

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM

Management and Maintenance for Williamson County Preserves

BID NUMBER: 10WC820

NAME OF BIDDER: Texas Cave Conservancy

Mailing Address: 1800 West Park
City: Cedar Park State: Texas Zip: 78613

Email Address: TCC-Caves@austin.rr.com

Telephone: (512) 249-2283 Fax: None

Total Annual Bid Amount: \$18,000

By signing this form:

- The bidder confirms that he/she has read the entire document and agrees to the terms herein.
- The bidder is acknowledging the Conflict of Interest Clause and agrees to follow necessary requirements

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is authorized to bind the bidder to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the attached Invitation for Bid, Specifications, and Special Provisions for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying bid sheet(s).

John M. Walsh PRESIDENT Date of BID: August 9, 2010
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign BID

Printed Name and Title of Signer: John M. Walsh –President Texas Cave Conservancy

DO NOT SIGN OR SUBMIT WITHOUT READING ENTIRE DOCUMENT


THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

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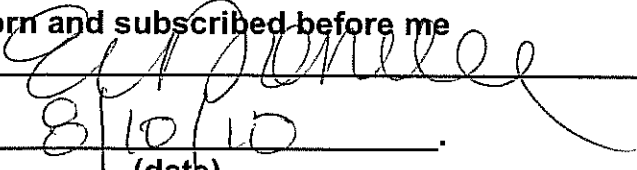
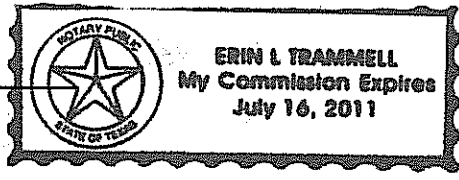


WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, Section 176.006 regarding conflicts of interest and will abide by all provisions as required by Texas law.

Printed name of person submitting form: John M. Walsh- President TCC	ORIGINAL
Name of Company: Texas Cave Conservancy-TCC	
Date: August 9, 2010	
Signature of person submitting form: 	

Notarized:

Sworn and subscribed before me by:  on <u>8/10/10</u> (date)	
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BID SPECIFICATIONS

Purpose:

Williamson County has a number of permanent karst or cave preserves, containing one or more of the following federally protected and listed species: Bone Cave Harvestman (*Texella reyesi*, Coffin Cave Mold Beetle (*Batrissodes texanus*). Williamson County's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) also incorporates additional species of interest, including the Tooth Cave Ground Beetle (Rhadine Persephone), which are not covered under the county's HCP, but figure into the overall diversity of troglobitic fauna contained within the caves. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has implemented a series of measures, described in a Habitat Conversation Plan (Endangered Species Act permit number TE-181840-0), to protect the species of concern and their associated habitat.

The awarded vendor is to provide a complete preserve monitoring management plan to comply with the US Fish and Wildlife, 10A permit. The vendor is to provide cave management implementing the Habitat Conversation Plan and to perform the duties listed in this document for the purpose of cave protection and monitoring.

(Both the County's 10A permit and a Draft Preserve Maintenance and Monitoring Plan are available to interested vendors upon request.)

Locations:

Big Oak Cave Preserve, between US 183 and 183A at Lakeline Blvd. GPS coordinates - 30°28.844'N 97°48.226'W (one cave)

Southwest Williamson County Regional Park (Millenium and Wilco Preserve Areas), 3005 CR 175, Leander, TX 78641 (seven species caves and seven non-species caves)

Twin Springs Preserve, Twin Springs Road; access gate coordinates 30°41.896'N 97°47.053'W (two species caves and spring)

Beck Preserve, RM 620 between Great Oaks and Cornerwood Dr. (five species caves and two non-species)

Pricilla's Well Preserve, along future Ronald Reagan Loop; approximate coordinates 30°44.529'N 97°44.766'W (two main and three minor caves)

Chaos Cave Preserve, SH 45; access gate coordinates at 30°28.669'N 97°43.500'W (three species caves)

Vendor Qualifications:

The contractor will be selected by the best combination of the following criteria that in the opinion of the County/Williamson County Conservation Federation (WCCF) gives the best benefit to the HCP.

- Total cost of services.
- Experience in providing management and monitoring services on lands with federally protected endangered species.
- References from reputable entities.
- US Fish & Wildlife Permit(s) for activities related to Listed Karst species. (Preferred)

Vendor Duties:

The following responsibilities and duties are taken from the Habitat Conversation Plan (HCP) (Endangered Species Act permit number TE-181840-0) and the Draft Preserve Maintenance and Monitoring Plan (dated December 22, 2009) and are to be performed by the awarded vendor. These duties include:

- a. Provide a report of initial condition on each preserve to Williamson County.
- b. Provide its reporting forms to the County through the Williamson County Conservation Federation (WCCF), for approval.
- c. Care for and provide general maintenance of cave gates, locks or fences.
- d. Notify Williamson County if significant repairs to gates or fences are needed.
- e. Perform a monthly inspection on roughly the same day of each month.
- f. Fill out monthly inspection form in a format acceptable to WCCF.
- g. Select "Monitoring Point" to be utilized for each cave.
- h. Provide an annual monitoring and management summary report to Williamson County through the WCCF, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, including copies of monthly inspection reports: report to be provided by September 1st of each calendar year or within 30 days of date of termination of a management entity's contract.
- i. Maintain appropriate identification on entity's vehicles and equipment.
- j. Assure entry gates into preserves are locked while unattended.
- k. Control Fire Ants only through methods or programs approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- l. Any unforeseen circumstances or preserve conditions determined to be detrimental will trigger the need to consult with predetermined scientific personnel as designated by WCCF for advice on adaptive management.
- m. Work with the County to clean up the preserve areas.
- n. Work with the County to develop educational signage.
- o. Add the County to the Vendor's General Commercial Liability Insurance Policy.
- p. Conduct other reasonable cave preserve protection activities as needed.

Bid Pricing:

Vendor is to provide a Total Annual Bid Amount. This annual price may be pro-rated on a monthly basis. The Bid price shall include any and all costs, or fees involved with the supplying the requested services to the County. Williamson County is by statute, exempt from federal excise tax and will pay any appropriate taxes as required. Williamson County reserves the right to accept or reject in part or whole any bid submitted and to waive any technicalities in the best interest of the County.

Bid Submittal:

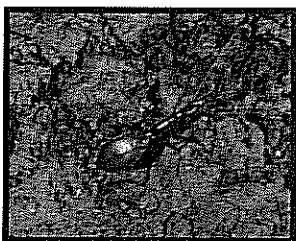
A complete bid submittal should include the following:

- o Completed, signed and notarized Williamson County Conflict of Interest Statement, pg 8.
- o Completed, Williamson County Bid Form, pg 7.
- o Provide (3) references where like services and/or products have been supplied by your firm, pg 1.
- o Provide a statement of qualifications, with relevant experience and permit(s) pg 5.



The Texas Cave Conservancy is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. The TCC is dedicated to the protection of caves; cave life and the aquifer as related to caves. Toward that end, the TCC is actively involved in cave related land management. We are involved in the management of over fifty properties with over one hundred and fifty caves. John Walsh, the TCC President has been involved in urban cave management since 1986. We work under the City of Austin cave related Watershed Ordinance and the U.S.Fish & Wildlife cave related endangered species regulations. In addition to general land management activities, we conduct the following activates:

- Cave Monitoring
- Fire Ant Control
- Development of Parks and Cave Preserves
- Educational Sign Development
- Public Education



Rhadine Persephone Beetle

We can work with you to offer "*Solutions to Cave Related Problems*".

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The Texas Cave Conservancy is involved in the management of over sixty cave preserves with over 150 caves. The following is a list of some of our clients:

City of Cedar Park-44 Caves

Curt Randa 512-401-5504

Parks & Recreation

City of Cedar Park

600 North Bell

Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Brushy Creek MUD- 22 Caves

Tom Clark 512-255-7871

16318 Great Oaks

Round Rock, Texas 78681

Forestar Real Estate- 10 Caves

Barry Allison 512-394-9710

Westside Caves at Buttercup

6300 Bee Cave Road

Building II Suite 500

Austin, Texas 78746-5149



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Form

Site: Sendero Springs Property
Size: 227 acres
Location: Hwy 1431, Round Rock, Texas
County: Williamson County
Species: Bone Cave Harvestman *Texella reyesi*

Cave Management Group:

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Endangered Species Caves:

Flowstone Rift Cave	Gated	<i>Texcella reyesi</i>
Zapata Cave	Gated	<i>Texcella reyesi</i>

Additional Caves:

In Situ Cave	Gated	Recharge cave
Quarry Fern Cave	Gated	Recharge cave
Beer Thirty Cave	Not Gated	
Indicator Cave	Not Gated	
Quick Slide Cave	Not Gated	
Valley Cave	Not Gated	
Wiggle Wise Cave	Not Gated	
What Not Cave	Not Gated	

Cave Management Activity

Conducted by:	Texas Cave Conservancy
Monthly Inspections of critical habitat area:	Yes
Monthly Inspection Forms:	Yes
Trash removal:	Yes
Fire ant treatment frequency:	Monthly, treated upon location
Fences and gates maintained:	Yes
Biodiversity-Annual surveys:	Yes
Cricket studies:	No
Annual Report:	Yes

Name, address, contact information of the owner and manager (those responsible for the protection of the cave related endangered species).

Brushy Creek MUD
16318 Great Oaks Drive
Round Rock, Texas 78681

Tom Clark-General Manager
512-255-7871 t.clark@bcmud.org

Name, address, contact information of the cave management group (those responsible for the protection of the cave related endangered species).

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