



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
SOLICITATION**

Hazard Fuels Reduction Program

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:

Jul 26, 2016 2:00:00 PM CDT

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:

Jul 26, 2016 2:00:00 PM CDT

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids for the above-mentioned goods and/or services will be accepted by the Williamson County Purchasing Department. Williamson County uses BidSync to distribute and receive bids. Specifications for this IFB may be obtained by registering at www.bidsync.com.

Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of this bid.

All electronic bids must be submitted via: www.bidsync.com

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.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire IFB.

Electronic bids are requested, however paper bids will currently still be received, until further notice and may be mailed or delivered to the address listed below.

Please note that a complete package must be submitted choosing one of the above two methods. Split packages submitted will be considered "unresponsive" and will not be accepted or evaluated.

- ✓ If mailed or delivered in person, Bids and Bid addenda are to be delivered in sealed envelope on or before the submittal deadline, as noted in the 'Public Announcement and General Information' listed above for this IFB, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department
Attn: **IFB NAME AND NUMBER**
901 South Austin Avenue
Georgetown, Texas 78626

- ✓ Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
- ✓ Bidder should submit one (1) original; **AND** one (1) CD **OR** (1) USB copy of the Bid.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- ✓ Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Williamson Purchasing Department at the time and date indicated above.
- ✓ All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on www.bidsync.com.
- ✓ It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync including any addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- ✓ Any addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on www.bidsync.com.
- ✓ The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Respondent has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
- ✓ Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.

Bid 1605-085 Hazard Fuels Reduction Program

Bid Number	1605-085
Bid Title	Hazard Fuels Reduction Program
Bid Start Date	In Held
Bid End Date	Jul 26, 2016 2:00:00 PM CDT
Question & Answer End Date	Jul 22, 2016 5:00:00 PM CDT
Bid Contact	Brenda Fuller 512-943-1607 brendafuller@wilco.org
Contract Duration	6 months
Contract Renewal	Not Applicable
Prices Good for	6 months
Pre-Bid Conference	Jul 14, 2016 2:00:00 PM CDT Attendance is mandatory Location: Southwest Williamson County Regional Park 3005 County Road 175 Leander, TX at the playground pavilion off of Borho Drive
Bid Comments	Hazard Fuels Reduction Program

Item Response Form

Item	1605-085--01-01 · Please Attach All Bid Documents to this line
Quantity	1 lump sum
Unit Price	
Delivery Location	Williamson County, Texas <u>Office of Emergency Managment</u> 911 Tracy Chambers Lane Georgetown TX 78626 Qty 1

Description

Put total price and attach all documents here.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity****Form CIQ**

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

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.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

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(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 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

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Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money.

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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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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 other 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 receiving 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 governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Is the filer of this 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.

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

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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Signature not required if completing in BIDSYNC electronically.

BID AFFIDAVIT

This form must be completed, signed, notarized and returned with Bid package

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 Respondent*) and have been duly authorized to execute the

foregoing on behalf of the said , (*Name of Respondent*).

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 of Respondent:

Address of Respondent:

Email:

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

SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDSYNC ELECTRONICALLY.

1.0 BID FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

1.1 Organization of Bid Contents for Submittal

Each Bid should be organized and items submitted in the order described in of this IFB.

1.2 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 in accordance with this IFB.

1.3 Certificate of Interested Parties

As of January 1, 2016, Bidders are responsible for complying with the Texas Government Code Section 2252.908. The law states that Williamson County may not enter into certain contracts with a Bidder unless the Bidder submits a disclosure of interested parties to Williamson County at the time the Bidder submits the signed contract to Williamson County. The law applies only to a contract of Williamson County that either (1) requires an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A Bidder must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the form and a separate certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the Bidder must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 and certification of filing must be filed with Williamson County.

Williamson County must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from Williamson County.

Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on the Texas Ethics Commission website by January 1, 2016.

1.4 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.

1.5 Bid Submittal Deadline

The Bid is due no later than the submittal date and time set forth in the 'Public Announcement and General Information' listed above for this IFB. Contents of each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with this IFB.

1.6 Delivery of Bids

Williamson County uses BidSync to distribute and receive bids and proposals Bids can be submitted electronically through BidSync or by hard copy. Refer to www.bidsync.com for further information.

If mailed or delivered in person, Bids and Bid addenda are to be delivered in sealed envelope on or before the submittal deadline, as noted in the 'Public Announcement and General Information' listed above for this IFB, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department

Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**

901 South Austin Avenue Georgetown, Texas 78626

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Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."

2.1 INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THIS BID

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.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 Bid Preparation Cost

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

2.5 Signature of Bidder

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.

2.6 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 provide a file marked copy of same.

2.7 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.

2.8 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.

2.9 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 of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

2.10 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.

To award the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with Texas Government Code and Local Government Code, the County may consider, to the extent allowed by law, the following:

- 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

Consideration of Location of Principal Office

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 271.905, in purchasing under this title any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if Williamson County receives one or more Bids from a Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County and whose Bid is within three percent (3%) of the lowest bid price received by Williamson County from a Bidder who is not a resident of Williamson County, Williamson County may enter into a contract with: the lowest Bidder; or the Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County if the Williamson County Commissioners Court determines, in writing, that the local Bidder offers Williamson County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for Williamson County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of Williamson County and increased tax revenues to Williamson County.

This consideration does not prohibit Williamson County from rejecting all Bids. 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 sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

<http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/SearchforaPastBid/tabid/5213/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

2.11 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 that can be determined thru references provided
- d) have a satisfactory record of performance with Williamson County; and e) 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.

2.12 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.

2.13 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.

2.14 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.

2.15 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 within the past five (5) years. References should be provided in accordance with this IFB.

3.1 DEFINITIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.2 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" – The completed and signed bid form referred to as the Price Sheet and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the bid package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.
- 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 liable Bidder to whom Williamson County intends to award the Contract.

3.2.1 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.

3.2.2 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence

The Contract shall be derived from (1) the IFB and its Schedules; 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 Schedules; 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 the terms and conditions of the ensuing Agreement, (2) the IFB, and its Schedules; 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.

3.2.3 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.

3.2.4 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.

3.2.5 Funding

Williamson 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 Williamson 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.

3.2.6 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.

3.2.7 Implied Requirements

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

3.2.8 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 no less than thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to Successful Bidder. Williamson County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. 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.

3.2.9 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 Williamson County's satisfaction. In the event of such non-performance, Williamson 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 Williamson County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse Williamson County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by Williamson 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 Williamson County as set out in this provision, Williamson 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.

3.2.10 Proprietary Information and Texas Public Information Act

All material submitted to Williamson 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. Williamson 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, Williamson 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.

3.2.11 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 of 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.

3.2.12 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).

3.2.13 Bid Preparation Cost

Cost of developing Bids is the sole 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.

3.2.14 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 PER 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.

3.2.15 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.

3.2.16 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 Williamson 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 Williamson County in the results of the work only. Williamson 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. Williamson 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 Williamson 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 Williamson County.

3.2.17 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.

3.2.18 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.

3.2.19 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.

3.2.20 Equal Opportunity

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

3.2.21 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 Purchasing Agent 901 South Austin Avenue Georgetown, Texas 78626

Bidder: Address set out in IFB referred to as the Bid Affidavit.

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

3.2.22 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.

3.2.23 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 Williamson County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

3.2.24 Incorporation of Schedules, Exhibits, Appendices & Attachments

All of the Schedules, Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments referred to herein are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein. All of the Schedules, Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments referred to herein are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein. Any conflicting terms in the contract documents will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

3.2.25 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.

3.2.26 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.

3.2.27 Current Revenues

The obligations of the parties under the Contract and any ensuing Agreement do not constitute a general obligation or indebtedness of Williamson County for which Williamson County is obligated to levy, pledge, or collect any 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.

3.2.28 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 Williamson County until receipt and acceptance takes place at the FOB Destination point.

3.2.29 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.

3.2.30 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.

3.2.31 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.

3.2.32 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 Williamson County informed of the progress and quality of the services. Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that Williamson 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 Williamson County in accordance with Williamson 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 Williamson County nor shall the Successful Bidder be released from any liability by reason of such approval by Williamson County, it being understood that Williamson 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.

3.2.33 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. Williamson County is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount, and Williamson 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.

3.2.34 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. If an ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Special Provisions Section of this IFB.

3.2.35 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.

3.2.36 Air Quality

In determining the overall best Bid, Williamson 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 Williamson 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 indicating the anticipated air quality impact. Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

3.2.37 Entire Agreement

The Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and Williamson County and shall constitute the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the services and/or

3.2.38 Payment

Williamson 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 Williamson 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 Williamson 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 Williamson 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, Williamson County shall notify Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty first (21st) day after the date Williamson 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 Williamson 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:

- a) Name, address, and telephone number of Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address
- b) Williamson County contract, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number
- c) Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract
- d) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices, and total amount
- e) 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: accountspayable@wilco.org , 512-943-1500.

3.2.39 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.

If an ensuing Agreement is required by this IFB, that information will be provided in Special Provisions section of this IFB. The Successful Bidder shall be required to execute the Agreement at the Williamson County Purchasing Department approximately ten (10) calendar days after the Successful Bidder is notified of award. The ensuing Agreement shall be in the same form as the Agreement which is attached to the end of this IFB. The only anticipated changes in the ensuing Agreement will be to include additional exhibits, to fill in blanks to identify the Successful Bidder, and terms relating to the compensation, or to revise the Agreement to accommodate corrections, changes in the scope of services, or changes pursuant to Addenda issued. **Bidders should raise any questions regarding the terms of the Agreement in the of written questions or submittals as described in the Public Announcement and General Information portion of this IFB.** Because the signed ensuing Agreement will be substantively and substantially derived from the attached Agreement, each Bidder is urged to seek independent legal counsel as to any questions about the terms, conditions or provisions contained in the Agreement **before** submitting a Bid. Again, the attached Agreement contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for Williamson County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

3.2.40 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 Inter-local 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.

3.2.41 Insurance Requirements

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Special Provisions section of this IFB.

3.2.42 Bidders Bond, Warranty Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Special Provisions section of this IFB.

3.2.43 Legal Liability Information

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation or anticipated litigation that your firm is involved in, including but not limited to, potential or actual legal matters with private parties and any local, State, Federal or international governmental entities. Williamson County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed contract to the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

3.2.44 Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal submission deadline, the bid closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day the County is open. If inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event causes delays in carrier service operations, the County may issue an addendum to all known vendors interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to notify the County of their interest in the project if these conditions are impacting their ability to turn in a submission within the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgment call to extend any deadline.

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SCOPE OF WORK

Project Description: Williamson County will implement a hazardous fuels reduction program to reduce wildfire hazards along the boundaries of Southwest Williamson County Regional Park that are adjacent to residential development. The proposed action would reduce the quantity of hazardous vegetative fuel along the park perimeter to limit the movement of a wildfire across the park boundary. The proposed project area includes the 50 feet adjacent to approximately 4 miles (21,120 linear feet) of the park boundary for a total of approximately 24 acres.

The fuels reduction activities would include trimming or cutting highly flammable, dead, and diseased vegetation within the project area, selectively trimming trees, and cutting tree branches up to 10 feet from ground level. The proposed action would include removal of surface fuels and “ladder” fuels that have accumulated to reduce the canopy bulk density and diminish the chance of a fire transitioning in to a crown fire or sustaining as a crown fire. The height of trimming and limbing would depend on the size, location, growth potential, health of the tree. The proposed action may also include the selective removal of some trees larger than 8 inches in diameter only when necessary to achieve the desired canopy cover. Stumps of cut trees would not be removed but would be cut down to within 3 inches of the soil surface, but root balls would not be removed, and the soils would not be disturbed. The cut vegetation and debris will be either ground or mulched on-site and temporarily stored at the park. Depending on the topography, some areas may be reseeded with short grasses to reduce erosion.

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Work would on only be conducted between September 1 and February 28 to minimize impacts to federally listed bird species. The implementation of the proposed action is projected to occur over a period of approximately 12 weeks. Equipment used would include a variety of mechanized and hand equipment, such as shredders, power mowers, grinders, mulchers, chainsaws, hand saws, pole saws, seed broadcasters, rakes, hoes, shovels, ladders, scythes, etc. Work areas would be accessed by motorized vehicles, four-wheeled gator-type vehicles, and by foot, depending on topography. The mechanized equipment would be rubber-tracked to minimize ground disturbance in the project area.

TERM OF CONTRACT

September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Contractor will be required to obtain and comply with all local, state, and federal permits, approvals and requirements prior to initiating work on this project.
2. Fuel-burning equipment running times will be kept to minimum and engines must be properly maintained.
3. Debris or mulch piles must not be staged or stored in the floodplain, though mulch may be spread on the ground surface for erosion control at the discretion and direction of County staff. Debris that cannot be spread at the site will be removed from the park by the contractor.
4. Williamson County Contractor will conduct hazardous fuels reduction work only outside of the breeding season for golden-cheeked warbler. Work is

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allowed from September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. Work must not be conducted from March 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

5. All bidders shall attend a mandatory pre-bid coordination meeting to be held at Southwest Williamson County Regional Park, 3005 County Road 175, City of Leander. The meeting will be held at the playground pavilion off of Borho Dr.

6. Deposition or accumulation of soil, trash, ashes, refuse, waste, bio-solids, or any other materials at the project site as a result of the proposed action is prohibited. Vegetative debris must be removed from the project site or mulched and spread on-site at the discretion of County Staff. Mulch will be placed on existing trails with appropriate measures (such as adequate setbacks or a silt fence) to prevent mulch from washing toward or into cave openings. Mulch will not be placed at or near sensitive areas marked or otherwise identified by County staff.

7. Contractor must seal any wounds on oaks that are the result of pruning and seal any oak stumps that are created as a result of the proposed action in order to prevent transmission of oak wilt fungus.

8. It is anticipated that there will be some areas that need to be re-seeded as part of this project. However, it cannot be determined at this time how large the area will be until the end of the project. Contractor will furnish a not to exceed price for a 1 cubic yard area. Additional description will be provided at the pre-bid meeting.

9. Equipment staging, refueling, and storage of gasoline will only be allowed in areas designated by County staff. Contractor will not store or leave any petroleum products or fuels at the project site when work is not in progress.

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10. Stumps and root balls will not be removed. Stumps will be ground down to 3 inches above the ground surface
11. Soil disturbance will be limited by implementing best management practices (BPM's) to prevent soil erosion of areas disturbed by the use of heavy equipment. Rubber tracks will be used on equipment to limit soil disturbance. Contractor will provide County staff a list of all equipment that will be used on the project. County staff must approve each piece of equipment to be used on the project.
12. Williamson County will ensure that BPMs are implemented to prevent erosion and sedimentation includes equipment storage and staging areas.
13. Williamson County will identify all buffer zones relevant for project implementation with colored flags or tape prior to beginning work. Each zone will be marked with a different colored flag or tape and the delineation of these zones will be consistent throughout the scope of the project. Contractor will not disturb the flags and/or other markers, and will be left in place during the project.
14. Contractor will provide a full time monitor that will oversee implementation of the project and ensure that the avoidance and mitigation measures as specified by County staff are adhered to.

In the event that archeological deposits, including any Native American pottery, stone tools, bones, or human remains are uncovered, the project must be halted immediately in the vicinity of the discovery, and all reasonable measures must be taken to avoid or minimize harm to the finds. Contractor will immediately report this situation to County staff.

15. Fuels reduction activities must take place between 8a.m. and 5p.m., Monday through Friday. Equipment and machinery used at the proposed project site must meet local, state, and federal noise control regulations.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

AWARD IS CONTINGENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, AS SPECIFIED, BELOW:

REQUIRED	TYPE OF COVERAGE	REQUIREMENT	MINIMUM LIMITS	
			EACH OCCURRENCE	AGGREGATE
YES, YES	WORKER'S COMPENSATION EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY	STATUTORY STATUTORY		
YES	GENERAL LIABILITY, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, BROAD FORM PROPERTY DAMAGE BLANKET CONTRACTUAL, AND FIRE LEGAL LIABILITY	BODILY INJURY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		PROPERTY DAMAGE	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		BODILY INJURY & PROPERTY DAMAGE COMBINED.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
YES,	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY, INCLUDING ALL OWNED, HIRED, NON-OWNED	BODILY INJURY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		- EACH PERSON	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		- EACH OCCURRENCE	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		PROPERTY DAMAGE	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
		BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, COMBINED	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
NO	PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, INCLUDING, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS, MALPRACTICE (WHEN APPLICABLE), AND NEGLIGENT PERFORMANCE			
		ALL DAMAGES	\$1,000,000	
YES	<i>WILLIAMSON COUNTY IS TO BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED: CONTRACTOR, AT ITS SOLE COST AND EXPENSE, SHALL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN, IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TERM OF ANY RESULTANT AGREEMENT, THE INSURANCE COVERAGE HEREIN DESCRIBED, INSURING NOT ONLY CONTRACTOR AND ITS SUBCONSULTANTS, IF ANY, BUT ALSO, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE.</i>			

I. INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST INCLUDE:

- A. A PROVISION FOR A WRITTEN THIRTY DAY ADVANCE NOTICE TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY OF CHANGE IN COVERAGE OR OF COVERAGE CANCELLATION; AND
- B. A CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY ENDORSEMENT PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY WILLIAMSON COUNTY.
- C. DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 REQUIRE WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S PRIOR APPROVAL.

II. CONTACTOR MUST SUBMIT CERTIFICATE(S) OF INSURANCE EVIDENCING REQUIRED COVERAGE.

III. ENDORSEMENT PROVISIONS, WITH RESPECT TO THE INSURANCE AFFORDED TO "ADDITIONAL INSURED"

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A. PRIMARY COVERAGE

WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE NAMED INSURED, INSURANCE AS AFFORDED BY THIS POLICY IS PRIMARY AND IS NOT ADDITIONAL TO OR CONTRIBUTING WITH ANY OTHER INSURANCE CARRIED BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ADDITIONAL INSUREDS.

B. CROSS LIABILITY

THE NAMING OF MORE THAN ONE PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION AS INSUREDS UNDER THE POLICY SHALL NOT, FOR THAT REASON ALONE, EXTINGUISH ANY RIGHTS OF THE INSURED AGAINST ANOTHER, BUT THIS ENDORSEMENT, AND THE NAMING OF MULTIPLE INSUREDS, SHALL NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY UNDER THIS POLICY.

C. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

1. IF THE POLICY IS CANCELED BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION DATE FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THE NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE CONSULTANT SHALL PROVIDE WILLIAMSON CPOUNTY AT LEAST A THIRTY (30) DAY WRITTEN NOTICE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CANCELLATION.
2. IF THE POLICY IS CANCELED BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE ISSUING COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE WILLIAMSON COUNTY AT LEAST A TEN (10) DAY WRITTEN NOTICE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CANCELLATION.

Question and Answers for Bid #1605-085 - Hazard Fuels Reduction Program

Overall Bid Questions

There are no questions associated with this bid.