



**WILLIAMSON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
301 SE INNER LOOP - SUITE 106
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626**

<http://wilco-online.org/eBids/Bids.aspx>

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES
FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY
BID # 13IFB00102**

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: OCTOBER 16, 2012 –
2:00PM**

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: OCTOBER 16, 2012 – 2:00PM

BID SUBMISSION

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be accepted by the Williamson County Purchasing Department for Bid # 13IFB00102, Electrical Services. Specifications for this Bid may be obtained from <http://wilco-online.org/eBids/Bids.aspx>.

Bids are to be addressed to the Williamson County Purchasing Agent, Bob Space, 301 SE Inner Loop, Ste 106, Georgetown, TX 78626, with the Bid number and Bid name marked on the outside of the envelope. Bidders should forward one (1) original, two (2) paper copies and one (1) CD copy of their Bid to the address shown below. Late Bids will be rejected as non-responsive. Bids will be publicly opened in the Williamson County Purchasing Department at the time and date indicated above. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed Bid opening.

BID NAME:	Annual Contract for Electrical Services
BID NO:	13IFB00102
DUE DATE/TIME:	OCTOBER 16, 2012 ON OR BEFORE 2:00 PM
MAIL OR DELIVER TO:	Williamson County Purchasing Department 301 SE Inner Loop Suite 106 Georgetown, TX 78626

Any questions, clarifications or requests for general information should be directed to the contact listed below.

Assistant Purchasing Agent or successor
Kerstin Hancock
301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106
Georgetown, TX 78626
Khancock@wilco.org

Question submittals must be made via email, and are due by 5PM CST on October 12, 2012. Every effort will be made to answer questions within 24 hours of receiving them, with an email response.

All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on a daily basis to the Williamson County portal, <http://wilco-online.org/eBids/Bids.aspx>

It is the Bidder's responsibility to check with Williamson County's Purchasing Department prior to submitting your Bid to ensure that you have a complete, up-to-date package. The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information. Any addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:
<http://wilco-online.org/eBids/Bids.aspx>

All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB. No negotiations or modifications to the Bids received will be allowed.

**BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY
READ THE ENTIRE IFB**

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY
BID # 13IFB00102**

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNMARKED OR
IMPROPERLY MARKED ENVELOPES**

There is no expressed or implied obligation for Williamson County (sometimes referred to herein as the "County") to reimburse Bidders for any expense incurred in preparing a Bid in response to this IFB and Williamson County will not reimburse Bidders for these expenses.

All Bids must be received in the Williamson County Purchasing Department before the opening, which will be on the date and at the time set forth on page 1. Bids received after the submittal deadline will be considered void and unacceptable and returned to the Bidder unopened. Williamson County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc. The date and time stamp of the Williamson County Purchasing Department shall be the official date and time of receipt.

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The **Bidder's Bid, all IFB requirements and Submittal Checklist** should be completed prior to submission. Failure to fully complete forms/affidavits and return the documentation required by this IFB may, at Williamson County's sole discretion, render your Bid null and void. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Williamson County Purchasing Department, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106, Georgetown, Texas 78626.

**HOURS FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ARE 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM CENTRAL TIME (PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IS CLOSED DURING
LUNCH FROM 12:00PM – 1:00PM), MONDAY – FRIDAY, EXCLUDING COUNTY HOLIDAYS**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Issuance of IFB	September 25, 2012
Deadline to Submit Questions	October 12, 2012
Bid Submission Deadline (Late Bids will not be considered)	October 16, 2012
Evaluation of Bids	October 19, 2012
Recommendation for Contract Award	October 30, 2012

PRE-BID INSPECTION

To the extent necessary and prior to the submittal, Bidders are strongly encourage to visually inspect and be familiar with all goods and/or services for which they intend to submit a Bid. If in the Pre-Bid inspection the Bidder determines any discrepancies, he/she/it should inform the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

1. INTRODUCTION TO BIDDERS

This IFB is to receive Bids from qualified Bidders regarding the goods and/or services which Williamson County seeks to procure under this IFB.

2. DEFINITIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 DEFINITIONS

- a. "Addenda" – Means any written or graphic instruments issued by Williamson County prior to the consideration of Bids which modify or interpret the Bid Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.
- b. "Agreement" – The Successful Bidder may be required by Williamson County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and Bidder's Bid. Such ensuing Agreement(s) shall contain the Bid Specifications, Terms and Conditions that are derived from the IFB.
- c. "Contract" – This IFB and the Bid of the Successful Bidder shall become a contract between the Successful Bidder and Williamson County once the Successful Bidder's Bid is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.
- d. "Bid Documents" – The Legal Notice, IFB including attachments, and any Addenda issued by Williamson County prior to the consideration of any Bids.
- e. "Bid" – Is a complete, properly signed Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB which is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids.
- f. "Bidder" – A person or entity who submits a Bid in response to this IFB.
- g. "IFB" – Refers to this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future addenda issued by Williamson County.
- h. "Successful Bidder" – The responsible Bidder to whom Williamson County intends to award the Contract.

2.2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.2.1 Venue and Governing Law

Bidder hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this IFB, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall lie exclusively in either Williamson County, Texas or in the Austin Division of the Western Federal District of Texas, and the parties hereto expressly consent and submit to such jurisdiction. Furthermore, except to the extent that this IFB, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States, this IFB, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

2.2.2 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence

The Contract shall be derived from (1) the IFB and is Addenda; and (2) the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) the IFB and its Addenda; and (2) the Bidder's Bid.

In the event Williamson County requires that an ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between (1) terms and conditions of the ensuing Agreement, (2) the IFB, and its Addenda; and (3) the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the

purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) terms and conditions of the ensuing Agreement, (2) the IFB; and (3) the Bidder's Bid.

2.2.3 Ownership of Bid

Each Bid shall become the property of Williamson County upon submittal and will not be returned to Bidders unless received after the submittal deadline.

2.2.4 Disqualification of Bidder

Upon signing and submittal of the Bid, a Bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Williamson County certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Section 15.01, et seq, Business & Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the offer made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all Bids may be rejected if Williamson County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders.

2.2.5 Funding

County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. Bidders understand and agree that the County's payment of amounts under the Contract shall be contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to make payments under this Contract.

2.2.6 Assignment, Successors and Assigns

The Successful Bidder may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer the Contract or any other rights or interests obtained under the Contract without written permission of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. The Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

2.2.7 Implied Requirements

Products and services not specifically described or required in the IFB, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the Bidder, shall be implied and deemed to be included in the Bid.

2.2.8 Termination

- a. Termination for Cause:** Williamson County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the IFB Specifications, Terms and Conditions, including warranties of Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies Williamson County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise be provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to Williamson County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- b. Termination for Convenience:** Williamson County may terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to Successful Bidder. In the event Williamson County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for

goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for Williamson County's termination for convenience.

2.2.9 Non-Performance

It is the objective of Williamson County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction. In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

2.2.10 Proprietary Information and Texas Public Information Act

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this IFB or in the Bidder's Bid is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that Williamson County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to Williamson County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that Williamson County's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Williamson County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any items or data furnished to Williamson County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

2.2.11 Right to Audit

Successful Bidder agrees that Williamson County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or

goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Successful Bidder agrees that Williamson County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Williamson County shall give Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

2.2.12 Testing and Inspections

Williamson County reserves the right to inspect and test equipment, supplies, materials and goods for quality and compliance with this IFB, and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, Williamson County can deem the Bidder to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement(s).

2.2.13 Bid Preparation Cost

Cost of developing Bids is entirely the responsibility of Bidders and shall not be charged to Williamson County. There is no expressed or implied obligation for Williamson County to reimburse Bidders for any expense incurred in preparing a Bid in response to this IFB and Williamson County will not reimburse Bidders for such expenses.

2.2.14 INDEMNIFICATION

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND SAVE HARMLESS WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF BIDDER, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED HEREUNDER THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF BIDDER OR ANY OF BIDDER'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS ALL CLAIMS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE BIDDER'S AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR SUPPLIES.

FURTHERMORE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ARISING FROM ANY ACT OF ANY THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT BEING LIMITED TO THEFT. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND SAVE HARMLESS WILLIAMSON COUNTY FROM, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL CLAIMS OF WHATEVER NATURE ARISING FROM ANY ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DAMAGE WHATSOEVER CAUSED TO ANY PERSON OR TO THE PROPERTY OF ANY PERSON OCCURRING IN RELATION TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S PERFORMANCE OF ANY SERVICES REQUESTED HEREUNDER DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR ANY ENSUING AGREEMENT(S).

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL TIMELY REPORT ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, LIENS OR JUDGMENTS TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND SHALL, UPON THE RECEIPT OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT, NOT LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) DAY OF EACH MONTH; PROVIDE WILLIAMSON COUNTY WITH A WRITTEN REPORT ON EACH SUCH MATTER, SETTING FORTH THE STATUS OF EACH MATTER, THE SCHEDULE OR PLANNED PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO EACH MATTER AND THE COOPERATION OR ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY REQUIRED BY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IN THE DEFENSE OF EACH MATTER. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S DUTY TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD WILLIAMSON COUNTY HARMLESS SHALL BE ABSOLUTE. IT SHALL NOT ABATE OR END BY REASON OF THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR ANY ENSUING AGREEMENT(S) UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY WILLIAMSON COUNTY IN WRITING. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO ALL SUCH MATTERS NO MATTER WHEN THEY ARISE.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS TO WHETHER A CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OR APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, BIDDER SHALL NEVER-THE-LESS FULLY DEFEND SUCH CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT UNTIL AND UNLESS THERE IS A DETERMINATION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION THAT THE ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF BIDDER ARE NOT AT ISSUE IN THE MATTER.

Successful Bidder's indemnification shall cover, and Successful Bidder agrees to indemnify Williamson County, in the event Williamson County is found to have been negligent for having selected Successful Bidder to perform the work described in this request. The provision by Successful Bidder of insurance shall not limit the liability of Successful Bidder under the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement.

2.2.15 Waiver of Subrogation

Successful Bidder and Successful Bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Williamson County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from the Bidder's performance under this Contract and any ensuing Agreement.

2.2.16 Relationship of the Parties

The Successful Bidder shall be an independent contractor and shall assume all of the rights, obligations, liabilities, applicable to it as such independent contractor hereunder and any provisions herein which may appear to give County the right to direct the Successful Bidder as to details of doing work herein covered or to exercise a measure of control over the work shall be deemed to mean that the Successful Bidder shall follow the desires of County in the results of the work only. County shall not retain or have the right to control the Successful Bidder's means, methods or details pertaining to the Successful Bidder's performance of the work. County and the Successful Bidder hereby agree and declare that the Successful Bidder is an independent contractor and as such meets the qualifications of an "Independent Contractor" under Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141, that the Successful Bidder is not an employee of County, and that the Successful Bidder and its employees, agents and sub-contractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by County.

2.2.17 Sole Provider

The Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that it shall not be considered a sole provider of the goods and/or services described herein and that Williamson County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if Williamson County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of Williamson County.

2.2.18 Force Majeure

If the party obligated to perform is prevented from performance by an act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of said party, the other party shall grant such party relief from the performance. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the party obligated to perform. To obtain release based on force majeure, the party obligated to perform shall file a written request with the other party.

2.2.19 Severability

If any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render

unenforceable any other provision thereof, but rather the entire IFB, Contract or any ensuing Agreement will be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligation of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The parties acknowledge that if any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of each that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this IFB, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

2.2.20 Equal Opportunity

Neither party shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

2.2.21 Notice

Any notice to be given shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery, or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

Williamson County Purchasing Department
Bob Space, Purchasing Agent (or successor)
301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Bidder:

Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (i) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (ii) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

2.2.22 Sales and Use Tax Exemption

Williamson County is a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas and claims exemption from sales and use taxes under Texas Tax Code Ann. § 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by Williamson County.

2.2.23 Compliance with Laws

Williamson County and Successful Bidder shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement, including, without limitation, Workers' Compensation laws, salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required, the Successful Bidder shall furnish the County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

2.2.24 Incorporation of Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments

All of the Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments referred to herein are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein.

2.2.25 No Waiver of Immunities

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to Williamson County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Williamson County does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

2.2.26 No Waiver

The failure or delay of any party to enforce at any time or any period of time any of the provisions of this IFB, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall not constitute a present or future waiver of such provisions nor the right of either party to enforce each and every provision. Furthermore, no term or provision hereof shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether expressed or implied, shall not constitute a consent to, waiver of or excuse for any other, different or subsequent breach.

2.2.27 Current Revenues

The obligations of the parties under the Contract and any ensuing Agreement do not constitute a general obligation or indebtedness of County for which County is obligated to levy, pledge, or collect any form of taxation. It is understood and agreed that Williamson County shall have the right to terminate the Contract and any ensuing Agreement at the end of any Williamson County fiscal year if the governing body of Williamson County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by Williamson County's budget for the fiscal year in question. Williamson County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to the Successful Bidder at the end of its then-current fiscal year.

2.2.28 FOB – Destination

To the extent applicable to this IFB, all of the items listed are to be Free On Board to final destination (FOB Destination) with all transportation charges if applicable to be included in the Bid, unless otherwise specified in the Invitation for Bids. The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to the County until receipt and acceptance takes place at the FOB Destination point.

2.2.29 Binding Effect

This Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

2.2.30 Assignment

The Successful Bidder's interest and duties hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to a third party without the express written consent of Williamson County.

2.2.31 Safety

Successful Bidder is responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with any services to be provided hereunder. The safety program shall comply with all applicable requirements of the current federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and all other applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

2.2.32 General Obligations and Reliance

Successful Bidder shall perform all services and/or provide all goods, as well as those reasonably inferable and necessary for completion and provision of services and/or goods required hereunder. The Successful Bidder shall keep the County informed of the progress and quality of the services. Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that County is relying on Successful Bidder's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. Successful Bidder agrees to use its best efforts, skill, judgment, and abilities to perform its obligations in accordance with the highest standards used in the profession and to further the interests of County in accordance with County's requirements and procedures. Successful Bidder's duties as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the County nor shall the Successful Bidder be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the County, it being understood that the County at all times is ultimately relying upon the Successful Bidder's skill and knowledge in performing the services and providing any goods required hereunder.

2.2.33 Estimated Quantities

To the extent applicable to this IFB, the estimated quantity of each item listed in this IFB is only an estimate -- the actual quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount, and the County may purchase any reasonable amount greater than the estimate for the same unit price. Any limit on quantities available must be stated expressly in the Bid.

2.2.34 Contractual Development

The contents of the IFB and the selected Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at Williamson County's sole discretion, by provisions of an ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to inclusion in an ensuing Agreement of the Bid Specifications, Terms and Conditions of this IFB.

2.2.35 Survivability

All applicable agreements that were entered into between Successful Bidder and Williamson County under the terms and conditions of the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination thereof for ninety (90) days unless a new contract has been awarded.

2.2.36 Air Quality

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the following option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code.

Option – TLGC § 271.907. This option allows the County to evaluate Bids and give preference to goods and/or services of a Bidder that demonstrates that the Bidder meets or exceeds any and all state or federal environmental standards, including voluntary standards, relating to air quality. If the Bid being submitted will have an effect on air quality for Williamson County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Bidder is encouraged to provide information in narrative form indicating the anticipated air quality impact. Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

2.2.37 Entire Agreement

The Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and County and shall constitute the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the services and/or goods to be provided. Each of the provisions herein shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified amended or altered except by writing signed by the Successful Bidder and County.

2.2.38 Payment

Unless specified otherwise in this IFB or an ensuing Agreement, the following provision shall control the County's method of payment:

County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the 31st day after the later of (1) the date County receives the goods under the Contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or (3) the date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services. Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by County in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one percent (1%); and (2) the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

In the event that an error appears in an invoice submitted by Successful Bidder, County shall notify Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty first (21st) day after the date County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of Successful Bidder, Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, Successful Bidder shall submit a corrected invoice that must be paid in accordance within the time set forth above. The unpaid balance accrues interest as provided by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address
- (2) County contract, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number
- (3) Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract
- (4) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices, and total amount
- (5) Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract

Payment inquiries should be directed to the Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department: Donna Baker, 943-1558.

2.2.39 Contractual Formation and Ensuing Agreement

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and Williamson

County. The Successful Bidder may be required by Williamson County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and Bidder's Bid.

2.2.40 Initial Contract Term

The Successful Bidder shall provide the goods and/or services described herein. The initial term shall commence on the date of Commissioners' Court award and continue for twelve (12) months thereafter.

2.2.41 Contract Extensions

The Commissioners Court reserves the right to extend this Contract, by mutual agreement of both parties, as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. If approved, this extension will be in **twelve (12) month** increments for up to an additional **twenty four (24) months** with the terms and conditions remaining the same and with a price escalation at renewal time each year of no more than the producer price index, Industry Code 23821X; Electrical contractors, Non-Residential Building Work, for that year. The total period of this Contract, including all extensions will not exceed a maximum combined period of **thirty six (36) months**. The extension of this Contract is contingent on the appropriation of necessary funds by Commissioners Court for the fiscal year in question. Upon the failure of Commissioners Court to so appropriate in any year, the Successful Bidder may elect to terminate this Contract, with no additional liability to the County. The County and the Successful Bidder agree that termination shall be the Successful Bidder's sole remedy under this circumstance.

2.2.42 Cooperative Purchasing Program

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, Williamson County would like to afford the same prices, terms and conditions to other political subdivisions or public entities. Another entity's participation in the Contract resulting from this Invitation to Bid is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County. Any liability created by Purchase Orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

2.2.43 Insurance Requirements

By signing its Bid, the Successful Bidder agrees to maintain at all times during any term of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement, at Successful Bidder's cost, insurance in accordance with this provision.

Successful Bidder will be required to submit Certificates of Insurance **prior to being awarded the Contract.**

All certificates of insurance coverage as specified below must be provided to the following individual :

- Assistant Purchasing Agent or successor
- Kerstin Hancock
- Williamson County Purchasing Department
- 301 SE Inner Loop – Suite 106
- Georgetown, Texas 78626

Failure to comply with these Insurance Requirements may result in the termination of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement between the Successful Bidder and County.

The following coverage limits shall be required at a minimum:

A. Worker's Compensation Statutory – Texas Law

B. Employer's Liability:

Bodily Injury by Accident	\$500,000 Ea. Accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 Ea. Employee
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 Policy Limit

C. Comprehensive general liability including completed operations and contractual liability insurance for bodily injury, death, or property damages in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Aggregate policy limits:	\$1,000,000	

D. Comprehensive automobile and auto liability insurance (covering owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Bodily injury (including death)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Property damage	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Aggregate policy limits:	No aggregate limit	

E. Umbrella Coverage: \$1,000,000

Successful Bidder's property will not be covered by any insurance that may be carried by Williamson County. Successful Bidder assumes the risk of loss on its contents and property that are situated on/in/around Williamson County property. The Successful Bidder is strongly encouraged to obtain insurance on its property to the extent deemed necessary by the Successful Bidder.

The deductible for an insurance policy required hereunder shall not exceed \$100,000. **Williamson County shall be named as an additional insured under any policy of insurance required hereunder.**

Successful Bidder shall not commence any work until it has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by County. Successful Bidder shall not allow any subcontractor(s) to commence work to be performed in until all required insurance has been obtained by such subcontractor(s) and approved by County. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Successful Bidder or its subcontractor(s) hereunder.

The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State of Texas with a financial standing of at least an A- rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued. Successful Bidder shall furnish County with a certification of coverage issued by the insurer. Successful Bidder shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance

to lapse. ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POLICY SHALL NOT BE CANCELED OR REDUCED, RESTRICTED OR LIMITED UNTIL TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER COUNTY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE AS EVIDENCED BY RETURN RECEIPT OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED LETTER.

It is the intention of the County, and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the Successful Bidder, that no provision of this Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration or mediation in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under an insurance policy required hereunder which absolutely requires arbitration or mediation of such claim, or as otherwise required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Contract or any ensuing Agreement.

2.2.44 Workers' Compensation Coverage Requirements

The Texas Labor Code, §406.096, requires workers' compensation insurance coverage for all persons providing services on a building or construction project for a governmental entity such as Williamson County. The rule requires Williamson County to timely obtain certificates of coverage and retain them for the duration of the project. The rule also sets out the language to be included in the Bid specifications and in contracts awarded by a governmental entity and the information required to be in the posted notice to employees. The rule is adopted under the Texas Labor Code, §402.061.

The information provided below is a result of this rule. By submitting your Bid to the County, you are acknowledging that this rule is a part of these Bid specifications, and that you will observe and abide by all of the requirements outlined in the rule. You are further agreeing that should your Bid be accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, the necessary certificates of coverage showing workers' compensation coverage, will be provided to the following name and address prior to beginning work:

Kerstin Hancock
Assistant Purchasing Agent (or successor)
Williamson County Purchasing Department
301 SE Inner Loop - Suite 106
Georgetown, TX 78626

Failure to comply with this request may result in termination of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement. If you have any questions related to this ruling and/or requirement, you are encouraged to contact either the Williamson County Purchasing Department at (512) 943-1546, or you may call the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission at (800) 372-7713.

A. The following words and terms, when used in this provision, shall have the following meanings. Terms not defined in this rule shall have the meaning defined in the Texas Labor Code, if so defined.

- (1) Certificate of coverage (certificate)--A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a workers' compensation coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees (including those subject to a coverage agreement) providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.
- (2) Building or construction--Has the meaning defined in the Texas Labor Code, §406.096(e)(1).
- (3) Contractor--A person bidding for or awarded a building or construction project by Williamson County.

- (4) Coverage--Workers' compensation insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the Texas Labor Code, §401.011(44).
- (5) Coverage agreement--A written agreement on form TWCC-81, form TWCC-82, form TWCC-83, or form TWCC-84, filed with the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission which establishes a relationship between the parties for purposes of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, pursuant to the Texas Labor Code, Chapter 406, Subchapters F and G, as one of employer/employee and establishes who will be responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for persons providing services on the project.
- (6) Duration of the project--Includes the time from the beginning of work on the project until the work on the project has been completed and accepted by Williamson County.
- (7) Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.
- (8) Project--Includes the provision of all services related to a building or construction contract for Williamson County.

B. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

C. The Contractor must provide a certificate of workers compensation coverage to Williamson County prior to being awarded the Contract.

D. If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with Williamson County showing that coverage has been extended.

E. The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to Williamson County:

- (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so Williamson County will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
- (2) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

F. The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

G. The contractor shall notify Williamson County in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

H. The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

I. The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

- (1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

- (2) provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (3) provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
- (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
- (5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;
- (6) notify Williamson County in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
- (7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

J. By signing this Contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to Williamson County that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

K. The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles Williamson County to declare the Contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from Williamson County.

3. INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Read this document carefully. Follow all instructions and requirements. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure you have a clear understanding of this IFB.

General requirements apply to all advertised IFBs; however, these may be superseded, in whole or in part, by the **Bid Specifications, Addenda issued as a part of this IFB and Modifications issued as a part of this IFB.** Be sure your Bid package is complete.

3.1 Ambiguity, Conflict, or other Errors in the IFB

If Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, Bidder shall immediately notify Williamson County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify Williamson County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Bidder, then Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

Williamson County may also modify the IFB, no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with 1.

3.2 Notification of Most Current Address

Bidders in receipt of this IFB shall notify the Williamson County Purchasing Department of any address changes, contact person changes, and/or telephone number changes no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids.

3.3 Bid Preparation Cost

Cost of developing Bids is entirely the responsibility of Bidders and shall not be charged to Williamson County.

3.4 Signature of Bidder

A Transmittal Letter, which shall be considered an integral part of the Bid, shall be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the Bidder contractually.

If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation or Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.

If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.

If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.

If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.

If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney or equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department with the Bid.

3.5 Assumed Business Name

If the Bidder operates business under an Assumed Business Name, the Bidder must have on file with the Williamson County Clerk a current Assumed Name Certificate and must provide a file marked copy of same with its Bid.

http://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/County_Clerk/DBA%20Filing%20Instructions2011New.pdf

3.6 Bid Obligation

The contents of the IFB, Bid and any clarification thereof submitted by the Successful Bidder shall become part of the contractual obligation and incorporated by reference into the Contract and any ensuing Agreement.

3.7 Compliance with IFB Specifications

It is intended that this IFB describe the requirements and the Bid format in sufficient detail to secure comparable Bids. Failure to comply with all provisions of the IFB may, at the sole discretion of Williamson County, result in disqualification.

3.8 Withdrawal of Bid

The Bidder may withdraw its Bid by submitting a written request over the signature of an authorized individual, as described herein above, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline. The Bidder may thereafter submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Modification or withdrawal of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline.

3.9 Evaluation/Award

Williamson County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the BID process) that might affect Williamson County's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the lowest and best evaluated Bid. This information may be appended to the Bid evaluation process results. Information on a Bidder from reliable sources, and not within the Bidder's Bid, may also be noted and made part of the evaluation file. Williamson County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a solicitation, Williamson County prohibits unsolicited communication initiated by the Bidder to the County Official or Employee evaluating or considering the Bids prior to the time an award has been made. Unsolicited communication may be ground for disqualifying the offending Bidder from consideration or award of the solicitation then in evaluation, or any future solicitation.

Communication between Bidder and the County will be initiated by the appropriate County Official or Employee in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate evaluation of the solicitation.

Williamson County reserves the right to award a Contract in whole to one Bidder or to award a contract on each separate item or combination of items as may be most advantageous to the County. A primary, secondary, third and/or subsequent award **may** be made for this IFB. Bids may be rejected for some items, departments or areas, even though awards are made for others.

The convenience of having a single source for similar items will be taken into consideration together with price in determining the lowest and best Bid.

To award the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapters B and C, the County may consider:

- Price
- Bidder's experience and reputation
- Quality of the Bidder's goods and/or services
- Bidder's safety record
- Bidder's proposed personnel
- Bidder's financial capabilities
- Any other relevant factors specifically listed in the IFB

It is understood that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids for any or all goods and/or services covered in this IFB, and to waive informalities or defects in the Bid or to accept such Bid it shall deem to be in the best interest of Williamson County.

Awards should be made approximately thirty (30) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link: <http://wilco-online.org/eBids/Bids.aspx>

3.10 Responsibility

It is expected that a prospective Bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate Bidder's responsibility. A prospective Bidder should be able to meet the following requirements:

- a) have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- b) be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- c) have a satisfactory record of performance; and
- d) be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

Williamson County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine Bidder's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

3.11 Firm Pricing

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period. Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

3.12 Purchase Orders

If required by the Williamson County Purchasing Department, a purchase order(s) may be generated to the Successful Bidder for goods and/or services. If a purchase order is issued, the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and/or requests for payment.

3.13 Silence of Specifications

The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

3.14 References

Williamson County may require Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm if Bidder has not done business with the County within the past five (5) years. The name of firm, address, phone number and name of a representative to contact must be provided.

4. BID FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

4.1 Organization of Bid Contents for Submittal

Each Bid should be organized and be submitted in the order described below:

- a. Transmittal Letter;
- b. Bid Submittal Checklist;
- c. Price Sheet (Appendix A of IFB)
- e. References: Identification of three (3) references for which the Bidder is providing or has provided the services and/or goods of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity (Appendix B of IFB)
- f. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Appendix C of IFB)
- g. Bid Affidavit (Appendix D of IFB)
- h. Signature Page (Appendix E of IFB)

4.2 Transmittal Letter

The Bidder must submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following:

- a. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid;
- b. Bidder's type of business entity (i.e., Corporation, General Partnership, Limited Partnership, LLC, etc.);
- c. Place of incorporation or organization, if applicable;
- d. Name and location of major offices and other facilities that relate to the Bidder's performance under the terms of this IFB;
- e. Name, address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB;
- f. The Bidder's Federal Employer Identification Number;
- g. A commitment by the Bidder to provide the services required by Williamson County;
- h. A statement that the Bid is valid for ninety (90) calendar days from the deadline for submittal of Bids to Williamson County (Any Bid containing a term of less than ninety (90) calendar days for acceptance, may at Williamson County's sole discretion, be rejected as non-responsive.);
- i. If the Bid being submitted will have an effect on air quality for Williamson County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Bidder is encouraged to provide information in narrative form indicating the anticipated air quality impact.

The Transmittal Letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the Bidder to the representations in the Transmittal Letter and Bid. In the case of a joint Bid, each party must sign the Transmittal Letter.

4.3 Conflict of Interest

No public official shall have interest in a contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171, as amended.

As of January 1, 2006, Bidders are responsible for complying with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the Williamson County website at the following link:

<http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/ConflictofInterestDisclosure/taBid/689/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Each Bidder must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this IFB. Examples of potential conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Bidder, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with Williamson County or any other entity or person involved in any way in the project that is the subject of this IFB. Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Bidder, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any employee or official of Williamson County or its suppliers must be disclosed. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. Failure to disclose any such relationship or reveal personal relationships with Williamson County employees or officials may be cause for termination. Williamson County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

By submitting a Bid in response to this IFB, all Bidders affirm that they have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a Williamson County public servant or any employee, official or representative of same, in connection with this procurement.

Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement. The Conflict of Interest Statement is attached as an Appendix to this IFB and must be completed, signed, and submitted with your Bid.

4.4 Ethics

The Bidder shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Williamson County.

4.5 Bid Submittal Deadline

The Bid is due no later than the submittal date and time set forth on Page 1 of this IFB, and must include each item identified on the Bid Submittal Checklist page of this IFB.

4.6 Delivery of Bids

All Bids are to be delivered on or before the submittal deadline, as noted on Page 1 of this IFB, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department
Bob Space, Purchasing Agent (or successor)
301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Williamson County will not accept any Bids received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Bids unopened to the Bidder.

Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.

Bidder should submit one (1) original, two (2) paper copies and one (1) CD copy of the Bid. Bids will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents; however, names of Bidders will be read aloud.

Bidders should list the Bid Number on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."

FAILURE BY BIDDER TO INCLUDE ALL LISTED ITEMS MAY, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF ITS BID.

5. BID SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 General Information

The intent of this IFB is to secure a qualified vendor for Electrical Services for Williamson County.

The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for responding to telephone calls from Williamson County Maintenance Department personnel ONLY.

Successful Bidder will supply all necessary personnel, tools, and equipment to accomplish emergency electrical repairs and routine electrical jobs on an “**On Call**” basis. This is to include, but may not be limited to remodel work. All costs associated with the electrical service and/or repair must be included in the hourly rate.

Repair parts and materials supplied by the Successful Bidder shall be billed separately from labor charges.

Response time after receiving a call for emergency service shall be no longer than two (2) hours from the time contact has been made with the Successful Bidder or the Successful Bidder’s answering service until time of arrival at the specified service call location.

Response time after receiving a call for routine service will be no longer than five to seven (5-7) calendar days from the time contact has been made with the Successful Bidder or the Successful Bidder’s answering service until time of arrival at the specified service location.

A pre-job conference will be required on all non-emergency electrical work.

The hourly rate for the service call will commence when the Successful Bidder arrives at the specified location and contacts the appropriate County personnel.

Successful Bidder must be able to provide electrical service for residential and commercial buildings. All work performed must meet the job specifications, the most current national electrical code, and the most current local jurisdiction requirements.

Electrician’s helper: when service conditions require a helper, a licensed master or journeyman electrician must supervise the helper.

5.2 Bid Requirements

Pricing on this Bid will represent the discount off the Manufacturer Published Price List.

A current manufacturer’s catalog pricing must be submitted with Bid.

The items listed are to establish the percentage off manufacturer’s list price. During the Contract term, any updates to manufacturer’s price list will be presented to the Contract Administrator.

The items listed are a representative sample of products and the catalog shall not be limited to this list.

Successful Bidder is required to furnish a copy of certificate of insurance from an admitted company or an eligible surplus lines carrier, as defined in the Texas Insurance Code, article 1.14-2. **A COPY SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND ATTACHED TO THE BIDDER’S BID.**

Successful Bidder will be required to furnish Statutory Workers Compensation, as set forth herein above.

Successful Bidder and all electricians shall be fully licensed to perform electrical work in Williamson County and any of the County's local jurisdictions. **A COPY OF LICENSES SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND ATTACHED TO THIS BIDDER'S BID**

Successful Bidder will be responsible to obtain all necessary Permits and Inspections required by all municipalities and jurisdictions in which work is to be performed.

6. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Gary Wilson, Williamson County Facilities Director, 3101 SE Inner Loop, Georgetown, TX 78627, (512) 943-1599, shall serve as Williamson County's Contract Administrator with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The Contract Administrator will serve as liaison between the Williamson County Commissioners Court and the Successful Bidder.

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY
BID NUMBER: 13IFB00102**

BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

**PLEASE READ, COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS
“BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST” WITH YOUR BID.**

The Bidder’s attention is especially called to the items listed below (return pages marked with red border), which should be submitted in full as part of Bidder’s Bid.

Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your Bid, or failure to acknowledge any addendum in writing with your Bid, or submitting a Bid on any condition, limitation, or provision not officially invited in this IFB may serve, at Williamson County’s sole discretion, as cause for rejection of the Bid. The County reserves the right to request that any Bidder clarify its Bid or to supply any additional material deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation of the Bid.

Bidder should check each box below indicating compliance.

- Transmittal Letter
- Price Sheets forms (Appendix A)
- References: Identification of three (3) entities for which the Bidder is providing or has provided product/services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity (Appendix B)
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Appendix C)
- Bid Affidavit (Appendix D)
- Signature Page (Appendix E)
- Copy of Certificates of Required Insurance
- Copy of Required License(s)
- If Bidder is operating under an assumed business name, a file marked copy of the Assumed Name Certificate that has been filed with the Williamson County Clerk.
- One (1) original, two (2) paper copies and one (1) CD copy of the Bid should be mailed to or delivered on or before the Bid submittal deadline, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department, 301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106, Georgetown, TX 78626.

Company

Telephone Number

Address

Fax Number

Authorized Representative (Please print)

Title

Authorized Signature

Date

BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH ITS BID

APPENDIX A PRICE SHEET
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

The undersigned Bidder, having become familiar with this IFB agrees to furnish the goods and/or services in accordance with this IFB.

Bidder must Bid an hourly rate for regular working hours (7:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday excluding County recognized holidays); after hours (5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Monday through Friday); and weekends and holidays. Hourly rates will be Bid for performance of work in the following categories:

- a. An experienced, licensed master electrician, qualified to perform all types of electrical service:

HOURS	HOURLY RATE
Regular Hours	
After Hours	
Weekends	
Holidays	

- b. An experienced, licensed journeyman electrician, qualified to perform all types of electrical service:

HOURS	HOURLY RATE
Regular Hours	
After Hours	
Weekends	
Holidays	

- c. An electrician's helper:

HOURS	HOURLY RATE
Regular Hours	
After Hours	
Weekends	
Holidays	

Prices for parts will be discount-from-list price:

The discount percentage (%) will be _____.

The price list must be submitted with Bid. Updated lists will be submitted to the Contract Administrator during contract term for review.

Award of this Contract will be based on the lowest hourly rates and the discount-from-list percentage, as well as other requirements set forth in this IFB.

Cooperative Purchasing Program

Check one of the following options below. A non-affirmative Bid will in no way have a negative impact on the County’s evaluation of the Bid.

I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County’s contract.

I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

If no box is checked Bidder agrees to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this IFB and understands that Williamson County reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids.

Bidder
Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Name (please print): _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title or Representative Capacity of Signer:

State of Incorporation/Organization or Primary Place of Business: _____

APPENDIX B BIDDER REFERENCES
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies where the same or similar goods and/or services as contained in this IFB package that were recently provided by Bidder.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

APPENDIX C CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

For Bidder or other person doing business with local government entity	
<p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government 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.</p> <p>A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.0006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY
1. Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7 th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)	
3. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local government entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money.	
4. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who is a local government officer and who appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of this questionnaire.	

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For Bidder or other person doing business with local government entity

5. Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship. (Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or business relationship. 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 from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

- B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receive or likely to receive taxable income from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local government entity?

Yes No

- C. Is the filer of the questionnaire affiliated with a Corporation or other business entity that the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

- D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship:

6. Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest.

7. Bidder
Name: _____
- Authorized Signature: _____
- Title or Representative Capacity of Signer: _____
- Date: _____, 20____

BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS APPENDIX COMPLETED WITH ITS BID

APPENDIX D BID AFFIDAVIT
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

The undersigned certifies that the IFB and the Bidder's Bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. Bidder further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all goods and/or services upon which prices are extended at the price Bid, and upon the conditions contained in the IFB.

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____, on this day personally appeared _____ (*Name of Signer*), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

"I, _____ (*Name of Signer*) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for _____ (*Name of Bidder*) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said _____ (*Name of Bidder*).

I hereby certify that the foregoing Bid has not been prepared in collusion with any other Bidder or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business prior to the official opening of this Bid. Further, I certify that the Bidder is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination, to control the price of services/commodities Bid on, or to influence any person or persons to submit a Bid or not to submit a Bid thereon."

Name and Address of Bidder:

Fax: _____

Telephone#: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named _____ on

this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public in and for
the State of _____

APPENDIX E SIGNATURE PAGE
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID

This Bid shall remain in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from Bid opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The Bidder agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and in accordance with the Specifications, Terms and Conditions contained in the IFB, and all other items made a part of this IFB.

The undersigned affirms that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Bid and that by executing this Bid, Bidder understands, acknowledges and agrees that the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and Williamson County upon Contract Award. Bidder represents to Williamson County that Bidder has not prepared this Bid in collusion with any other Bidder, and that the contents of this Bid as to prices, terms or conditions have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Bidder or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this Bid. And further, that neither the Bidder nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to submit a Bid or not to submit a Bid thereon.

Bidder (Entity Name)	Signature
Street & Mailing Address	Print Name
City, State & Zip	Date Signed
Telephone Number	Fax Number
E-mail Address	

Williamson County Inner Loop Annex

Address:

**301 SE Inner Loop
Georgetown, TX 78626**

Directions:

From South (Austin, Round Rock)

Take IH-35 Northbound

Exit 259

Stay on frontage road for approximately 2 miles

At stop sign, go right on Inner Loop

Just past Snead Drive, the Inner Loop Annex is on the left
Main entrance is on the side of the building by the flagpoles

From North (Georgetown, Jarrell)

Take IH-35 Southbound

Exit 259

At stop sign, go left under the overpass

At stop stay straight onto Inner Loop

Just past Snead Drive, the Inner Loop Annex is on the left
Main entrance is on the side of the building by the flagpoles

