REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER IN SAM

Proposer certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. Contractor agrees that it shall refund Galveston County for any payments made to Contractor while ineligible. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's uncured failure to perform under this Agreement, if such should occur, may result in Contractor being debarred from performing additional work for the County, the respecting State Agency administering the grant funding the contract, if

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applicable, the State, FEMA, or HUD (as applicable), and other Federal and State entities. Further, Proposer has executed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters and returned the fully completed and executed original certification with the submission of its Proposal.

The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters must be included with the submission of Proposer's Proposal and is a mandatory requirement of this request for Proposal. Proposer's failure to include the fully completed and executed original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this request for Proposal and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's Proposal.

Proposer shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Agent if it becomes debarred or suspended, placed on the Consolidated List of Debarred Contractors, or in any other way becomes ineligible for award of contract by any Federal agency. This Certification is a material fact relied upon by Galveston County; if it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, in addition to the remedies available to Galveston County and the State agency administering this grant, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment of contractor.

If the contract to be awarded pursuant to this procurement involves the use of Federal funds, then Proposer must also be registered in the Federal Contractor Registry through the System for Award Management (SAM) to be eligible for award of contract pursuant to this procurement.

Information regarding the SAM is available at:

<http://www.federalcontractorregistry.com/?gclid=CIG1hf2rr8wCFYkCaQoducANZw> or at
<https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>.

No contract involving the use of Federal funds may be awarded to any Proposer unless and until such registration is current and in good standing under SAM. If this contract involves the use of Federal funds, then Proposer must enclose proof of such SAM registration within its response, which is also a mandatory requirement of this procurement; failure to enclose such proof shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this procurement and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's response to this procurement (i.e., Proposal, Proposal, or qualifications statement, as applicable).

45. TRANSACTIONS WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS PROHIBITED

(Texas Government Code 2252.151; 2252.152) Prohibition on contracts with certain companies per Government Code 2252.151 Definitions:

(1)“**Company**” has the meaning assigned by Section 806.001.

(2)“**Foreign terrorist organization**” means an organization designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States secretary of state as authorized by 8 U.S.C. Section 1189.

(3)“**Governmental contract**” means a contract awarded by a governmental entity for general construction, an improvement, a service, or a public works project for a purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment.

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The term includes a contract to obtain a professional or consulting service subject to Government Code, Chapter 2254.

(4)“**Governmental entity**” has the meaning assigned by Government Code, Section 2252.001.

Pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, Contractor shall certify that, at the time of execution of this Contract, neither the Contractor, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (1) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (2) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.

46. VERIFICATION NOT TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL

Prohibition on contracts with companies boycotting Israel per Government Code 2271.001 Definitions:

(1) "**Boycott Israel**" has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001.

(2) "**Company**" has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001; except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.

(2) "**Governmental entity**" has the meaning assigned by Government Code, Section 2251.001.

PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. (a) This section applies only to a contract that:

(1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and

(2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

(b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

(1) does not boycott Israel; and

(2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

As required by GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 2271, **CONTRACTOR hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel throughout the term of this Agreement.** For the purposes of this verification, “Boycott Israel” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

47. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

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.

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48. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE

Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the contract is and shall be governed and construed by the laws of the State of Texas and that venue shall lie exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in Galveston County, Texas.

49. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS

The Proposer shall be required to notify the County of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a Proposal is submitted.

If subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this request for Proposal the Proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County:

- A. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Proposer and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
- B. New entity's Federal Identification Number (FEIN);
- C. New entity's proposed operating plans;
- D. New entity's proof of registration in SAM for contracts involving Federal funds;
- E. New entity's certification regarding debarment;
- F. New entity's certification regarding lobbying; and
- G. W-9 Form for new entity

Moreover, Proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The New Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan to the Commissioners' Court for its approval.

50. DELAYS

The County reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of the County. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Proposer agrees it will make no claims for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, Proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled commencement date of the contract.

51. ACCURACY OF DATA

Information and data provided through this request for Proposal are believed to be reasonably accurate.

52. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT

Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of the County acting by and through its Commissioners' Court. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

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53. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer-employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing County to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which Proposer or Proposer's subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the request for Proposal.

54. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

The County shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the Proposer's work in every respect. In this regard, the Proposer shall provide its full cooperation and ensure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the Proposer shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the Proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the Proposer in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

55. SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

State law prohibits the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved by the Commissioners' Court. Galveston County anticipates this to be an integral part of future budgets to be approved during the periods of this contract, except for unanticipated needs or events which may prevent such payments against this contract. However, Galveston County cannot guarantee the availability of funds, and enters into this contract only to the extent such funds are made available through appropriation (allocation) by the Commissioners' Court. This contract shall not be construed as creating any debt on behalf of the County of Galveston in violation of TEX. CONST. art. XI, § 7, and it is understood that all obligations of Galveston County are subject to the availability of funds.

56. CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the contract to be awarded by this procurement is funded with Federal or State grant funds, the Proposer acknowledges that the obligations of the County under the contract are contingent upon the continued availability of grant funding to meet the County's obligations. If the grant(s) to the County is reduced, de-obligated, or otherwise discontinued or terminated, Contractor agrees that the County may immediately terminate the contract without penalty or any liability whatsoever on the part of the County, the State, or the Federal awarding agency.

57. 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 Proposal 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.

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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 the purpose of this Article, 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.

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

Gratuities:

It shall be a breach of ethics for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former 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 a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or Proposal 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 to any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a contract, subcontract or order.

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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 other person.

Prohibition against Contingent Fees:

It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure a Galveston County contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. Failure to abide by this section constitutes a breach of ethical standards.

Representation:

Proposer represents and warrants, by signing and submitting its Proposal, that it has not retained anyone in violation of this section prohibiting contingent fees.

Contract Clause:

The representation prescribed above shall be conspicuously set forth in every contract and solicitation thereof.

58. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Proposer certifies, by signing and submitting a Proposal, that the Proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the Proposal 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 Proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham Proposal or that anyone shall refrain from proposing; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the Proposal price of the contractor or any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Proposal price, or that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract or anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the Proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her Proposal 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, Proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham Proposal.

A blank Non-Collusion Affidavit is included with this Proposal packet. Proposer must enclose a truthful and fully executed original Non-Collusion Affidavit with the submission of its Proposal. This is a mandatory requirement of this request for Proposal. Failure to include the truthfully and fully executed Non-Collusion Affidavit in the submission of its Proposal shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this request for Proposal by the Proposer and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's submission.

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

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.

59. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – COMPLIANT WITH APPENDIX A TO 24 C.F.R. PART 871

Proposer certifies that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Proposer, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a department or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a department or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, a department or employee of congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, **the Proposer shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.**
- c. Proposer shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of the certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into a contract with Proposer and is imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, United States Code. Further, any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Lobbying (included with Proposal packet) must be included with the submission of Proposer's Proposal and is a mandatory requirement of this request for Proposal. Proposer's failure to include the fully completed and executed or original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of this request for Proposal and grounds for the rejection of the Proposer's Proposal.

60. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- a. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** Proposer will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information or veteran status. Proposer will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability,

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genetic information or veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment; upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices of employment.

Proposer will, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Proposer, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Proposer will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Agreement so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

Proposer will include the provisions herein in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted.

- b. Drug Free Work Place Act: Proposer shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. § 8102, et seq.) and implementing regulations thereunder.
- c. Americans with Disabilities Act: Proposer shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-136) and implementing regulations thereunder.
- d. OSHA Regulations: Proposer agrees to maintain and to display any applicable materials for its employees in accordance with OSHA regulations.
- e. Compliance with Immigration Laws and Use of E-Verify: Proposer agrees to comply with all requirements of the U.S. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended, and any implementing regulations thereto. Proposer further agrees to utilize the E-Verify system through the Department of Homeland Security on its employees. Proposer shall not employ unauthorized aliens and shall not assign services to be performed to any supplier or subcontractor who are unauthorized aliens. If any personnel performing any services hereunder are discovered to be an unauthorized alien, then Proposer will immediately remove such personnel from performing services hereunder and shall replace such personnel with personnel who are not unauthorized alien(s).
- f. State and Federal Law Compliance: Proposer agrees to comply with all other State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to the provision of services under this contract.
- g. The Contractor shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

61. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT

Proposer shall keep and maintain all records associated with this contract for a minimum of five (5) years from the close of the contract or as required by Federal or State law or regulation, whichever period is longer. If awarded this contract, Proposer shall allow the County reasonable access to the records in Proposer's possession, custody, or control that the County deems necessary to assist it in auditing the services, costs, and payments provided hereunder. If this contract involves the use of Federal or State funds, then Proposer shall also allow reasonable access to representatives of the Office of Inspector

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General, the General Accounting Office, the State Auditor's Office, and the other Federal and/or State agencies overseeing the funds that such entities deem necessary to facilitate review by such agencies and Proposer shall maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures in a manner that conforms with OMB Circular A-87 (relocated to 2 C.F.R. Part 225) and this contract.

62. TITLE VI ASSURANCES/TxDOT

The County is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Federal and State laws and regulations of the United States Department of Transportation and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Pursuant to these requirements, the County must have its contractors provide required assurances on compliance with non-discrimination by itself and its subcontractors. The Title VI Assurances within this Subsection are not exhaustive – whenever any Federal, State, or Local requirement requires additional clauses, this list shall not be construed as limiting. Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, DOT) Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) **Non-discrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or Veteran status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3) **Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or Veteran status.
- (4) **Information and Reports:** The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation as appropriate and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5) **Sanctions for Non-compliance:** In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, Galveston County shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Texas Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

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- (a) withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or;
 - (b) cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) **Incorporation of Provisions.** The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as Galveston County or the Texas Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request Galveston County to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of Galveston County, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

63. ASSURANCES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS - TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

The County is subject to Federal and State laws and regulations of the United States and The Texas General Land Office (GLO). Pursuant to these requirements, the County must have its contractors provide required assurances on compliance with non-discrimination by itself and its subcontractors. These Assurances within this Subsection are not exhaustive – whenever any Federal, State, or Local requirement requires additional clauses, this list shall not be construed as limiting. Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- (2) Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- (3) Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of

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alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

- (4) Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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- (7) Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- (8) Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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- (9) Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis- Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction sub agreements.
- (10) Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- (11) Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93205).
- (12) Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- (13) Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
- (14) Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- (15) Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
- (16) Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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64. GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS – TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

To the extent they apply, affirms, and agrees to the following, without exception:

1. represents and warrants that, in accordance with Section 2155.005 of the Texas Government Code, neither nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by , or anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution has (1) violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983, Chapter 15 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or the federal antitrust laws, or (2) communicated directly or indirectly the contents of this Contract or any solicitation response upon which this Contract is based to any competitor or any other person engaged in the same line of business as .
2. If the Contract is for services, shall comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.
3. Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
4. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application. certifies it has submitted this information to the GLO.
5. If the Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code Section 361.952(2), certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 328.
6. Pursuant to Section 2155.003 of the Texas Government Code, represents and warrants that it has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the Contract.
7. Payments due under the Contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency owes to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.
8. Upon request of the GLO, shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.
9. If the Contract is for consulting services governed by Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Subchapter B, in accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, relating to consulting services, certifies that it does not employ an individual who has been employed by The GLO or another agency at any time during the two years preceding the 's submission of its offer to provide consulting services to the GLO or, in the alternative, , in its offer to provide consulting services to the GLO, disclosed the following: (i) the nature of the previous employment with the GLO or other state agency; (ii) the date

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- the employment was terminated: and (iii) the annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.
10. If the Contract is not for architecture, engineering, or construction services, except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the Contract. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.
 11. If the Contract is for architecture, engineering, or construction services, subject to Texas Government Code, Section 2260.002 and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 114, and except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, shall use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this Contract. Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, in accordance with the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 114.005, claims encompassed by Texas Government Code, Section 2260.002(3) and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 114.002 shall be governed by the dispute resolution process set forth below in subsections (a)-(d). NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY THE GLO.
 - a. Notwithstanding Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260.002(3) and Chapter 114.012 and any other statute or applicable law, if the 's claim for breach of contract cannot be resolved by the parties in the ordinary course of business, may make a claim against the GLO for breach of contract and the GLO may assert a counterclaim against the as is contemplated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, Subchapter B. In such event, must provide written notice to the GLO of a claim for breach of the Contract not later than the 180th day after the date of the event giving rise to the claim. The notice must state with particularity: (1) the nature of the alleged breach; (2) the amount the seeks as damages; and (3) the legal theory of recovery.
 - b. The chief administrative officer, or if designated in the Contract, another officer of the GLO, shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with the in an effort to resolve them. The negotiation must begin no later than the 120th day after the date the claim is received, as is contemplated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, Section 2260.052.
 - c. If the negotiation under paragraph (b) above results in the resolution of some disputed issues by agreement or in a settlement, the parties shall reduce the agreement or settlement to writing and each party shall sign the agreement or settlement. A partial settlement or resolution of a claim does not waive a party's rights under this Contract as to the parts of the claim that are not resolved.
 - d. If a claim is not entirely resolved under paragraph (b) above, on or before the 270th day after the date the claim is filed with the GLO, unless the parties agree in writing to an extension of time, the parties may agree to mediate a claim made under this dispute resolution procedure. This dispute resolution procedure is the 's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for an alleged breach of contract by the GLO if the parties are unable to resolve their disputes as described in this section.
 - e. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as a waiver of the state's or the GLO's sovereign immunity. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available

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to the State of Texas under this Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. The GLO does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to it by entering into this Contract or by its conduct, or by the conduct of any representative of the GLO, prior to or subsequent to entering into this Contract.

- f. Except as otherwise provided by statute, rule, or regulation, compliance with the dispute resolution process provided for in Texas Government Code, Chapter 2260, subchapter B and incorporated by reference in subsection (a)-(d) above is a condition precedent to the: (1) filing suit pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code; or (2) initiating a contested case hearing pursuant to Subchapter C of Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code.
12. If Texas Government Code Chapter 2270 prohibiting state contracts with companies boycotting Israel applies to and this Contract, then verifies it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
13. This Contract is contingent upon the continued availability of lawful appropriations by the Texas Legislature. understands that all obligations of the GLO under this Contract are subject to the availability of state funds. If such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable, the GLO may terminate the Contract. The Contract shall not be construed as creating a debt on behalf of the GLO in violation of Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution.
14. certifies that it is not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224.
15. In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of the GLO, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the effective date of the Contract was the executive head of the GLO, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of the GLO.
16. represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract are current, complete, true, and accurate. Submitting a false statement or making a material misrepresentation during the performance of this Contract is a material breach of contract and may void the Contract or be grounds for its termination.
17. Pursuant to Section 2155.004(a) of the Texas Government Code, certifies that neither nor any person or entity represented by has received compensation from the GLO to participate in the preparation of the specifications or solicitation on which this Contract is based. Under Section 2155.004(b) of the Texas Government Code, certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. This Section does not prohibit from providing free technical assistance.
18. represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.
19. If the Contract is for professional or consulting services governed by Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, represents and warrants that none of its employees including, but not limited to, those authorized

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- to provide services under the Contract. were former employees of the GLO during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the Contract.
20. The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the GLO.
 21. IF THE CONTRACT IS NOT FOR ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING SERVICES GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2254. , TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE GLO, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.
 22. IF THE CONTRACT IS FOR ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING SERVICES GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2254, , TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE GLO, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED DAMAGES, COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY, ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORTS, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AND/OR OTHERWISE RELATED TO 'S PERFORMANCE, AND/OR FAILURES TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER BY THE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, CONSULTANTS UNDER CONTRACT TO , OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE CONTRACTOR EXERCISES CONTROL, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.
 23. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE GLO AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, VIOLATIONS, MISAPPROPRIATIONS OR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, TRADE SECRET OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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- RIGHTS AND/OR OTHER INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND/OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM: (1) THE PERFORMANCE OR ACTIONS OF PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT; (2) ANY DELIVERABLE, WORK PRODUCT, CONFIGURED SERVICE OR OTHER SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER; AND/OR (3) THE GLO'S AND/OR 'S USE OF OR ACQUISITION OF ANY REQUESTED SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED TO THE GLO BY OR OTHERWISE TO WHICH THE GLO HAS ACCESS AS A RESULT OF 'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE CONTRACT. AND THE GLO SHALL FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG) WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM OAG. IN ADDITION, WILL REIMBURSE THE GLO AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR OTHER AMOUNTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, ARISING FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF THE GLO DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF OR IF THE GLO IS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL, THE GLO WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL AND WILL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF THE GLO'S COUNSEL.
24. has disclosed in writing to the GLO all existing or potential conflicts of interest relative to the performance of the Contract.
 25. Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code prohibit state agencies from accepting a solicitation response or awarding a contract that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, in the past five years, has been convicted of violating a federal law or assessed a penalty in connection with a contract involving relief for Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster, as defined by Section 418.004 of the Texas Government Code, occurring after September 24, 2005. Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code, certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
 26. understands that the GLO will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material related to this Contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, shall make any information created or exchanged with the State/GLO pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State or the GLO.
 27. The person executing this Contract certifies that he/she is duly authorized to execute this Contract on his/her own behalf or on behalf of and legally empowered to contractually bind to the terms and conditions of the Contract and related documents.
 28. If the Contract is for architectural or engineering services, pursuant to Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code, shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and

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- (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.
29. The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract. The acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the Contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards. The GLO may unilaterally amend the Contract to comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.
30. certifies that neither it nor its principals are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from participation in the Contract by any state or federal agency.
31. expressly acknowledges that state funds may not be expended in connection with the purchase of an automated information system unless that system meets certain statutory requirements relating to accessibility by persons with visual impairments. Accordingly, represents and warrants to the GLO that any technology provided to the GLO for purchase pursuant to this Contract is capable, either by virtue of features included within the technology or because it is readily adaptable by use with other technology, of: providing equivalent access for effective use by both visual and non-visual means; presenting information, including prompts used for interactive communications, in formats intended for non-visual use; and being integrated into networks for obtaining, retrieving, and disseminating information used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired. For purposes of this Section, the phrase "equivalent access" means a substantially similar ability to communicate with or make use of the technology, either directly by features incorporated within the technology or by other reasonable means such as assistive devices or services which would constitute reasonable accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act or similar state or federal laws. Examples of methods by which equivalent access may be provided include, but are not limited to, keyboard alternatives to mouse commands and other means of navigating graphical displays, and customizable display appearance.
32. If the Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, as defined by Section 361.971(3) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, certifies its compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.
33. Pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, certifies it has not employed and will not employ a former state officer or employee who participated in a procurement or contract negotiations for the GLO involving within two (2) years after the date that the contract is signed, or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn. This certification only applies to former state officers or employees whose state service or employment ceased on or after September 1, 2015.
34. The GLO does not tolerate any type of fraud. GLO policy promotes consistent, legal, and ethical organizational behavior by assigning responsibilities and providing guidelines to enforce controls. Any violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate

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actions will be taken. shall report any possible fraud, waste, or abuse that occurs in connection with the Contract to the GLO's Fraud Reporting hotline at (877) 888-0002.

35. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this contract and agrees that the Contract can be terminated if knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.
36. If, in its performance of the Contract, has access to a state computer system or database, must complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Texas Government Code Section 2054.519, as selected by the GLO. must complete the cybersecurity training program during the initial term of the Contract and during any renewal period. must verify in writing to the GLO its completion of the cybersecurity training program.
37. Under Section 2155.0061, Texas Government Code, certifies that the entity named in this contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

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65. SECTION 231.006, FAMILY CODE/DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

Pursuant to Title 5, Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, as applicable, Proposer certifies that it, including all of its principals, is/are current in child support payments and that it is eligible to receive payments from State funds under a contract for property, materials, or services. Proposer acknowledges and agrees that if it is awarded this contract, then the ensuing agreement may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate. Finally, by the submission of its Proposal, the Proposer certifies that it has included the names and social security numbers of each person with at least 25% ownership interest in Proposer within its response to the request for Proposal and that all such persons are current in child support payments.

66. ANTITRUST

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1, et seq., and Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 15, Contractor, by the submission of its Proposal, certifies that neither Contractor nor any natural person, proprietorship, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution represented by Contractor or anyone acting for such natural person, proprietorship, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution has violated any Federal or State antitrust laws or communicated the nature of the offer, directly or indirectly, to any competitor or other person engaged in a similar line of business.

67. LABOR STANDARDS

On contracts funded under a federal grant: Proposer acknowledges that the contract to be awarded pursuant to this solicitation is on a grant program funded with Federal funds. Proposer shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", Copeland, "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145, 29 C.F.R. Part 3), the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148, 29 C.F.R. Parts 1,3, and 5), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), and all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards, insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. Proposer is also responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (29 CFR Parts 1, 3 and 5), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), and all other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards, insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement.

Contractor is encouraged to use local labor, but not at the expense of poor workmanship and higher cost. Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. Contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place a notice setting forth provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

68. PROCUREMENT STANDARDS - 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326 & 2 C.F.R. PART 200, APPENDIX II

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) revised the Uniform Guidance for grants (2 C.F.R. part 200) on August 13, 2020. This was the first major updating of the Uniform Guidance since 2014.

Effective Date:

- The full suite of changes became effective November 12, 2020. They will apply to all new Grants to States awards issued after that date, including the FY2021 awards.

Procurement:

New provisions for procurements by States (2 C.F.R. § 200.317):

When procuring property and services under an award, a State will continue to follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurement from its non-Federal funds. A State must now also comply with §§ 200.321

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(contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms) and 200.322 (domestic preferences for procurements); and continue to comply with § 200.323 (procurement of recovered materials).

New provisions for all other non-Federal entities, including subrecipients of a State:

The OMB explains in the Aug. 13, 2020, Federal Register notice for the Uniform Guidance revisions, the following changes were made to 2 C.F.R § 200.320 (methods of procurement):

- The procurement types are now grouped into three categories:
 - (1) Informal (micro-purchase, small purchase);
 - (2) Formal (sealed Proposals, proposals); and
 - (3) Non-Competitive (sole source).

The micro-purchase threshold is raised from \$3,500 to \$10,000. Micro-purchase thresholds higher than \$10,000 are based on certain conditions that include a requirement to maintain records for threshold up to \$50,000 and a formal approval process by the Fed. Govt. for threshold above \$50,000.

More specifically, for Grants to States:

- (1) the subrecipient may self-certify an increase of the micro-purchase threshold up to \$50,000 (based on certain requirements).
- (2) micro-purchase thresholds higher than \$50,000 must be approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs. (for details, see 2 C.F.R § 200.320 (a) (1) (iii) and (iv)).

The simplified acquisition threshold is raised from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Two contract clauses were added to Appendix II of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. In addition to the previous contract clauses contained in the 2014 version of Appendix II of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, FEMA award recipient and subrecipient contracts and purchase orders must now include contract provisions for *Domestic Preferences for Procurements* (2 C.F.R. 200.322) and the *Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications or Services* (2 C.F.R. 200.316)

2 C.F.R. § 200.317. Procurements by states.

When procuring property and services under a Federal award, a state must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its non-Federal funds. The state will comply with §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials and ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by section §200.326 Contract provisions. All other non-Federal entities, including subrecipients of a state, will follow §§ 200.318 General procurement standards through 200.326 Contract provisions.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.318. General procurement standards.

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)

(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given

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to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also § 200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(i)

(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.319. Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for Proposals or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

(1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;

(2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;

(3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;

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- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a "brand name" product instead of allowing "an equal" product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of Proposals or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a "brand name or equivalent" description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating Proposals or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential Proposers from qualifying during the solicitation period.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.320. Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified

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Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed Proposals (formal advertising). Proposals are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible Proposer whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

- (i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- (ii) Two or more responsible Proposers are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- (iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful Proposer can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

- (i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;
- (ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the Proposer to properly respond;
- (iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;
- (iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible Proposer. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and
- (v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

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(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.321. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.322. Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.323. Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E—Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.324. Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

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- (1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;
- (2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;
- (3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;
- (4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low Proposer under a sealed bid procurement; or
- (5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.325. Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

- (a) A bid guarantee from each Proposer equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the Proposer will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.
- (b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.
- (c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

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2 C.F.R. § 200.326. Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

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2 C.F.R. Part, 200, Appendix II

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are

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unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75888, Dec. 19, 2014

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS *(All State and non-State entity purchase orders must adhere to the following)*

§ 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements.

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

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(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR SERVICES
(Effective August 13, 2020 for new, extended, or renewed procurements under all open FEMA awards)

§ 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

(a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

(c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.

(c) See also § 200.471.

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69. PROCUREMENT LAWS

- a. Proposer shall comply with all applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations.
- b. If this contract is made pursuant to a federal award, then Contractor acknowledges that the contract is subject, without limitation, to applicable provisions within 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Contractor shall comply with applicable provisions within 2 C.F.R., Sections 200.319 through 200.326, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1.) **Equal Employment Opportunity**, 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) (applicable to federally assisted construction contracts).
 - (a) During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national original, disability, or veteran status. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national original, disability or veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national original, disability, or veteran status.
 - (3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 - (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - (5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to contractor's books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - (6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - (7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering

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agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- 2.) **Small and minority business, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms (2 C.F.R. § 200.321).** The County is required to take affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. This includes requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let in the performance of this contract, to itself take affirmative steps in letting the subcontract. Accordingly, if subcontracts are to be let in the performance of this contract, the contractor must take affirmative steps in the letting of the subcontract(s), which must include:
- (a) placing qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on solicitation lists;
 - (b) assuring that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
 - (c) dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; and
 - (d) using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

In accordance with FEMA procurement guidance:

A small business is a business that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Galveston County contracts and qualified as a small business under the Small Business Administration criteria and size standards at 13 C.F.R. Part 121.

A women’s business enterprise is a business enterprise that is: (a) at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more women; and (b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more women.

A minority business is a business that is (a) at least 51 percent owned by one or more minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more minority group members; and (b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more minority group members.

- 3.) **Davis-Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148).** When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractor must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity (the County) must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be condition upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contract must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145) as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”).
- 4.) **Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.** Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which the person is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. “Whoever, by force, intimidation, or threat of procuring dismissal from employment, or by any other manner whatsoever induces any person employed in the construction, prosecution, completion or repair of

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any public building, public work, or building or work financed in whole or in part by loans or grants from the United States, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is entitled under his contract of employment, shall be fined under this title [Title 18, U.S.C.] or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." 18 U.S.C. § 874.

- (a) Contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- (b) The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the Federal awarding agency may be appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- (c) Breach. A breach of the contract clause above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

5.) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

- (a) Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the County in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.S. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or material or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contractors for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- (b) Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
 - (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
 - (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard work week of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
 - (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The awarding Federal agency, State agency, or the County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy

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any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this subsection and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.

6.) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contractor Agreement.

- (a) If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under the “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- (b) Stafford Act Disaster Grants. This requirement does not apply to Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”
- (c) The regulations and 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) currently defines “funding agreement” as any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any Federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.

7.) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 – 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act 933 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387), as amended.

- (a) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq., and agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Contract Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1251, et seq.
- (b) The contractor agrees to report each violation of the Clean Air Act and/or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to the Federal awarding agency, the State agency administering the grant, and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and understands and agrees that the Federal awarding agency, the State agency, and the EPA will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to Galveston County, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate EPA Regional Office.

8.) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). A contract award must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. Proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C, and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C, while this offer is

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valid and through the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

9.) Domestic Preferences for Procurements (2 C.F.R. § 200.323)

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(c) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

10.) Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.
(2 C.F.R. § 200.216)

(a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or

(2) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R.

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200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to C.F.R. Part 200, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

(c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.

(d) See also § 200.471.

11.) Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 C.F.R. § 200.323)

(a.) A non-Federal entity that is a State agency or agency of a political subdivision of the State and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Public Law No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962).

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

(b.) In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- (1) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (2) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (3) At a reasonable price.

(e) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. The list of EPA-designated items is available at <https://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>.

In the event of any discrepancy between the provisions in this Section 63 of General Provisions and provisions on the same subject elsewhere within this procurement, the most stringent shall control.

70. SECTION 3 CLAUSE (§ 135.38) – HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

SECTION 3 ACT OF 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u and 24 CFR Part 135)

DISCLAIMER: THIS CONTRACT [IS NOT] HUD-FUNDED AND THEREFORE SECTION 3 [DOES NOT] APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT.

For any HUD-funded contract with a value in excess of \$100,000, Contractor and subcontractors must comply with the Section 3 Act of 1968. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who

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are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

Section 3 is triggered when the normal completion of construction and rehabilitation projects creates the need for new employment, contracting, or training opportunities.

For any Section 3 Covered Contracts, Contractor and subcontractors must comply with all provisions of the Section 3 Act of 1968, contained under 24 CFR 135. Contractor and subcontractors must include the Section 3 Clause in its entirety, in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR 135.

Contractor and subcontractors must assure that to the greatest extent feasible, contracts for work to be performed in connection with the project are awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns. Contractor and subcontractors must post all new hire opportunities with the local Workforce Solutions Center and/or Work-in-Texas, in accordance with 24 CFR 135. The minimum numeric goals for Section 3 utilization are:

- 30 percent of total number of new hires are Section 3 Residents (i.e. 1 out of 3 new hires); 10 percent of all awarded construction contracts are awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns;
- 3 percent of all awarded non-construction contracts are awarded to Section 3 Business Concerns.

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause. and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.

E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.

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F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and sub contracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section

71. REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Part 200 Uniform Requirements require that non-Federal entities' contracts contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200 — "Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards." Violations of law will be referred to the proper authority in the applicable jurisdiction. All Prime Contractors awarded contracts by Galveston County which are federally funded, in whole or in part, are required to comply with the provisions below. Additionally, Prime Contractors with Galveston County are required to include the provisions below in any contracts executed with subcontractors performing the scope of work and shall pass these requirements on to its subcontractors and third-party contractors, as applicable. In addition to other provisions required by the relevant Federal agency, State of Texas, or Galveston County, all contracts made by Galveston County under the Federal award shall contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

ACCESS TO RECORDS & RECORD RETENTION (2 CFR 200.336)

Contractor must provide Galveston County, the State of Texas, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the FEMA Administrator, the Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their pass-through entities or authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor and its subcontractors which are directly pertinent to this contract/project for the purposes of making/responding to audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contractor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. Contractor must keep records within Galveston County or note in bid that records will be available within the boundaries of Galveston County to those representatives within twenty-four (24) hours of request by the County. Contractor must maintain all records pertaining to the project for seven (7) years after receiving final payment and after all other pending matters have been closed.

ACCESSIBILITY (24 CFR 570.614) & SECTION 504 (29 U.S.C. Section 794 and 24 CFR Parts 8-9)

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations which prohibit recipients of federal funding from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. Applicable laws and regulations with which Contractor shall comply shall include, but are not limited to, the following: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) (24 CFR Parts 8-9); Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151-4157); the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (Appendix A to 24 CFR Part 40 and Appendix A to 41 CFR Part 101-19, subpart 101-19.6); the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225); Texas Administrative Code, Title 10, Chapter 60, Subchapter (B) the Texas Architectural Barriers Act (TABAA); the Architectural Barriers (AB) Rules; and the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS).

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AGREEMENT (2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J) AND 24 CFR 570.303)

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C.A. § 1352 (2003), if at any time during the contract term funding to contract exceeds \$100,000.00, the Contractor shall file with the County the Federal Standard Form LLL titled "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying." Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a

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member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (Title VI 42 U.S.C. § 2000d)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 109 of the Community Development Act of 1974, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) (24 CFR Parts 8-9), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225), prohibits Contractors from excluding or denying individuals benefits or participation in this project on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. The provisions require that no person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with community development funds made available pursuant to these Acts.

For purposes of this Part “program or activity” is defined as any function conducted by an identifiable administrative unit of the recipient, or private Contractor receiving community development funds or loans from the recipient. “Funded in whole or in part with community development funds” means that community development funds in any amount in the form of grants or proceeds from HUD guaranteed loans have been transferred by the recipient or a subrecipient to an identifiable administrative unit and disbursed in a program or activity. A Contractor may not, under any program or activity to which the regulations of this Part may apply directly or through contractual or other arrangements, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex:

- a. Deny any facilities, services, financial aid or other benefits provided under the program or activity;
- b. Provide any facilities, services, financial aid or other benefits, which are different, or are provided in a different form from that provided to others under the program or activity;
- c. Subject to segregated or separate treatment in any facility in, or in any matter of process related to receipt of any service or benefit under the program or activity;
- d. Restrict in any way access to, or in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others in connection with facilities, services, financial aid or other benefits under the program or activity;
- e. Treat an individual differently from others in determining whether the individual satisfies any admission, enrollment, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which the individual must meet in order to be provided any facilities, services or other benefit provided under the program or activity; and
- f. Deny an opportunity to participate in a program or activity as an employee.

CLEAN AIR ACT (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (G))

Pursuant to 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (G), if at any time during the contract term funding to contract exceeds \$150,000, the Contractor must comply with all provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 85) and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended. Contractors securing a contract in excess of \$150,000.00 shall not expend such funds by making use of subcontracting with facilities included on the Environmental Protection Agency List of Violating Facilities as per Section 306 of the Clean Air Act, Section 508 of The Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations 40 CFR. For any subcontractors under this contract receiving contracts in excess of \$150,000 Contractor is required to include a provision that requires compliance with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 85) and Section 308 Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (E))

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200 Appendix II (E), if at any time during the contract term funding to contract exceeds \$100,000, the Contractor must comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence

- (1) Overtime Requirements – No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The (write in the name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

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COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT (40 U.S.C. 3145)

Pursuant to 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (D), Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each vendor, contractor, subcontractor, or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. Contractor shall include this provision in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under this Contract. Galveston County shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

COST PLUS CONTRACTING PROHIBITED (2 CFR 200.323(D))

Cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost (CPPC) contracts are prohibited by 2 CFR 200.323(d). The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must never be used, including in subcontracts and third-party contracts. A cost-plus contract is one that is structured to pay the contractor or subcontractor their actual costs incurred, plus a fixed percent for profit or overhead.

A cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost (CPPC) contract is a contract containing some element that obligates Galveston County or Contractor to pay a contractor or subcontractor an amount (in the form of either profit or cost), undetermined at the time the contract was made, to be incurred in the future, and based on a percentage of future costs. The inclusion of an overall contract ceiling price does not make these forms of contracts acceptable. This type of contract is prohibited because there is no incentive for the contractor or subcontractor to keep its incurred costs low. Instead, there is a reverse incentive for the contractor or subcontractor to continue to incur additional costs in order to continue to drive the percentage of cost up. In other words, increased spending by the contractor will yield higher profits. This prohibition applies to all work, regardless of the circumstances, and applies to subcontracts of the contractor cases where the prime contract is a cost-reimbursement type contract or subject to price redetermination.

DAVIS BACON AND RELATED ACTS (2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D))

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200 Appendix II (D), for any contract in excess of \$2,000, Contractor must comply with the Davis Bacon and Related Acts, and the requirements shall be applicable to any labor or mechanic work completed in connection with this contract which fall under the Davis Bacon Act. Any Contractor awarded under this contract is required to comply with the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5) and with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874; 40 U.S.C. 3145) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3). In accordance with the statute, Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

If Davis Bacon is applicable, Galveston County will provide a copy of the current Davis Bacon Wage Decision with the solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. Contractor shall submit certified payroll of contractor and all subcontractors on a weekly basis in the format required by the County. At County’s request, Contractor shall make available and shall require its subcontractors to make available, copies of cancelled checks and check stubs for comparisons by the County or its agents.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(1)(ii)) and the Davis Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

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Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following. The Statement of Compliance can be found on page 2 of the WH-347 form, and/or additional certifications of compliance may be required by Galveston County. Any Statement of Compliance is subject to the penalties provided by 18 U.S.C. § 1001, namely, a fine, possible imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both. Accordingly, the party signing the statement should have knowledge of the facts represented as true. Contractor must include this provision in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under this Contract. Galveston County shall report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency, as applicable.

DEBARMENT / SUSPENSION AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (I))

Pursuant to 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (I), a Contract meeting the definition in 2 C.F.R. § 180.220 must not be made to parties listed on the System for Award Management (SAM) Exclusion lists, in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Pursuant to Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, a contract award shall not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235). SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. A contract award must not be made to parties listed in the SAM Exclusions. SAM exclusions can be accessed at www.sam.gov.

Additionally, no contracts shall be awarded to any Contractor that has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in any federal programs, including but not limited to the Department of Health and Human Work (DHHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) - List of Excluded Individuals & Entities (LEIE); U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) – Excluded Parties List System (EPLS); All States (50) Health & Human Work Commission Medicaid OIG Sanction List; Government Terrorist Watch List (OFAC / Patriot Act); Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Denied Persons List; and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Most Wanted.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of compliance with Title 2 C.F.R. parts 180 and 3000, and as such the Contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935). These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities (See 2 C.F.R Part 200, Appendix II). The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. part 3000, subpart C and shall include this requirement and similar certification in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under this Contract.

The Contractor confirms that it is eligible or otherwise not disqualified or prohibited from participation in federal or state assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Additionally, the Contractor warrants that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in any federal programs, including but not limited to the following: Department of Health and Human Work (DHHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG) - List of Excluded Individuals & Entities (LEIE); U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) – Excluded Parties List System (EPLS); All States (50) Health & Human Work Commission Medicaid OIG Sanction List; Government Terrorist Watch List (OFAC / Patriot Act); Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Denied Persons List; and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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(ICE) Most Wanted. Galveston County reserves the right to verify any contractor's status and document instances of debarment, suspension, or other ineligibility.

Contractor shall verify that all subcontractors performing work under this Contract are not debarred, disqualified, or otherwise prohibited from participation in accordance with the requirements above. The Contractor further must notify Galveston County in writing immediately if Contractor or its subcontractors are not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 during the term of this contract. Contractor shall include this provision in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under this Contract.

If it is found that the Contractor did not comply or is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 (2 C.F.R. part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. part 3000, subpart C), the Contractor may be subject to available remedies, including but not limited to, refunding Galveston County for any payments made to the Contractor while ineligible, and also acknowledges that the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C))

Contractor must comply with, and incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions as follows:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
3. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
4. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

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5. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The Contractor further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The Contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the Contractor agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the Contractor under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such Contractor; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings. Contractor must include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts, and to require all non-exempt subcontractors to include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (48 CFR 52.22236)

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor must comply with required Equal Employment Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities provisions.

Contractor shall include the following equal opportunity clause in each of its covered Government contracts or subcontracts (and modifications, renewals, or extensions thereof if not included in the original contract):

- a. Equal opportunity clause. The Contractor shall abide by the requirements of the equal opportunity clause at 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), as of March 24, 2014. This clause prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by the Contractor to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.
- b. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the terms of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$15,000 unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor shall act as specified by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the U.S. Department of Labor, to enforce the terms, including action for noncompliance. Such necessary changes in language may be made as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR VEVRAA PROTECTED VETERANS (41 CFR 60.300)

Galveston County is an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor must comply with required Equal Employment Opportunity for VEVRAA Protected Veterans provisions. Contractor shall include the following equal opportunity clause in each of its covered Government contracts or subcontracts (and modifications, renewals, or extensions thereof if not included in the original contract):

- a. The definitions set forth in 41 CFR 60-300.2 apply to the terms used throughout this Clause, and they are incorporated herein by reference.
- b. The contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because he or she is a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active-duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran (hereinafter collectively referred to as "protected veteran(s)") in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified individuals without discrimination based on their status as a protected veteran in all employment practices, including the following:
 - i Recruitment, advertising, and job application procedures.
 - ii Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring.
 - iii Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation.
 - iv Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists.
 - v Leaves of absence, sick leave, or any other leave.
 - vi Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the contractor.

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- vii Selection and financial support for training, including apprenticeship, and on-the-job training under 38 U.S.C. 3687, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absence to pursue training.
 - viii Activities sponsored by the contractor including social or recreational programs.
 - ix Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.
- c. The contractor shall immediately list all employment openings which exist at the time of the execution of this contract and those which occur during the performance of this contract, including those not generated by this contract and including those occurring at an establishment of the contractor other than the one where the contract is being performed, but excluding those of independently operated corporate affiliates, with the appropriate employment service delivery system where the opening occurs. Listing employment openings with the state workforce agency job bank or with the local employment service delivery system where the opening occurs will satisfy the requirement to list jobs with the appropriate employment service delivery system. In order to satisfy the listing requirement described herein, contractors must provide information about the job vacancy in any manner and format permitted by the appropriate employment service delivery system which will allow that system to provide priority referral of veterans protected by VEVRAA for that job vacancy. Providing information on employment openings to a privately run job service or exchange will satisfy the contractor's listing obligation if the privately run job service or exchange provides the information to the appropriate employment service delivery system in any manner and format that the employment service delivery system permits which will allow that system to provide priority referral of protected veterans.
- d. Listing of employment openings with the appropriate employment service delivery system pursuant to this clause shall be made at least concurrently with the use of any other recruitment source or effort and shall involve the normal obligations which attach to the placing of a bona fide job order, including the acceptance of referrals of veterans and nonveterans. The listing of employment openings does not require the hiring of any particular job applicants or from any particular group of job applicants, and nothing herein is intended to relieve the contractor from any requirements in Executive orders or regulations regarding nondiscrimination in employment.
- e. Whenever a contractor, other than a state or local governmental contractor, becomes contractually bound to the listing provisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause, it shall advise the employment service delivery system in each state where it has establishments that: (a) It is a Federal contractor, so that the employment service delivery systems are able to identify them as such; and (b) it desires priority referrals from the state of protected veterans for job openings at all locations within the state. The contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the name and location of each hiring location within the state and the contact information for the contractor official responsible for hiring at each location. The "contractor official" may be a chief hiring official, a Human Resources contact, a senior management contact, or any other manager for the contractor that can verify the information set forth in the job listing and receive priority referrals from employment service delivery systems. In the event that the contractor uses any external job search organizations to assist in its hiring, the contractor shall also provide to the employment service delivery system the contact information for the job search organization(s). The disclosures required by this paragraph shall be made simultaneously with the contractor's first job listing at each employment service delivery system location after the effective date of this final rule. Should any of the information in the disclosures change since it was last reported to the employment service delivery system location, the contractor shall provide updated information simultaneously with its next job listing. As long as the

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contractor is contractually bound to these provisions and has so advised the employment service delivery system, there is no need to advise the employment service delivery system of subsequent contracts. The contractor may advise the employment service delivery system when it is no longer bound by this contract clause.

- f. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this clause do not apply to the listing of employment openings which occur and are filled outside of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Wake Island, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.
- g. As used in this clause:
 - i. All employment openings include all positions except executive and senior management, those positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization, and positions lasting three days or less. This term includes full-time employment, temporary employment of more than three days' duration, and part-time employment.
 - ii. Executive and senior management means: (1) Any employee (a) compensated on a salary basis at a rate of not less than \$455 per week (or \$380 per week, if employed in American Samoa by employers other than the Federal Government), exclusive of board, lodging or other facilities; (b) whose primary duty is management of the enterprise in which the employee is employed or of a customarily recognized department or subdivision thereof; (c) who customarily and regularly directs the work of two or more other employees; and (d) who has the authority to hire or fire other employees or whose suggestions and recommendations as to the hiring, firing, advancement, promotion or any other change of status of other employees are given particular weight; or (2) any employee who owns at least a bona fide 20-percent equity interest in the enterprise in which the employee is employed, regardless of whether the business is a corporate or other type of organization, and who is actively engaged in its management.
 - iii. Positions that will be filled from within the contractor's organization means employment openings for which no consideration will be given to persons outside the contractor's organization (including any affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent companies) and includes any openings which the contractor proposes to fill from regularly established "recall" lists. The exception does not apply to a particular opening once an employer decides to consider applicants outside of his or her own organization.
- h. The contractor shall comply with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- i. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to the Act.
- j. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, provided by or through the contracting officer. Such notices shall state the rights of applicants and employees as well as the contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified employees and applicants who are protected veterans. The contractor must ensure that

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applicants or employees who are disabled veterans are provided the notice in a form that is accessible and understandable to the disabled veteran (e.g., providing Braille or large print versions of the notice, posting the notice for visual accessibility to persons in wheelchairs, providing the notice electronically or on computer disc, or other versions). With respect to employees who do not work at a physical location of the contractor, a contractor will satisfy its posting obligations by posting such notices in an electronic format, provided that the contractor provides computers that can access the electronic posting to such employees, or the contractor has actual knowledge that such employees otherwise are able to access the electronically posted notices. Electronic notices for employees must be posted in a conspicuous location and format on the company's intranet or sent by electronic mail to employees. An electronic posting must be used by the contractor to notify job applicants of their rights if the contractor utilizes an electronic application process. Such electronic applicant notice must be conspicuously stored with, or as part of, the electronic application.

- k. The contractor will notify each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding that the contractor is bound by the terms of VEVRAA and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment, and shall not discriminate against, protected veterans.
- l. The contractor will include the provisions of this clause in every subcontract or purchase order of \$100,000 or more, unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary issued pursuant to VEVRAA so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, may direct to enforce such provisions, including action for noncompliance.
- m. The contractor must, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their protected veteran status.
- n. The Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the County who administers the subject Project receiving Federal assistance, Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for each worker, employed for each calendar day, or a portion thereof, such worker is paid less than the said stipulated rates for any work done under this Project, by him/her or by any contractor under him/her.
- o. All contractors shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names of all workers, also the actual per diem wages paid to each of such workers.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Contractor must comply the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.) as now or hereafter amended, which regulates wage, hour and other employment practices that govern the use of funds provided and the employment of personnel under this contract. The Contractor warrants that it will pay all its workers all monies earned by its workers including, but not limited to regular wages, any overtime compensation, or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 207 9a(1), as amended; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000, et al., as amended; or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended.

FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973 (24 CFR 570.605)

Contractor must comply with the provisions in 24 CFR 570.605, Section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4106), and the regulations in 44 CFR Parts 59-79.

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GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

At a minimum, Contractors and subcontractors must comply with local codes and any applicable national building codes for any work involving rehabilitation or construction, including design. When a contract is funded, in whole or in part, by HUD funding, Contractors must comply with applicable Green Building standards to the maximum extent feasible. Green Building standards may apply to single-family properties, multifamily properties, or both and may include, but are not limited to best practices defined under LEED, Enterprise Green Communities, or NAHB National Green Building Standards and may include specific measures for water conservation, energy efficiency, and indoor air quality. Contractor and subcontractors must comply with the following standards, as applicable:

- 2009 ICC International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- ASHRAE 90.1-2007, which sets minimum energy standards for buildings except low-rise residential buildings
- ASHRAE 62.1-2010 and 62.2-2010, which set minimum standards for ventilation for indoor air quality for common areas in mid- and high-rise buildings, and low-rise residential buildings, respectively.
- New or replacement residential housing, when funded by CDBG-DR grants, must adhere to Green Building standards, including Energy Star Certified Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise and other applicable green building requirements.
- Moderate residential housing rehabilitation, when funded by CDBG-DR grants, must comply with the Community Planning & Development (CPD) Retrofit Checklist and provide Energy Star appliances, Water Sense or FEMP products if replaced.
- New or replacement residential housing, when funded by CDBG-DR grants, must adhere to Green Building standards, including Energy Star Certified Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise and other applicable green building requirements.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Galveston County from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting directly or indirectly from contractor's performance. Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this Request for Proposals, appropriate insurance coverage including, at a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this Request for Proposals. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

LEAD-BASED PAINT (24 CFR 570.608)

Contractor and subcontractors must comply with the provisions found in 24 CFR 570.608, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), the Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (U.S.C. 4851-4856, and 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R. This Article 2(f) is to be included in all subcontracts, for work in connection with this Contract, which relate to residential structures.

NON-COLLUSION (The Sherman Act)

Contractor must comply with the requirements of The Sherman Act, which prohibit collusion. Collusion occurs when two persons or representatives of an entity or organization make an agreement to deceive or mislead another. Such agreements are usually secretive and involve fraud or gaining an unfair advantage over a third party, competitors, consumers or others with whom they are negotiating. The collusion, therefore, makes the bargaining process inherently unfair. Collusion can involve promises of future benefits, price or wage fixing, kickbacks, or misrepresenting the independence of the relationship between the colluding parties.

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The Sherman Act prohibits any agreement among competitors to fix prices, rig bids, or engage in other anticompetitive activity. Collusion, bid rigging, or other anticompetitive activity is considered a felony. Contractor shall not in any way, directly or indirectly:

- a. Collude, conspire, or agree with any other person, firm, corporation, Proposer or potential Proposer to the amount of this Bid or the terms or conditions of this Bid.
- b. Pay or agree to pay any other person, firm, corporation Proposer or potential Proposer any money or anything of value in return for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or in return for establishing the prices in the attached Bid or the Bid of any other Proposer.
- c. Assemble in coordination with any other organization in an attempt to fix the price of the work.

Contractors are expected to report any suspected fraud, collusion, or impropriety from the inception of solicitation through the end of the contract term.

NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES
"Prohibition of Segregated Facilities"

- a. Segregated facilities means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees, that are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin because of written or oral policies or employee custom. The term does not include separate or single-user rest rooms or necessary dressing or sleeping areas provided to assure privacy between the sexes.

Sexual orientation has the meaning given by the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and is found at www.dol.gov/ofccp/LGBT/LGBT_FAQs.html.

- b. The Contractor agrees that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. The Contractor agrees that a breach of this clause is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract.
- c. The Contractor shall include this clause in every subcontract and purchase order that is subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this contract.

PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (2 CFR 200.321)

Contractor must comply with the Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise participation requirements under 2 CFR 200.321. Contractors must take all affirmative steps necessary to subcontract with Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBES) to assure that MWBES are used when possible. These affirmative steps shall include:

- A. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- B. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- C. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

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- D. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- E. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

The State of Texas maintains a Historically Underutilized Business Program, which identifies any business at least 51 percent owned by an Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, American woman and/or Service-Disabled Veteran, who resides in Texas and actively participate in the control, operations and management of the entity's affairs as a Historically Underutilized Business (also considered MWBE). Contractors who wish to check the status of a firm may visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>.

Contractors and subcontractors are required to facilitate Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise participation. Contractors are encouraged to utilize MWBEs / HUB firms as subcontractors, subconsultants, or suppliers in order to comply with the requirements and may check for firms who perform relevant work by searching <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>.

Contractor and subcontractors must facilitate Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise participation and take all affirmative steps to utilize MWBEs / HUB firms as subcontractors, subconsultants, or suppliers throughout the life of the Contract.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.112, Contractor must comply with disclosure requirements in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176. Contractor shall not use funds to directly or indirectly pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence any public employee or official in connection with the awarding of any contract or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any contract. By law, the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (provided by the Texas Ethics Commission at www.ethics.state.tx.us) must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the Contractor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed.

This law requires persons desiring to do business with the County to disclose any gifts valued in excess of \$250 given to any County Official or the County Official's family member, or employment of any County Official or the County Official's family member during the preceding twelve (12) month period. The disclosure questionnaire must be filed with the Galveston County Clerk. Refer to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176 for the details of this law.

An outside consultant or contractor is prohibited from submitting a bid for services on a Galveston County project of which the consultant or contractor was a designer or other previous contributor, or was an affiliate, subsidiary, joint venture or was in any other manner associated by ownership to any party that was a designer or other previous contributor. If such a consultant or contractor submits a prohibited bid, that bid shall be disqualified on the basis of conflict of interest, no matter when the conflict is discovered by Galveston County.

PREVAILING WAGES (2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D) and TGC 2258)

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200 Appendix II (D), Contractor must comply with Texas Government Code (TGC) 2258, Prevailing Wage Rates. Accordingly, Contractor must submit a certified payroll records as required, and compensate any worker employed on a public works project not less than as applicable. As noted under "Davis Bacon and Related Acts", when required by Federal program legislation, construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by Galveston County shall require compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, Contractor must

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pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the local prevailing wages, or Davis Bacon wages, as applicable. If both Texas prevailing wages and Davis Bacon provide rates for a particular class, Contractors must pay the greater wage rate. In addition, Contractor must pay wages not less than once a week.

In compliance with Section 2258 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor and any subcontractor hired by Contractor for the construction of any project, shall pay not less than the rates set forth in the Schedule of Prevailing Wages attached and incorporated by reference. In submitting a Bid, Contractor warrants that it and its subcontractors shall comply with all requirements and worker ratios per the applicable Schedule of Prevailing Wages and Texas state law.

Contractor must submit certified payroll of contractor and all subcontractors on a weekly basis. At County's request, Contractor must make available and shall require its subcontractors to make available, copies of cancelled checks and check stubs for comparisons by the County or its agents. Regardless of whether Davis Bacon or Texas Prevailing Wages apply, the County reserves the right for its agents to visit the project site and to interview contractor, its subcontractors and employees of each on any date or time, as often as desired during the construction period, without prior notification.

Galveston County will ascertain if proper wage rates are being paid to the employees as required. In the event of a discrepancy between the work performed and the wages paid, the County shall document same and notify Contractor. If, for any length of time and as determined by Galveston County, discrepancies appear between the certified payrolls and the actual wage paid, the County shall require check stubs to be attached to each weekly certified payroll. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2258.051, the County reserves the right to withhold any monies due Contractor until such discrepancy is resolved and the necessary adjustment made. The Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2258.023(b), to the County or entity who administers the subject Project receiving Federal assistance, Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for each worker, employed for each calendar day, or a portion thereof, such worker is paid less than the said stipulated rates for any work done under this Project, by him/her or by any contractor/subcontractor under him/her.

All contractor/subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names of all workers, also the actual per diem wages paid to each of such workers. Contractor shall impose these same obligations upon its Subcontractors. Contractor understands that with weekly or monthly certified payrolls, contractor is responsible for any and all penalties that shall accrue during the month, regardless of the fact that any error could not be discovered by the Contract Compliance Officer until the following certified payroll.

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 CFR 200.322)

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.322, Contractor must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). As such, any contractors awarded under this contract opportunity is subject to the requirements of Section 6002, which include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

Contractor must comply with 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, which shall apply to the activities and actions of the Contractor and its subcontractors pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

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RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS CERTIFICATION

- b. Definitions. The definitions pertaining to this provision are those that are set forth on the clause entitled "Restrictions on Public Works Projects." (Set out under "Contract Clauses" below.)
- c. Certification. Except as provided in paragraph (C) of this provision, by submission of its bid or proposal, Proposer certifies that it:
 - i. Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) (see paragraph (H) of this provision);
 - ii. Has not or will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR, and
 - iii. Will not provide any product of a country included on the list of foreign countries that discriminate against the U.S. firms published by the USTR.
- d. Inability to certify. A Proposer unable to certify in accordance with paragraph (b) of this provision shall submit with its offer a written explanation fully describing the reasons for its inability to make the certification.
- e. Applicability of 18 U.S.C. 1001. This certification is paragraph (B) of this provision concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States, and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 U.S.C. 1001.
- f. Notice. Proposer shall provide written notice to the Contracting Officer if, at any time before the contract award, Proposer learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- g. Restrictions on contract award. Unless a waiver to these restrictions is granted by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, no contract will be awarded to a Proposer (1) who is owned or controlled by a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of foreign countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR. (2) whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by citizens or national of a foreign country on the USTR list or, (3) who incorporates any product of a foreign country on the USTR list in the public works project.
- h. USTR List. The USTR published an initial list in the Federal Register on December 30, 1987 (53 FR 49244), which identified one country-Japan. The USTR can add countries to the list, and remove countries from it, in accordance with section 109 (C) of PUB. L. 100-202.

RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

- a. Definitions. "Component", as used in this clause, means those articles, materials, and supplies incorporated directly into the product. "Contractor or subcontractor of a foreign country," as used in this clause, means any Contractor or subcontractor that is a citizen or national of a foreign country or is controlled directly or indirectly by citizens or nationals of a foreign country. A contractor or subcontractor shall be considered to be a citizen or national of a foreign country, or controlled directly or indirectly by citizens or nationals of a foreign country:

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- i. If 50 percent or more of the Contractor or subcontractor is owned by a citizen or a national of the foreign country;
 - ii. If the title to 50 percent or more of the stock of the Contractor or subcontractor is held subject to trust or fiduciary obligation in favor of citizens or nationals of the foreign country.
 - iii. If 50 percent or more of the voting power in the Contractor or subcontractor is vested in or exercisable on behalf of a citizen or national of the foreign country; iv. In the case of a partnership, if any general partner is a citizen of the foreign country;
 - v. In the case of a corporation. If its presidents or other chief executive officer or the chairman of its board of directors is a citizen of the foreign country or the majority of any number of its directors necessary to constitute a quorum are citizens of the foreign country or the corporation is organized under the laws of the foreign country or any subdivision, territory, or possession thereof; or
 - vi. In case of a contractor or subcontractor who is a joint venture, if any participant firm is a citizen or national of a foreign country or meets any of the criteria in subparagraphs (A) 1 through 5 of this clause. "Product", as used in this clause, means construction materials, i.e. articles, materials and supplies brought to the construction site for incorporation into the public works project, including permanently affixed equipment, instruments, utilities, electronic or other devices, but not including vehicles or construction equipment. In determining the origin of a product, Galveston County will consider a product as produce in a foreign country if it has been assembled or manufactured in the foreign country, or if the cost of the components mined, produced, or manufactured in the foreign country exceed 50 percent of the cost of all its components.
- b. Restrictions. The Contractor shall not (1) knowingly enter into any subcontract under this contract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the United States Trade Representative (see paragraph (C) of this clause, or (2) supply any product under this contract of a country included on the list of foreign countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.
- c. USTR List. The USTR published an initial list in the Federal Register on December 30, 1987 (53 FR 49244), which identified one country-Japan. The USTR can add other countries to the list, or remove countries from it, in accordance with section 109 (C) of PUB. L. 100-102.
- d. Certification. The Contractor may rely upon the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR and that products supplied by such subcontractor for use on the Federal public works project under this contract are not products of a foreign country included on the list of foreign countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR, unless such Contractor has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.
- e. Subcontractors. The Contractor shall incorporate this clause, modified only for the purpose of properly identifying the parties, in all subcontracts. This paragraph (E) shall also be incorporated in all subcontracts.

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RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (F))

Any discovery or invention that arises during the course of the contract shall be reported to Galveston County. This clause requires the Contractor to disclose promptly inventions to the County (within 2 months) after the inventor discloses it in writing to Contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. The awarding agency shall determine how rights in the invention/discovery shall be allocated consistent with "Government Patent Policy" and Title 37 C.F.R. § 401.

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 C.F.R. §.401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of Title 37 C.F.R. § 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (24 CFR 570.602)

Section 109 of the Act requires that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance made available pursuant to the Act. Section 109 also directs that the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act and the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of disability under Section 504 shall apply to programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance under Title I programs. The policies and procedures necessary to ensure enforcement of section 109 are codified in 24 CFR part 6.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE & CONVENIENCE (2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (A) and (B))

Pursuant to 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (A), Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, shall address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Pursuant to 2 CFR Appendix II to Part 200 (B), all contracts in excess of \$10,000 shall address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement. Galveston County shall have the right to terminate this contract for cause and convenience.

In the event of a failure by Contractor to satisfactorily perform the services specified herein and/or a default by Contractor in abiding by the other terms and conditions of this Contract, Galveston County may terminate the Contract on written notice to Contractor and Contractor shall be liable for all damages, costs, and expenses (including attorney fees) incurred by County related to this default. Such termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies that Galveston County may have in law or equity. Administrative remedies for nonperformance, violation or breach of contract terms, or termination of contract for default may include suspension and debarment. Galveston County may assess liquidated damages for failure to meet completion deadlines, contract breaches, or performance failures of the Contractor or its Subcontractors.

Contractor shall be provided the opportunity to cure certain performance failures or instances of default as described in the contract documents. The legal dispute resolution process as applicable under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code shall include, but is not limited to, Texas and Civil Practice and Remedies Section 38 – Attorney’s Fees, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Section 41 – Damages, and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Section 154 – General Provisions. Galveston County and Contractor(s) should attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Contractor, to the extent it is applicable to the Contract and not preempted by other law. Except as otherwise provided by law, nothing herein is a waiver by the County or the State of Texas of the right to seek redress in a court of law.

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Termination provisions are included in the Contract Requirements & Payment, Section VIII, portion of this IFB.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT

Contractor, subcontractors, and employees working on this Project shall be subject 41 U.S. Code § 4712, which requires that an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.

The Contractor shall inform its employees and subcontractors in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph, in all subcontracts providing services for this Project.

72. NON-EXCLUSIVE LIST OF APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS – TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

If applicable to the Project, Provider must be in compliance with the following laws, rules, and regulations; and any other state, federal, or local laws, rules, and regulations as may become applicable throughout the term of the Contract, and Provider acknowledges that this list may not include all such applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Provider and is deemed to have read and understands the requirements of each of the following, if applicable to the Project under this Contract:

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The Acts and Regulations specified in this Contract;

Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-56);

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.);

The United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 1437f(o)(13) (2016) and related provisions governing Public Housing Authority project-based assistance, and implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 983 (2016);

Cash Management Improvement Act regulations (31 C.F.R. Part 205);

Community Development Block Grants (24 C.F.R. Part 570);

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. Part 200);

Disaster Recovery Implementation Manual; and State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey – Round 1, dated April 6, 2018, as amended.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.); 24 C.F.R. Part 1, "Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964";

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Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq.);

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, "The Fair Housing Act of 1968" (42 U.S.C. §3601, et seq.), as amended;

Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259, and 24 C.F.R. Part 107, "Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity in Housing under Executive Order 11063"; The failure or refusal of Provider to comply with the requirements of Executive Order 11063 or 24 C.F.R. Part 107 shall be a proper basis for the imposition of sanctions specified in 24 C.F.R. 107.60;

The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101, et seq.); and

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794.) and "Nondiscrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development", 24 C.F.R. Part 8. By signing this Contract, Provider understands and agrees that the activities funded shall be performed in accordance with 24 C.F.R. Part 8; and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 4151, et seq.), including the use of a telecommunications device for deaf persons (TDDs) or equally effective communication system.

LABOR STANDARDS

The Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (originally, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a-276a-5 and re-codified at 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3148); 29 C.F.R. Part 5;

The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (originally, 18 U.S.C. § 874 and re-codified at 40 U.S.C. § 3145); 29 C.F.R. Part 3;

Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (originally, 40 U.S.C. §§ 327A and 330 and re-codified at 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708);

Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (Also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Non-construction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act) (29 C.F.R. Part 5); and
Federal Executive Order 11246, as amended.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. § 1701u); 24 C.F.R. §§ 135.3(a)(2) and (a)(3);

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. § 4212);

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688); and

Federal Executive Order 11246, as amended.

GRANT AND AUDIT STANDARDS

Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 7501;

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. Part 200);

Uniform Grant and Contract Management Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 783) and the Uniform Grant Management Standards, issued by Governor's Office of Budget and Planning; and

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Title 1 Texas Administrative Code § 5.167(c).

LEAD-BASED PAINT

Section 302 of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. § 4831(b)).

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470, et seq.), particularly sections 106 and 110 (16 U.S.C. §§ 470 and 470h-2), except as provided in §58.17 for Section 17 projects;

Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment, May 13, 1971 (36 FR 8921), 3 C.F.R., 1971-1975 Comp., p. 559, particularly section 2(c);

Federal historic preservation regulations as follows: 36 C.F.R. Part 800 with respect to HUD programs; and The Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960, as amended by the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. § 469, et seq.), particularly section 3 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1).

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND AUTHORITIES

Environmental Review Procedures for Recipients assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities (24 C.F.R. Part 58, as amended);

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347); and Council for Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508).

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND WETLAND PROTECTION

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, May 24, 1977 (42 FR 26951), 3 C.F.R., 1977 Comp., p. 117, as interpreted in HUD regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 55, particularly Section 2(a) of the Order (For an explanation of the relationship between the decision-making process in 24 C.F.R. Part 55 and this part, see § 55.10.); and

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, May 24, 1977 (42 FR 26961), 3 C.F.R., 1977 Comp., p. 121 particularly Sections 2 and 5.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451, et seq.), as amended, particularly sections 307(c) and (d) (16 U.S.C. § 1456(c) and (d)).

SOLE SOURCE AQUIFERS

The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. §§ 201, 300(f), et seq., and 21 U.S.C. §349) as amended; particularly section 1424(e)(42 U.S.C. § 300h-3(e)); and

Sole Source Aquifers (Environmental Protection Agency-40 C.F.R. part 149.).

ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531, et seq.) as amended, particularly section 7 (16 U.S.C. § 1536).

WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. § 1271, et seq.) as amended, particularly sections 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. § 1278(b) and (c)).

AIR QUALITY

The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq.) as amended, particularly sections 176(c) and (d) (42 U.S.C. §7506(c) and (d)).

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Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans (Environmental Protection Agency-40 C.F.R. Parts 6, 51, and 93).

FARMLAND PROTECTION

Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. § 4201, et seq.) particularly sections 1540(b) and 1541 (7 U.S.C. §§ 4201(b) and 4202); and

Farmland Protection Policy (Department of Agriculture-7 C.F.R. part 658).

HUD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Applicable criteria and standards specified in HUD environmental regulations (24 C.F.R. Part 51)(other than the runway clear zone and clear zone notification requirement in 24 C.F.R. § 51.303(a)(3)); and

HUD Notice 79-33, Policy Guidance to Address the Problems Posed by Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials, September 10, 1979.

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Executive Order 12898 of February 11, 1994—Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, (59 FR 7629), 3 C.F.R., 1994 Comp. p. 859.

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Use of debarred, suspended, or ineligible contractors or subrecipients (24 C.F.R. §570.609);

General HUD Program Requirements; Waivers (24 C.F.R. Part 5); and

Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment (2 C.F.R. Part 2424).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities (24 C.F.R. Part 58).

ACQUISITION / RELOCATION

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601, et seq.), 24 C.F.R. Part 42, and 24 C.F.R. § 570.606.

FAITH-BASED ACTIVITIES

Executive Order 13279 of December 12, 2002 - Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations, (67 FR 77141).

73. SPECIAL CONDITIONS – TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

If applicable to a Project or Activity, Subrecipient must be in compliance with the following Special Conditions and any other State, Federal, or local laws, rules, and regulations as may be applicable, throughout the term of the Contract, prior to the release of any grant funds for the Projects or Activities anticipated.

Subrecipient is deemed to have read and to understand the requirements of each of the following, if applicable to the Project or any Activity under this Contract:

A. REIMBURSEMENT, GENERALLY

As provided for in Public Law 115-56, the Contract funds may not be used for activities that are eligible to be reimbursed by, or for which funds are made available by, (a) the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); (b) the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps); (c) any other federal funding source; or (d) covered by insurance, and Subrecipient shall ensure compliance with all such requirements.

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B. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

- (1) Subrecipient must provide documentation which indicates they have received approval from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinating Agency, that appropriate ordinances or orders necessary for Subrecipient to be eligible to participate in the NFIP have been adopted.
- (2) Where Activities specified in a Performance Statement, involve structures that are located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), flood insurance may be required, and Subrecipient shall obtain such insurance, and shall maintain documentation evidencing compliance with such requirements.
- (3) Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that if any property that is the subject of an Activity under this Contract located within a floodplain, that the following terms and conditions shall apply:
 - a. Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001-4128), Federal financial assistance for acquisition and construction purposes (including rehabilitation) may not be used in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, unless:
 - i. The community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP") (44 CFR parts 59 through 79), or less than one (1) year has passed since the FEMA notification regarding such hazards; and
 - ii. The community is participating in the NFIP, or that flood insurance protection is to be obtained as a condition of the approval of financial assistance to the property owner.
 - b. Where the community is participating in the NFIP and the recipient provides financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes (including rehabilitation) for property located in an area identified by FEMA as having special flood hazards, Subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that flood insurance under the NFIP is obtained and maintained.
 - c. Under Section 582 of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. 515a, HUD disaster assistance that is made available in a special flood hazard area may not be used to make a payment (including any loan assistance payment) to a person for repair, replacement, or restoration for flood damage to any personal, residential, or commercial property if:
 - i. The person had previously received Federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance; and
 - ii. The person failed to obtain and maintain flood insurance.
 - d. Subrecipient understands and agrees that it has a responsibility to inform homeowners receiving disaster assistance that triggers the flood insurance purchase requirement of their statutory responsibility to notify any transferee of the requirement to obtain and maintain flood insurance, and that the transferring owner may be liable if he or she fails to do so.

C. PROJECT MAPPING/DESIGN INFORMATION

For construction projects, Subrecipient shall require and maintain copies, in written and/or digital format, of final Project record drawing(s) and engineering schematics, as constructed.

D. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- (1) Prior to the GLO's release of funds for the construction of any water system improvements, Subrecipient shall provide certification to the GLO that plans, specifications, and related documents for the specified water system improvements have been prepared by the engineer selected for such activities, or the engineer's duly authorized representative, and that the review of such plans, specifications, and related documents meet the applicable Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) review requirements described in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code.

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- (2) Prior to construction, Subrecipient shall provide documentation to the GLO that an approved new or amended Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), or the equivalent permit or authority for the area to be served, has been issued by the TCEQ.
- (3) Prior to Subrecipient submission of the Project Completion Report for any water system improvements described in Attachment A, Subrecipient shall provide a letter from the TCEQ that the constructed well is approved for interim use and may be temporarily placed into service pursuant to 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 290—Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems.

E. SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Prior to the construction of any sewer system improvements described. Subrecipient shall provide certification that plans, specifications, and related documents for the specified sewer system improvements have been prepared by the engineer selected for such activities, or the engineer's duly authorized representative, and that the review of such plans, specifications, and related documents meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) review requirements described in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 217, Subchapter D.

Further, prior to the construction of any sewer lines or additional service connections described in Attachment A, Subrecipient shall provide notification of the start of construction on any sewer treatment plant of other system-related improvements included in this Contract.

F. WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONSTRUCTION

Prior to incurring costs for any wastewater treatment construction in Attachment A, Subrecipient shall provide documentation of an approved permit or amendment(s) to an existing permit for such activities from the TCEQ's Water Quality Division.

In addition, Subrecipient shall provide documentation to the GLO that an approved new or amended Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), or equivalent permit or authority for the area to be served has been issued by the TCEQ.

G. SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- (1) Subrecipient shall provide documentation that final plans, specifications, and installation of its septic system improvements have been reviewed and approved by the City or County Health Department through authority granted by the TCEQ.
- (2) Subrecipient shall mitigate all existing septic systems in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 285, Subchapter D, §285.36(b), which states, "All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks, and pump tanks shall have the wastewater removed by a waste transporter, holding a current registration with the executive director. All tanks, boreholes, cesspools, seepage pits, holding tanks, and pump tanks shall be filled to ground level with fill material (less than three inches in diameter), which is free of organic and construction debris."
- (3) Prior to the selection of program recipients for proposed On-Site Sewer Facilities (OSSF), Subrecipient shall provide a copy of its proposed program guidelines to for GLO review. All proposed OSSF programs must meet or exceed guidelines set forth in 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 285 Subchapter D.

H. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Subrecipient shall provide documentation that the construction of a new building and facilities are in compliance with the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act, Chapter 469, Texas Government Code, and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Architectural Barriers Administrative Rules, 16 Texas Administrative Code, Part 4, Chapter 68. If estimated construction costs exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), Construction Documents must be submitted to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for an accessibility plan review.

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I. BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION

Subrecipient shall use the minimum design requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for bridge construction/rehabilitation. Final plans and specifications must be submitted to TxDOT for review and approval prior to the start of construction, and documentation of such approval must be provided to the GLO.

J. DISASTER SHELTERS

Subrecipient shall ensure that the primary purpose of the facility, as described in Attachment A, is to serve as a disaster shelter, and shall ensure the facility is operated at all times in a manner that ensures that the priority use is to serve as a disaster shelter regardless of any other scheduled uses or commitments that existed at the time of the disaster or emergency situation. In addition, Subrecipient shall prepare or be incorporated into an approved emergency management plan, as prescribed by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, identifying the shelter as a facility that provides short-term lodging for evacuees during and immediately after an emergency situation. Subrecipient shall submit a copy of Subrecipient's Emergency Management Plan Annex for Shelter and Mass Care to the GLO.

K. DEBRIS REMOVAL

Subrecipient shall ensure that any debris to be removed consists primarily of vegetation, construction and demolition materials from damaged or destroyed structures, and personal property. Only debris identified as the responsibility of the local jurisdiction will be eligible for the reimbursement of cost of removal.

Prior to beginning debris collection operations, Subrecipient shall address all pertinent environmental concerns, adhere to all applicable regulations, and obtain all required permits. Further, Subrecipient shall adhere to the methods described herein for the collection and storage of debris prior to proper disposal.

While construction and demolition debris may be collected and disposed of at an appropriately rated landfill, woody and/or vegetative debris must be stored prior to disposal by use of temporary debris storage and reduction sites (TDSR). Subrecipient will prepare and operate the TDSR sites, or local jurisdictions choosing to conduct their own debris operations may review Chapter 7 of the FEMA Debris Management Guide regarding the use of TDSR sites. This document may be obtained <https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/demagde.pdf>.

In order to maintain the life expectancy of landfills, Subrecipients disposing of woody and/or vegetative debris must choose burning, chipping, or grinding as the method of disposal. Any project disposing of woody and/or vegetative debris must be approved in writing by the GLO.

L. USE OF BONDS

Subrecipient must notify the GLO of its issuance and sale of bonds for completion of the project funded under this Contract.

M. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Prior to the selection of program beneficiaries, Subrecipient shall provide to the GLO, for GLO review and approval, a copy of its proposed guidelines for the program. The guidelines must meet or exceed to requirements in the Federal Registers. The guidelines must include provisions for compliance with the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (which requires that any housing unit rehabilitated with grant funds be protected by a hard-wired or battery-operated smoke detector) and provisions for compliance with 24 CFR 35 (HUD lead-based paint regulation).

N. AFFORDABILITY PERIODS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR NEW CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE:

For single-family non-rental housing assistance provided by Subrecipient, Subrecipient shall implement the following affordability period: for rehabilitation or reconstruction of housing projects, a minimum¹ three-year

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affordability period guaranteed by an unsecured forgivable promissory note and for new construction housing projects, a minimum⁷ five-year affordability period guaranteed by an unsecured forgivable promissory note.

O. UNSECURED FORGIVABLE PROMISSORY NOTE (“NOTE”)

An unsecured forgivable promissory note shall be issued at an interest rate of zero-percent (0%). Provided that all terms and conditions contained in the Note continue to be fulfilled, a Note will be forgiven according to the following terms, as applicable, until the applicant fulfills their note requirement (the requirements are defined in the promissory note document): for a three-year Note, at a rate of 33 percent per year, for the first two years, and 34 percent after the third year; and for a five-year Note, at a rate of 20% per year.

- (1) If the homeowner occupies the home for the full Note term, the Note expires and no repayment is required, nor will any conditions be imposed relative to the disposition of the property. If any of the terms and conditions under which the assistance was provided are breached or if the property is sold, leased, transferred, or vacated by the homeowner for any consecutive thirty (30) day period during the Note term, the repayment provisions of the promissory note and DOT shall be enforced.
- (2) If, during the Note term, the homeowner vacates the unit for any consecutive thirty (30) day period, the locality may forgive, as evidenced by the program director, city council, or commissioner court action, the remaining loan balance. Prior to forgiveness of all or any portion of the assistance provided, the request for forgiveness must be approved by the local governing body and be based on documented and justifiable conditions or circumstances that would result in an unnecessary hardship to the homeowner and the determination that the national objective of benefiting low to moderate-income persons was met.
- (3) The national objective will be considered met only when the program director, city council, or county commissioners court determines that a low- to moderate-income person has occupied the rehabilitated or reconstructed home for a time sufficient to meet the national objective. If the national objective was not achieved, Subrecipient is liable for repayment of an amount equal to the difference in the appraised value of the home prior to reconstruction and the sales price when the home is sold during the term of the forgivable Note.
- (4) If the property is sold or transferred to a person other than an eligible LMI person, the remaining prorated balance of the DPL must be repaid by the Subrecipient from the sales proceeds. Notwithstanding the preceding, Subrecipient shall be held liable for any balance remaining over and above the sales proceeds. In all instances, upon completion of the Note or repayment of the assistance (in full or in part), the Subrecipient shall prepare and record a release of lien document in the land records of the applicable county.
- (5) Monitoring of the Note is performed during and after the grant is closed. Subrecipient must utilize non-CDBG-DR funds to fulfill the monitoring obligations for its impacted recovered community.
- (6) The subrecipient will maintain a list of homeowners that do not maintain flood insurance as documented in their promissory note. These applicants will not be allowed to received future assistance as outlined in Section B of this document.

P. RENTAL HOUSING REHABILITATION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR NEW CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

The rental housing assistance will provided be provided in the following forms: for rehabilitation or reconstruction of multi-family rental projects with eight or more units, a minimum fifteen (15) year forgivable loan or grant at zero interest; and for new construction multi-family rental projects with five or more units, a minimum twenty (20) year forgivable loan or grant at zero interest. Provided all terms and conditions under which the assistance was provided continue to be fulfilled, the note will be forgiven at a rate of 5 percent per year until the applicant fulfills their note requirement (the requirements are defined in the promissory note document).

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The purpose of the program is to facilitate the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and/or new construction of affordable rental housing needs within the service area of the disaster event. A minimum of 51% of the multi-family units must be restricted during the affordability period of twenty (20) years for low to moderate income (LMI) persons. The rents, at a minimum, must comply with High HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Rents and other existing Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) restrictions if applicable. HOME rent limits are defined by HUD and must equal the lesser of fair market rents or 30% of the adjusted income for people earning 65% of the AMFI.

Q. COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that any Project that may impact a Coastal Natural Resource Area must be consistent with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program as described in 31 Texas Administrative Code, Part 16, Chapter 501.

74. ENERGY EFFICIENCY (42 U.S.C. 6201 and 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H))

Contractor must comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201). Contractor must include this provision in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under this Contract.

75. LEAD AND ASBESTOS

If this request for Proposal involves remediation, demolition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, or construction, or other applicable activities, the Contractor shall be responsible for performing investigations of lead and asbestos containing materials, and any required lead and asbestos abatement in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders, relating to lead abatement and asbestos abatement as applicable, including but not limited to the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Act, codified as Chapter 1954 of the Occupations Code; the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Regulations, located at Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 295, Subchapter C of the Texas Administrative Code; Chapter 1955 of the Texas Occupations Code (lead-based paint abatement); the Texas Environmental Lead Reduction regulations, located at Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 295, Subchapter I of the Texas Administrative Code; the federal National Emission Standards for Asbestos regulations, located at Title 40, Part 61, Subpart M of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. Contractor shall perform such inspections, encapsulation, remediation, or other actions as required by federal, State, or local requirements in accordance with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Department of State Health Services (TXDHS), and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

76. USE OF DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

Contractor must obtain permission from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security financial assistance office (DHS FAO) prior to using DHS seals(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard Officials.

77. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY

Contractor acknowledges that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to Galveston County, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

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78. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

In contracts funded through Federal grants, Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements (31 U.S.C. § 3801, et seq.) and the implementing regulations thereunder, 49 C.F.R. Part 79, apply to Contractor's actions pertaining to the contract.

79. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOVERNMENT RECORD

Proposer acknowledges that its submission in this Request for Proposals, including its Proposal, certifications, affidavits, Vendor Forms (i.e., PEID, W-9, CIQ, etc.) constitutes government records under Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

80. COMPLIANCE WITH GALVESTON COUNTY PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Proposer acknowledges, by its submission in this request for Proposals, that it shall comply with the Galveston County Purchasing Policies & Procedures Manual approved by Order of the Galveston County Commissioners' Court on March 7, 2018.

81. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION

This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation, or representation not expressly set forth 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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82. NOTICE

All notices or other communications required or permitted under this contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, transmitted by facsimile, or mailed certified mail, return receipt requested with proper postage affixed and addressed to the appropriate party at the following address or at such other address as may have been previously given in writing to the parties (Proposer shall provide its notice information with its Proposal submission). If mailed, the notice shall be deemed delivered when actually received, or if earlier, on the third day following deposit in a United States Postal Service post office or receptacle, duly certified, return receipt requested, with proper postage affixed. If delivered in person, notice shall be deemed delivered when receipted for by, or actually received by the receiving Party. If transmitted by facsimile, notice shall be deemed delivered when receipt of such transmission is acknowledged.

To the County at:

Hon. Mark Henry,
County Judge of Galveston County
722 Moody (21st Street), Second (2nd) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 765-2653

With copies to:

Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB,
Galveston County Purchasing Agent
722 Moody (21st Street), Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 621-7997

To the Contractor at:

End of General Provisions

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The General Provisions and the Special Provisions of this Request for Proposal and the Exhibits attached hereto are made a part of this agreement between the Parties. In the event of a conflict between the General Provisions and the Special Provisions, the terms of the Special Provisions shall control.

A. PURPOSE:

The Galveston County Juvenile Board, herein referred to as the School Food Authority (SFA), is responsible for operating the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Nutrition Program (SNP) in schools under its jurisdiction, pursuant to an agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). To assist in carrying out this responsibility, the SFA is soliciting proposals for school food service management services for the 2024-2025 School Year. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for a fixed price contract and sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the proposed procurement. The offeror is herein referred to as the Food Service Management Company (FSMC). The FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work in this RFP and will manage and operate a nonprofit school food service for the SFA according to SNP requirements of the USDA and TDA. The SFA operates a residential child care institution (RCCI) that provides long-term residential and detention treatment services. In addition to serving meals through the School Nutrition Programs, the SFA is seeking a FSMC that will provide non-program services to the residential and detention facility, as described in the Scope and Purpose in this RFP.

B. EXCEPTIONS:

Any exceptions to these solicitation conditions should be listed on a separate sheet of paper, attached to respondent's submittal, and submitted with response at the specified date and time of the solicitation opening.

C. PROCUREMENT TIMELINE:

A timeline for this solicitation and initial process is included below. Galveston County reserves the right to change these dates and will notify Respondents of any changes:

Advertise Solicitation (first date of publication)	Thursday, March 14, 2024
Advertise Solicitation (second date of publication)	Thursday, March 21, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference	Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Deadline for Questions & Inquiries	Thursday, April 11, 2024 by 5:00 PM
Submission Deadline / RFP Opening	Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Interested parties may attend the Thursday, May 2 2024, 2:00 PM bid opening virtually by using the following link:

<https://galvestoncountytexas.webex.com/galvestoncountytexas/j.php?MTID=m0aecd1512bc3c3f9e508bea25a474ed>

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 2499 399 3963

Meeting password: B242005 (2242005 from video systems)

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

+1-415-655-0001,,24993993963## US Toll

Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Global call-in numbers

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Join from a video system or application
Dial 24993993963@galvestoncountytexas.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

D. MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:

The Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the following location:

Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Dept.
6101 Attwater Avenue
Texas City, TX 77590

All vendors must attend this conference to be eligible to be considered for award.

Contact the Purchasing Dept. at 409 770-5373 for any information or instructions for the conference.

E. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

One (1) unbound single-sided original proposal, and three (3) proposal copies must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM. CST, on Thursday, May 5, 2024:

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Purchasing Agent
County of Galveston
722 Moody Avenue (21st Street), Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, TX 77550

The timestamp clock located in the Purchasing Agent's office shall serve as the official time-keeping piece for this solicitation process. Any proposals received after 2:00 PM CST on the specified date will be returned unopened.

Proposal Specifications can be obtained at the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, located in the Galveston County Courthouse, 722 Moody, (21st Street), Floor 5, Purchasing, Galveston, Texas 77550, or by visiting the Galveston County website @ <http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/county-offices/purchasing>

E. PROPOSAL SURETY:

A surety/bond is not a requirement of this solicitation.

F. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:

Performance and Payment Bonds are not requirements of this solicitation.

G. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS (BAFO):

The Best and Final Offer process is applicable to this solicitation.

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H. DEBARMENT:

To participate in this solicitation, respondent certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

I. PERSONNEL TO CONTACT:

Respondents desiring an explanation or interpretation relative to this solicitation must request it in writing. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Any information given to a Respondent, which in the opinion of the County affects all Respondents or would be prejudicial to other Respondents if not communicated, shall be furnished to all Respondents as an addendum to the solicitation. Respondents must direct all inquiries to the following:

Rufus G. Crowder, CPPO CPPB
Purchasing Agent
722 21st Street (Moody)
Galveston, Texas 77550
e-mail: purchasing.bids@co.galveston.tx.us

Respondents must e-mail their requests (with the subject line "Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center-- RFP #B242005 Questions") for additional information and/or clarification to the address listed above. The request must include the Responder's name and the solicitation number and title.

*Any request for additional information or clarification must be received in writing **no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the solicitation due date.** Late requests or those not delivered to the proper address may not receive a reply. Respondents shall not attempt to contact the County by any other means. The Purchasing Agent shall post the answers on the County website from the procurement web page and via addendum.*

The County will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments, it deems necessary, in the form of a written addendum, issued prior to the solicitation Submission Deadline / Solicitation Opening date. The County, at its sole discretion, may not issue a response to an RFI submittal. Respondents should not rely on any oral or written representations, statements, or explanations, other than those made in this solicitation or in any written addendum to this solicitation. Where there appears to be conflict between the solicitation and any issued addenda, the last addendum issued will prevail.

Addenda will be posted and made available on the County's procurement web page. **It is the Responder's sole responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda prior to submitting its response.** All Respondents should check the County's procurement web page for all addenda prior to submitting a response.

The County's procurement web page is located at <http://www.galvestoncountvtx.gov/county-offices/purchasing>

The Respondent must acknowledge the receipt of all addenda on the forms provided. In the event a Responder fails to acknowledge receipt of such addenda, the County may, at its sole discretion, determine that such failure to acknowledge any or all addenda does not materially affect the solicitation and waive the acknowledgment of one or more addenda.

Respondents who submit inquiries *after* the deadline date for receipt of questions indicated on the Procurement Timeline, risk that its response in the procurement will not be responsive or competitive because the County is not able to respond before the solicitation receipt date or in sufficient time for the Responder to prepare a responsive or competitive submittal.

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All questions and responses as posted on the County website pertaining to this solicitation are considered an addendum to, and part of, this solicitation. Each Responder shall be responsible to monitor the County website for new or revised solicitation information. The County shall not be bound by any verbal information, nor shall it be bound by any written information that is not either contained within the solicitation or formally issued as an addendum by the Purchasing Agent.

J. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT:

The Program Administrator/Contract Manager that will manage the work to be performed under the resultant contract for the purpose of this solicitation is:

**Dink T. Watson
Deputy Director of Detention
6101 Attwater Ave.
Texas City, TX 77590**

The Galveston County Commissioners' Court, and/or authorized designees will be responsible for negotiating with the successful Vendor the scope of work, the standards of performance, the specific technology provided, and the support services required for the proposed projects. All contractual amendments will be processed in accordance with Galveston County Purchasing Policies. Amendments will also be brought to Galveston County Commissioners Court for approval as deemed necessary. The approval process serves to ensure the project technology and/or service is within the scope of the resultant contract, that pricing meets the agreed-upon pricing methodology as specified in the contract, and that funds are available.

K. REQUIRED CONTENTS AND FORMAT OF PROPOSALS:

Respondent shall provide one (1) original and three (3) hard copies of its response to the Purchasing Agent on or before the submission deadline specified herein. Font size is limited to no smaller than font size 11, except that organizational charts, other graphics, and footers may be as small as font size 9.

L. COST:

Any unit prices submitted by the proposer shall include all costs to the County, including the material, delivery, current freight rate, state tax, or any other cost.

M. INVOICES:

Invoices must be itemized indicating all materials and supplies used. Invoices must be submitted to:

**Galveston County Auditor's Office
Attn: Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 1418
Galveston, Texas 77553**

Failure to submit invoices to the above address or failure to include the Purchase Order Number will result in delay in payment.

Contractor must accept purchase order numbers for specified supplies, equipment, and/or services. Contractor shall not perform any work or release any supplies and/or equipment to any authorized representative of the County of Galveston unless a valid purchase order number issued by the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent accompanies the order or if vendor can comply with the provision as stated in the General Provisions, page 3, item 11, Procurement Card Program.

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Payment for any items issued without prior receipt of a valid purchase order number may become the sole responsibility of the successful contractor.

N. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Proposals received by the published deadline will be reviewed to ensure all materials have been submitted as specified in the RFP. Proposals that fail to address all requirements or fail to include all completed forms and signed certifications will be considered nonresponsive and disqualified from further consideration. A proposal is considered responsive if it follows the required format, includes all attachments and meets all deadlines and other requirements outlined in this RFP.

Responsive proposals will be evaluated using the weighted criteria stated in the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated by a committee consisting of SFA employees and representatives familiar with the terms and conditions of the RFP criteria and the evaluation process.

The selection process will be based on the responses to this Request for Proposal and possibly any interviews required to verify the ability of the proposer to provide the requested services:

- **COST – 35 Points**
- **YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS – 10 Points**
- **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS/STABILITY, BUSINESS PRACTICES – 10 Points**
- **ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING SYSTEMS – 10 Points**
- **PROMOTION OF CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS – 10 Points**
- **PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT/STAFFING CONSIDERATION – 10 Points**
- **COMPLIANCE/AUDIT HISTORY – 10 Points**
- **COMPLETENESS OF DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL AS REQUESTED IN THE RFP – 5 Points**

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O. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

By signing here, the firm does hereby attest that it has fully read the instructions, conditions, and general and special provisions and understands them. Proposer shall return this checklist with completed submittal.

THE COMPANY OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FEIN (TAX ID): _____

The following documents shall be returned or confirmed with an "X" with solicitation submittals. Failure to do so may be ample cause for rejection of qualification submittal as non-responsive. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that Respondent has received all addenda.

Items:

Confirmed (X):

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Required Documents Checklist (this page) | _____ |
| 2. Addenda Acknowledgement (if any) | #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ |
| 3. One (1) original, three (3) copies of submittal | _____ |
| 4. ATTACHMENT A - Vendor Qualification Packet | _____ |
| 5. ATTACHMENT B - Certification Reg. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Ineligibility | _____ |
| 6. ATTACHMENT C - Certification Regarding Lobbying Form | _____ |
| 7. ATTACHMENT D - Non-Collusion Affidavit | _____ |
| 8. ATTACHMENT E - Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel | _____ |
| 9. ATTACHMENT F - Prohibition on Contracts with Certain Companies | _____ |
| 8. ATTACHMENT G - Information for Notice | _____ |
| 10. ATTACHMENT H - References | _____ |
| 11. Required forms in the attached School Nutrition Programs Food Service Management Services | _____ |

Person to contact regarding this qualification: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

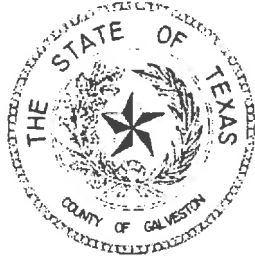
E-mail address: _____

Name of person authorized to bind the Firm: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____



County of Galveston Purchasing Department Vendor Qualification Packet - Attachment A

(rev. 1.4, September 28, 2017)

All interested parties seeking consideration for qualified vendor status with the County of Galveston should complete and return only the following forms to:

Galveston County Purchasing Department
722 Moody Avenue, (21st Street), 5th Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
(409) 770-5371 office
(409) 621-7987 fax

PEID Form: Person /Entity Information Data

W -9 Form: Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

*(please note that the included form **may not** be the latest revised form issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Please check the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-rd/1041-w9.pdf> for the latest revision of this form.)*

CIQ Form: Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

*(please note that the included form **may not** be the latest revised form issued by the State of Texas Ethics Commission. Please check the Texas Ethics Commission website at http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict_forms.htm for the latest revision of this form. Please note that Galveston County Purchasing Agent is not responsible for the filing of this form with the Galveston County Clerk per instructions of the State of Texas Ethics Commission).*

Debarment: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS & REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER IN SAM

*Vendors/contractor certifies that neither it, nor any of its Principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency. Vendor agrees that it shall refund Galveston County for any payments made to Contractor while ineligible. Vendor acknowledges that Contractor's uncured failure to perform under any agreement with the County of Galveston, if such should occur, may result in Contractor being debarred from performing additional work for the County, the respecting State Agency administering the grant funding the contract, if applicable, the State, FEMA or HUD (as applicable), and other Federal and State entities. Further, Vendor has executed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters and returned the fully completed and executed original certification with the submission of this Vendor Qualification Packet. **The truthful and fully completed and executed original of the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters must be included with the submission of this Vendor Qualification Packet and is a mandatory requirement to become a vendor of Galveston County. Vendor's failure to include the fully completed and executed original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of this vendor qualification request and grounds for the rejection of vendor's request. Vendor shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Agent if it becomes debarred or suspended, placed on***

the Consolidated List of Debarred Contractors, or in any other way becomes ineligible for award of contract by any Federal agency. This Certification is a material fact relied upon by Galveston County; if it is later determined that the vendor did not comply with 2 C. F. R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, in addition to the remedies available to Galveston County and the State agency administering a grant, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment of contractor. If the contract to be awarded pursuant to a Galveston County procurement effort involves the use of Federal funds, then vendor must also be registered in the Federal Contractor Registry through the System for Award Management (SAM) to be eligible for award of contract pursuant to the procurement.

Information regarding the SAM is available at:

<http://federalcontractorregistry.com/?oclid=CIGlh2rr8wCFYkCaQoducANZw> or at <http://sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1>.

No contract involving the use of Federal funds may be awarded to any vendor unless and until such registration is current and in good standing under SAM Successful vendors must maintain SAM registration throughout the entire term of any contractual agreement with the County. If a contract involves the use of Federal funds, then vendor must enclose proof of such SAM registration within its response, which is also a mandatory requirement of County procurement policy; failure to enclose such proof shall be considered non-compliant with the requirements of any procurement effort and grounds for the rejection of vendor's response to any procurement efforts (i.e., bid, proposal, or qualifications statement, as applicable).

Direct Deposit: Direct Deposit Authorization Form – Temporarily suspended until further notice

Certificate(s) of Insurance: If the person or entity seeking qualified vendor status with the County will be performing work at or on any County owned facility and/or property, Certificate(s) of Insurance are required to be submitted prior to performing any work.

Insurance requirements are as follows:

Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance:

Successful vendor 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 provisions insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services rendered by vendor. Vendor shall at its own expense be required to carry the following minimum insurance coverages:

1. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in anyone occurrence - one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000.00);
2. For damages arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in anyone occurrence - three hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$300,000.00); and
3. For injury to or destruction of property in anyone occurrence - one hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$100,000.00).

This insurance shall be either on an occurrence basis or on a claims made basis. Provided however, that if the coverage is on a claims made basis, then the vendor shall be required to purchase, at the termination of this agreement, tail coverage for the County for the period of the County's relationship with the vendor under this agreement. Such coverage shall be in the amounts set forth in subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) above.

Worker's Compensation Insurance:

Successful vendor shall also 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 vendor. Current insurance certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by the vendor to the County.

The County of Galveston shall be named as additional insured on policies listed in subparagraphs above and shall be notified of any changes to the policy(ies) during the contractual period.

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a Best rating of no less than A. The vendor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The vendor shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of any contractual agreement, purchase order or term contract, with Galveston County prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

The County agrees to provide vendor with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Vendor shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand, or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the vendor.

In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the vendor unless specified in writing and agreed upon by both parties.

Procurement Policy - Special Note:

Understand that it is, according to Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.011, Purchasing Agents, subsections (d), (e), and (f), the sole responsibility of the Purchasing Agent to supervise all procurement transactions.

Therefore, be advised that all procurement transactions require proper authorization in the form of a Galveston County purchase order from the Purchasing Agent's office prior to commitment to deliver supplies, materials, equipment, including contracts for repair, service, and maintenance agreements. Any commitments made without proper authorization from the Purchasing Agent's office, pending Commissioners' Court approval, may become the sole responsibility of the individual making the commitment including the obligation of payment.

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 the purpose of these instructions, it is essential that those doing business with Galveston County also observe the ethical standards prescribed here.

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.

It shall be a breach of ethics for any employee of Galveston County to participate directly or indirectly in 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 proposal 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.

Questions/Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information or instructions contained within this packet, please contact any member of the Purchasing Department staff at **(409) 770-5371**.

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.

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.galvestoncountytexas.gov>

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



COUNTY of GALVESTON
Purchasing Department

rev. 1.3, March 29, 2010

FORM PEID:	Request for Person-Entity Identification Data
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Instructions: Please type or print clearly when completing sections 1 thru 4 and return completed form to:

Galveston County Purchasing Agent
722 Moody Avenue (21 st. Street), 5th Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
(409) 770-5371
prodoc@co.galveston.tx.us

1.	Business Name:			
	Attention Line:			
2.	Physical Address:			
	City:	State:	Zip+4:	
3.	Billing / Remit Address:			
	City:	State:	Zip+4	
4.	Main Contact Person:			
	Main Phone Number:			
	Fax Number:			
	E-mail Address:			

Areas below are for County use only.

Requested By:	Phone / Ext. #
Department:	Date:

Action Requested - Check One:	IFAS PEID Vendor Number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add New	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-activate
<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivate	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> OneTime	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1	Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line: do not leave this line blank.	
2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
4	Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):	
	Exempt payee code (if any) _____	
	Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____	
	<small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>	
5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6	City, state, and ZIP code	
7	List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ _____	Date ▶ _____
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) J—

A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder ¹ of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

***Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

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Date Received

1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each *officer* with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes NO

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government *officer* named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes NO

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an *officer* or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes NO

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government *officer* named in this section.

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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date



ATTACHMENT B
County of Galveston
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT,
SUSPENSION, AND OTHER INELGIBILITY
Executive Orders 12549 & 12689 Certification, Debarment and Suspension

Solicitation Number: RFP #B242005

Solicitation Title: Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center

Contractor hereby CERTIFIES that:

Contractor, and all of its principals, is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and is not in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs;

Contractor, and all of its principals, were not and have not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, proposed for suspension, or declared ineligible under Executive Order 12549 or Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, and were not and have not been in any other way ineligible for participation in Federal or State assistance programs at the time its' proposal was submitted in the procurement identified herein and at any time since submission of its' proposal;

Contractor has included, and shall continue to include, this certification in all contracts between itself and any sub-contractors in connection with services performed under this contract; **and**

Contractor shall notify Galveston County in writing immediately, through written notification to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent, if Contractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 or 12689 during the term of its contract with Galveston County.

Contractor **Represents and Warrants** that the individual executing this Acknowledgment and Certification on its behalf has the full power and authority to do so and can legally bind the Contractor hereto.

Name of Business

Date

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name & Title

ATTACHMENT C

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING
(31 U.S.C.A. § 1352)**

**This Certification must be completed, signed, dated and
returned to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent**

Procurement Number and Description:

RFP #B242005, Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center

Proposer **CERTIFIES**, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the proposer, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the proposer shall complete and submit **Standard Form LLL**, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
3. Proposer shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Name of Organization/Corporation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature of Authorized Signatory for Proposer: _____ Date Signed: _____

Title of Authorized Signatory of Proposer: _____

ATTACHMENT D

State of Texas

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County of Galveston

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NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared _____ (Affiant), whom being first duly sworn, deposes and certifies that:

- Affiant is the _____ of _____, that
 (Individual, Partner, Corporate Officer) (Name of Qualifier)
 submitted the attached Qualification in **RFP #B242005, Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center**
- Affiant is a duly authorized representative of Qualifier and is authorized to make this Non-Collusion Affidavit;
- The attached Qualification is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Qualification;
- The attached Qualification has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor;
- Qualifier has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, to submit a collusive or sham qualification or that such other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor shall refrain from qualifying;
- Qualifier has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the price or prices in the attached Qualification or of the qualification any other qualifier;
- Qualifier has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other qualifier bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the overhead, profit or cost element of the Qualification price or prices of any other qualifier, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against Galveston County or any person interested in the proposed contract;
- Affiant has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, paid or agreed to pay any other qualifier, bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor any money or anything of value in return for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or in return for establishing the price or prices in the attached Qualification or the qualification of any other Qualifier; and
- Affiant certifies that Affiant is fully informed regarding the accuracy of the statements contained herein, and under penalties of perjury, certifies and affirms the truth of the statements herein, such penalties being applicable to the Qualifier as well as to Affiant signing on its behalf.

Signature of Affiant

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____



ATTACHMENT E

Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel

Prohibition on contracts with companies boycotting Israel per Government Code 2271.001 Definitions:

- (1) **"Boycott Israel"** has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001.
- (2) **"Company"** has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001; except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.
- (2) **"Governmental entity"** has the meaning assigned by Government Code, Section 2251.001.

PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. (a) This section applies only to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

(b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

- (1) does not boycott Israel; and
- (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

As required by GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 2271, CONTRACTOR hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel throughout the term of this Agreement. For the purposes of this verification, "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

Individual by oath swears that the following statements are factual and true:

1. Individual is authorized by the Contractor to make this statement for the Contractor.
2. Individual has read and is fully aware of the facts stated in this statement.
3. Individual can read and comprehend the English language.
4. In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2271.002, this company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract/agreement.

Date: _____

Business Name of Contractor: _____

Company Address: _____

County of Contractor: _____

Individual: _____

Signature of Individual: _____



ATTACHMENT F

Prohibition on Contracts with Certain Companies

Prohibition on contracts with certain companies per Government Code 2252.151 Definitions:

- (1) "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 806.001.
- (2) "Foreign terrorist organization" means an organization designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States secretary of state as authorized by 8 U.S.C. Section 1189.
- (3) "Governmental contract" means a contract awarded by a governmental entity for general construction, an improvement, a service, or a public works project for a purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment. The term includes a contract to obtain a professional or consulting service subject to Government Code, Chapter 2254.
- (4) "Governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Government Code, Section 2252.001.

Section 2252.152 – CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION PROHIBITED. A governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153.

Section 2252.153 – Listed Companies. The comptroller shall prepare and maintain, and make available to each governmental entity, a list of companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization.

Pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, VENDOR represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement, neither Vendor, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

Individual by oath swears that the following statements are factual and true:

1. Individual is authorized by the Contractor to make this statement for the Contractor.
2. Individual has read and is fully aware of the facts stated in this statement.
3. Individual can read and comprehend the English language.
4. As required by GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 2252.152, CONTRACTOR hereby verifies that it is not identified on a list prepared and maintained under Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153, or contracting with a company doing business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organizations.

Date: _____

Business Name of Contractor: _____

Company Address: _____

County of Contractor: _____

Name of Individual: _____

Signature of Individual: _____



ATTACHMENT G INFORMATION FOR NOTICE

Solicitation Number: RFP #B242005

Solicitation Title: Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center

Respondent shall use this form to provide the information for notice.

1. Contact information for notice:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

2. If a copy of notice is requested, please complete below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

3. If second or more copies are requested for notice, please supplement this form, and clearly mark the supplement as "Supplementary Notice Information."



ATTACHMENT H REFERENCES

Solicitation Number: RFP #B242005

Solicitation Title: Food Service for Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Center

Respondent shall use this form to provide **three (3) references who can attest to the Respondent's capability to carry out the requirements set forth in this qualification request.** If Respondent wishes to provide more than the minimum, Respondent should supplement this form and should clearly mark the supplement as "Supplementary Reference Information."

1. Business Name of Organization: _____

Name of Person: _____

Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable: _____

Business address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

2. Business Name of Organization: _____

Name of Person: _____

Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable: _____

Business address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

3. Business Name of Organization: _____

Name of Person: _____

Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable: _____

Business address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

**SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS
FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
School Year 2024-2025**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SOLICITATION NO. B#242005

School Food Authority: Galveston County Juvenile Board

SFA's address: 6101 Attwater Avenue, Texas City, Texas 77509

Phone number: (409) 770-5935

Fax number: (409) 765-3109

Date Issued: 03/14/2024

Proposal Due Date: 05/02/2024

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice or TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, a complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442
- (3) **email:** program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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I. PURPOSE

[Galveston County Juvenile Board], herein referred to as the School Food Authority (SFA), is responsible for operating the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Nutrition Programs (SNP) in schools under its jurisdiction, pursuant to an agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). To assist in carrying out this responsibility, the SFA is soliciting proposals for school food service management services for the 2024-2025 School Year. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for a fixed-price contract and sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the proposed procurement. The offeror is herein referred to as the Food Service Management Company (FSMC). The FSMC will provide services to the SFA as described in the Scope of Work in this RFP and will manage and operate a nonprofit school food service for the SFA according to SNP requirements of the USDA and TDA. **The SFA operates a residential child care institution (RCCI) that provides long-term residential and detention treatment services. In addition to serving meals through the School Nutrition Programs, the SFA is seeking a FSMC that will provide non-program services to the residential and detention facility, as described in the Scope and Purpose in this RFP.**

II. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

A. Legal Notice

All costs involved in submitting a response to this RFP shall be borne in full by the party incurring said cost. Offerors or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting proposals. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror's own risk and therefore cannot secure relief on a plea of error.

Any contract that may arise from this RFP will be between the selected FSMC and SFA. Non-Federal funds must be used to pay for any cost incurred prior to the signing of the contract.

The SFA strongly encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE), and labor surplus area vendors to compete for this RFP.

B. FSMC Registration

Pursuant to 7 CFR 210.19(a)(5), all FSMCs that wish to contract for food service with any SFA within the State must register with TDA. Only proposals from offerors on the TDA approved FSMC Vendor List of registered companies operating within the State for the school year specified in the RFP may be considered. The approved list is located at: <https://squaremeals.org/Programs/National-School-Lunch-Program/Food-Service-Management-Companies>.

C. Inquiries/Request for Information

If additional information or clarification is required to respond to this RFP, please contact the SFA's business office by telephone at (409) 770-5935 or by email at dink.watson@co.galveston.tx.us. If additional information is provided, it will be shared with all offerors.

D. Procurement Method

The SFA is conducting this procurement by the Request for Proposals (RFP) competitive procurement method. All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides maximum full and open competition consistent with 2 CFR 200.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible to be selected for award, for the purpose of clarification, to assure full

understanding of all terms and conditions of the response to this RFP and contract requirements. In conducting these discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

E. Pre-Proposal Meeting

A meeting with interested offerors to review the specifications, clarify any questions, and for a walkthrough or tour of the facilities with school officials will be held:

In Person

on 04/03/2024 (Date) at 10:00 a.m. (Time),

at the following Jerry J. Esmond Juvenile Justice Dept. - 6101 Attwater Avenue, Texas City, TX 77590

Attendance is Mandatory . Note: If SFA makes attendance by offerors mandatory, then SFA may not waive this requirement. Vendor presentations will/will not be scheduled at this time. If the SFA requires a presentation, it must be rated as part of the evaluation criteria. The SFA must have parameters set up for how the presentations will be scored and share it with all vendors.

III. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND SUBMISSION

A. Proposal Content

1. Prepare proposals simply and economically. Provide a straightforward concise description of the Offeror's capability to satisfy the SFA's requirements. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
2. Submit proposals for the performance of all the services described within this RFP. The SFA will not consider any deviation from these specifications and will reject such proposals.
3. To be considered for award of contract, Offeror must submit a complete response to this solicitation using the forms provided. No modification may be made to the RFP document or the forms.
4. The SFA may reject a proposal if the proposal is conditional or incomplete, deemed nonresponsive, or if it contains any alterations or other irregularities of any kind. Any additional terms and conditions attached to or contained in a proposal submitted in response to this RFP will not be considered and may result in disqualification of the proposal. Value-added responses (i.e., an offer of goods and/or services using general terms rather than addressing the expectations specifically defined in the RFP) and overly responsive elements of an offeror's proposal (i.e., an offer of a good and/or service that is not solicited in the RFP) shall not be considered.
5. Inclusion of any false or misleading information shall be sufficient cause for the rejection of the proposal or termination of any subsequent contract.
6. To be eligible for evaluation, a proposal must include all information and vendor signatures where required and adhere strictly to the format set forth below; failure to do so may result in disqualification. Offerors must complete, label, and separate each section, and number all pages. Proposals must not include vendor marketing or promotional materials. The selected proposal will comprise the final contract between the FSMC and SFA.

The content and sequence of the proposal will be as follows:

Section 1 – Administrative Requirements

Tab A	<p>Cover letter signed by authorized representative, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and address of FSMC. • Federal Employee Identification Number and Corporate Identification Number, if applicable. • Name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the representative who will be designated as the primary liaison to the SFA. • Name, title, phone number, and e-mail address of the representative(s) authorized to bind the Offeror in a contract, if different from the primary liaison. • A statement expressing the Offeror’s willingness to perform the services described in the RFP. • A statement expressing the Offeror’s ability to perform the services required in the Scope of Work, including availability of staff and other required resources to meet all deliverables as described in the RFP. • A statement regarding the Offeror’s proprietary information; if applicable, the Offeror must clearly mark in the upper right-hand corner those pages to be considered proprietary (Note: Offeror cannot consider the entire proposal to be proprietary). • The following certification: By signing this cover letter, I (we) certify that the information contained in this proposal is accurate, and all attachments required to be submitted as part of the proposal is certified to be true and binding upon our company. 	
Tab B	Table of Contents - a comprehensive Table of Contents that lists all submitted proposal sections, subsections, attachments, and materials.	
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B. Proposal Submission Requirements

The offeror shall submit the proposal to the SFA as indicated below.

Hard Copy, mailed, 3 number of copies. Hardcopy proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "FSMC Proposal" with the RFP/Solicitation number.

Proposals will be received by the SFA until 2:00 pm (Time) on 05/02/2024 (Date) at the address shown below.

Proposals are submitted to:

Name and Title: Rufus F. Crowder, CPPB - Purchasing Agent - County of Galveston
Mailing Address: 722 Moody Avenue, 21st Street. Fifth (5th) Floor
Physical Address: Same as Above
City: Galveston
State/Zip: Texas 77550

C. Late Proposals

Proposals will not be accepted after the submission deadline specified in the Proposal Submission Requirements above. SFA will not consider late proposals under any circumstances and shall return unopened proposals to the respective offerors.

D. Altering, Amending, or Withdrawing Proposal

No proposal may be altered, amended, or withdrawn after the deadline for submitting proposals.

E. Rejection of Proposals

Proposals that do not conform to the requirements of this RFP shall be rejected. Proposals may be rejected for reasons that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The proposal was received after the submission deadline;
- The proposal was not signed by an authorized representative of the FSMC;
- The proposal contained unauthorized amendments, deletions, or contingencies to the requirements of the RFP, or deleted or altered the terms of the RFP;
- The proposal was incomplete or contained significant inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

The SFA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for reasonable cause which shall be documented in the SFA's procurement records, or to reject any or all proposals if deemed in the best interest of the SFA. If the costs of all proposals are excessive, the SFA is not required to award a contract.

F. Calculation of Time

Periods stated as a number of days shall be calendar days.

G. Firm Offer

By submitting a response to this RFP, and if such response is not withdrawn before the time for opening proposals, the Offeror understands and agrees that it is making a firm offer to enter into a contract, which may be accepted by SFA, and which will result in a binding contract.

Such proposal is irrevocable for ninety (90) days after the time for opening proposals has passed.

_____ (Initial) _____ (Date)

FSMC must initial and date here to show agreement.

IV. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals received by the published deadline will be reviewed to ensure all materials have been submitted as specified in the RFP. Proposals that fail to address all requirements or fail to include all completed forms and signed certifications will be considered nonresponsive and disqualified from further consideration. A proposal is considered responsive if it follows the required format, includes all attachments, and meets all deadlines and other requirements outlined in this RFP.

Responsive proposals will be evaluated using the weighted criteria stated in the RFP. Proposals will be evaluated by a committee consisting of SFA employees and representatives familiar with the terms and conditions of the RFP criteria and the evaluation process.

B. Basis of Award

The selection for contract award will be based on the evaluation criteria set forth below, as well as the cost for all deliverables, goods, services, and/or work specified in this RFP. Award will be made to a qualified and responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the SFA's school lunch program, price and other factors considered, with price as the primary factor. A responsible offeror is one whose financial, technical, and other resources indicate an ability to perform the services required.

In determining to whom to award a contract, the SFA is not limited to selecting the proposal with the lowest cost but may consider other factors such as: (1) the extent to which the goods or services meet the SFA's needs; (2) indicators of probable vendor performance under the contract such as past vendor performance, the FSMC's past relationship with the SFA, the FSMC's financial resources and ability to perform, or the FSMC's experience or demonstrated capability and responsibility; and (3) any other relevant factor specifically listed in the RFP. While price is not the sole basis for the award, price shall be the primary consideration in the selection for the award.

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
Cost- 25 points or more.	35
Years of Experience in working with Child Nutrition Programs - 10 points. 10+ years=10 points, 9 years=9 points, 8 years=8 points, 7 years=7 points, 6 years=6 points, 5 years=5 points, 4 years=4 points, 3 years=3 points, 2 years=2 points, 1 year=1 point.	10
Guarantee if requested in RFP (Offering a guarantee in excess or less of the amount requested in the RFP will result in no points for this criterion.)-5 points.	0
Determined by CE Accounting and reporting systems	10
Determined by CE Completeness of documents Submittals as requested in RFP	5
Determined by CE Compliance and Audit History	10
Determined by CE	
Determined by CE Personnel Management/Staffing Consideration	10
Determined by CE Financial Condition/Stability/Business Practice	10
Determined by CE Promotion of Child Nutrition Program	10
Determined by CE	
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C. Proposal Protest Procedures

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200.318(k), the SFA's protest procedures are attached to this RFP as Exhibit H.

V. GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS

A. Contract Term and Renewals

1. Unless terminated in accordance with Section VI, Subsection K, this Contract will be in effect for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2024, and terminating on June 30, 2025. The Contract may be renewed for up to four (4) additional one-year periods, with the term of the renewal commencing on July 1st following the expiration of the preceding one-year term of the Contract, upon mutual agreement between SFA and FSMC and subject to fulfillment of all contract terms designated herein.
2. Renewal contracts may not be effective prior to the final approval date by TDA and signed by both parties.
3. Failure to have renewal contracts fully executed prior to the contract expiration will lapse this contract and require the SFA to re-bid the contract.
4. Renewal year contracts are contingent upon fulfillment of all contract provisions. If TDA determines during an Administrative Review, Procurement Review, or audit of the SFA's operations of the school food service that the FSMC is not meeting contractual obligations and is responsible for non-compliance of program regulations, TDA may decline to approve a renewal contract.
5. The SFA's policies, practices, and service requirements shall remain materially consistent throughout the contract term and any subsequent contract renewals. The term materially consistent shall mean that a change does not (1) materially increase FSMC's cost of providing management service or (2) materially decrease the net revenue derived from the food service operations.

B. Changes and Amendments

1. Material changes to the Contract are not permitted. Changes to the scope of services to be provided by the FSMC beyond the original intent of this RFP will require this Contract to be rebid.
2. Any changes to the terms or conditions of this Contract which are required by federal, or state laws or regulations are automatically incorporated into the Contract without written amendment and shall become effective on the date specified in such law or regulation.
3. Price Adjustments. The fixed price per meal/meal equivalent may be increased on an annual basis by the Yearly Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, Food Away from Home, National Average as published by the U.S. Department of Labor. Such increases shall be effective on a prospective basis on each anniversary date of this Contract and will only be permitted if approved in advance by the SFA. Fee increases for the upcoming Contract renewal year must use the CPI approved by TDA. No other fee increases or fees will be allowed, unless approved by TDA. Price adjustments shall be by amendment in writing and executed by both parties to this Contract.

C. Contract Documents

The complete contract will include this RFP and the proposal submitted by the FSMC, as outlined in Section III, Subsection A, paragraph 6, of this RFP.

D. TDA Review

The Contract may not be executed until it is approved by TDA in writing. Costs incurred prior to TDA approval may not be paid using federal child nutrition funds.

VI. ADDITIONAL STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following definitions shall apply within this document and its attachments:

1. "Accounting Periods" means each 7 day period a specific period of time (e.g., monthly, and quarterly).
2. "Allowable Cost" means costs that are allowable under 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, "Cost Principles."
3. "Applicable Credit" means the meaning established in 2 CFR 200.406(a).
4. "Direct Cost" means any Allowable Cost that is: (i) incurred by FSMC in providing the goods and services that are identified in SFA's Food Service Budget; and (ii) reasonably necessary in order for FSMC to perform the Services hereunder.
5. "Effective Date" means July 1, 2024.
6. "Fixed Price" means an agreed-upon amount that is fixed at the inception of the Contract. Within a Fixed price contract, the FSMC is the purchasing agent. The SFA is charged one fixed price. Included in the fixed price are:
 - a. Menu development specific to the operation
 - b. Food Expense
 - c. Nutrition education materials and program expense
 - d. Design services specific to the operation
 - e. Education programs via assembly programs, schoolroom programs, parent/teacher meetings, and school food advisory committee meetings

- f. Personal representation, visitation, and coverage on a regular basis by a principal of the FSMC
 - g. All accounting
 - h. All payroll costs and documentation
 - i. Administrative dietetic, nutritional, sanitation, and personnel advice
 - j. All costs incurred in hiring and relocating, if necessary, the FSMC management team
 - k. All training costs for FSMC employees
 - l. All travel costs for training for FSMC employees
 - m. All miscellaneous costs to operate the program: i.e., consumable marketing materials, posters, menu templates, proprietary printed materials.
7. "FSMC's Proposal" means Food Service Management Company's response to the RFP.
 8. "Material Change" means any change made to a contract after it has been awarded that alters the terms and conditions of that contract substantially enough that had other vendors known of these changes in advance, they could have proposed differently and more competitively (USDA Contracting with Food Service Management Companies – guidance for School Food Authorities- May 2016).
 9. "Meal Equivalent" (ME) is a standard unit of measurement derived from converting non-program (a la carte, catering, concessions, adult meals) sales.
 10. "Meal Equivalency Factor" (MEF) is the rate (previous year federal free reimbursement rate + meal certification + USDA Foods assistance rate) used in the statistical formula used to convert non program sales into meal equivalents for billing purposes for fixed rate contracts. The MEF formula is a la carte sales (Non program revenue) / meal equivalency factor. (Contracting with Food Service Management Companies: Guidance for School Food Authorities, May 2016).
 11. "Non-profit School Food Service Account" means the restricted account in which all of the revenue from all food service operations conducted by the SFA principally for the benefit of school children is retained and used only for the operation or improvement of the Nonprofit School Food Service Account.
 12. "Program(s)" or "Child Nutrition Program(s)" means the USDA Child Nutrition Programs in which SFA participates.
 13. "Program Funds" means all funds that are required to be deposited into the Non-profit School Food Service Account.
 14. "RFP" means SFA's Request for Proposal, # B#242005 (RFP/Solicitation #) and all its attachments.
 15. "Services" means the services and responsibilities of FSMC as described in this Contract, including any additional services described in Subsection N of this Contract.
 16. "SFA" or "School Food Authority" means the school food authority as defined in 7 CFR 210.2.
 17. "SFA's Food Service Budget" means the Food Service Budget for the Current School Year.
 18. "SFA's Food Service Facilities" means the areas, improvements, personal property, and facilities made available by SFA to FSMC for the provision of the food services as more fully described herein.
 19. "SFA's Food Service Program" means the preparation and service of food to SFA's students, staff, employees, and authorized visitors, as outlined in Section VI, Additional Standard Terms and Conditions, of this RFP.
 20. "SFA's Food Service Location(s)" means the schools or other locations where Program meals are served to SFA's schoolchildren.
 21. "Summer Program" means either the Summer Food Service Program or the Seamless Summer Option identified hereinbelow, and in which SFA participates.
 22. "TDA" means the Texas Department of Agriculture.
 23. "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.
 24. "USDA Foods" means USDA-purchased foods provided to eligible Contracting Entities (CEs) participating in the National School Lunch (NSLP) programs; foods can be fresh, direct delivery or processed.

A. Scope and Purpose

1. During the term of this Contract, FSMC shall operate SFA's Food Service Program in conformance with SFA's agreement with the TDA's Food and Nutrition Division (F&N). The FSMC shall comply with the rules, regulations, policies, and instructions of TDA and USDA, and any additions or amendments thereto, including but not limited to, 7 CFR parts 210, 215, 220, 245, 250; 2 CFR parts 180, 200, 400, 416, 417, and 418; and 7 CFR parts 225 (SFSP) and 226 (CACFP), as applicable.
2. The selected FSMC shall have the exclusive right to operate the programs checked below at the sites specified in the Schedule of Food Service Locations and Services Provided, which is attached to this RFP as "Exhibit A" and fully incorporated herein. Please note the SFA may not add additional programs to its operations during the school year. Since material changes to the RFP and contract are not permitted, the solicitation scope identifies and encompasses all the program(s) and nonprofit food service activities that the FSMC may be involved in during the term of the contract (initial term and renewals, if any). Proposals must be inclusive of all the programs and services requested in the RFP. In addition, the SFA may remove child nutrition programs from its operations due to school closures or projected decreases in enrollment.

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
 - Breakfast in the Classroom
 - Universal Breakfast
- NSLP After School Care Program (ASCP)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- À la carte/Adult Meals/Non-Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Traditional Breakfast Lunch
 - At-Risk Snacks At-Risk Supper
 - At-Risk Breakfast At-Risk Lunch
- Catering
- Concessions (operated by the FSMC)
- Vending (FSMC supplied food for machines)
- Special Milk Program (SMP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Disaster Feeding
- Other: Resident Dinners & Snacks
- Other: Adult Meals

3. The FSMC's operation of SFA's Food Service Program shall include the performance by the FSMC of all the Services described in this RFP, as a resource to, and for the benefit of SFA's students, faculty, and staff.
4. The SFA and the FSMC agree that this Contract is neither a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-income nor a cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost contract as required under 7 CFR §210.16(c) and 2 CFR 200.324(d).

5. If there is more than one SFA Food Service Location, SFA shall conduct an on-site review of the counting and claiming system at each SFA Food Service Location no later than February 1 of each year. SFA shall always retain responsibility for the counting and claiming system. (7 CFR 210.8(a)(1)).
6. The SFA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to sell or dispense food or beverages, provided such use does not interfere with the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs.
7. FSMC shall comply and cooperate with SFA in promoting nutrition education, health, and wellness policies, and coordinating SFA's Food Service Program with classroom instruction.
8. **In addition to managing and operating the SFA's nonprofit food service through the School Nutrition Programs, FSMC shall provide the following non-program services to the RCCI: resident diner and snacks, and adult meals. These services shall be invoiced as non-program costs.**
9. Gifts from FSMC: The SFA's officers, employees, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, nor anything of monetary value from contractors nor potential contractors in accordance with all laws, regulations, and policies. To the extent permissible under federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations, such standards shall provide for appropriate penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards as outlined in the SFA's written code of conduct. See SP 09-2015; and 2 CFR 200.112 & 200.318.
10. Any additional payments to the SFA or any foundations or organizations associated with the SFA that are unrelated to food services, such as money or rebates for school improvements and student scholarships, are not allowable.

B. Food Service

1. FSMC shall serve meals on such days and times as aligned to the SFA approved calendar and the nutrition programs the SFA has indicated in Subsection A, Scope and Purpose, in this document as requested by the SFA.
2. SFA shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of food service.
3. FSMC shall offer free, reduced-price, and full-price reimbursable meals to all eligible children participating in SFA's Food Service Programs indicated in Section A, Scope and Purpose, Paragraph 2 herein.
4. For an FSMC to offer à la carte food service, the FSMC must offer free, reduced-price, and paid reimbursable meals to all eligible children.
5. FSMC shall provide meals for all programs operated by the CE that meet the meal pattern set by USDA. TDA provides detailed information on applicable meal patterns in the Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM) which is available at Squaremeals.org.
6. FSMC shall receive no payment for meals that are spoiled or unwholesome at the time of serving, which does not meet the detailed specifications for each food component or menu item in accordance with 7 CFR 210.16(c)(3), or that do not otherwise meet the requirements of the contract.
7. FSMC shall promote maximum participation in the Programs.
8. FSMC shall provide the specified types of service in the schools/sites listed in Exhibit A.
9. FSMC shall sell on the premises only those foods and beverages authorized by the SFA and only at the times and places designated by the SFA, and that meet School Nutrition Program requirements.

10. FSMC must make substitutions in the food components of the meal pattern for students with disabilities when their disability restricts their diet as stated in the students' Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) or 504 Plans and when the need for the substitution is certified by an appropriately licensed medical practitioner. Substitutions for disability reasons must be made on a case-by-case basis only when supported by a written statement of the need for substitutions that includes recommended alternate foods unless otherwise exempted by FNS. Such a statement must be signed by an appropriately licensed medical practitioner (reference: 7 CFR 210.10(g)(1); SP 40-2017; SP 26-2017; and SP 59-2016). The FSMC may make a substitution for those nondisabled students who are unable to consume regular breakfast or lunch because of medical or other special dietary needs. Accommodations for special dietary needs for students without medical disabilities are an SFA decision. If a substitution is made to accommodate the special dietary needs of one student, the same accommodation must be made for all students with the same dietary need (reference: 7 CFR 210.10(g)(2)). There will be no additional charge to the student for such substitutions. (USDA, "Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs Guidance for School Food Service Staff".)
11. FSMC shall make substitutions for fluid milk for non-disabled students who cannot consume fluid milk due to medical or special dietary needs. Substitutions shall be made when a medical authority or student's parent or legal guardian submits a written request for a fluid milk substitute identifying the medical or other special dietary need that restricts the student's diet. Notification of fluid milk substitutions shall remain in effect until the medical authority or the student's parent, or legal guardian revokes such request in writing, or SFA changes its substitution policy for non-disabled students. Fluid milk substitutes shall provide nutrients as required by federal and state regulations. There will be no additional charge to the student for such substitutions. Reference 7 CFR 210.10(d)(3) and 7 CFR 220.8.
12. The FSMC shall implement an accurate point of service count using the counting system provided by SFA in its application to participate in the School Nutrition Programs and approved by TDA for the programs listed in Subsection A, Scope and Purpose, Paragraph 2, herein, as required under USDA regulations. Such a counting system must eliminate the potential for the overt identification of free and reduced-price eligible students under USDA Regulation 7 CFR 245.8(b).

C. Use of Advisory Group/Menus

1. SFA shall establish, and the FSMC shall participate in the formation, establishment, and periodic meetings of, an SFA advisory board composed of students, teachers, and parents to assist in menu planning. Reference 7 CFR 210.16(a)(8).
2. FSMC must serve meals that follow the 21-day menu cycles that meet the food specifications as written, which is attached to this Contract as "Exhibit F" and fully incorporated herein, and that meet School Nutrition Program requirements. The 21-day cycle menus developed and provided by the SFA allows the FSMC to determine the bid price. These menus must be followed without any changes to specifications. The menus are attached to this Contract as "Exhibit M" and fully incorporated herein. At a minimum, such food specifications shall include: (i) a recipe for each menu item that includes the total yield, portion size, ingredients, and all USDA-required nutrient information; (ii) the identity of all branded items that may be used in the meal; and (iii) whenever possible, the grade, style, and condition of each food item and other information that indicates the acceptable level of quality for each food item. A hard copy of these recipes shall be kept on file at SFA.
3. FSMC must follow: (i) the 21-day menu cycle and food specifications developed by the SFA for the NSLP; (ii) the 21-day menu cycle and Meal Specifications developed by SFA for the SBP; (iii) the 21-day menu cycle and Meal Specifications developed by SFA for the After School Snack Program; and

(iv) the 21-day menu cycle and Meal Specifications developed by SFA for the Summer Program (Reference 7 CFR 210.16(b)(1)) or any other program operated on behalf of the SFA. The vendor shall not request any modifications to the initial 21-day menu cycle and must serve exactly what is specified and as is specified by the SFA. The FSMC agrees to reimburse the SFA for any disallowances resulting from noncompliance with the initial 21-day menu cycle.

4. FSMC shall serve à la carte items that meet all state and federal School Nutrition Program requirements. FSMC shall provide documentation that demonstrates that all non-program foods and meals, such as à la carte items, comply with all applicable School Nutrition Program requirements.
5. FSMC may not change or vary the menus after the first menu cycle for any program without the written approval from the SFA. SFA shall approve the menus no later than two weeks prior to service. (Reference 7 CFR 210.16 and 7 CFR 210.10) Any changes or variances requested by an FSMC for substitutions to the SFA menu of lower quality food items shall be justified and documented in writing by FSMC. FSMC must maintain documentation for substitutions and justification of lower quality food items for the records retention period that is applicable to food production records and shall make such documentation available to SFA, TDA, and USDA for review upon request 7 CFR 210.16(c)(1) and 7 CFR 210.23.
6. FSMC must submit an FFVP cycle menu based on the information contained in the 2004 Resource, *Fruits and Vegetables Galore: Helping Kids Eat More*, (available from the FNS website, and as described in current guidance from USDA and TDA) if operated.

D. Purchases and Geographic Preference

1. Whether the SFA conducts its procurement or whether the FSMC procures products on behalf of the SFA, the FSMC may not require any additional liability coverage, regardless of dollar value, beyond that which the SFA would require under procurements not involving the FSMC.
2. If applicable, the FSMC shall document and track all FFVP expenses separately and make this documentation easily accessible for SFA or TDA review. Cost should be broken into two categories: (1) operational cost and (2) administrative cost.
 - a. Operational costs should cover the primary cost to run the FFVP to include the purchase of fruits and vegetables, including the cost of pre-cut produce and delivery charges; non-food items or supplies that are used in serving and cleaning; and salaries and fringe benefits for employees engaged in preparing and distributing fresh fruits and vegetables and in maintaining a sanitary environment.
 - b. Administrative costs are used principally to support planning and managing the program. The SFA is required to strictly scrutinize all requests for reimbursement of FFVP costs, to ensure that those costs are: (i) allowable; (ii) actual costs; (iii) fully documented; (iv) utilized to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in accordance with applicable law and regulations; and (v) do not request reimbursement for more than 10% for administrative costs. TDA will monitor the SFA and the FSMC to ensure strict compliance with this provision.
 - c. The FSMC must return the full value of USDA Foods to the CE.
3. FSMC shall complete such purchasing activities in a manner that does not result in duplication of services or expenses in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.318(d). FSMC and SFA shall ensure that no conflict of interest exists between the third-party purchasing agent, if any, and the SFA's contracted FSMC. The FSMC must not procure additional goods or services beyond what is stipulated in this Contract.

4. SFA shall ensure that FSMC shall comply with all applicable competitive bidding and open competition requirements for such purchases, as set forth in 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to 2 CFR 200.318-200.327.
5. SFA and FSMC acknowledge that to the extent required by 7 CFR 250.17(e), 2 CFR Part 200, SP 38-2017, and SP 32-2019, SFA must, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase only domestic food and food products for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program that are produced and processed in the United States using over 51% domestic foods, by weight or volume. As required by the Buy American provision, all products must be of domestic origin as required by 7 CFR Part 210.21(d). A “domestic commodity or product” is defined as one that is either produced in the U.S. or is processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the U.S. as provided in 7 CFR 210.21(d). Exceptions to the Buy American provision should be used as a last resort; however, the SFA only may approve an alternative or exception. Requests for exception must include the: a) Alternative substitute(s) that are domestic and meet the required specifications:
 - i) Price of the domestic food alternative substitute(s), and ii) Availability of the alternative domestic substitute(s) in relation to the quantity ordered; and b) Reason for exception: limited/lack of availability or price (include price): iii) Price of the domestic food or food product; and iv) Price of the non-domestic food or food product that meets the required specification of the domestic food or food product.
6. To indicate a geographic preference, the SFA must check ONLY ONE of the following:
 - For this contract, SFA requires that FSMC work with the SFA to establish a process for incorporating geographic preference in the procurement of *unprocessed locally raised and locally grown agricultural products*.
 - For this contract, SFA does not require that FSMC work with the SFA to establish a process for incorporating geographic preference in the procurement of *unprocessed locally raised and locally grown agricultural products*.

E. USDA Foods

1. SFA shall retain title to all USDA Foods.
2. The USDA Foods in Schools program supports domestic nutrition programs and American agricultural producers through purchases of 100% American grown and produced foods for use by schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program among other programs.
3. SFA shall ensure that all federally donated foods received by the SFA and made available to the FSMC accrue only to the benefit of the SFA’s nonprofit school food service and are fully utilized therein. 7 CFR 210.16(6).
4. SFA shall ensure USDA Foods or processed end products containing USDA Foods shall not be used for catering or special functions conducted outside of the nonprofit school food service operation.
5. SFA shall assure that the maximum amount of USDA Foods is received and utilized by FSMC. 7 CFR 210.9(b)(15).
6. SFA shall ensure that FSMC has credited SFA for the value of all USDA Foods received for use in SFA’s meal service in each School Year, (including both entitlement and bonus foods) regardless of whether the USDA Foods have been used. The value of foods received shall appear as a credit on the invoice for the month in which the donated food was received. This must include the value of USDA

Foods contained in processed end products, in accordance with the contingencies in 7 CFR part 250.51(a).

7. SFA shall maintain final responsibility for management and oversight of the procurement for processing agreements, private storage facilities, or any other aspect of financial management relating to USDA Foods. 7 CFR 210.16, 7 CFR 250.50(d).
8. The FSMC will not itself enter into the processing agreement with the processor required in subpart C of 7 CFR part 250; 7 CFR 250.53(a)(8).
9. FSMC will conduct all activities relating to USDA Foods for which it is responsible in accordance with 7 CFR Parts 250, 210, 220, 225, and 226, as applicable.
10. The FSMC shall credit the SFA the value of USDA Foods contained in the end products at the processing agreement value monthly. 7 CFR 250.50(c); 250.53(a)(3). All refunds received from processors must be credited on invoices submitted to the SFA's Nonprofit School Food Service Account. 7 CFR 250.51(a-b). The method used to determine the donated food values may not be established through a post-award negotiation or any other method that may directly or indirectly alter the terms and conditions of the procurement or contract.
11. FSMC must accept and use all USDA donated ground beef and ground pork products, and all processed end products in the SFA's Food Service Program, and must use all other donated foods, or commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the donated foods, in the SFA's food service (unless the contract specifically stipulates that the donated foods, and not such commercial substitutes, be used). Upon termination of this Contract, or if this Contract is not extended or renewed, FSMC must return all unused donated ground beef, pork, and processed end products to SFA. 7 CFR 250.51(d); 7 CFR 250.52(c); 7 CFR 250.53(a)(5).
12. FSMC further agrees to accept and use all other USDA Foods in SFA's food service. FSMC may or may not use (substitute) commercially purchased foods of the same generic identity, of U.S. origin, and of equal or better quality than the USDA Foods, in SFA's Food Service Program. 7 CFR 250.53(a)(6).
 - a. SFA shall consult with the FSMC in the selection of USDA Foods; however, the final determination as to the acceptance of USDA Foods must be made by the SFA.
 - b. Upon termination of this Contract, FSMC must, at SFA's discretion, return other unused USDA Foods to SFA. The value of other unused USDA Foods shall be based on the market value of all USDA Foods received for use in SFAs food service. The market value shall be provided to the SFA by TDA. 7 CFR 250.51(a). The average material prices are listed by school year and used by processors participating in the USDA Foods processing program. The file provides the value of the material and is used on their Summary End Product Data Schedules.
 - c. At the end of the year, the FSMC shall reconcile the value of USDA Foods received against credits provided on monthly invoices. The contractor shall provide final credit of any balance due to the SFA. The total credit given for USDA Foods in each year must equal the USDA Foods, including bonus foods, received to the SFA. The credits must also encompass any transfers from other SFA and/or the state agency accepted in excess of directly received USDA Foods.

13. FSMC shall have records maintained and available to substantiate the receipt, use, storage, and inventory of USDA Foods. The FSMC must submit to the SFA monthly inventory reports showing all transactions for processed and non-processed USDA Foods. Failure by the FSMC to maintain records as required by 7 CFR section 250.16 shall be considered prima facie evidence of improper distribution or loss of USDA Foods and the FSMC shall be subject to the provisions of 250.13(e). FSMC shall accept liability for any negligence on its part that results in any loss of, improper use of, or damage to USDA Foods.
14. If the FSMC acts as an intermediary between a processor and the SFA, the FSMC shall credit the SFA for the value of USDA Foods contained in the processed end products at the USDA processing agreement value, unless the processor is providing such credit directly to the SFA. The FSMC will issue all such credit in full prior to the expiration of each Contract Term. Any extensions or renewals of this contract, if applicable, are contingent upon the fulfillment of all contract provisions related to foods.
15. FSMC will comply with 7 CFR 250.14(b); 250.52, and 250.53(a)(9) concerning storage and inventory management of USDA Foods. 7 CFR 250.53(b). Failure by FSMC to maintain the required records under this Contract shall be considered prima facie evidence of improper distribution or loss of USDA Foods.
16. FSMC will comply, as applicable, with 7 CFR 250.51 and 250.52 concerning payment of processing fees or submittal of refund requests to a processor on behalf of the SFA, or remittance of refunds for the value of foods processed in products to the SFA, in accordance with requirements in 7 CFR Part 250 subpart C.
17. FSMC shall allow SFA and/or any state or federal representative or auditor, including USDA or their duly authorized representatives, to perform onsite reviews of FSMC's food service operation, including the review of records, to ensure compliance with requirements for the management and use of USDA Foods 7 CFR 250.53(a)(10).
18. FSMC shall maintain records to document its compliance with requirements relating to USDA Foods in accordance with 7 CFR 250.54(b) 7 CFR 250.53(a)(11).
19. FSMC acknowledges that the renewal of this Contract is contingent upon the fulfillment of all contract provisions herein relating to USDA Foods 7 CFR 250.53(a)(12).

F. Employees

1. FSMC shall provide and pay a staff of qualified, trained management (and operational) employees assigned to duty on SFA's premises for the efficient operation of the Programs.
2. SFA must designate if current SFA employees, including site and area managers as well as any other staff, will be retained by SFA or FSMC.

Employees shall be retained by: (check only one)

- SFA (See Exhibit C, Chart 2)
- FSMC (See Exhibit E)
- Both SFA and FSMC (See Exhibit C, Chart 2, and Exhibit E)

3. Each position engaged in or required for operating the Program(s) shall be identified, including whether the position is SFA or FSMC personnel, in Chart 2 of Exhibit C, which is attached to this RFP and fully incorporated herein.

4. If the FSMC is required to retain labor for the operations, each position that will be transitioned from the SFA to the FSMC shall be identified in Exhibit C, Chart 2, and Exhibit E, which are attached to this RFP and fully incorporated herein. SFA shall include the methodology or details regarding how labor will be transitioned to the FSMC. Such items shall include salary, benefits, withholding requirements, and expected date of transition (or contract year).
5. For any employee positions that will be hired by the FSMC, SFA shall provide in Exhibit E a list of each FSMC food service position and the minimum qualifications acceptable to SFA for each position. SFA shall have final approval regarding the hiring of the following positions assigned to the Food Service Program. List positions or N/A:
Food Service Manager

6. Any food service position not identified in the above-stated Exhibits shall be an employee of SFA. Such employees shall be supervised on SFA's behalf by FSMC management employees; provided, however, that SFA shall retain the exclusive right to control the terms and conditions of the employment of such supervisory and non-supervisory employees, including, but not limited to, control over their hiring, firing, promotion, discipline, levels of compensation and work duties.
7. If SFA is sharing FSMC employees with other SFA, SFA shall identify in Chart 6 of the Exhibit C: Charts which is attached to this Contract and fully incorporated herein, each SFA with whom the FSMC employee is to be shared and state the percentage of time each employee will spend with each SFA. SFA's budget shall reflect the percentage of time each employee will work at SFA and for which SFA will be charged.
8. FSMC shall comply with all wages and hours of employment requirements of federal and state laws. FSMC shall be responsible for supervising and training personnel, including SFA-employed staff outside of TDA resources. Supervision activities include employee and labor relations, personnel development, and hiring and termination of FSMC management staff. FSMC shall also be responsible for the hiring and termination of the non-management staff who are employees of FSMC.
9. If a transition occurs, the FSMC shall give first consideration to current employees of SFA or incumbent contractor when hiring employees to provide services pursuant to this Contract, but FSMC shall not be obligated to hire such employees. SFA shall not pay the cost of transferring SFA employees to FSMC payroll.
10. FSMC shall provide Workers' Compensation coverage for its employees, as required by law.
11. FSMC shall instruct its employees to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations with respect to the use of SFA's premises as established by SFA and which are furnished in writing to FSMC.
12. FSMC shall maintain its personnel and fringe benefits policies for its employees, subject to review by SFA.
13. FSMC shall assign to duty on SFA's premises only employees acceptable to SFA.
14. Staffing patterns, except for the Food Service Director, shall be mutually agreed upon.
15. FSMC will remove any employee who violates health requirements or conducts himself or herself in a manner that is detrimental to the well-being of the students, provided such a request is not

in violation of any federal, state, or local employment laws. In the event of the removal or suspension of any such employee, FSMC shall immediately restructure the food service staff to avoid disruption of service.

16. FSMC shall require all its employees assigned to duty on SFA's premises to submit to health examinations as required by law and shall submit satisfactory evidence of compliance with all health regulations to SFA upon request.
17. All SFA and FSMC personnel assigned to the food service operation in each school shall be instructed in the use of all emergency valves, switches, and fire and safety devices in the kitchen and cafeteria areas.
18. To the extent and in the manner required by state law, FSMC shall perform a security (background) check on any FSMC employee that will be working at SFA.
19. FSMC shall not blacklist or require a letter of relinquishment or publish or cause to be published or blacklisted any employee of FSMC or SFA discharged from or voluntarily leaving the service of FSMC or SFA with the intent of and for the purpose of preventing such employee from engaging in or securing similar or other employment from any other corporation, company, or individual.
20. Both SFA and FSMC shall ensure that their employees adhere to the professional standards and continuing education training requirements as required by federal regulations, codified at 7 CFR 210.30, throughout the initial term and all renewals of this Contract. School food authorities that operate the National School Lunch Program, or the School Breakfast Program 7 CFR Part 220, must establish and implement professional standards for school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff, as defined in 7 CFR 210.2. Both SFA and FSMC shall establish and implement the foregoing standards and requirements under this Contract. Under this provision, FSMCs must provide technical training to staff outside of TDA training.

G. Use of Facilities, Inventory, Equipment, Storage, and Utilities

1. SFA will make available, without any cost or charge to FSMC, area(s) of the premises in which FSMC shall render its services. SFA shall always have full access to the food service facilities and for any reason, including inspection and audit.
2. At the commencement, termination, or expiration of this Contract, FSMC and SFA shall take a physical inventory of all non-expendable supplies and capital equipment owned by SFA, including, but not limited to, silverware, trays, chinaware, glassware, and kitchen utensils and all furniture, fixtures, and dining room equipment utilized in SFA's Food Service Program. FSMC and SFA shall mutually agree on the usability of such supplies and equipment and, at the expiration or termination of this Contract, FSMC shall surrender to SFA all non-expendable supplies and capital equipment in the condition in which it was received except for ordinary wear and tear, damage by the elements and except to the extent that said premises or equipment may have been lost or damaged by vandalism, fire, flood or other acts of God, or theft by persons other than employees of FSMC except through the negligence of FSMC or its employees, or for any other reason beyond the control of FSMC. FSMC and SFA will sign a summary of the beginning inventory at the commencement and the expiration or termination of this Contract and keep a copy of each on file with this Contract.
3. At the commencement and the expiration or termination of this Contract, FSMC and SFA shall jointly undertake a beginning and closing inventory of all food and supplies. USDA Foods shall also be inventoried by a separate inventory. FSMC and SFA shall determine whether any portion of the beginning inventory is not suitable for SFA's continued use. Such inventory, when completed, shall

become a part of this Contract by incorporation. FSMC shall be responsible for accounting for any difference between the beginning inventory and the ending inventory and shall compensate SFA for any shortfall in inventory not arising from (1) normal wear and tear; or (2) theft, fire, or other casualty loss beyond the control of FSMC and not arising from the negligence of FSMC or its agents. The value of the inventories, except for USDA Foods inventories, shall be determined by invoice cost. The value of USDA Foods inventories shall be the market value, which is the value in USDA's Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS) at the time the USDA Foods are received by SFA. Upon termination of the contract, the FSMC cannot remove any USDA Foods from the SFA.

4. During this Contract, title to all SFA food and supplies shall remain with the SFA.
5. FSMC shall maintain the inventory of silverware, chinaware, kitchen utensils, and other operating items necessary for the food service operation and at the inventory level as specified by SFA.
6. SFA will replace expendable equipment and replace, repair, and maintain nonexpendable equipment except when damages result from the use of less than reasonable care by the employees of FSMC.
7. FSMC shall maintain adequate storage procedures, inventory, and control of USDA Foods in conformance with SFA's agreement with TDA.
8. FSMC shall provide SFA with keys for all food service areas secured with locks.
9. SFA shall provide FSMC with local telephone service.
10. SFA

shall or shall not

provide water, gas, and electric service for the food service program. If SFA is providing water, gas, and electric service for the food service program, charges to the food service account shall be made at least quarterly. SFA may use this formula if kitchens do not have individualized meters:

SFA will:

- a. Calculate the square footage of the kitchen by developing a percentage of utilities based on the square footage of the food service facilities in relation to the school's total square footage.
- b. Determine the percentage of time the kitchen is in use compared to the total campus use. (The kitchen may operate 7 hours but the school day with activities may be 9 hours.)
- c. Apply percentages to the average cost of the total utilities.

The SFA will only charge utilities for kitchens during months of operation (if the kitchen was not operating in the summer. The district must not charge the food service operation for utilities during the summer months.) The district must not include cafeteria usage when the cafeteria is used for purposes other than feeding students (pep rallies, study hall, evening functions).

11. SFA shall furnish and install any equipment and/or make any structural changes to the facilities needed to comply with federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

12. SFA shall be responsible for any losses, including USDA Foods, which may arise due to equipment malfunction or loss of electrical power not within the control of FSMC.
13. FSMC shall not remove any food preparation and serving equipment owned by SFA from SFA's premises.
14. SFA shall not be responsible for loss or damage to equipment owned by FSMC and located on SFA premises.
15. FSMC shall notify SFA of any equipment belonging to FSMC on SFA premises within ten days of its placement.
16. FSMC shall comply with all SFA building rules and regulations.
17. FSMC shall not use SFA's facilities to produce food, meals, or services for third parties without the approval of SFA. If such usage is mutually acceptable, there shall be a signed agreement that stipulates the fees to be paid by FSMC to SFA for such facility usage. Such usage may not result in a cost to the Non-profit School Food Service Account.
18. Upon termination of this Contract, FSMC shall surrender to SFA all SFA's equipment and furnishings used in SFA's Food Service Program in good repair and condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

H. Health Certifications/Food Safety/Sanitation

1. FSMC shall maintain, in the storage, preparation, and service of food, proper sanitation and health standards in conformance with all applicable State and local laws and regulations and comply with the food safety inspection requirements of 210.13(b). 7 CFR 210.9(b)(14).
2. FSMC shall maintain all State of Texas and local health certification for any facility outside the school in which it proposes to prepare meals and shall maintain this health certification for the duration of this Contract. 7 CFR 210.16(c)(2).
3. FSMC shall obtain and post all licenses and permits as required by federal, state, and/or local law.
4. FSMC shall comply with all State of Texas and local and sanitation requirements applicable to the preparation of food. 7 CFR 210.16(a)(7).
5. SFA shall maintain applicable health certification and ensure that FSMC complies with all applicable state and local regulations pertaining to sanitation, preparing, or serving meals at a SFA facility. 7 CFR 210.16(a)(7).
6. SFA shall provide sanitary toilets and handwashing facilities for the employees of FSMC.
7. Any cleaning or sanitation that is not specifically assigned herein shall be the responsibility of SFA.
8. FSMC shall adhere to the food safety program implemented by the SFA for all preparation and service of school meals, using a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system as required by 42 U.S.C. § 1758(h)(5)(A).
9. FSMC shall allow at least two health inspections to be conducted by the Health Department at every site involved in the school meal preparation and/or service as required by 42 U.S.C. §1758(h)(1).

I. Financial Terms

1. All income accruing as a result of payments by children and adults, federal and state reimbursements, and all other income from sources such as donations, special functions, catering, à la carte, vending, concessions, contract meals, grants, and loans shall be credited to the Non-profit School Food Service Account daily. Any profit or guaranteed return shall remain in the SFA's Non-Profit School Food Service Account.
2. All facilities and equipment to be provided by the SFA shall be provided at SFA's expense.
3. Meal Equivalency Factor
 - a. For the purpose of making the meal count computation, the number of meals served to children shall be determined by actual counts of reimbursable meals.
 - b. The FSMC and SFA shall determine à la carte meal/non-program equivalents by dividing the à la carte revenue by the per-meal sum of the previous year (PY) Federal free lunch meal reimbursement plus the per-meal value of PY USDA Foods entitlement and bonus USDA Foods entitlement. The meal equivalency factor (MEF) shall be updated annually for any year that the contract is renewed.
 - c. The Meal Equivalency Factor (MEF) shall be published by TDA yearly.
 - d. Meal equivalents shall be determined with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Sales (revenue in dollars)}}{\text{MEF}}$$

4. Financial Guarantee

- a. All revenue received in the operation of this contract must accrue to the nonprofit school food service account.
- b. As part of this RFP and based on projected revenue and expenses (as outlined in Exhibit B), the SFA has determined that a financial guarantee is or is not required through life of the contract.
 Breakeven position required
 Financial Guarantee Amount _____
 Subsidy Amount _____
 No Guarantee Required
- c. Any guarantee offered by the FSMC shall be based solely on the information contained in this RFP. Additional addendum and terms are not permitted.

5. Payment Terms/Method

- a. The FSMC must be paid at a fixed rate per meal/meal equivalent. The proposal/bid rate per meal must be calculated as if no USDA Foods were available. The method by which FSMC will use and account for USDA Foods shall be in accordance with Subsection E, USDA Foods, hereinabove.

FSMC shall invoice SFA within 14 days after the end of each Accounting Period for the total amount of SFA's financial obligation for that Accounting Period.

- b. SFA shall make payment in accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act, Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 2251; however, no interest or finance charges that may accrue under this Contract may be paid from SFA's Nonprofit School Food Service Account.
- c. FSMC must submit detailed documentation for each Accounting Period to support what the SFA is charged. Upon termination of the Contract, all outstanding amounts shall immediately become due and payable. Each invoice submitted by FSMC will include reconciliation for any overpayment or underpayment from prior Accounting Periods and shall identify and account for donated food as stated hereinabove.
- d. FSMC shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes and fees, including, but not limited to, excise tax, state and local income tax, payroll, and withholding taxes, for FSMC employees. FSMC shall indemnify and hold SFA harmless for all claims arising from the non-payment of such taxes and fees.
- e. Applicable only if a subsidy is requested in Subsection I, paragraph 4 above: SFA and FSMC shall cooperate to ensure that SFA's Food Service Program is operated in accordance with SFA's Food Service Budget. In the event that the FSMC's operation of SFA's Food Service Total Expenses are greater than Total Revenue, FSMC shall within 30 days pay SFA a subsidy payment as outlined in #4 above. In the event that the FSMC pays a subsidy, FSMC may not recover the subsidy from SFA in subsequent Contract years.
- f. SFA shall not be responsible for any expenditure incurred by the FSMC before the execution of this Contract and approval by TDA.
- g. Payments on any claim shall not preclude the SFA from adjusting payment to FSMC of any item found not to have been in accordance with the provisions of this RFP and Contract and bid specifications.
- h. SFA shall retain control of the Non-profit School Food Service Account and overall financial responsibility for SFA's Food Service Program.
- i. The SFA shall establish all selling prices, including price adjustments, for all reimbursable, non-reimbursable meals/milk, à la carte, and non-program sales (including vending, adult meals, contract meals, concessions, and catering) prices.
- j. FSMC shall promptly pay SFA the full amount of any meal overclaims, disallowed costs, or other fiscal actions that are attributable to the FSMC's actions hereunder, including those overclaims based on review or audit findings that occurred during the Effective Dates of original and renewal Contracts.

J. Books and Records

- 1. FSMC shall maintain such records (supported by invoices, receipts, or other evidence) as SFA requires for reviews, compliance, etc.
- 2. The SFA shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the free and reduced-price meals' eligibility documentation. 7 CFR 210.7(c), 7 CFR 210.9(b)(18) and 7 CFR 245.6(e).

3. FSMC shall provide SFA with a year-end statement.
4. SFA and FSMC must provide all documents as necessary for the independent auditor to conduct SFA's single audit and Administrative Review.
5. FSMC shall make its books and records pertaining to the Contract available, upon demand, in an easily accessible manner for a period of three years after the final claim for reimbursement for the fiscal year to which they pertain. The books and records shall be made available for audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions by SFA and/or any state or federal representatives and auditors. If audit findings regarding FSMC's records have not been resolved within the three-year record retention period, the records must be retained beyond the three years for as long as required for the resolution of the issues raised by the audit. Reference 7 CFR 210.9(b)(17) and 2 CFR 200.334.
6. Authorized representatives of SFA, TDA, USDA, and USDA's Office of the Inspector General shall have the right to conduct on-site administrative reviews of the food service operation.
7. FSMC shall not remove federally required records from SFA premises upon the expiration or termination of this Contract.
8. The FSMC shall maintain such records as the school food authority will need to support its Claim for Reimbursement under this part, and shall, at a minimum, report claim information to the school food authority promptly at the end of each month. Such records shall be made available to the school food authority, upon request, and shall be retained in accordance with 7 CFR 210.23(c). 7 CFR 210.16(c)(1).

K. Termination

1. If at any time, the SFA shall make a reasonable decision that adequate funding from federal, state, or local sources shall not be available to carry out its financial obligation to the FSMC, then the SFA shall have the option to terminate this contract by giving 10 days written notice to the FSMC.
2. In the event either party commits a material breach of this Contract, the non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice specifying the default, and the breaching party shall have 30 days within which to cure the default. If the default is not cured within that time, the non-breaching party shall have the right to then terminate this Contract for cause by giving 30 days additional written notice to the breaching party. If the breach is remedied prior to the proposed termination date, the non-breaching party may elect to continue this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing termination clause, in the event that the breach concerns sanitation problems, the failure to maintain insurance coverage as required by this Contract, failure to provide required periodic information or statements, or failure to maintain quality of service at a level satisfactory to SFA, SFA may terminate this Contract immediately.
3. In the event that either party is prevented from performing its obligations under this Contract by war, acts of public enemies, fire, flood, or acts of God (individually each known as a "Force Majeure Event"), that party shall be excused from performance for the period of such Force Majeure Event exists.
4. In the event of FSMC's nonperformance under this Contract or the violation or breach of the terms of this Contract, SFA shall have the right to pursue any available administrative, contractual, and legal remedies against FSMC.
5. SFA is the responsible authority without recourse to USDA or TDA for the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising in any way from this Contract. Such authority

includes, but is not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, claims, or other matters of a contractual nature.

6. Upon service ending by either Contract expiration or termination, it shall be incumbent upon the FSMC to cooperate fully with the replacement FSMC or SFA if SFA is returning to self-operated food service and with TDA to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement FSMC or SFA.

L. Insurance

1. FSMC shall maintain the insurance coverage set forth below for each accident provided by insurance companies authorized to do business in the state of Texas. A Certificate of Insurance of FSMC's insurance coverage indicating these amounts must be submitted at the time of the award.
2. The information below must be completed by SFA:
 - a. Comprehensive General Liability - includes coverage for:
 - 1) Premises - Operations
 - 2) Products - Completed Operations
 - 3) Contractual Insurance
 - 4) Broad Form Property Damage
 - 5) Independent Contractors
 - 6) Personal Injury
 - i. \$ 300,000.00 Combined Single Limit.
 - b. Automobile Liability coverage with a \$ 300,000.00 Combined Single Limit.
 - c. Workers' Compensation—Statutory; Employer's Liability with a combined single limit of
 - ii. \$ 300,000.00
 - d. Excess Umbrella Liability with a combined single limit of \$ 300,000.00
3. The SFA shall be included as an additional insured on General Liability, Automobile, and Excess Umbrella policies.
4. The contract of insurance shall provide notice to SFA of cancellation of insurance policies 30 days before such cancellation is to take effect.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, SFA shall not be liable to FSMC for any indemnity.

M. Trade Secrets and Proprietary Information

1. During the term of this Contract, FSMC may grant to SFA a nonexclusive right to access certain proprietary materials of FSMC, including menus, recipes, signage, food service surveys and studies, management guidelines and procedures, operating manuals, software (both owned by and licensed by FSMC) and similar compilations regularly used in FSMC business operations ("Trade Secrets"). SFA shall not disclose any of FSMC's Trade Secrets or other confidential information, directly or indirectly, during or after the term of this Contract. SFA shall not photocopy or otherwise duplicate any such material without the prior written consent of FSMC. All trade secrets and other confidential information shall remain the exclusive property of FSMC and shall be returned to FSMC immediately upon termination of this Contract. SFA shall not use any confusingly similar names, marks, systems, insignia, symbols, procedures, and methods. Without limiting the foregoing and except for software provided by SFA, SFA specifically agrees that all software associated with the operation of the food

service, including without limitation, menu systems, food production systems, accounting systems, and other software, are owned by or licensed to FSMC and not SFA. Furthermore, SFA's access or use of such software shall not create any right, title, interest, or copyright in such software and SFA shall not retain such software beyond the termination of this Contract. In the event of any breach of this provision, FSMC shall be entitled to equitable relief, including an injunction or specific performance, in addition to all other remedies otherwise available. All SFA's obligations under this section are subject to SFA's obligations under the Texas Public Information Act and any other law that may require SFA to use, reproduce, or disclose the FSMC's confidential information. This provision shall survive the termination of this Contract.

2. SFA shall not require any FSMC proprietary financial, point of sale, marketing, technology or other item as a requirement for the RFP to ensure fair and open competition.
3. Any discovery, invention, software, or program, the development of which is paid for by SFA, shall be the property of SFA to which TDA and USDA shall have unrestricted rights.
4. During the term of this Contract, FSMC may have access to SFA confidential information ("SFA Confidential Information"), including student identifiable confidential information that is protected from disclosure by federal law 42 U.S.C. §1758(b)(6). FSMC agrees to hold any SFA Confidential Information in confidence during the term of this Contract and thereafter. FSMC further agrees that FSMC has no independent rights to this information and will not make any SFA Confidential Information available in any form to any third party or use Confidential Information for any purpose other than the performance of FSMC's obligations under this Contract. FSMC will use reasonable security measures to protect SFA's Confidential Information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure and ensure that SFA's Confidential Information is not disclosed or distributed in violation of the terms of this Contract. Immediately upon the termination or expiration of this Contract, FSMC shall return to SFA any copies of SFA's Confidential Information provided to FSMC by SFA, and FSMC will destroy all other copies of SFA's Confidential Information in all forms, partial and complete, in all types of media and computer memory, and whether or not modified or merged into other materials.

N. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Check One: SFA does or plans to participate in the SFSP [SFA must complete the entire section]
 SFA does not participate in the SFSP [If this box is checked, then Subsection N does not apply]

1. SFA shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of all SFSP sites.
2. SFA, as a sponsor, shall be responsible for all management responsibilities of the SFSP, as described in 7 CFR §225.15 (a)(3).
3. Bonding requirements.
 - a. Bid guarantee: Bids that exceed \$50,000 (the State's small purchase threshold) shall include a bid guarantee in the amount of \$ _____ [Enter an amount not less than 5% nor more than 10% of the total estimated value of the contract]. Bid guarantees will be returned (a) to unsuccessful offerors as soon as practicable after the opening of proposals and (b) to the successful offeror upon execution of such further contractual documents (i.e., insurance coverage) and bonds as may be required by the bid. 7 CFR 225.15(m)(5)

- b. Performance bond (required when the value of the Contract exceeds \$50,000, the State's small purchase threshold): Within ten (10) days of the awarding of the contract, the successful offeror shall provide SFA with a performance bond in the amount of \$ _____ [Enter an amount of 10% of the estimated value of the Contract]. Performance bonds shall be held for the duration of the Contract. 7 CFR 225.15(m)(6).
 - c. Bid guarantees and performance bonds must be obtained from a surety company listed in the current U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570. No alternative forms of bid guarantees or performance bonds are allowed, including but not limited to cash, certified checks, letters of credit, or escrow accounts. 7 CFR 225.15(m)(7).
4. SFA shall immediately correct any problems found as a result of a health inspection and shall submit written documentation of the corrective action implemented within two weeks of the citation.
 5. FSMC must comply with the 21-day menu cycle developed by SFA for the SFSP (Exhibit M) and include it in the RFP. SFA shall approve any changes to the menus no later than two weeks prior to service after the initial 21-day menu cycle has been complete. The SFA shall inform TDA of menu changes for the SFSP.
 6. SFA, as an SFSP sponsor, is responsible for conducting and documenting the required SFSP site visits of all sites for pre-approval and during the operation of the program.
 7. SFA will make the final determination of the opening and closing dates of all SFSP sites, if applicable.
 8. FSMC may use foods to conduct SFSP in accordance with Section E of the Additional Standard Terms and Conditions hereinabove and 7 CFR Part 225 and 2 CFR Part 200.

O. Certifications

FSMC shall execute and comply with the following Certifications: (i) Debarment certification shall be provided by a) the SFA providing the page from The System for Award Management and maintaining such record with other supporting documentation to demonstrate that the SFA had referenced The System for Award Management; or b) that by signing this Agreement that the FSMC certifies that neither it nor any principal is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Contract by any federal department or agency or by the State of Texas; or c) submitting the TDA Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts form; and (ii) Anti-collusion Affidavit, which is attached to this Contract as Exhibit J and fully incorporated herein; (iii) Certification Regarding Lobbying, which is attached to this Contract as Exhibit K and fully incorporated herein; and (iv) Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, when applicable, which is attached to this Contract as Exhibit L and fully incorporated herein.

P. Miscellaneous

1. Emergency Notifications.

- a. SFA shall notify FSMC of any interruption in utility service, delays, or emergency situations.

Notification will be provided to:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone number: _____

Alternate telephone number: _____

2. Governing Law. This Contract is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with Texas and federal law.
3. Headings. All headings contained in this Contract are for convenience of reference only, do not form a part of this Contract, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.
4. Incorporation/Amendments. This Request for Proposal and any subsequent contract constitute the entire agreement between the parties with relation to the transaction contemplated hereby. In the event of a conflict between or among any of the terms of the documents that make up the contract, such conflicts shall be resolved by referring to the documents in the following order of priority: (i) final written agreement, (ii) SFA's Request for Proposal including all addenda and attachments; and (iii) FSMC's Proposal. No modification or amendment to this Contract shall become valid unless it is made in writing, signed by the parties, and approved by TDA.
5. **INDEMNITY. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS CONTRACT, FSMC SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD SFA HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, LOSS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE COLLECTION EXPENSES, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND COURT COSTS THAT MAY ARISE BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF FSMC, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS CONTRACT, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR ACTIONS RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF SFA, ITS EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS. THIS CLAUSE SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS CONTRACT.**
6. Nondiscrimination. Both SFA and FSMC agree that no child who participates in the NSLP, SBP, SMP, ASCP, CACFP, SSO, or SFSP will be discriminated against based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
7. Notices. All notices, consents, waivers, or other communications which are required or permitted hereunder, except those required under Emergency Notification herein above, shall be sufficient if given in writing and delivered personally, or by sending a copy thereof by first class or express mail, postage prepaid, courier service, charges prepaid or by facsimile transmission (followed by the original) to the address (or to the facsimile or telephone number), as follows (or to such other addressee or address as shall be set forth in a notice given in the same manner):

722 Moody Avenue, 21st Street Fifth (5th) Floor,
Galveston, TX 77550

To SFA: Dink T. Watson - Deputy Director - Detention

To FSMC: _____

Copy: Victoria Lira - Deputy Director Special Programs

If such notice is sent by mail or courier service, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or courier service for delivery to that person or, in the case of a facsimile transmission, when received.

8. Severability. If one or more provisions of this contract or the application of any provision to either party or circumstance is held invalid, unenforceable, or illegal in any respect, the remainder of this Contract and the application of the provision to other parties or circumstances shall remain valid and in full force and effect.
9. Silence, absence, or omission. Any silence, absence, or omission from the Contract specifications concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials (e.g., food, supplies, etc.) and workmanship of a quality that would normally be specified by SFA are to be used.
10. Subcontract/Assignment. No provision of this Contract shall be assigned or subcontracted without the prior written consent of the SFA, except that FSMC may, after notice to SFA, assign this Contract in its entirety to an affiliated company or wholly owned subsidiary without prior written consent and without being released from any of its responsibilities hereunder.
11. Waiver. The failure of FSMC or SFA to exercise any right or remedy available under this Contract upon the other party's breach of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract or the failure to demand prompt performance of any obligation under this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of such right or remedy; of the requirement of punctual performance; or any subsequent breach or default on the part of the other party.

AGREEMENT

Offeror certifies that the FSMC shall operate the SFA's school food service in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Offeror certifies that all terms and conditions within the Proposal shall be considered a part of this Contract as if incorporated herein.

This Contract shall be in effect for one year and may be renewed by mutual agreement for four additional one-year periods. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed by their duly authorized representatives.

ATTEST:

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY:

Galveston County Juvenile Board

Name of SFA

Signature of Authorized Representative

(SFA cannot sign until approved by TDA) CFR 210.19a.5

Anne B. Darring

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Judge, 306th Judicial District Court

Title

Date Signed

ATTEST:

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

Name of FSMC

Signature of Authorized Representative

Typed Name of Authorized Representative

Title

Date Signed

Exhibit B: Budget

Projected Revenue: Based on 365 (Number) days of meal service in the School Year 2024-2025 and using 2023-2024 reimbursement rates the SFA shall multiply the rates by the actual meals served from School Year 2022-2023.

Consolidated Food Service Budget School Year 2024-2025

Revenue:

Local

Student Breakfast Sales Revenue	\$ 0.00
Student Lunch Sales Revenue	\$ 0.00
Adult & À la carte Sales Revenue	\$ 0.00
Catering & Other Non-Program Revenue	\$ 0.00
Total Sales	\$ 0.00

Reimbursement

School Breakfast Program	\$ 30,505.84
National School Lunch Program	\$ 52,200.85
After School/At-Risk Snack Program	\$ 0.00
At-Risk CACFP Supper Program	\$ 0.00
State Matching Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
Other Federal/State Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
Total Reimbursement	\$ 82,706.69

Total Revenue: (Total Sales + Total Reimbursement) \$ 82,706.69

Expense: Projected Total Expenses 337,117.86

Estimated Budget Projection: Total Revenue (Sales + Reimbursement) - Expenses -\$ 254,411.17

USDA Foods Entitlement Allocation Estimate: \$ 5,329.12

SFA Contact for Budget Completion: Name: Dink T. Watson Phone: (409) 770-5935

Exhibit C: Charts

The charts outlined have been supplied by the SFA to assist the FSMC with assessing the operational requirements required to fulfill the contract needs resulting from this RFP.

Chart 1: Projected Enrollment Chart (By Campus) – Projected new campuses and dates of the anticipated opening must be included.

Chart 2:

a: Staffing Chart (Identify whether each position is SFA or FSMC personnel)

A - Cafeteria Staff (Elementary)

B - Cafeteria Staff (Secondary)

C - Central Office Staff

b: Labor Transitions (if applicable)

1) Identify SFA position within the staffing chart above with a (T) for the SFA position that will transition the base year of the contract

2) Identify the SFA position within the staffing chart above with a (Ta) if transition will be through attrition with the methodology provided in Exhibit E

Chart 3: Participation Data for the prior year by program and eligibility category: free, reduced-price, and paid, number of reimbursable meals served annually, and the average daily participation (ADP) by individual school.

Chart 4: Chart stating Current District Meal Prices.

Chart 5: Copies of Reimbursement Claims for Current and Prior School Year(s). Only submit TX-UNPS Claim Year Summary Report.

Chart 6: Chart identifying:

(1) Each FSMC position that will be shared with other SFA;

(2) The SFA with whom FSMC employees will be shared; and

(3) The percentage of time FSMC employees will work at each SFA.

Chart 7: School Calendar for 2024-2025. If SFA does not have an approved school calendar, the projected calendar may be provided. Please indicate on the calendar if the SFA is operating as a five-day or a four-day week.

Exhibit C

Chart 1

Projected Enrollment Charts

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Projected Attendance</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Detention	29	29		
TLC – LEVEL 5	10	10		
TLC – LEVEL 4	10	10	10	10
JJAEP	14	14	14	14

All projected numbers above are the max for each program.

Exhibit C

Chart 2

Staffing Chart

Staff	SFA or FSMC Staff	Elementary	Secondary	Transitions
FSMC (Food Service Director)	FSMC Staff	XX	XX	No
FSMC (Cook 1)	FSMC Staff	XX	XX	No
FSMC (Cook 2)	FSMC Staff	XX	XX	No
Deputy Director - Detention (Child Nutrition Director)	SFA Staff	N/A	N/A	No
Administrative Secretary	SFA Staff	N/A	N/A	No
Financial Analyst	SFA Staff	N/A	N/A	No

Exhibit C – Chart #3

FY2023	Detention		Post TLC		TLC Day						JJAEP			Total Weekly Meals	Free Breakfast	Reduced Breakfast	Paid Breakfast	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Paid Lunch
	Breakfast Meal	Lunch Meal	Breakfast Meal	Lunch Meal	Breakfast Free	Breakfast Reduced	Breakfast Paid	Free	Reduced	Paid	Free	Reduced	Paid							
Oct 1-7, 2022	158	157	50	51	11	0	0	21	0	21	0	0	5	34	9	0	5	55	0	9
Oct 8-14, 2022	156	154	55	55	9	0	2	21	0	16	0	5	26	0	8	0	7	47	0	10
Oct 15-21, 2022	144	148	50	50	4	0	5	15	0	17	0	8	29	0	11	0	13	44	0	16
Oct 22-28, 2022	161	161	59	60	3	0	5	19	0	16	0	6	24	0	14	0	11	43	0	18
Oct 29, 2022-Nov 4, 2022	166	157	63	61	7	0	4	14	0	11	0	12	19	0	15	0	16	33	0	20
Nov 5-11, 2022	151	151	49	49	10	0	5	17	0	18	0	15	25	0	17	0	20	42	0	21
Nov 12-18, 2022	143	145	49	49	5	0	5	13	0	15	0	15	24	0	20	0	20	37	0	25
Nov 19-25, 2022	143	148	49	49	2	0	2	19	0	21	0	10	24	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Nov 26, 2022-Dec 2, 2022	129	130	49	49	8	0	5	19	0	10	0	4	24	0	11	0	15	43	0	17
Dec 3-9, 2022	144	144	53	54	3	0	8	12	0	17	0	7	21	0	8	0	15	33	0	18
Dec 10-16, 2022	142	143	52	52	5	0	9	10	0	16	0	4	19	0	6	0	13	29	0	14
Dec 17-23, 2022	147	147	49	49	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Dec 24-30, 2022	142	141	49	49	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Dec 31-Jan 6, 2023	132	133	49	49	4	0	6	6	0	10	0	2	12	0	4	0	8	18	0	10
Jan 7-13, 2023	109	112	49	49	4	0	7	13	0	19	0	4	24	0	8	0	11	37	0	15
Jan 14-20, 2023	131	131	49	49	3	0	4	10	0	10	0	5	12	0	7	0	9	22	0	11
Jan 21-27, 2023	152	151	49	49	3	0	5	5	0	16	0	10	23	0	9	0	15	28	0	14
Jan 28-Feb 3, 2023	155	154	56	57	6	0	7	7	0	22	0	9	26	0	11	0	14	33	0	16
Feb 4-10, 2023	144	144	63	63	7	0	8	8	0	27	0	7	32	0	11	0	12	40	0	16
Feb 11-17, 2023	138	142	64	64	8	0	10	10	0	33	0	7	51	0	13	0	12	61	0	18
Feb 18-24, 2023	135	137	70	70	11	0	4	11	0	23	0	6	45	0	11	0	10	56	0	14
Feb 25, 2023-Mar 3, 2023	121	123	70	70	13	0	5	17	0	26	0	13	47	0	16	0	18	64	0	21
Mar 4-10, 2023	130	132	70	70	11	0	0	19	0	28	0	13	56	0	15	0	13	75	0	15
Mar 11-17, 2023	128	128	70	69	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Mar 18-24, 2023	120	123	67	68	7	0	0	12	0	18	0	10	38	0	14	0	10	50	0	14
Mar 25-31, 2023	133	135	63	63	6	0	0	15	0	14	0	12	42	0	18	0	12	57	0	18
Apr 1-7, 2023	106	107	63	63	3	0	9	9	0	10	0	9	30	0	14	0	9	39	0	14
Apr 8-14, 2023	119	121	63	63	3	0	6	6	0	13	0	10	33	0	19	0	10	39	0	19
Apr 15-21, 2023	113	116	63	61	2	0	9	9	0	18	0	13	43	0	19	0	13	52	0	19
Apr 22-28, 2023	138	140	49	48	4	0	10	10	0	20	0	6	45	0	23	0	6	55	0	23
Apr 29, 2023-May 5, 2023	177	179	43	43	1	0	3	3	0	8	0	6	46	0	21	0	6	49	0	21
May 6-12, 2023	158	171	49	49	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	40	0	23	0	10	43	0	23
May 13-19, 2023	193	195	49	49	2	0	4	4	0	9	0	4	49	0	25	0	4	53	0	25
May 20-26, 2023	178	178	49	48	1	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	49	0	10	0	4	24	0	10
May 27, 2023-Jun 2, 2023	176	177	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 3-9, 2023	169	169	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 10-16, 2023	178	181	43	44	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
June 17-23, 2023	190	191	49	48	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
June 24-30, 2023	169	170	42	41	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Data for Dink's Food Services Rebid
Total Meal Count for Local Side - Non Program
Oct 1, 2022 through Sep 30, 2023

Date	Snacks	Juv Dinner	Staff BF	Staff Lunch	Staff Dinner	Total
10/1-10/7/2022	208	229	1	23	21	482
10/8-10/14/2022	205	226	2	21	22	476
10/15-10/21/2022	191	212	5	17	13	438
10/22-10/28/2022	219	240	1	21	12	493
10/29-11/4/2022	226	247	6	11	7	497
11/5-11/11/2022	199	220	7	15	11	452
11/12-11/18/2022	193	214	6	10	15	438
11/19-11/25/2022	190	211	4	10	10	425
11/26-12/2/2022	181	202	10	15	13	421
12/3-12/9/2022	199	220	4	17	8	448
12/10-12/16/2022	196	217	2	12	15	442
12/17-12/23/2022	196	217	2	10	13	438
12/24-12/30/2022	191	212	3	18	13	437
12/31-1/6/2023	178	199	2	22	21	422
1/7-1/13/2023	163	184	9	26	23	405
1/14-1/20/2023	181	202	6	31	15	435
1/21-1/27/2023	205	226	4	15	16	466
1/28-2/3/2023	210	231	6	20	15	482
2/4-2/10/2023	207	228	2	17	20	474
2/11-2/17/2023	207	228	0	23	14	472
2/18-2/24/2023	206	227	3	10	15	461
2/25-3/3/2023	190	211	4	21	17	443
3/4-3/10/2023	200	221	3	21	15	460
3/11-3/17/2023	196	217	3	19	15	450
3/18-3/24/2023	192	213	3	13	16	437
3/25-3/31/2023	191	212	5	12	22	442
4/1-4/7/2023	170	194	5	25	15	409
4/8-4/14/2023	186	207	5	11	15	424
4/15-4/21/2023	175	193	4	12	8	392
4/22-4/28/2023	188	209	3	20	14	434
4/29-5/5/2023	220	241	4	27	12	504
5/6-5/12/2023	219	240	4	20	16	499
5/13-5/19/2023	245	266	3	18	13	545
5/20-5/26/2023	224	245	6	14	18	507
5/27-6/2/2023	220	241	5	17	20	503
6/3-6/9/2023	208	229	1	24	14	476
6/10-6/16/2023	225	246	7	14	16	508
6/17-6/23/2023	235	256	2	11	7	511
6/24-6/30/2023	208	229	4	9	17	467
7/1-7/7/2023	193	214	1	20	17	445
7/8-7/14/2023	177	198	0	14	15	404
7/15-7/21/2023	160	181	1	19	18	379
7/22-7/28/2023	167	188	3	16	21	395
7/29-8/4/2023	191	212	2	22	25	452
8/5-8/11/2023	195	216	5	16	21	453
8/12-8/18/23	193	214	3	21	30	461
8/19-8/25/2023	193	214	2	24	21	454
8/26-8/31/2023	180	198	1	16	12	407
9/1/2023	30	33	1	2	2	68
9/2-9/8/2023	218	239	3	20	21	501
9/8-9/15/2023	211	232	3	20	17	483
9/16-9/22/2023	171	192	4	15	20	402
9/23-9/29/2023	187	208	3	16	18	432
9/30/2023	27	30	0	1	4	62
Total:	10336	11431	188	914	844	23713

		Rounding for Bid
Total Snacks:	10336	10350
Total Meals:	13377	13380
Total:	23713	23730

Exhibit C

Chart 4

Cost Per Meal

	Current Price
Student Meals	N/A
Student Snacks	N/A
Staff Meals	N/A

2021 - 2022 NSLP Claim Year Summary

01250 Status: Active

GALVESTON COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

DBA:
 6101 ATTWATER AVE
 TEXAS CITY, TX 77539-7539
 County District Code: 084
 ESC: 4 TDA Region: 3

Claim Month	Adj Number	Claim Status	Date Received	Date Processed	Earned Amount
Jul 2021	0	Processed	08/11/2021	08/12/2021	\$3,230.35
Aug 2021	0	Processed	09/03/2021	09/09/2021	\$3,965.03
Sep 2021	0	Processed	10/15/2021	10/21/2021	\$4,318.70
Oct 2021	0	Processed	11/16/2021	11/18/2021	\$5,188.23
Nov 2021	0	Processed	01/11/2022	01/14/2022	\$4,649.15
Dec 2021	0	Processed	01/13/2022	01/14/2022	\$4,996.14
Jan 2022	0	Processed	03/03/2022	03/03/2022	\$5,502.62
Feb 2022	0	Processed	03/07/2022	03/08/2022	\$5,552.77
Mar 2022	0	Processed	05/10/2022	05/17/2022	\$6,099.45
Apr 2022	0	Processed	07/06/2022	09/13/2022	\$5,701.92
May 2022	0	Processed	07/06/2022	07/07/2022	\$5,332.83
Jun 2022	0	Processed	07/26/2022	07/28/2022	\$4,059.30
				Year to Date Totals	\$58,596.49

2022 - 2023 NSLP Claim Year Summary

01250 Status: Active

GALVESTON COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

DBA:

6101 ATTWATER AVE

TEXAS CITY, TX 77539-7539

County District Code: 084

ESC: 4

TDA Region: 3

Claim Month	Adj Number	Claim Status	Date Received	Date Processed	Earned Amount
Jul 2022	0	Processed	09/15/2022	09/29/2022	\$3,052.07
Aug 2022	0	Processed	09/26/2022	10/06/2022	\$6,668.02
Sep 2022	0	Processed	10/17/2022	10/18/2022	\$6,870.50
Oct 2022	0	Processed	11/29/2022	11/29/2022	\$7,847.30
Nov 2022	0	Processed	01/11/2023	01/17/2023	\$6,875.63
Dec 2022	0	Processed	02/06/2023	02/14/2023	\$6,637.78
Jan 2023	0	Processed	02/15/2023	02/21/2023	\$6,633.30
Feb 2023	0	Processed	03/10/2023	03/23/2023	\$7,114.83
Mar 2023	0	Processed	04/04/2023	04/13/2023	\$7,542.63
Apr 2023	0	Processed	05/17/2023	05/23/2023	\$6,592.29
May 2023	0	Processed	06/12/2023	06/20/2023	\$8,094.70
Jun 2023	0	Processed	07/14/2023	07/25/2023	\$6,762.72
Year to Date Totals					\$80,691.77

2023 - 2024 NSLP Claim Year Summary

01250 Status: Active

GALVESTON COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

DBA:
 6101 ATTWATER AVE
 TEXAS CITY, TX 77539-7539
 County District Code: 084
 ESC: 4 TDA Region: 3

Claim Month	Adj Number	Claim Status	Date Received	Date Processed	Earned Amount
Jul 2023	0	Processed	08/25/2023	09/05/2023	\$5,675.94
Aug 2023	0	Processed	09/12/2023	09/14/2023	\$6,601.03
Sep 2023	0	Processed	10/10/2023	10/10/2023	\$6,781.81
Oct 2023	0	Processed	11/15/2023	11/16/2023	\$7,496.92
Nov 2023	0	Processed	12/07/2023	01/10/2024	\$6,850.79
Dec 2023	0	Processed	01/09/2024	01/16/2024	\$7,800.37
Jan 2024					\$0.00
Feb 2024					\$0.00
Mar 2024					\$0.00
Apr 2024					\$0.00
May 2024					\$0.00
Jun 2024					\$0.00
Year to Date Totals					\$41,206.86

Exhibit C Chart 6

Identifying Position Sharing

There is only one campus and no position will be shared with any other SFAs.

2023-2024

Academic Calendar

First Semester

August 22 – December 15, 2023

Second Semester

January 8 – May 30, 2024

Student/Teacher Holidays

September 4, 2023

October 9, 2023

November 20-24, 2023

(Nov. 20, 21, 22, 24 are Teacher Exchange Days/Student Holidays)

December 18, 2023 - January 2, 2024

January 15, 2024

March 11-15, 2024

March 29 & April 1, 2024

May 27, 2024

Transition Day

August 21, 2023

* Because of the realignment of grade levels, the 2023-2024 Transition Day will include Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th grade students. These students will start school a day earlier than other grades for special activities to prepare for a new school level.

New Teacher In-Service

August 7-10, 2023

Teacher In-Service/Student Holiday

August 11, 2023

August 14-18, 2023

September 25, 2023

October 23, 2023

January 3-5, 2024

February 19, 2024

May 31, 2024

Early Release All Campuses

(2 hours early)

December 15, 2023 May 30, 2024

Dickinson High School Graduation

May 30, 2024 - Sam Vitanza Stadium

Nine Weeks Grading Cycle

1st 9-weeks (08/22-10/13)	36 days	16,200 minutes
2nd 9-weeks (10/16-12/15)	39 days	17,430 minutes
First Semester	75 days	33,630 minutes
3rd 9-weeks (1/8-3/8)	43 days	19,350 minutes
4th 9-weeks (3/18-5/30)	51 days	22,830 minutes
Second Semester	94 days	42,180 minutes
Total Instructional	169 days	75,810 minutes
SD Waiver Days		2,100 minutes
Grand Total	169 days	77,910 minutes

Dickinson Independent School District

August 2023 	September 2023 	October 2023
November 2023 	December 2023 	January 2024
February 2024 	March 2024 	April 2024
May 2024 	June 2024 	July 2024

- [Grading Period Begins *
-] Grading Period Ends
- ** Begin/End STAAR Testing Window
- A Early Release
- H Student/Teacher Holiday
- [T] Transition Day
(school day for grades Pre-K, K, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 9)
- NT New Teacher Training
- SD Staff Development (no school for students)
- TP Teacher Preparation (no school for students)
- E Teacher Exchange Day/Student Holiday
- 🎓 Dickinson High School Graduation
- W Using TEA Staff Development Waiver Minutes/
Possible Bad Weather Make Up Days

School Hours for the 2023-2024 school year

Elementary (grades PK-3)

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Middle School & Junior High (grades 4-8)

7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

High School (grades 9-12)

7:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Exhibit D: Designation of Program Expenses

Exhibit D represents the expenses the SFA has deemed are the responsibility of the FSMC and must be included in their fixed meal price offer as part of the bid specifications. When the SFA applies an X in a selected expense column the FSMC or the SFA is responsible for that expense during the life of the contract. Only one choice for each expense. The SFA and the FSMC cannot both be checked for an expense. If the expense does not apply check N/A.

DESCRIPTION	FSMC	SFA	N/A
FOOD:			
Food Purchases	X		
USDA Foods Processing			X
Food Storage		X	
LABOR:			
FSMC Employees	X		
SFA Employees		X	
CLEANING EXPENSES:			
Other			X
Food Preparation Areas (Include Equipment)	X		
Serving Areas	X		
Kitchen Areas	X		
Dining Room Floors	X		
Periodic Waxing and Buffing of Dining Room Floors		X	
Restrooms for Food Service Employees		X	
Grease Traps		X	
Cleaning of Dining Room Tables and Chairs	X		
Cafeteria Walls	X		
Kitchen Walls	X		
Light Fixtures		X	
Windows		X	
Window Coverings		X	
Hoods		X	
Grease Filters		X	
Duct Work		X	
Exhaust Fans		X	
TRASH REMOVAL			
From Kitchen	X		
From Dining Area	X		
From Premises		X	
OTHER EXPENSES			
Smallware	X		
Paper/Disposable Supplies	X		
Uniforms	X		
Laundry	X		
Pest Control/Insect/Extermination		X	
Maintenance		X	
Other			
Other			
Other			

Exhibit E: Schedule of FSMC Employees

1. For each position hired by the FSMC, SFA must provide minimal qualifications for each FSMC position.

Job Title	Minimal Qualifications
Food Service Director	High School Graduate or the equivalent of a G.E.D. and at least three (3) years of experience in school nutrition programs and food preparation (i.e., institutional settings, school district, hospital, etc.). Also, must be able to read and write satisfactorily. See Attached.
Cook - 1	At least three (3) years of experience in food preparation (i.e., institutional settings, school district, hospital, etc.). Ability to communicate fluently, both written and orally, in English. Overall knowledge of skills required to cook meals, prepare menus, take inventory, etc. See Attached.
Cook - 2	At least three (3) years of experience in food preparation (i.e., institutional settings, school district, hospital, etc.). Ability to communicate fluently, both written and orally, in English. Overall knowledge of skills required to cook meals, prepare menus, take inventory, etc. See Attached.

If SFA requires additional pages, attach to this section with the heading “Exhibit E: Schedule of FSMC Employees – Part 1 continued”

2. FSMC must provide a proposed methodology to address attrition of each employee from SFA to the FSMC. Transition plan to include:
 - i. Employee’s position
 - ii. Current salaries
 - iii. Benefits
 - iv. Timeframe of transition (specify year of contract)

If FSMC requires additional pages, attach to this section with the heading “Exhibit E: Schedule of FSMC Employees – Part 2 continued”

Exhibit F: Food Specifications

All food specifications must meet requirements of the USDA Food Buying Guide (FBG), 7 CFR Part 210, USDA Guidance Memos, other applicable federal regulations, and TDA's Administrative Reference Manual (ARM).

- All USDA foods offered to the SFA and made available to FSMC are acceptable and should be utilized in as large a quantity as may be efficiently utilized.
- All food and food products purchased on behalf of the SFA must be in compliance with Buy American provisions. Food and food products must be produced in the United States, and food products must be processed in the United States using over 51% of domestic foods by weight or volume. 7 CFR 250.17(e); 2 CFR Part 200; SP 38-2017; SP 32-2019; and 7 CFR Part 210.21(d).

For all other food components, specifications shall be as follows:

- Grains must be made from whole grain, whole-grain rich flour/meal, or enriched grain. Cereals may be whole grain, whole-grain rich, enriched grain, or fortified grain. All grains must be fresh (or frozen, if applicable) and must meet the minimum weight per serving as listed in the Child Nutrition Program Food Buying Guide (FBG) or as appropriately identified on a food nutrition label or product manufacturer's statement. If applicable, the product should be in moisture-proof wrapping and pack code date provided.
- All meat and poultry must have been inspected by the USDA and must be free of color or odor.
 - Beef must be at least 70:30 lean to fat, preferably 80:20 lean to fat.
 - Poultry should be U.S. Grade A when applicable and should meet the recommendations outlined in *Specifications for Poultry Products, A Guide for Food Service Operators from USDA*.
 - For breaded and battered items, all flour must be whole-grain or enriched for bread/grains credit and breading/batter must not exceed 30% of the weight of the finished product.
 - For sausage patties, the maximum fat allowed is 50% by weight; industry standard of 38% to 42% fat preferred.
- All cured processed meats (bologna, frankfurters, luncheon meat, salami, others) shall be made from beef and/or poultry and must be processed in the United States using over 51% domestic meats. No variety of meats, fillers, extenders, non-fat milk solids, or cereal will be allowed. Meats must not show evidence of greening, streaking, or other discoloration.
- All cheese must be from domestic milk sources and should be firm, compact, and free from gas holes; free of mold; free of undesirable flavor and odors; pasteurized when applicable; preferably reduced or low-fat. All cheese should also have a bright, uniform, and attractive appearance; and have a pleasing flavor; demonstrate satisfactory melting; contain proper moisture and salt content and be processed in the United States.
- All fish must have been inspected by the United States Department of Commerce (USDC) and meet the minimum flesh and batter/breading required for USDC Grade A product or product packed under federal inspection (PUFI) by the USDC. All fish must also be in compliance with the Buy American provisions for farmed and wild fish as described in SP 32-2019.

- All fresh fruits must be ripe and in good condition when delivered and must be ready for consumption per the USDA FBG. Fruits must at a minimum meet the food distributors' second quality level. Fruits should have a characteristic color and good flavor and be well-shaped and free from scars and bruises. Size must produce a yield equal to or greater than the attached 21-day cycle menu requirements.
- All fresh vegetables must be from domestic sources, ripe and in good condition when delivered, and must be ready for consumption per the USDA FBG. Vegetables must at a minimum meet the food distributors' second quality level. Vegetables should have characteristic color and good flavor and be well-shaped and free from discoloration, blemishes, and decay. Size must produce a yield equal to or greater than the attached 21-day cycle menu requirements.
- All canned vegetables must be produced and processed in the United States using over 51% domestic vegetables by weight or volume; meet the food distributors' first quality level (extra fancy and fancy); canned fruits (standard) must meet the second quality level. Vegetables should have characteristic color and good fresh flavor and be free from discoloration, blemishes, and decay.
- Eggs must be from domestic sources, inspected and passed by the state or federal Department of Agriculture, and used within 30 days of the date on the carton. Eggs should be grade A, uniform in size, clean, sound-shelled, and free of foreign odors or flavors.
- Sauces, such as gravy, spaghetti sauce, pizza sauce, etc., must be smooth and uniform in color with no foreign substance, flavor, odor, or off-color.
- If applicable, the food production facility, manufacturing plant, and products must meet all sanitary and other requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other regulations that support the wholesomeness of products.
- Meals and food items must be stored and prepared under properly controlled temperatures and in accordance with all applicable health and sanitation regulations.
- Fluid milk must be from domestic sources and offered in a variety of at least two different fat contents. If flavored milk is offered in the National Lunch Program or School Breakfast program, unflavored milk must also be offered as a selection. The selection of milk must be consistent with the types of milk consumed the prior year. The milk must contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration and must be consistent with State and local standards.
- Other (additional SFA requirements):
 - All Menus in Exhibit M stating 1% Milk will be serving 1% White Low-Fat Milk or alternate of Skim Chocolate Milk.
 - All Menus in Exhibit M stating Fruits are all fresh with the exception to Apple Sauce which is canned.
 - All Menus in Exhibit M stating the various vegetables are all frozen.
 - All Menus in Exhibit M stating beans or rices are dry fresh.

*** Snacks will need to be provided to all residents in the residential and detention programs - SFA Estimated Annual Non-Program Snacks for all sites - 10,350

Exhibit G: Price Proposal Form

The undersigned FSMC proposes to manage the SFA's school food service at the fixed per-meal rates shown below, subject to the terms of this RFP including SFA's estimated total numbers of meals shown below. If the contract is awarded, FSMC will bill SFA for meals and meal equivalents at the fixed rates shown below, without any additional charges. The meal prices in this proposal must not consider the value of USDA Foods that the FSMC may receive for use during the year. FSMC will fully credit SFA for the value of USDA Foods received for use. The FSMC acknowledges that the contract will be awarded based primarily on the lowest proposed Total Cost to SFA, shown below, combined with SFA's evaluation of non-price criteria specified in the RFP.

Program	FSMC's Proposed Fixed Price per Meal or Equivalent	X	SFA's Estimated Annual Meals or Meal Equivalents—all sites	=	FSMC's Proposed Cost to SFA—all sites (extended cost)
Breakfast (SBP)	\$	X	11,500	=	\$
Lunch (NSLP)	\$	X	12,550	=	\$
Milk (SMP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
NSLP Afterschool Care Program (ASCP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
At-Risk Snacks (CACFP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
At-Risk Breakfast (CACFP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
At-Risk Lunch/Supper (CACFP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
Traditional Breakfast (CACFP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
Traditional Lunch (CACFP)	\$	X	0	=	\$
Summer (SFSP/SSO) Lunch	\$	X	0	=	\$
Summer (SFSP/SSO) Breakfast	\$	X	0	=	\$
Non-Program Meal Equivalent	\$	X	13,380	=	\$

FSMC's proposed Total Cost to SFA: _____

Financial Guarantee - Offeror must select one of the following options:

- Breakeven position required
- Financial Guarantee Amount _____
- Subsidy Amount _____
- No Guarantee Required

Submitted by: _____

Company: _____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibit H: SFA Protest Procedures

SFA must include their protest procedures here in Exhibit H

19. DISPUTE AFTER AWARD / PROTEST

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with this procurement or award of a contract resulting therefrom may protest. The protest shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent within seven (7) calendar 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 Commissioners' Court will be final. The Commissioners' Court need not consider protests unless this procedure is followed.

Rufus F. Crowder, CPPB - Purchasing Agent - County of Galveston
722 Moody Avenue, 21st Street. Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
email: rufus.crowder@co.galveston.tx.us

Exhibit I: Applicable Laws

- FSMC shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act P.L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871.
- FSMC shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (the "Act"), 40 U.S.C. §3701 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations, 29 CFR Part 5. Under Section 103 of the Act, FSMC shall be required to compute the wages of every laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 ½ times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in any workweek. Section 107 of the Act provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions, which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health and safety as determined under construction, safety, and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor.
- FSMC shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations, 41 CFR 60.
- FSMC shall comply with the following civil rights laws, as amended: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; USDA regulations on nondiscrimination 7 CFR 15, 15a, and 15b; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement – Nutrition Programs and Activities.
- FSMC shall comply with the Buy American provision for contracts that involve the purchase of domestic food and food products in the United States using over 51% domestic foods by weight or volume, USDA Regulation 7 CFR 210.21(d) and 7 CFR Part 250.
- FSMC has signed the Anti-Collusion Affidavit, Exhibit J, which is attached herein and is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
- FSMC shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act 42 U.S.C. 7606, §508 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1368, Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations Title 40 CFR.
- FSMC shall comply with the Lobbying Certification, Exhibit K, which is attached herein and is incorporated and made a part of this Contract. If applicable, FSMC has also completed and submitted Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, Exhibit L herein, or will complete and submit as required in accordance with its instructions included in Exhibit L.
- FSMC shall strongly encourage the participation of Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE), and labor surplus area vendors to compete in procurement opportunities the FSMC conducts on behalf of the SFA.
- FSMC shall ensure that the nondiscrimination statement is affixed to all letters, notices, publications, and websites as required by FNS Instruction 113.1 (November 8, 2005).

Exhibit J: Anti-Collusion Affidavit

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

_____, of lawful age, being first sworn on oath says, that he/she is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Affiant further states that the bidder has not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any state official of employees to quantity, quality, or price in the prospective contract, or any other terms of said prospective official concerning the exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in the letting of contract; that the bidder/contractor had not paid, given or donated, or agreed to pay, give or donate to any officer or employee either directly or indirectly in the procuring of the award of a contract pursuant to this bid.

Signed

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public (or Clerk or Judge) _____

My commission expires _____

Exhibit K: Certification Regarding Lobbying

Applicable to Grants, Sub-grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds. Contractors that apply or bid for such an award must file the required certification.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by Title 31, § 1352 U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of _____ (FSMC) in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, an employee of a Member of Congress, or any Board Member, officer, or employee of _____ (FSMC) in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification is included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Name of Company

Name of Authorized Official or Representative

Title of Authorized Official or Representative

Signature of Authorized Official or Representative

Date

Exhibit J: Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying Activities

Approved by OMB No. 0345-0046

PROCUREMENT

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See Reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post award	3. Report type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity. <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____ if known: _____ Congressional District, if known: _____		5. If reporting entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known: _____
6. Federal Department/Agency: Congressional District, if known: _____	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known: _____	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (If individual, last name, first name, MI): _____	b. Individuals Performing Services (Including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI): _____	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

Exhibit L Continued:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF DISCLOSURE FORM TO REPORT LOBBYING

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification for this report. If this a follow up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred, Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is or expects to be a prime or subaward receipt. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks: "Sub awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (Item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/ proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in Item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Certifying officials shall sign and date the form, print his/her name and title.

	1 Saturday	2 Sunday	3 Monday	4 Tuesday	5 Wednesday	6 Thursday	7 Friday	
1 Breakfast SBP	100% Apple Juice Apple Honey Nut Cheerios Peanut Butter WG Bread Jelly PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Scrambled Eggs WG Bread Jelly PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Oatmeal w/Sugar Hard Boiled Egg WG Pancake 5yrup Pancake PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Honey Nut Cheerios Breakfast Sausage Party WG Bread 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Oatmeal w/Sugar Scrambled Eggs Taco Sauce PC Tortilla Flour 6.25 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Honey Nut Cheerios Peanut Butter WG Bread Jelly PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Scrambled Eggs WG Bread Jelly PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice Apple Scrambled Eggs WG Bread Jelly PC 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint
2 Lunch NSLP	Chicken Patty breaded WGR Hamburger Bun *Oato Wedges Green Beans Applesauce 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Chicken Patty breaded Poultry Gravy *ashed Potatoes Carrots Cooked Beans WG Bread *fresh Orange 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Turkey & Noodle Casserole Mixed Vegetables Lettuce Salad Ranch Dressing WG Bread Applesauce 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Hot Dog WGR Hot Dog Bun Cooked Beans Lettuce Salad Ranch Dressing Ketchup PC Fresh Banana 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Italian Meat Sauce WG Spaghetti Noodles Lettuce Salad Ranch Dressing Peas WG Bread Applesauce 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Chili Brown Rice Seasoned Collard Greens WG Bread Apple 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Chicken Patty Breaded WGR Hamburger Bun Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Applesauce 1% Milk Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Chicken Patty Breaded Home Fried Potato Seasoned Peas WG Bread Ketchup PC Whipped Margarine Coffee Cake Glaze Powder Sugar Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk
3 Dinner	Kielbasa Buttered Rice Seasoned Mixed Vegetables WG Bread Whipped Margarine Frosted Cake Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Turkey Poultry Gravy Buttered Mash'd Potatoes Coleslaw WG Bread Whipped Margarine Coffee Cake Glaze Powder sugar Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Sloppy Joes WGR Hamburger Bun Boiled Potatoes BBQ Beans Whipped Margarine Frosted Cake Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Meatballs Italian Cream Gravy Buttered Mash'd Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans WG Bread Whipped Margarine Coffee Cake Glaze Powder Sugar Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Taco Casserole Spanish Rice Seasoned Beans Lettuce Salad Salad Dressing Whipped Margarine Frosted Bar Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Chicken Patty Breaded Cheese Sauce Oven Browned Potatoes Coleslaw Buttered Cornbread Whipped Margarine Frosted Cake Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	Salsbury Patty Home Fried Potato Seasoned Peas WG Bread Ketchup PC Whipped Margarine Coffee Cake Glaze Powder Sugar Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	
4 PM Snack	Sandwich Cookie Drink Vitamin Fortified Bulk	Sandwich Cookie Drink Vitamin Fortified Bulk	Apple Graham Crackers	Fresh Orange Graham Crackers	Apple Graham Crackers	Apple Graham Crackers	Fresh Banana Graham Crackers	

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the next School Year for Campus level indicated.

Dietary Consultant: _____ Approval Date: _____

8 Saturday Breakfast SBP	9 Sunday	10 Monday	11 Tuesday	12 Wednesday	13 Thursday	14 Friday
100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Honey Nut Cheerios 1 cup Peanut Butter 1 oz W/G Bread 1 slice 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Oatmeal w/Sugar 3/4 cup Scrambled Eggs 1/4 cup W/G Bread 1 slice Jelly PC 1 each 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Honey Nut Cheerios 1 cup Hard Boiled Egg 2 each W/G Bread 2 slices 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Oatmeal w/Sugar 3/4 cup Breakfast Sausage 1 each W/G Pancake Party 2 each Syrup Pancake PC 1 each 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Oatmeal w/Sugar 3/4 cup Scrambled Eggs 1/4 cup W/G Bread 1 each Taco Sauce PC 1 each Tortilla Flour 6.25 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Honey Nut Cheerios 1 cup Peanut Butter 1 oz W/G Bread 1 slice 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	100% Orange Juice 4 oz Apple 1 each Oatmeal w/Sugar 1 cup Scrambled Eggs 1/4 cup W/G Bread 1 slice 1% Milk 8 fl oz Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint
8 Lunch NSLP 9						
Sloppy Joe 3.2 oz WGR Hamon ger Bun 1 each Lyons se Potatoes 1 cup Cooked Beans 1 cup Fresh Yamams 2 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Turkey & Noodle Casserole 10 oz Lettuce Salad 1 cup Salad Dressing 1/2 oz Carrots 1 cup W/G Bread 2 slices Apple 1 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	WG Cheese Pizza 1 each Green Beans 1/2 cup Lettuce Salad 1 cup Salad Dressing 1/2 oz Applesauce 1 cup 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Taco Meat 3.2oz Diced Tomato 1/4 cup Cooked Beans 1 cup Tortilla Flour 6.25 2 each Lettuce Salad 1 cup Salad Dressing 1/2 oz Apple 1 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Chicken Patty Breaded 1 each Poultry Gravy 2 fl oz Mashed Potatoes 1 cup Collard Greens 3/4 cup W/G Bread 2 each Fresh Orange 2 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Charbroil Patty 1 each Green Beans 1/2 cup Boiled Potatoes 1 cup Lettuce Salad 1 cup Salad Dressing 1/2 oz W/G Bread 2 slices Apple 1 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	Turkey Macaroni & Cheese 8 oz Carrots 1 cup Lettuce Salad 1 cup Salad Dressing 1/2 oz W/G Bread 2 slices Apple 1 each 1% Milk 1/2 pint Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint
Dinner						
Hot Dog 2 each WGR Hot Dog Bun 2 each Home Fried Potato 1 cup Seasoned Cooked Vegetable 1/2 cup Ketchup PC 1 each Mustard PC 1 each Frosted Cake 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Meatloaf 3 oz Brown Gravy 3 fl oz Buttered Rice 1 cup Coleslaw 1/2 cup Buttered Cornbread 1/40 cut Whipped Margarine 1 oz Coffee Cake 1/40 cut Glaze Powder Sugar 1/2 oz Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Charbroil Patty 1 each Cheese Slice 1 slice WGR Hamburger Bun 1 each BBQ Beans 1 cup Boiled Potatoes 1 cup Ketchup PC 1 each Frosted Cake 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Meatballs Italian 6 each Onion Gravy 3 oz Home Fried Potato 1 cup Seasoned Cabbage 1/2 cup Buttered Cornbread 1/40 cut Whipped Margarine 1 oz Frosted Cake 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Sloppy Joes 3.2 oz WGR Hamburger Bun 1 each Potato Salad 1 cup BBQ Beans 1 cup Whipped Margarine 1 oz Frosted Bar 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Sallebury Patty 1 each Cream Gravy 3 oz Buttered Rice 1 cup Coleslaw 1/2 cup Buttered Cornbread 1/40 cut Whipped Margarine 1 oz Frosted Cake 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz	Grilled Cheese Sandwich 1 each Potato Wedges 1 cup Seasoned Peas 1/2 cup Ketchup PC 1 each Frosted Bar 1/40 cut Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk 8 fl oz
PM Snack						
Sandwich Cookie 1 each Drink Vitamin. For Filled Bulk 8 fl oz	Sandwich Cookie 1 each Drink Vitamin. For Filled Bulk 8 fl oz	Apple 1 each Graham Crackers 1 each	Fresh Orange 2 each Graham Crackers 1 each	Apple 1 each Graham Crackers 1 each	Apple 1 each Graham Crackers 1 each	Fresh Banana 2 each Graham Crackers 1 each

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Dietary Consultant

Approval Date

	15 Saturday Breakfast SBP	16 Sunday	17 Monday	18 Tuesday	19 Wednesday	20 Thursday	21 Friday
100% Orange Juice	4 oz	100% Orange Juice	4 oz	100% Orange Juice	4 oz	100% Apple Juice	4 oz
Apple	1 each	Apple	1/2 cup	Fresh Banana	1 each	Applesauce	1/2 cup
Honey Nut Cheerios	1 cup	Scrambled Eggs	3/4 cup	Peanut Butter	2 Tbsp	Honey Nut Cheerios	1 cup
Hard Boiled Egg	2 each	W/G Bread	1/4 cup	Jelly PC	1 each	Scrambled Eggs	1/4 cup
W/G Bread	2 slices	Jelly PC	2 each	W/G Bread	2 slices	Taco Sauce PC	1 each
1% Milk	8 fl oz	1% Milk	1 each	1% Milk	8 fl oz	Tortilla Flour 6.25	1 each
Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint	Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint	Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint	Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint
17 Lunch NSLP							
Chili	8 oz	Chicken Patty Breaded	1 each	Charroll Patty	1 each	Hot Dog	2 each
Brown Rice	1 cup	Macaroni Salad	1/2 cup	Cheese Slice	1 slice	WGR Hot Dog Bun	2 each
Carrots	1 cup	Baked Beans	1 cup	WGR Hamburger Bun	1 each	Coleslaw	1/2 cup
W/G Bread	1 slice	Seasoned Collard	1/2 cup	French Fries	1 cup	Carrots	1/2 cup
Apple	1 each	Greens	1 slice	Lettuce Salad	1 cup	Mustard PC	1/4 cup
1% Milk	1/2 pint	W/G Bread	1 slice	Ranch Dressing	1/2 oz	Fresh Orange	2 each
Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint	Fresh Banana	2 each	Ketchup PC	1 each	1% Milk	1/2 pint
		1% Milk	1/2 pint	Apple	1 each	Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint
		Alt. Milk Skim .5 pint	1/2 pint	1% Milk	1/2 pint		
Dinner							
Baked Turkey	3 oz	Kielbasa	1 each	Italian Meat Sauce	3/4 cup	Turkey & Gravy	6 oz
Poultry Gravy	3 fl oz	Battered Rice	1 cup	Seasoned Spaghetti	1 cup	Battered Mashed	1 cup
Buttered Mashed	1 cup	Seasoned Cabbage	1 cup	Noodles	1/2 cup	Potatoes	1 cup
Potatoes	1 cup	Battered Cornbread	2/40 cut	Lettuce Salad	1/2 cup	Baked Beans	1 cup
Seasoned Beans	1 cup	Whipped Margarine	1 oz	Salad Dressing	1 oz	Buttered Cornbread	1/40 cut
W/G Bread	2 slices	Whipped Gelatin	1/2 cup	Seasoned Green Beans	1/2 cup	Whipped Margarine	1 oz
Whipped Margarine	1 oz	Frosted Cake	8 fl oz	W/G Bread	2 slices	Frosted Cake	1/40 cut
Frosted Cake	1/40 cut	Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	8 fl oz	Whipped Margarine	1 oz	Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	8 fl oz
Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	8 fl oz			Drink High Calcium Plus Bulk	3/4 cup		
PM Snack							
Sandwich Cookie	1 each	Sandwich Cookie	1 each	Apple	1 each	Fresh Orange	2 each
Drink Vitamin Fortified Bulk	8 fl oz	Drink Vitamin Fortified Bulk	8 fl oz	Graham Crackers	1 each	Graham Crackers	1 each

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the next School Year for Campus level indicated.

Dietary Consultant

Approval Date

Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided [here](#).

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided here.

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
NSLP Afterschool Care Program (ASCP)

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided here.

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
CACFP At-Risk Snack or Supper

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided here.

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
CACFP Breakfast Lunch

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided here.

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit M: Menu Cycles
SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION OR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

This menu must be used for the first 21-day cycle of the new School Year for the Campus Level indicated (e.g., elementary, middle school, high school). Additional menus for each Campus Level are provided here.

2024 - 2025 School Year

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Exhibit N: Independent Price Determination Certificate

Both the School Food Authority (SFA) and the Food Service Management Company (Offeror) shall execute this Independent Price Determination Certificate.

	Galveston County Juvenile Board
Name of Food Service Management Company	Name of School Food Authority

By submission of this offer, the Offeror certifies, and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

1. The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices, with any other Offeror or with any competitor.
2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed to the Offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other Offeror for the purpose of restricting competition.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Offeror to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

Each person signing this offer on behalf of the Offeror certifies that:

1. He or she is the person in Offeror’s organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to A.1 through A.3 above; or
2. He or she is not the person in Offeror’s organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein, but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to A.1 through A.3 above, and as their agent does hereby certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to A.1 through A.3 above.

To the best of my knowledge, this Offeror, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any government agency and have not in the last three years been convicted of or found liable for any act prohibited by state or federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

	Title	Date
Signature of Offeror’s Authorized Representative		

In accepting this offer, the SFA certifies that no representative of the SFA has taken any action that may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred to above.

Deputy Director - Detention

	Title	Date
Signature of SFA’s Authorized Representative		

Note: SFA’s acceptance of an offer does not constitute an award of the contract.

Exhibit O: SFA Certification of Acknowledgement

I certify that I, Dink T. Watson (Name), on behalf of Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA, have read and fully understand the contents of this contract. I understand that the SFA must maintain oversight of the food service operations and that these responsibilities will not be delegated to the FSMC. I also understand that the SFA is responsible for closely monitoring the FSMC contract and the FSMC's daily activities.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that I understand the requirements to utilize a FSMC and will comply with the procedures accordingly.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that I will not enter into an agreement with an FSMC that has a real or apparent conflict of interest. This includes FSMCs that provide recommendations, develop, or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, requests for proposals, contract terms, and conditions, or other documents for use in conducting procurement.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that I, nor any employees (including Board Members) of Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA, will not solicit or accept donations, gratuities, nor favors from current or potential FSMCs (i.e., gifts, golf outings, meals, etc.).

Initial Here: dw

I certify that I will appropriately and in a timely manner respond to all bid/proposal protests and concerns raised by potential FSMCs.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that the Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA has a written Code of Conduct that addresses conflicts of interest and governing the performance of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts, and will make sure all employees are aware of said standards.

Initial Here: dw

I have read and understand what the allowable costs are for all of the applicable CN programs.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will be legally responsible for the conduct of the non-profit school food service program and shall supervise the food service operations in such manner as will ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of TDA and the USDA regarding each of the CN programs covered by this contract.

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I certify that all food service employees and those responsible for the oversight of the contract and FSMC's operations have the necessary skillset to fulfill required monitoring responsibilities including management of the items that cannot be delegated to a FSMC.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that staff responsible for monitoring and oversight of the FSMC meet the minimum Professional Standards requirements.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA shall retain control of the non-profit school food service account, signature authority, and overall financial responsibility for the CN programs. This includes access to the USDA Foods claims system, and any other designated state system, local point of sale systems, and accounting systems.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that the CN programs are the responsibility of Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA and Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA is responsible for all contractual agreements entered into in connection with the CN programs.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will be responsible for determining student eligibility for all applicable programs and that Enter FSMC Name will have no involvement in the process.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will retain all records for the current year plus the three from the end of the contract including any renewals.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that all food will follow the current meal standards and Local Wellness Policy.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will monitor awarded FSMC vendor to ensure compliance with USDA regulations.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will be responsible for non-compliance discovered while operating with a FSMC and will comply with the return of disallowed costs to remedy findings.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA has an advisory board composed of students, teachers, and parents to assist in menu planning and student participation.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will not delegate any of the above responsibilities to the FSMC.

Initial Here: dw

I hereby certify that neither Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA nor its principals/authorized representatives are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, disqualified, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal/State department or agency.

Initial Here: dw

I further certify that neither Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA nor any of its principals/authorized representatives has a reported criminal background that would affect the receipt of Federal funds.

Initial Here: dw

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board FSMC is not a paid consultant or contractor with Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA in any other capacity than for this contract.

Initial Here: dw

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information on these forms is true and correct and that I will immediately report to the state agency any changes that occur to the information submitted. I understand that this information is being given in connection with the receipt of federal funds. The state agency may verify information; the deliberate misrepresentation of information will subject me to prosecution under applicable federal and state criminal statutes.

On behalf of Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA, I hereby agree to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations governing the CN programs administered by the state agency. In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy, Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by the USDA. I will ensure that all monthly claims for reimbursement are true and correct and that records are available to support these claims.

SFA hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part SO.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

By accepting this assurance, the SFA agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the SFA, its successors,

transferees, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA
The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the SFA.

Name of Authorized Representative Dink T. Watson

Title of Authorized Representative Deputy Director - Detention

Signature of Authorized Representative _____

Date Signed _____

Exhibit P: FSMC Certification of Acknowledgement

Please initial below next to each statement certifying that you have read and fully understand the contents of this document.

I certify that I, _____, on behalf of _____, (FSMC) have read and fully understand the contents of this contract.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that I, nor any of the employees of _____, (FSMC) have not received any solicitations from any Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA employee. In addition, I certify that no gifts, donations, or anything of monetary value (i.e., golf outings, meals, etc.) have been provided.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that employees of the FSMC will be trained to understand and comply with all necessary training including the current written Code of Conduct authored by Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that all _____ (FSMC) food service employees meet the minimum Professional Standards requirements outlined for the operation of Child Nutrition programs.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will be legally responsible for the conduct of the non-profit school food service program, and shall have access to all necessary documents, which will be maintained onsite, including but not limited to all contracts with vendors so that they may supervise the food service operations in such manner as will ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of TDA and the USDA regarding each of the CN programs covered by this contract.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that _____ (FSMC) will not have control of the district's non profit school food service account, signature authority, and overall financial responsibility for the CN programs. This includes access to the USDA Foods claims system and any other defined state or local system.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA will be responsible for determining student eligibility for all applicable programs and that _____ (FSMC) will have no involvement in the process.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that _____ (FSMC) will follow the 21-day menu for the first 21-days of service, without change.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that all food will comply with the current meal standards and Local Wellness Policy.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that _____ (FSMC) will comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and will report violations to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Initial Here: _____

I hereby certify that neither _____ (FSMC) nor its principals/authorized representatives are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, disqualified, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal/State department or agency.

Initial Here: _____

I further certify that neither _____ (FSMC) nor any of its principals/authorized representatives has a reported criminal background that would affect the receipt of this Federal Award.

Initial Here: _____

I certify that _____ (FSMC) is not a paid consultant or contractor with Galveston County Juvenile Board SFA in any other capacity than for this contract.

Initial Here: _____

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information on these forms is true and correct and that I will immediately report to the SFA any changes that occur to the information submitted. I understand that this information is provided in connection with the receipt of federal funds. The state agency may verify information; the deliberate misrepresentation of information will subject me to prosecution under applicable federal and state criminal statutes. On behalf of _____, (FSMC) I hereby agree to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations governing the CN programs administered by the state agency. In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy, _____ (FMSC) does not discriminate on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by the USDA.

Name of Authorized Representative _____

Title of Authorized Representative _____

Signature of Authorized Representative _____

Date Signed _____

Exhibit Q: Non-Delegable School Food Authority Responsibilities

The SFA shall be legally responsible for the conduct of the food service program and shall supervise and monitor the food service operations to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding the school food service program. The Food Service Management Company (FSMC) acknowledges that the SFA is responsible for completing the following duties and that these cannot be delegated to the FSMC:

1. **Procurement standards:** SFA shall adhere to the procurement standards specified in § 210.21 when contracting with the food service management company. 7 CFR 210.16(a)(1).
2. **On-site monitoring:** 7 CFR 210.16(a)(1)(2) (3), 7 CFR 210.8(a)(1).
 - a. SFA staff must review the FSMC's contract compliance quarterly for at least one site using TDA's FSMC Review Form (located on the squaremeals.org FSMC page).
 - b. SFA must conduct onsite monitoring of serving sites to observe counting and claiming procedures for all operating programs at all campuses. See ARM, section 20, Counting and Claiming. The SFA must follow-up on any meal counting and claiming discrepancies.
3. **Control and overall financial responsibility** of the school food service account. 7 CFR 210.19(a)(1).
4. **Advisory board:** Establish and include parents, staff, and students to assist in menu planning. The FSMC must adhere to the menu cycle for the first 21 days of meal service. Changes thereafter may be made with the approval of the SFA. 7 CFR 210.16(b)(1), 7 CFR 210.16(a)(8).
5. **Health certification** must be maintained to assure that all state and local regulations are met by the FSMC preparing or serving meals at the SFA facilities. 7 CFR 210.16(a)(7).
6. **Establish all prices** for food items served under the nonprofit school food service account (e.g., reimbursable meals, à la carte, and adult meals). 7 CFR 210.16(a)(4).
7. **Retain signature authority** over
 - a. the application/agreement to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs (7 CFR 210.9 (a)(b), 210.16(a)(5));
 - b. Free reduced-price policy statement.
 - c. the USDA Foods claim system.
 - d. Contractual agreements with the school nutrition program (i.e., vending meals to other SFA, commodity processing contracts) 7 CFR 210.21 & 19(a)(1); 7 CFR 210.9(b)(13); 7 CFR 210.15(a); 7 CFR 250.15(a); and,
 - e. Resolution of all program review and audit findings. (7 CFR 210.18(j) and 210.18(k)(1)(2))
8. **Submit monthly claim for reimbursement** 7 CFR 210.8(a); 7 CFR 210.16(a)(5).
 - a. TDA Food and Nutrition Division approves only SFA personnel access to the system which also represents secure signature authority for applications and claims.
 - b. Review to ensure accuracy of lunch counts prior to the claim submission.
 - c. Edit check worksheets that compare daily lunch counts by eligibility category. Free and reduced-price meals may not be claimed in excess of the number of students approved for such benefits.

- 9. **Free and Reduced-Price Meal Process** 7 CFR 245.6
 - a. Develop, distribute, and collect parent letters and applications for free/reduced-price meals & free milk.
 - b. Determination and verification of applications for free/reduced-price meals or free milk.
 - c. Conduct any hearings related to such determinations.

- 10. **USDA donated foods** 7 CFR 210.9(b)(13) (formerly Commodities)
 - a. Monitor that the maximum amount is received and used by the FSMC in the SFA food service.
 - b. Monitor that the FSMC credits SFA at least annually for all USDA Donated foods.

- 11. **À la carte food service:** 7 CFR 210.16(a) The SFA must also offer free, reduced price, and full price reimbursable meals to all eligible children to operate an à la carte food service.

I acknowledge that these responsibilities cannot be delegated to the FSMC and must remain the sole responsibility of the SFA.

Printed Name of SFA Authorized Representative: Dink T. Watson Title Deputy Director - Det.

FSMC Representative: _____ Title _____

Signature: FSMC Representative _____ Date _____

Exhibit R: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

DEFINITIONS

Covered Contracts/Subcontract

(1) Any non-procurement transaction which involves federal funds (regardless of amount), including such arrangements as a sub-grant, for example, between TDA and another entity or the Contracting Entity and another entity.

(2) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the federal procurement small purchase threshold fixed at 10 U.S.C. 2304(g) and 41 U.S.C. 3305 (currently \$50,000) under a grant or sub-grant.

(3) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered grant, sub-grant, contract, or subcontract, regardless of amount, under which that person will have a critical influence on or substantive control over that covered transaction, including

- a. Consultant.
- b. Principal investigators.
- c. Providers of audit services required by the TDA or federal funding source.
- d. Researchers.

Debarment - An action taken by a debarring official in accordance with 2 CFR Part 417, 48 CFR Part 1, or equivalent federal regulations, to exclude a person from participating in covered contracts. A person so excluded is "debarred".

Grant - An award of financial assistance, including cooperative agreements, or contracts or subcontracts for goods or services entered to carry out an award of financial assistance. A grant may be in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, to an eligible grantee, subgrantee or sub-recipient.

Ineligible - a person that is prohibited from entering a covered contract or subcontract because of an exclusion or disqualification.

Participant - any person who submits a proposal for or who enters a covered contract or subcontract, including an agent or representative of a participant.

Person - Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government, or legal entity, however organized.

Principal - An officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within a participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or a consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with federal funds who— (i) is in a position to handle Federal funds, or (ii) is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds, or (iii) occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

Proposal - A solicited or unsolicited bid, application, request, invitation to consider or similar communication by or on behalf of a person seeking to receive a covered contract.

Suspension - An action taken by a suspending official in accordance with 2 CFR Part 471, 48 CFR Part 1, or equivalent federal regulations that immediately excludes a person from participating in covered contracts for a temporary period, pending completion of an investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue. A person so excluded is "suspended".

Voluntary exclusion - A status of nonparticipation or limited participation in a covered contract or subcontract assumed by a person under the terms of a settlement between the person and one or more agencies. Voluntary exclusion must have a government wide effect.

Voluntarily excluded - The status of a person who has agreed to a voluntary exclusion.

**CERTIFICATION
REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND
VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS**

Name of Business (Contractor)	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No.
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(1) The prospective contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for disbarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective contractor is unable to certify any of the statements in this certification, such prospective contractor shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Signature of Contractor Representative

Date

Printed/Typed Name of
Contractor Representative

Printed/Typed Title of
Contractor Representative