



RFP #B142005
OPEN: 05/22/2014
TIME: 3:00 PM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

Sealed proposals in sets of five (5), one (1) original and four (4) copies, will be received in the office of the Galveston County Purchasing Agent until 3:00 P.M., CST, on 05/22/2014, and opened immediately in that office in the presence of Galveston County Auditor and the Purchasing Agent. Sealed proposals 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 3:00 P.M. CST on the specified date will be returned unopened.

Purpose:

Galveston County is seeking a contractor to provide Nuisance Abatement Services. The specifications contained within this solicitation are the minimum acceptable requirements for this service.

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

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Proposers name, return address, and the enclosed label should be prominently displayed on the proposal package for identification purposes.

Specifications can be obtained on application 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/pu/Pages/BidListings.aspx>.

Proposal prices shall be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on proposal bid sheets, if applicable. 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 include in proposal pricing.

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

Bonding Requirements:

- **PROPOSAL GUARANTEE:** Evidencing its firm commitment to engage in the contract if Proposer is selected for award of contract, each Proposer is required to furnish with their proposal a Cashier's Check, Certified Check from any bank within the State of Texas, or an acceptable Proposer's Bond (in the event of requests for bids, this is called a Bidder's Bond), in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. The Proposer's Bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Failure to furnish the bid/proposal guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids/proposals may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal.

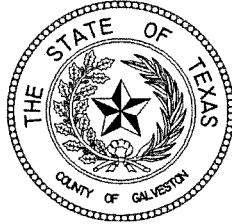
- **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS**

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 in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

The Galveston County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept the proposal 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

**GALVESTON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**



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1. PROPOSAL PACKAGE:

The request for proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the proposal sheet are all part of the proposal package. Proposals must be submitted in sets of five (5), one (1) original and four (4) copies on the forms provided by the County, including 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 sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this proposal. Proposer further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded 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 will prevail. Each proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire proposal packet 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;
- E. and be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

3. TIME FOR RECEIVING PROPOSALS:

Proposals received prior to the submission deadline will be maintained unopened until the specified time for opening. If the proposer fails to identify the Proposal Number on the outside of the envelope as required, the Purchasing Agent will open the envelope for the sole purpose of identifying the proposal 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 you do not submit a proposal, return this Request for Proposal and state reason, otherwise your name may be removed from the Purchasing Agent's mailing list.

4. PROPOSAL OPENING:

Only the names of proposers will be read at the opening. The Purchasing Agent will examine proposals promptly and thoroughly. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days of the proposal opening date.

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

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6. 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, to waive any informality in the proposals received, to disregard the proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible, and/or to discontinue its efforts for any reason under this 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:

Failure to use the proposal form(s) furnished by the County;

- A. Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the proposal form(s);
- B. Failure to properly complete the proposal;
- C. Proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements; and/or;
- D. Evidence of collusion among proposers.

7. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS:

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire invitation to proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Department 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 Department not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for proposal opening. Vendors are to submit proposal as specified herein or propose an approved equal.

8. 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. 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 County Purchasing Agent and sufficiently in advance such that an addendum may be issued. All material supplied must be one hundred percent (100%) asbestos free. Bidder/Proposer, by submission of its bid/proposal, certifies that if awarded any portion of this procurement, the bidder/proposer will supply only material and equipment that is 100% asbestos free.

9. EXCEPTIONS TO PROPOSAL:

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the 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 specific 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.

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10. PRICING:

Proposals will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the proposal sheet. The net price will be delivered to Galveston County, including all freight or shipping charges. Cash discount must be shown on proposal, otherwise prices will be considered net. Unless prices and all information requested are complete, 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.

11. PROCUREMENT 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 normally results in substantially faster bill payments, sometimes within three (3) to five (5) days of the actual transaction date. If your company will accept payment via credit card (Visa, MasterCard), please notate this in your proposal submittal.

12. 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 his product exceeds 10% over the original cost for the product. Also, the increase in cost must be nationwide and consistent for a minimum period of sixty (60) days. 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 is required by the County Purchasing Agent. The County Purchasing Agent will review each request on a case-by-case basis and determine the appropriateness of each request as well as amount and duration of increase. 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 his product as such cost is reflected in Contractor's original proposal or the duration exceed a period of sixty (60) days. In addition, should, during the period of the pass through, cost return to normal or decrease to below pre pass through prices, appropriate downward adjustments will be made. No more than one pass through adjustment will be permitted per year.

13. MODIFICATION OF 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 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.

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14. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSALS:

Each proposal shall give the complete 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 and to sign the proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this RFP and to bind the Proposer thereto 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.

15. AWARD OF PROPOSALS – EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS:

The award will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the 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.**

Each proposer, by submitting a proposal, agrees that if their proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such proposer will furnish all items and services upon which prices have been tendered and upon the terms and conditions in this proposal and 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 Legal Department prior to being signed by the County's authorized representatives.

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

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this RFP and may discontinue its efforts under this RFP 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 RFP will be considered non-compliant.

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

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 RFP and the resultant contract.

Notice of contract award will 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 Proposals.

Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Insurance in the schedule of the Requests for Proposals.

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

16. DISPUTE AFTER AWARD/PROTEST:

Any actual or prospective Proposer who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the solicitation of this RFP or award of a contract resulting therefrom may protest. The protest will 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.

17. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT:

The parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act. Proposer agrees that it has **clearly and conspicuously** marked any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its proposal. County agrees to provide notice to Proposer in accordance with the Public Information Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act for information that the Proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

18. PROPOSER'S EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 17, Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the confidentiality of any and all email addresses it uses or discloses in communicating with the County are open to the public in accordance with Section 552.137 of the Government Code and consents to the release of its email addresses.

19. RESULTANT CONTRACT:

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, then the resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of same. Contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, proposal package (including best and final offer(s) if such is utilized), any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

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If applicable to the attached bid/proposal, bidder/proposer must sign three (3) original contracts and return with their bid/proposal submittal.

Proposer should submit a proposed contract with its proposal or its sample material terms and conditions.

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

20. CONTRACT TERM:

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

21. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:

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

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

Galveston County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law in the event of breach or default of this contract, and may contract with another party, with or without solicitation of bids or 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:

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

22. 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. County may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice for any reason resulting from any governmental law, order, ordinance, regulations,

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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.

23. 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.

24. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:

Any reference to quantities shown in the Request for Proposals 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.

25. 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. If the contractor receives an award as a result of its proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the contractor from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

26. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY OF GALVESTON:

This Request for Proposal 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.

27. PROPOSAL COSTS BORNE BY BIDDER/PROPOSER:

Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidder/Proposer in preparation, production, or submission of a bid/proposal and shall not be liable for any work performed by Bidder/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 Bidder/Proposer by reason of attending a pre-proposal conference. Galveston County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidder/Proposer by reason of the County invoking use of best and final offers.

28. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS (BAFO):

In acceptance of proposals, the County of Galveston 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 solicitation of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the proposers. If invoked, this allows acceptable proposers the opportunity to amend, change or supplement their original proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing requesting that they submit their Best and Final Offer. Any such Best and Final Offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

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29. 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 contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

30. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS:

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this 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, unless such clarification or change is provided to proposers in a written addendum from the Purchasing Agent.

The County of Galveston reserves the right to revise or amend the specifications up to the time set for opening of proposals. Such revisions and amendments, if any, shall be announced by amendments to the solicitation. Copies of such amendments shall be furnished to all prospective contractors. Prospective contractors are defined as those contractors listed on the County's Request for Proposal list for this material/service or those who have obtained documents 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 contractors to revise their proposals. In any case, the proposal opening shall be at least five working days after the last amendment, and the amendment shall include an announcement of the new date if applicable, for the opening or proposals.

31. 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.

32. PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES:

The names of those who submitted proposals will not be made public information unless in conformity with the County Purchasing Act. No pricing or staffing information will be released. 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.

33. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:

Proposers may request withdrawal of a 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.

34. INDEMNIFICATION:

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

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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.

35. 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 standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners of the State of Texas, with coverage provisions insuring 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 upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of any policy. Said insurance shall not be cancelled, permitted to expire, or changed without 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 upon expiration, termination, or cancellation 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.

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Workers' Compensation Insurance: Successful proposer shall carry in full force Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy(ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful 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 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.

36. BID/PROPOSAL GUARANTEE:

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, Certified Check from any bank within the State of Texas, or an acceptable Proposer's Bond (in the event of requests for bids, this is called a Bidder's Bond), in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. The Proposer's Bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Failure to furnish the bid/proposal guarantee in the proper form and amount, by the time set for opening of bids/proposals may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal.

The Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Proposer Bond (as applicable) will be returned to each respective unsuccessful proposer(s) subsequent to 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, Certified 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.

37. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:

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 in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

The performance and payment bonds must 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

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- 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 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 public work 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) days after the date of signing of the contract or receiving notice from the Purchasing Agent that the contract has been fully executed. Failure to provide the required payment and performance bonds within the required business days shall constitute an event of default under this contract. Contractor shall not commence work until all applicable certificates of insurance, performance, 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.

38. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT PROTECTION:

The Proposer agrees at its sole expense to protect the County from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights. **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, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, 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.

39. 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.

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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 websites are linked from the Galveston County homepage, at <http://www.co.galveston.tx.us>.

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

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

It is Proposer's sole responsibility to file a true and complete CIQ Form with the Galveston County Clerk if Proposer is required to file by the requirements of Chapter 176 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.

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.

40. COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY:

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

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

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

Rufus Crowder, CPPO CPPB, Purchasing Agent
722 Moody, (21st Street)
Fifth (5th) Floor, Purchasing
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 621-7997
E-mail: rufus.crowder@co.galveston.tx.us

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

Please carefully review this Request for Proposal. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

41. 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.

42. 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 bidding; 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 of any other bidder, 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 RFP. 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 RFP by the Proposer and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's submission.

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.

43. 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.

44. 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 Galveston County, Texas.

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45. 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 RFP 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 Proposer's Federal Identification Number (FEIN) and;
- C. New Proposer's proposed operating plans.

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.

46. 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.

47. ACCURACY OF DATA:

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

48. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT:

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

49. 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 its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Request for Proposal.

50. 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 insure 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.

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51. PROCUREMENT ETHICS:

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

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

CODE OF ETHICS – Statement of Purchasing Policy:

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

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

To achieve the purpose of this Article, 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 a procurement when the employee knows that:

The employee or any member of the employee’s immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement;

A business or organization in which the employee or any member of the employee’s immediate family, has a financial interest pertaining to the procurement; or

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 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 therefor.

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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 or to 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 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.

52. 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.

53. 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 received for by, or actually received by, the receiving Party.

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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

Robert Boemer, Director,
Galveston County Legal Department
722 Moody (21st Street), Fifth (5th) Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
Fax: (409) 770-5560

To the Contractor at:

(Proposer to provide its contact name, address, and facsimile number for notice hereunder.)

54. 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, 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 and implementing regulations.
- C. **Americans with Disabilities Act:** Proposer shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and implementing regulations.

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- 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.

55. 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 General, the General Accounting 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.

56. 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:

- A. **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.
- B. **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.

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- C. **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.
- D. **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.
- E. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** 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:
- 1) withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or;
 - 2) cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- F. **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.

57. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

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 GLO, the State, HUD, 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 RFP. Proposer's failure to include the fully completed and executed original of this Certification shall be considered non-compliance with the requirements of this RFP and grounds for the rejection of Proposer's proposal. .**

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58. 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 therefore, 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 RFP and that all such persons are current in child support payments.

59. LABOR STANDARDS:

Proposer acknowledges that the contract to be awarded pursuant to this RFP is on a grant program funded with Federal funds. Proposer shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and CFR Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", Copeland, "Anti-Kickback" Act (29 C.F.R. Part 3), the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (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 CFR 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.

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The Special Provision section of this Request for Proposal solicitation and the exhibits attached herein are made a part of the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of the Request for Proposal and Resultant Contract Agreement, and supersede the General Provisions, any prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect thereto.

PURPOSE:

Galveston County is seeking a contractor to provide Nuisance Abatement Services. The specifications contained within this solicitation are the minimum acceptable requirements for this service.

In the event of a conflict between any provision of these Special Terms and Conditions and any other section or provision of this bid package or a contract awarded under this bid, the Special Terms and Provisions control. If you need additional information, contact the Project Administrator.

ANY REFERENCES TO NAME BRANDS ARE FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY.

DEFINITIONS:

COUNTY AS OWNER

"County" in this contract refers to the County of Galveston.

CONTRACTOR

"Contractor" refers to the person or entity contractually to perform the work in this contract.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

"Program Administrator" refers to the person designated by the County to act on its behalf in administering this contract.

SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED WORK

"Substantially Completed" is work fully completed with the exception of minor miscellaneous work and adjustment.

The work to be performed at a specific job site will be described by the County's Program Administrator, who, for purposes of this contract is:

Name: Garret Foskit, Nuisance Abatement Officer
Garret.foskit@co.galveston.tx.us

Address: Galveston County Nuisance Abatement
1620 Gill Road
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Telephone: (409) 766-4509

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EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The award of this proposal shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiations taken into consideration of the following evaluation factors:

Total Price	30%
Cost of Demolition 1,500 square feet or less	30%
Quality – Availability of subcontractor & suppliers	10%
Experience with Asbestos Abatement	10%
Does not subcontract	20%

CONTRACT AND TERM:

The resultant contract consists of the following documents: Request For Proposal, General Provisions, General Specifications, Special Provisions, General Terms and Conditions, Line Item Detail (including specifications, drawings, and addenda), Proposal Sheets, contract award, and any other documents referenced herein or attached hereto for the work. Collectively these documents may also be referred to as the Plans and Specifications.

The initial term of the contract shall be one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year options to renew, mutually agreeable by both parties. The total contractual period shall not exceed three (3) years unless otherwise superseded by the resultant contract language.

SPECIFICATIONS:

It is the intent of these specifications to secure a term contract to furnish demolition and clearing services. Possible operations to be performed under this contract include:

1. clearing and grading site;
2. removing structures (commercial and residential) and their contents;
3. removing debris, such as tires, vehicles, trash and vegetation (including trees, if requested);
4. removing black top or cement-slabs if severely damaged;
5. removing fences (all types);
6. abatement of any special or hazardous materials, including asbestos, per TCEQ, USEPA, NESHAPS, TXDSHS, and all other applicable regulations;
7. busting and filling septic tanks or swimming pools; and
8. removing damaged sidewalks and driveways.

The site must meet the approval of the Program Administrator after demolition.

Various lots or acreage shall be cleared of all structures and left in a level condition upon completion of grading. UNLESS IT IS TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES (S), NO TREES ARE TO BE REMOVED DURING THE DEMOLITION PROCESS UNLESS SPECIFIED BY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED DURING THE SITE INSPECTION.

Extreme caution and planning are urged in the disconnecting of any and all utilities (water, sewage, electricity, cable TV, etc.), in an effort not to interfere with any other residences in the area.

All bids are based on an AS-IS-WHERE-IS basis and any salvageable appliances, fixtures, etc. ARE NOT to be considered in the bidder's quotation, although the residence and all contents abandoned become the property of the successful bidder.

Paragraph 22 of the General Terms and Conditions does not apply to this Contract.

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SPECIAL PROPOSER NOTE:

Please read carefully the detailed specifications for subject contract. Demolition work may include the removal of severely damaged concrete slabs, sidewalks, driveways, swimming pools, garages, shed, barns, fencing, etc. After completion of all work, dirt, grass and trees shall remain on a level graded site.

DO NOT COVER UP CONCRETE OR OTHER DEBRIS IN THE CLEARING PROCESS.

IT SHALL BE THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE ALL UTILITIES DISCONNECTED BEFORE DEMOLITION COMMENCES!

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Each proposer is requested to thoroughly review the solicitation specifications in order to familiarize themselves for the requested demolition work.

Quotations shall be submitted on a net total bid basis subject to estimated quantities as detailed on the proposal form. Please detail any charges for requested work not specifically requested on the proposal form.

PAYMENT:

Acceptance and payment are to be conditioned upon completion of designated work to the satisfaction of the Program Administrator and in accordance with all conditions and requirements, as detailed herein.

For payment purposes, the Contractor shall measure each structure and related items to be demolished. These figures shall be approved by the Program Administrator IN WRITING. This procedure must be completed before any work is to commence.

The basis of payment shall be the Net Total Bid to demolish and remove all debris from the property and shall include all costs of labor, materials, equipment, tools, incidentals, fees, inspections, re-inspections, permits, and all code and ordinance requirements necessary to complete the work in accordance with plans and specifications. **Galveston County is tax exempt and therefore taxes should not be added to the bid price.**

Contractor shall invoice for each COMPLETED DEMOLITION by site. Payment may be expected from the County Auditor's Office within approximately thirty (30) days from date of stamp receipt of invoice in that office.

COMPLETION TIME:

Galveston County expects demolition and removal work for any one structure or site to begin no later than ten (10) working days after the date of its written notice to proceed by the County or its Program Administrator, and to be completed at the site not later than two (2) days for structures between 0 and 1,500 square foot sites larger to be determined at that time. The completion time frames may be changed with approval from the Program Administrator on a case by case basis. If an order contains more than one site for demolition and removal work, the Contractor must begin no later than ten (10) working days after its notice to proceed and to complete work on sites not later than thirty (30) working days after the date the order for nuisance abatement is received by the Contractor. It is the intent of this bid to complete all demolition work as expeditiously as possible; therefore, prospective bidders be warned that delays in work WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Failure to perform in an expedient and professional manner will not be tolerated.

FILLING VOIDS:

The Contractor shall comply with the following:

- Completely fill below-grade areas and voids resulting from demolition of structures;
- Use satisfactory soil materials free from debris, trash, frozen materials, roots, and other organic matter;
- Prior to placement of fill materials, ensure that areas to be filled are free of standing water, frost, frozen materials, trash and debris;

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- Place fill materials in horizontal layers not exceeding 6" in loose depth. Compact each layer at optimum moisture content of fill materials to a density equal to original adjacent ground, unless subsequent excavation for new work is required. VOIDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AND CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPACT GROUND TO FILL-IN BELOW GRADE AREAS;
- After fill placement and compaction, grade surface to meet adjacent contours and to provide flow to surface drainage structures.

PIERS:

ALL PIERS TO BE REMOVED ARE TO BE CUT 24" BELOW GROUND LEVEL. Fill dirt shall be used to fill the void and compacted every 8".

FILL DIRT:

All fill dirt used shall be documented by a delivery ticket for the purchase of said material.

DISPOSAL OF DEMOLISHED MATERIALS:

The Contractor shall remove from the site all debris, rubbish, and other materials resulting from demolition operations and dumped on the property. The Contractor shall provide landfill disposal documentation to the County, showing the amount by volume of debris and trash taken from a jobsite to a landfill and the charge made by the landfill to the Contractor for such disposal.

The burning of materials is not permitted on site.

REMOVAL:

Contractor shall be responsible for the removal of all debris caused by Contractor's work and disposal of said debris at an approved dumping site meeting all city, county, state and federal regulations.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

A. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:**

The Contractor shall at all times be considered to be an independent contractor, and will not hold itself or its employees out to be employees or agents of the County of Galveston.

The Contractor shall provide, at the Contractor's expense, competent, full-time supervision of the work while actually in progress.

B. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING:**

The Contractor will retain full control over this contract and will not assign or subcontract said contract without the prior written consent of the County. Failure to request consent shall be grounds for default under this Contract. The Contractor further agrees that assigning or subcontracting any portion or feature of the work shall not relieve the Contractor from its full obligations under this contract.

C. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:**

The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.

The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the policies of non-discrimination.

D. **DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS:**

In the event of any discrepancy between the Plans and Specifications, or otherwise, or in the event of any doubt as to the meaning and intent of any portion of the Plans and Specifications, the Program

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Administrator shall define which is intended to apply to the work. Such definition shall be final and binding on Contractor.

E. **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.

F. **TIME AND ORDER OF COMPLETION:**

The Contractor is advised that time for completion will consist of the number of calendar days set out in the Contract Award.

The time for completion will begin to run on the day after the issuance of a notice to proceed by the Program Administrator. The Contractor is required to start work no later than ten (10) working days after the issuance of the written notice to proceed. Failure to timely commence operations may be deemed by the County to be a default. The Contractor will complete the work at that site within the time period specified. If there is more than one site listed on the notice to proceed, work for all sites must be completed no later than is specified for each site by the Program Administrator.

The Contractor will commence work within ten (10) days after the issuance of the notice to proceed and will substantially complete the work within the time specified in the Contract Award.

G. **EXTENSION OF TIME:**

Should the Contractor be delayed in the completion of the work by an act or neglect of the County or Program Administrator, or by any employee of either, or by other Contractors employed by the County, or by changes ordered in the work, or by strikes, lockouts, fire, or unusual delays by common carriers, or unavoidable cause or causes beyond the Contractor's control or by any cause which the Program Administrator shall decide justifies the delay, then an extension of time shall be allowed for completing the work sufficient to compensate for the delay. The Contractor shall give the Program Administrator prompt notice in writing of the cause of such delay. The amount of the extension will be determined by the Program Administrator.

H. **LOSSES FROM NATURAL CAUSES:**

All damage to the work from the action of the elements or from any unforeseen circumstances in the prosecution of the work shall be repaired by the Contractor at its own cost.

I. **CHANGES AND ALTERATIONS:**

The Program Administrator may make changes and alterations to the Plans and Specifications at any time through the issuance of a change order.

If such changes or alterations diminish the quantity of the work to be done, the Program Administrator will reduce the amount of compensation payable to the Contractor.

If there is an increase in the amount of the work, an increase in compensation will be calculated by the Program Administrator.

J. **KEEPING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ACCESSIBLE:**

The Contractor shall keep one (1) copy of all Plans and Specifications constantly accessible at the work site and available for inspection at all times.

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K. PERFORMANCE OF WORK:

All work shall be performed and completed in a thorough, workmanlike manner and in accordance with the latest proven practices of the trade by thoroughly skilled and experienced workers.

L. STORAGE AND CLEANUP:

The County does not assume responsibility for any materials, tools, or equipment stored on or about the worksite. The worksite shall be cleared of debris by the Contractor continuously through the progress of the work and also upon final completion of the work.

M. WORKING HOURS:

Contractor may perform work twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week, unless otherwise restricted by the Special Conditions of this contract.

N. WORKSITE SECURITY:

Contractor shall maintain the security of the worksite and shall restrict access to the site to the following:

- a) its employees;
- b) employees of subcontractors;
- c) representatives of manufacturers whose goods are utilized in the work and are called to the site by either the Contractor or the Program Administrator; and
- d) agents and/or employees of the County.

Contractor shall provide adequate protection to persons on the worksite, adjacent properties, and utilities as is necessary to keep each free of damage or injury. Contractor shall furnish all barricades, warning lights and other safety devices necessary for the safety and protection of the public and shall remove them upon completion of the work performed on those premises under the terms of this contract.

Contractor will have complete control over the work site and shall be fully responsible for any loss of or damage to any County property from any cause and will reimburse County in the event of any loss or damage to County's property from any cause.

Contractor shall take proper means to protect adjacent or adjoining properties which might be injured or seriously affected by construction undertaken under this agreement from any damage or injury by reason of said process of construction. Contractor shall be liable for any and all claims for such damage on account of its failure to fully protect all adjoining properties.

O. ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:

The County is committed to maintaining an alcohol and drug free workplace. Possession, use or being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances by the Contractor's employees while in the performance of this contract is prohibited. Violation of this requirement shall constitute grounds for immediate termination of the contract.

P. LABOR:

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.

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	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Fringes</u>
CONCRETE FINISHER-PAVING	9.87	
CONCRETE FINISHER-STRUCTURES	9.86	
CONCRETE RUBBER	9.00	
ELECTRICIAN	16.15	
FLAGGER	6.66	
FORM BUILDER (STRUCTURES)	9.96	
FORM LINER-PAVING & CURB	9.03	
FORSETTER (PAVING/CURB)	8.86	
FORM SETTER-STRUCTURES	9.05	
LABORER-COMMON	7.45	
LABORER-UTILITY	8.53	
LINEPERSON	7.50	
MANHOLE BUILDER (Brick)	8.49	
MECHANIC	11.38	
OILER	9.56	
SERVICER	9.51	
PAINTER-STRUCTURES	14.00	
PILEDRIVER	10.96	
PIPE LAYER	8.49	
ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR	9.47	
ASPHALT PAVING MACHINE	10.05	
BROOM OR SWEEPER OPERATOR	8.01	
BULLDOZER	9.91	
CONCRETE CURING MACHINE	8.80	
CONCRETE FINISHING MACHINE	11.79	
CONCRETE JOINT SEALER	10.50	
CONCRETE PAVING FLOAT	9.30	
CONCRETE PAVING SAW	10.01	
CONCRETE PAVING SPREADER	9.32	
SLIPFORM MACHINE OPERATOR	9.20	
CRANE, CLAMSHELL, BACKHOE, DERRICK, D'LINE, SHOVEL	11.35	
CRUSHER/SCREENING PLANT	11.00	
FOUNDATION DRILL OPERATOR, CRAWLER MOUNTED	12.59	
FOUNDATION DRILL OPERATOR TRUCK MOUNTED	12.73	
FRONT END LOADER	9.29	
MILLING MACHINE OPERATOR	10.43	
MIXER	7.94	
MOTOR GRADER (FINE GRADE)	11.11	
MOTOR GRADER	10.67	
PAVEMENT MARKING MACHINE	7.45	
ROLLER, STEEL WHEEL PLANT MIX PAVEMENTS	9.25	
ROLLER, STEEL WHEEL OTHER FLATWHEEL OR TAMPING	7.61	
ROLLER, PNEUMATIC, SELF PROPELLED SCRAPER	7.96	
	8.69	

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TRACTOR-CRAWLER TYPE	10.12	
TRACTOR-PNEUMATIC	8.99	
TRAVELING MIXER	9.35	
TRENCHING MACHINE-LIGHT	10.50	
TRENCHING MACHINE-HEAVY	13.56	
WAGON-DRILL, BORING MACHINE	10.15	
REINFORCING STEEL SETTER (PLAVING)	12.50	
REINFORCING STEEL SETTER STRUCTURES	12.47	
STEEL WORKER-STRUCTURAL	10.35	
SIGN ERECTOR	10.06	
SPREADER BOX OPERATOR	9.08	
WORK ZONE BARRICADE	7.45	
SIGN INSTALLER	7.45	
TRUCK DRIVER-SINGLE AXLE LIGHT	8.15	
TRUCK DRIVER-SINGLE AXLE HEAVY	8.76	
TRUCK DRIVER-TANDEM AXLE SEMI		
TRAILER	8.00	
TRUCK DRIVER-LOWBOY/FLOAT	11.29	
WELDER	10.43	

***WELDERS** – Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

In the event other crafts or types of workers are required than are listed therein, such Workers shall be paid at a rate not less than the prevailing rate for similar workers in the Galveston County area.

Contractor acknowledges that:

- Pursuant to the Texas Government Code §2258.022, a violation of the obligation to pay workers the prevailing wages shall result in Contractor paying the County the amount of \$60.00 for each worker employed for each calendar day or part of the day that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the Contract and;
- Contractors and Subcontractors shall be required to keep a record showing the name and occupation of each worker employed by Contractor or Subcontractor in the construction of the work called for in the contract and the actual per diem wages paid to each worker. The record shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by the officers and agents of the County.
- Contractor represents it has read this law and the penalties provided prior to entering into this agreement.

Q. **UTILITIES:**
Contractor shall be responsible for any charges which may be made by any city or utility companies for the work to be performed by Contractor.

R. **PARKING:**
Contractor shall be responsible for the expense of parking the Contractor's vehicle(s) in a legal manner and at no expense or inconvenience to the County.

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S. **FIRE AND SAFETY:**

Contractor is completely responsible for fire protection at the job site as well as the safety of its own employees as well as those entering onto the job site.

T. **CONTRACTOR'S BUILDINGS:**

The building of structures for housing employees, or the erection of tents or other forms of protection will be permitted only at such places as the Program Administrator shall permit, and the sanitary conditions of the grounds in or about such structures shall at all times be maintained in the manner satisfactory to the Program Administrator.

U. **INSURANCE:**

Contractor shall obtain and pay for insurance set forth below prior to commencing work, and shall file with the Program Administrator certificates or copies of policies for approval and as proof of coverage:

- (1) Workmen's Compensation on all employees as required by law.
- (2) Public Liability - (naming the County as an additional insured) -

Minimum amounts \$100,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 for any single occurrence for bodily injury or death.

- (3) Property Damage-(naming the County as an additional insured) -

Minimum amount \$100,000.00 for any single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property.

- (4) Builder's Risk Insurance.

- (5) Professional liability- (naming the County as an additional insured) -

Minimum amount of \$100,000 per individual and \$300,000.00 per occurrence.

The above requirements do not establish limits of Contractor's liability.

Contractor shall at all times during the term of this contract and any extensions thereof maintain such insurance coverage.

Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of Contractor.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against County, its officers, employees and agents.

Certified copies of original insurance policies shall be furnished to Program Administrator.

The County shall be named as "additional insured" on such policies as are specified above.

The County reserves the right to require additional insurance should it be deemed necessary.

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Necessary sanitary conveniences for the use of laborers at the worksite, properly secluded from the public observation, shall be constructed and maintained by Contractor in such manner at such points as shall be approved by the Program Administrator, and their use shall be strictly enforced.

W. **DAILY CLEANUP:**

Contractor shall confine to the work site all materials and refuse generated by Contractor's operations. Materials that are stored on-site shall be stored in an orderly manner. Materials or refuse from demolition and/or removal operations that become scattered in adjacent areas shall be collected and returned to the work site and satisfactorily removed. Truck hauling materials must be covered to keep materials from littering streets.

X. **FINAL GRADING:**

If grading is required, when work is complete, Contractor shall grade the site to fill in holes and make a presentable appearance without disturbing trees and add fill dirt if needed. Contractor may not leave voids in the grading and compaction of the property. The land shall have a smooth appearance without concrete, bricks, building materials, and other debris on the surface.

Y. **RIGHT OF ENTRY:**

County reserves the right to enter the property or location at which the work is being conducted, by such agents as it may elect, for the purpose of inspecting the work, or for the purpose of constructing or installing such collateral work as County may desire, or for any other purpose deemed necessary by County.

Z. **INSPECTION :**

County reserves the right to inspect the work done by Contractor at any time. The inspection may include examination of the material furnished and the work done under this agreement to ensure compliance with the plans and specifications.

Contractor shall furnish all reasonable aid and assistance required by the inspector(s) for the proper inspection and examination of the work. The inspector(s) may make any order requiring remedy of deficient performance at any time. Should Contractor object to any order by any inspector, Contractor may, within 24 hours, make written appeal to the Program Administrator for his decision, which decision shall be final and binding on Contractor.

The approval or failure of an inspector to reject non complying work or materials shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to perform the work in full compliance with the plans and specifications for the work.

Contractor shall be responsible for the costs associated by the exposing and covering of any item of concealed work for which an inspection is performed.

AA. **DEFECTS AND THEIR REMEDIES:**

It is further agreed that if the work or any part thereof, or any material brought on the ground for use in the work or selected for the same, shall be deemed by the Program Administrator as unsuitable or not in conformity with the specifications, Contractor shall, after receipt of written notice thereof from the Program Administrator, forthwith remove such material and rebuild or otherwise remedy such work so that it shall be in full accordance with this contract.

BB. **SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION:**

When the Contractor determines that the work is substantially complete, he shall advise the Program Administrator of such and schedule a time for the Program Administrator to inspect the work. Contractor shall have all systems fully functional and operational for the inspection of the Program

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Administrator. All phases of the work will be examined by the Program Administrator. The Program Administrator will note any deficiencies in the work and notify Contractor of the same.

The Program Administrator may acknowledge that the project is substantially complete if the work has been completed to the point where the work can be utilized for the general purpose for which it was undertaken. If the project is found not to be substantially complete, the Program Administrator will so advise the contractor.

CC. **FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE:**

Within ten (10) days after Contractor has given the Program Administrator written notice that the work has been completed, or substantially completed, the Program Administrator shall inspect the work and, within said time, if the work be found to be completed or substantially completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, the Program Administrator shall issue an approval for payment.

Should such inspection reveal deficiencies on the work, the Program Administrator will deliver a list of deficiencies to Contractor for immediate repair. No payment will be made until all deficiencies have been remedied.

DD. **SCHEDULE OF VALUES:**

If this contract provides for the making of progress payments, Contractor shall prepare a schedule of values to allocate the entire contract sum among the various portions of the work. The schedule shall be supported by such data as will allow the Program Administrator to evaluate the schedule and substantiate its accuracy. The Program Administrator may make any adjustments deemed necessary to the schedule. That schedule will then form the basis of progress payment applications.

EE. **PROGRESS PAYMENTS AND RETAINAGE:**

If this contract provides for the making of progress payments, Contractor shall make application to County for payment, utilizing forms provided by County for that purpose. Contractor shall state the percentage of the work performed and request payment in proportion to the amount of work performed. Applications for payment shall be made monthly by Contractor.

The amount of each payment shall be calculated by taking the sum allocated to the portion of the work in the schedule of values for which application is made, and then by multiplying that sum by the percentage of completion, then subtracting previous amounts paid by County toward the total amount of the contract.

Each progress payment shall be reduced by Five Percent (5%) as retainage.

Upon the attainment of substantial completion, payment will be made so that the sum of all payments made under the contract equals Ninety Five Percent (95%) of the total contract amount.

FF. **ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:**

This Contract, including the specifications, plans and estimates, is intended to show clearly all the work to be done and material to be furnished hereunder. The estimated quantities of the various classes of work to be done and material to be furnished under this contract are approximate and are to be used as a basis for estimating the probable cost of the work and for comparing the proposals offered for the work. It is understood and agreed that the actual amount of work to be done and material to be furnished under this contract may differ somewhat from these estimates, and that the basis for payment under this contract shall be the actual amount of such work done and the material furnished. It is further understood that the County does not guarantee any minimum amount

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of work under this Contract and will pay only for such labor and materials actually furnished and satisfactorily installed.

Contractor agrees that it will make no claim for damages, anticipated profits or otherwise on account of any differences which may be found between the quantities of work actually done, the material actually furnished under this Contract and the estimated quantities contemplated and contained in the proposals.

GG. CHANGES AND ALTERATIONS:

Contractor further agrees that Program Administrator may make such changes and alterations as County may see fit, in the line, grade, form dimensions, plans or materials for the work herein contemplated, or any part thereof, either before or after the beginning of the contract construction, without affecting the validity of this Contract and the accompanying bonds.

If such changes or alterations diminish the quantity of the work to be done, they shall not constitute the basis for a claim for damages, or anticipated profits on the work that may be dispensed with. If changes or alterations increase the amount of the work, and the increased work can fairly be classified under the specifications, such increase shall be paid for according to the quantity actually done and at the unit price established for such work under this contract; otherwise such additional work shall be paid for as provided under the paragraph entitled "EXTRA WORK". In case Program Administrator shall make such changes or alterations as shall make useless any work already done or material already furnished or used in said work, then County shall recompense Contractor for any material or labor so used, and for any actual loss occasioned by such change due to actual expenses incurred in preparation for the work as originally planned.

HH. EXTRA WORK:

The term "Extra Work" as used in this contract shall be understood to mean and include all work that may be required by the Program Administrator to be done by Contractor to accomplish any change, alteration or addition to the work shown upon the plans, or reasonably implied by the specifications, and not covered by Contractor's Proposal except as provided under Changes and Alterations in Paragraph 39 herein above.

It is agreed that Contractor shall perform all Extra Work under the direction of the Program Administrator when presented with a Written Work Order signed by the Program Administrator: subject, however, to the right of Contractor to require a written confirmation of such Extra Work Order by the County Commissioners' Court. It is also agreed that the compensation to be paid Contractor for performing said Extra Work shall be determined by one or more of the following methods:

- Method (a) - By agreed unit prices; or
- Method (b) - By agreed lump sum; or
- Method (c) - If Neither Method (a) nor Method (b) can be agreed upon before the Extra Work is commenced, then Contractor shall be paid the "actual field cost" of the work plus fifteen (15) percent.

In the event said Extra Work be performed and paid for under Method (c), then the provisions of this paragraph shall apply and the "actual field cost" is hereby defined to include the cost of all workmen, such as foremen, timekeepers, merchants, and laborers, and materials, supplies, teams, trucks, rentals on machinery and equipment for time actually employed or used on such Extra Work plus actual transportation charges necessarily incurred, if the kind of equipment or machinery is not already on the job, together with all power, fuel, lubricants, water and similar operating expenses, also all

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necessary incidental expenses incurred directly on account of such Extra Work including Social Security, Old Age Benefits and other payroll taxes, and a ratable proportion of premiums on Construction and Maintenance Bonds, Public Liability and Property Damage and Workmen's Compensation, and all other insurance as may be required by any law or ordinance, or directed by the Program Administrator or by him agreed.

The Program Administrator may direct the form in which accounts of the "actual field cost" shall be kept and may also specify in writing, before the work commences, the method of doing the work and the type and kind of machinery and equipment to be used, otherwise these matters shall be determined by Contractor. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the prices for the use of machinery and equipment shall be determined by using the one hundred (100) percent of the actual hourly or daily rate (for the time used plus time in moving to and from Job) of the latest schedule of Equipment Ownership Expense adopted by the Association General Contractors of America. Where practicable the terms and prices for the use of Machinery and Equipment shall be incorporated in the Written Extra Work Order.

The fifteen (15) percent of the "Actual Field Cost" to be paid Contractor shall cover and compensate him for his profit, overhead, general superintendence and field office expense, and all other elements of cost and expense not embraced within the 'actual field cost' as herein defined, save that where the Contractor's Camp or Field Office must be maintained primarily on account of such extra work, then the cost to maintain and operate same shall be included in the "actual field cost".

No claim for extra work of any kind will be allowed unless ordered in writing by the Program Administrator. In case any orders or instructions, either oral or written appear to Contractor to involve extra work for which he should receive compensation, it shall make written request to the Program Administrator for written order authorizing Extra Work. Should a difference of opinion arise as to what does or does not constitute extra work, or as to the payment therefore, and the Program Administrator insists upon its performance, Contractor shall proceed with the work after making written order and shall keep an accurate account of the "actual field cost" thereof, as provided under Method (c) and by this action Contractor will thereby preserve the right to submit the matter of payment to litigation.

II. **FINAL PAYMENT:**

Upon the issuance of the approval for payment, the Program Administrator shall certify same to County, who shall pay to Contractor the balance due Contractor under the terms of this agreement, provided it has fully performed its contractual obligations under the terms of this contract; and has provided County with a release of liens from all material men, suppliers and subcontractors utilized in the work.

JJ. **HINDRANCES AND DELAYS:**

No charge shall be made by Contractor for hindrances or delays from any cause (except when work is stopped by order of the County) during the progress of any portion of the work embraced in this contract. In case said work shall be stopped by the act of Program Administrator then such expense as in the judgement of the Program Administrator is caused by stopping of said work shall be paid by County to Contractor.

KK. **TIME OF FILING CLAIMS:**

It is further agreed by both parties hereto that all questions of dispute or adjustment presented by Contractor shall be in writing and filed with the Program Administrator within a reasonable time after the Program Administrator has given any directions, order, or instruction to which Contractor desires to take exception. The Program Administrator shall reply to such written exceptions by Contractor and render his final decision in writing.

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LL. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR DELAY:**

Contractor agrees that time is of the essence of this contract and that for each day of a delay of a day beyond the number of working days or calendar days herein agreed upon the completion of the work herein specified and contracted for (after due allowance for such extension of time as is provided for under Extension of Time hereinabove) County may withhold permanently from Contractor's total compensation the sum specified in the special conditions as liquidated damages for such delay.

MM. **ABANDONMENT BY CONTRACTOR:**

Should Contractor fail to start or resume work within ten (10) days after written notification from the Program Administrator or if Contractor fails to comply with a change order or instruction of the Program Administrator, shall be declared to be in default and the Surety on the bonds shall be notified in writing and directed to complete the work, and a copy of said notice shall be delivered to Contractor.

In case the Surety should fail to commence compliance with the notice for completion hereinbefore provided for within ten (10) days after service of such notice, or in the event there is no Surety, then County may provide for completion of the work in any manner it deems appropriate.

NN. **TERMINATION:**

County may terminate this Contract:

- (i) immediately by giving written notice, if Contractor breaches its obligation under the Contract; or
- (ii) with or without cause, after giving 30 days written notice of termination to Contractor.

In the event this Contract is terminated, Contractor will be paid for work satisfactorily completed. The amount of such payment will be determined by the Program Administrator.

OO. **SALVAGE:**

Any materials, equipment and fixtures specifically ordered to be salvaged under these specifications shall remain the property of County and will be delivered to the site designated by the Program Administrator. All other items shall be disposed of by Contractor in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

PP. **COMPLIANCE WITH CODES:**

Contractor shall comply with all city, county, and state codes, laws, and ordinances in force at the time of award of contract and applicable to such work. Contractor shall obtain, at Contractor's own expense, such permits, certificates, and licenses as may be required in the performance of the specified work.

QQ. **INDEMNITY:**

Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and save whole and harmless Galveston County, and its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims and suits of whatever character, arising from the performance of this contract.

RR. **PROTECTION AGAINST CLAIMS OF SUBCONTRACTORS, LABORERS, MATERIALMEN, AND FURNISHERS OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, material men and furnishers of equipment, and all supplies incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the

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Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, material men and furnishers of equipment, and all supplies incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature hereinabove designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then 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.

SS. **PROTECTION AGAINST ROYALTIES, PATENTED INVENTIONS OR PROCESS, OR PATENT INFRINGEMENT:**

Contractor shall, at its own expense, settle or defend any claim, suit or action brought against County and shall protect and save harmless County from all and every demand for damages, royalties or fees for any patented invention or process used by it in connection with the work done, process used or material furnished under this Contract, and shall pay any final judgment for damages, attorneys fees and costs which may be awarded against the County.

TT. **LAWS AND ORDINANCES:**

Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances and regulations which in any manner effect the contract or the work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the County against any claim arising from the violation of any such laws and ordinances, whether by Contractor or its employees.

UU. **WARRANTY:**

Contractor and/or its Surety will be required by County to repair, replace, restore, and/or to make such corrections as are required of it to comply strictly in all things with this contract and the Plans and Specifications and any and all of said work and/or materials which, within a period of one year from and after the date of the passing, approval, and/or acceptance of any such work or materials, are found to be defective or to fail in any way to comply with this contract or with the Plans and Specifications.

YY. **PERMITS AND LICENSES:**

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and furnishing all necessary permits and licenses, City, County, State or Federal as are required for the performance of this contract.

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BID ITEM COST PROPOSAL FORM

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>
1. Quantities of 0 – 1,500 square foot Demolition of frame houses, commercial structures, garages, sheds, barns, etc., and removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
2. Quantities of 1,500 – 3,000 square foot Demolition of frame house, commercial structures, garages, sheds, barns, etc., And removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
3. Quantities of 3,000 square foot and larger Demolition of frame houses, commercial structures, garages, sheds, barns, etc., and removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
4. Quantities of 0 – 1,500 square foot and larger Demolition of brick veneer houses, commercial structures, garages, etc., and removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
5. Quantities of 1,500 – 3,000 square foot and larger Demolition of brick veneer houses, commercial structures, garages, etc., and removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
6. Quantities of 3,000 square foot and larger Demolition of brick veneer houses, commercial structures, garages, etc., and removal of all debris from jobsite	_____
7. Quantities per square yard of clean fill	_____
8. Clear wooded lot of trees per half (1/2) acre (each site .5 acre or smaller)	_____
9. Quantities per square foot sidewalks/driveways (concrete blacktop or Similar construction) removal and disposal (any thickness)	_____
10. Quantities per square foot slabs (removal and disposal)	_____
11. Quantities per cubic yards debris and trash removal	_____
12. Removal of tires (any size)	_____
13. Pump out septic tank crush, remove and backfill	_____

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BID ITEM COST PROPOSAL FORM (continued)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>
14. Quantities per square foot of non-friable normal access asbestos removal and disposal	<hr/>
15. Quantities per square foot of friable normal access asbestos removal and disposal	<hr/>
16. Quantities per square foot of non-friable difficult access asbestos removal and disposal	<hr/>
17. Quantities per square foot of friable difficult access asbestos removal and disposal	<hr/>
18. Quantities per square foot of transite siding asbestos removal and disposal	<hr/>
19. Cost per square foot for the demolition in place for an unsafe building with asbestos contaminated material and disposal of all material	<hr/>
20. Mow/bush hog high grass/weed lots per quarter (1/4 acre)	<hr/>
21. Cost of well plugging 2" well 0 - 300' depth	<hr/>
22. Cost of well plugging 4" well 0 - 300' depth	<hr/>
23. Cost of well plugging 4" well 300' – 600' depth	<hr/>

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BID PROPOSAL – SIGNATURE PAGE**

The bidder hereby proposes to furnish all labor, material, equipment and incidentals for:
Nuisance Abatement Services

Bidder agrees to perform in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents in consideration of payment by the County of the prices in this proposal.

IN CASE OF DISCREPANCY BETWEEN UNIT PRICES AND EXTENDED PRICES, UNIT PRICES WILL GOVERN.

This bid sheet must be completely filled out in ink or typewritten with any necessary supplemental information attached.

The undersigned hereby agrees to all of the foregoing terms and provisions and to all terms and provisions of the contract, if awarded, which includes all provisions.

PROPOSER NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

TAX I.D. NUMBER: _____

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THE FIRM OF: _____

Address: _____

FEIN (TAX ID): _____

The following shall be returned with your proposal. Failure to do so may be ample cause for rejection of proposal as non responsive. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that Proposer has received all addenda.

Items:	Confirmed (X):
1. References (if required)	_____
2. Addenda, if any	#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____
3. One (1) original and four (4) copies of submittal	_____
4. Proposal Form	_____
5. Vendor Qualification packet	_____
6. Debarment Certification	_____
7. Payment Terms:	_____ net 30 _____ Other
8. Anti-Collusion Affidavit	_____

Person to contact regarding this proposal: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of person authorized to bind the Firm: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

PROPOSER MUST SIGN HERE BELOW:

By signing here, the firm does hereby attest that it has fully read the instructions, conditions and general and special provisions and understands them.

Firm Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Name & Title Printed: _____

Telephone No.: _____ FAX No.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date: _____

EXCEPTIONS (if no exceptions are taken, state NONE):

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Proposer 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."

Proposer to submit reference information. Proposer shall use this form to provide minimum required reference information. If Proposer wishes to provide more than the minimum, Proposer should supplement this form and should clearly mark the supplement as "Supplementary Reference Information."

1. References who can attest to the Proposer's capability to carry out the requirements set forth in this proposal:

Business Name of Organization: _____
Name of Person: _____
Title of Individual within Organization, if applicable _____
Business address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

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References of major supplier of Proposer who can speak to the financial capability of the Proposer to carry out the requirements set forth in this proposal:.

1. Business Name of Supplier _____
Name of Person: _____
Title of Individual within business: _____
Business address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

2. Business Name of Supplier _____
Name of Person: _____
Title of Individual within business: _____
Business address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

3. Business Name of Supplier _____
Name of Person: _____
Title of Individual within business: _____
Business address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Facsimile number: _____

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT,
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

Procurement: RFP No. B142005 NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES

Proposer: _____ Date of Certification: _____

Proposer **CERTIFIES**, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that **Proposer and/or any of Proposer's Principals:**

- 1.) Are **NOT** presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, disqualified, excluded, or in any way declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
- 2.) Have **NOT**, within a three-year period preceding the date of this Certification, nor within the three-year period preceding the submission of its proposal, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it or them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state, or local government contract or subcontract; violation of a Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, § 180.800;
- 3.) Are **NOT** presented indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above subdivision (subdivision (2));
- 4.) Have **NOT**, within a three-year period preceding the date of this Certification, nor within the three-year period preceding the submission of its proposal, had any Federal, state, or local transaction terminated for cause or default.

The term "Principal" herein means: i.) an officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within the participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or ii.) a consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who: is in a position to handle Federal funds; is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

Proposer shall provide immediate written notice to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent at any time prior to award, if the Proposer learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or that it has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. Proposer further agrees that if it is awarded a contract by Galveston County, that it shall immediately provide written notice to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent in the event any of the certifications listed herein become no longer accurate due to changed circumstances. Proposer further agrees that if it is awarded a contract by Galveston County, that it shall include these certification requirements in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with services performed under this grant program.

Proposer acknowledges that this Certification is a material representation of fact upon which Galveston County relies when making award. If Proposer is awarded a contract by Galveston County and it is discovered that the facts certified to herein are not true, then Galveston County, in addition to other remedies, may terminate its agreement with Proposer for default.

Proposer **Represents and Warrants** that the individual executing this Certification on its behalf has the full power and authority to do so and to legally bind Proposer to the terms herein.

By: _____
Signature

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on
this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Printed name and title of person signing above for Proposer

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

State of Texas
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 Proposer)
submitted the attached Bid/Proposal in **RFP No. B142005 NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES**
- Affiant is a duly authorized representative of Proposer and is authorized to make this Non-Collusion Affidavit;
- The attached Proposal/Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal/Bid;
- The attached Proposal/Bid has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor;
- Bidder/Proposer has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, to submit a collusive or sham bid or that such other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor shall refrain from bidding/proposing;
- Bidder/Proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid/Proposal or of the bid/proposal any other bidder/proposer;
- Bidder/Proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor to fix the overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid/Proposal price or prices of any other bidder/proposer, 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 bidder, proposer, person, firm, competitor, or potential competitor, paid or agreed to pay any other 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 Bid/Proposal or the bid/proposal of any other Bidder/Proposer; 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 Bidder/Proposer as well as to Affiant signing on its behalf.

Signature of Affiant

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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0001	91240	QUANTITIES OF 0-1,500 SQUARE FOOT DEMOLITION OF FRAME HOUSES, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, SHEDS, BARNES, ETC., AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS FROM JOBSITE	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0002	91240	QUANTITIES OF 1,500-3,000 SQUARE FOOT DEMOLITION OF FRAME HOUSE, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, SHEDS, BARNES, ETC., AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS FROM JOBSITE	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0003	91240	QUANTITIES OF 3,000 SQUARE FOOT AND LARGER DEMOLITION OF FRAME HOUSES, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, SHEDS, BARNES, ETC., AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS FROM JOBSITE	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0004	91240	QUANTITIES OF 0-1,500 SQUARE FOOT AND LARGER DEMOLITION OF BRICK VENEER HOUSES, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, ETC., AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS FROM JOBSITE	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____

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0006	91240	QUANTITIES OF 3,000 SQUARE FOOT AND LARGER DEMOLITION OF BRICK VENEER HOUSES, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, GARAGES, ETC., AND REMOVAL OF ALL DEBRIS FROM JOBSITE	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0007	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE YARD OF CLEAN FILL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0008	91240	CLEAR WOODED LOT OF TREES PER HALF (1/2) ACRE (EACH SITE .5 ACRE OR SMALLER)	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0009	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT SIDEWALKS/DRIVEWAYS (CONCRETE BLACKUP OR SIMILAR CONSTRUCTION) REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL (ANY THICKNESS)	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____

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0010	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT SLABS (REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL)	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0011	91240	QUANTITIES PER CUBIC YARDS DEBRIS AND TRASH REMOVAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0012	91240	REMOVAL OF TIRES (ANY SIZE)	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0013	91240	PUMP OUT SEPTIC TANK CRUSH, REMOVE AND BACKFILL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0014	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT OF NON FRIABLE NORMAL ACCESS ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0015	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT OF FRIABLE NORMAL ACCESS ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0016	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT OF NON FRIABLE DIFFICULT ACCESS ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____

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0017	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT OF FRIABLE DIFFICULT ACCESS ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
0018	91240	QUANTITIES PER SQUARE FOOT OF TRANSITE SIDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
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0022	91240	COST OF WELL PLUGGING 4" WELL 0-300' DEPTH	1	EA		\$ _____	\$ _____
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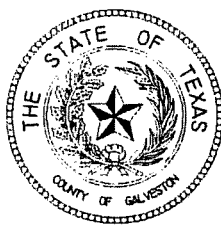
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NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

VENDOR ID

Item No.	Product Code	Description	Quantity	Units	Catalog #	Unit Price	Extended Price
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Extended Price Total of all Items \$ _____



County of Galveston Purchasing Department Vendor Qualification Packet

(rev. 1.2, January 27, 2012)

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

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

- Form PEID:** Person /Entity Information Data
Form W-9: 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-pdf/fw9.pdf> for the latest revision of this form.)
Form CIQ: 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 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).

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:

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

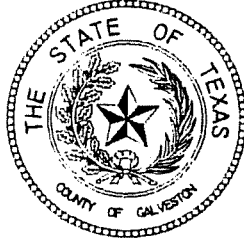
For Proposer's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Galveston County Clerk's website and/or the Purchasing Agent's website – both of these web sites are linked to the Galveston County homepage, at <http://www.co.galveston.tx.us>.

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

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

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

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



**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 (21st. Street), 5th Floor
Galveston, Texas 77550
(409) 770-5371 office
(409) 621-7987 fax

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"/> One Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <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) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
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 the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

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).

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 on page 4.

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.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

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.

Note. If 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 on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the 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 withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives 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 is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 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 not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage 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, 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 Part II instructions on page 3 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 the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

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

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. 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 the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. 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 the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

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 possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. 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 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

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, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

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. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), 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 the chart on page 4 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 Social Security Administration 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. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, 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 domestic 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, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate 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 the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

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 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), 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.

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, social security number (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 Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system 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 at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

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

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)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ³
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ³
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation 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* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

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. 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
For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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?

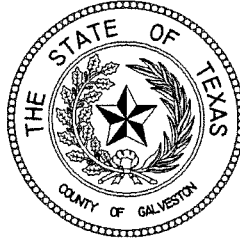
Yes No

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



State of Texas

County of Galveston

Contract

This Contract is entered into between the County of Galveston, a political subdivision of the State of Texas and the Contractor named below pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 262, Subchapter C and the referenced invitation to bid.

Contract Number: CM14182

Request for Proposal Number: RFP #B142005 – Nuisance Abatement Services

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

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

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

Renewal Options: (if applicable):

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

Contractor: Cherry Moving Company, dba Cherry Demolition

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

Addendum No. 1: () yes () no () n.a.
Addendum No. 2: () yes () no () n.a.
Addendum No. 3: () yes () no () n.a.

Payment Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Performance Bond Required: () yes (X) no

Notice to be Given to:

Galveston County:

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

Contractor:

County and Contractor agree as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Executed on this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Contractor:

By:

Date:

Galveston County

By:

Date:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Attest:

Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk