

**Bid Tabulation Packet  
for  
Solicitation 1806-244**

**Herbicides**

**Bid Designation: Public**



**Williamson County, Texas**

**Bid #1806-244 - Herbicides**Creation Date **Jun 26, 2018**End Date **Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 PM CDT**Start Date **Jul 10, 2018 2:32:59 PM CDT**Awarded Date **Not Yet Awarded**

<b>1806-244-01-01</b> Please add all items to this line.					
Supplier	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Total Price	Attch.	Docs
Pro Pest and Lawn Store	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b> <b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b> just resubmitted previous bid. Not sure why was rebid. No reasons were given.			
Crop Production Services - Timberland Division	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b> <b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b> Please see attached bid price sheet I am signing it electronically through the BidSync system			
SiteOne Landscape Supply	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b> <b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC	 First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b> <b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b>			

**Supplier Totals**

f SiteOne Landscape Supply		\$0.00	
Bid Contact <b>Keith O McGinty</b> <b>bids@siteone.com</b> <b>Ph 800-321-5325</b> <b>Fax 248-583-1433</b>		Address <b>1385 East 36th St.</b> <b>Cleveland, OH 44114</b>	
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>	
		<b>Head Attch:</b> 	
f Pro Pest and Lawn Store		\$0.00	
Bid Contact <b>Royal Tyler</b> <b>propestandlawn@gmail.com</b> <b>Ph 318-584-7217</b>		Address <b>4726 East Texas St</b> <b>Suite 150</b> <b>Bossier City, LA 71111</b>	
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>	
		<b>Head Attch:</b> 	
f Crop Production Services - Timberland Division		\$0.00	
Bid Contact <b>Mike Standish</b> <b>mike.standish@cpsagu.com</b> <b>Ph 512-887-0318</b> <b>Fax 303-222-2928</b>		Address <b>13622 East Hardy Road</b> <b>Houston, TX 77039</b>	
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>	
		<b>Head Attch:</b> 	
f RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC		\$0.00	
Bid Contact <b>LEANNE WELCH</b> <b>LEANNE.WELCH@RRSI.COM</b> <b>Ph</b>		Address <b>7545 HAYGOOD ROAD</b> <b>SHREVEPORT, LA 71107</b>	

**Fax 318-226-9609****Agency Notes:****Supplier Notes:****Head  
Attch:**

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**SiteOne Landscape Supply**

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**bids@siteone.com**  
**Ph 800-321-5325**  
**Fax 248-583-1433**

Address **1385 East 36th St.**  
**Cleveland, OH 44114**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1806-244-01-01	Please add all items to this line.	Supplier Product Code:	First Offer -	1 / each	Y	Y
Supplier Total					\$0.00	

**SiteOne Landscape Supply**

Item: **Please add all items to this line.**

**Attachments**

General References3.docx

Williamson County - bid form.pdf

**SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY REFERENCE PAGE**

<b>1 Pinellas County Schools</b>		<b>Tim Wormhood</b>	
Company Name <b>P.O. Box 2942      Largo</b>		Contact Person <b>FL      33779</b>	
Street Address <b>(727) 221-5478</b>		State      Zip	
Telephone      Fax		Contract Amount & Dates	
<b>Supply and deliver landscaping &amp; Irrigation supplies</b>		<b>\$125,000.00    6/9/18 – 6/8/19</b>	
Products or Services Purchased by the above Reference			
<b>2 East Baton Rouge – Recreation &amp; Park</b>		<b>Michelle McKee</b>	
Company Name <b>P.O. Box 15887      Baton Rouge</b>		Contact Person <b>LA      70895</b>	
Street Address <b>(225) 273-6421</b>		State      Zip	
Telephone      Fax		Contract Amount & Dates	
<b>Supply and deliver Landscape supplies</b>		<b>Approx. \$30,000    10/2014 -10/2016</b>	
Products or Services Purchased by the above Reference			
<b>3 City of Sioux Falls</b>		<b>Scott Rust</b>	
Company Name <b>224 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street      City of Sioux Falls</b>		Contact Person <b>SD      57104</b>	
Street Address <b>(605) 367-8013</b>		State      Zip	
Telephone      Fax		Contract Amount & Dates	
<b>Supply and deliver landscaping &amp; Irrigation supplies</b>		<b>Approx. \$23,500    4/25/17 – 4/24/18</b>	
Products or Services Purchased by the above Reference			

**Government Agencies That Your Firm Has Done Business With:****All the above**

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM

## HERBICIDES

**BID NUMBER: IFB18XX-XXX**

NAME OF BIDDER: SiteOne Landscape Supply

1385 East 36th Street

Mailing Address: Cleveland, Ohio 44114

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: bids@SiteOne.com

Telephone: (216) 706-9250 ext. 2 Fax: (248) 581-1433

Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	Estimated Quantity	UNIT	MINIMUM PURCHASE QUANTITY	PURCHASE QUANTITY UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
1	RANGER PRO	2700	GAL	30 GAL	\$13.17/gal	\$3559.00
2*	ELEMENT 3A	50	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$139.27/gal	\$6963.50
3	DUPONT PERSPECTIVE TM	40	LBS	5 LBS	<b>NO BID</b>	
4	OPENSIGHT HERBICIDE	45	LBS	1.25 LBS		
5(A)*	ESPLANADE TM 200 SC	15	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$1638.50/gal	\$24577.50
6	ESPLANADE EZ	15	GAL	2.5 GAL		
7*	POWERLINE	200	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$84.00/gal	\$16800.00
8*	GRAZON P+D (RESTRICTED HERBICIDE)	25	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$30.00/gal	\$750.00
9	RRSI NIS SURFACTANT	20	GAL	2.5 GAL	<b>NO BID</b>	
10	RRSI DEFOAMER	30	GAL	1 GAL		
11	OUTRIDER	2	CASE*	1 CASE	\$760.00/case	\$1520.00

#702005 HESCO Triclopyr 4 Ester 2.5gal

#80524318 (A) Specticle #10 1gal

#10272225 Polaris 2.5gal

#10368225 Truper P+D 2.5gal

#10699170 Certainty turf (1.2502 x 10 case)

12	METHOD 240 SL	30	GAL	2.5 GAL	<b>NO</b>	<b>BID</b>
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\* Assume 20 oz container, 10 x 20 oz container per case

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

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Date of Bid: 08-01-18

Printed Name and Title of Signer: Keith McGinty, Director



# LESCO®

## TRICLOPYR 4 ESTER HERBICIDE

For the control of woody plants and broad leaf weeds on rangeland and permanent grass pastures, and conservation reserve program (CRP) acres (including fence rows and non-irrigation ditch banks within these areas), rights-of-way, ornamental turf, industrial sites, non-crop areas, non-irrigation ditch banks, forests, and wildlife openings, including grazed areas on these sites.

### ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Triclopyr: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, butoxyethyl ester ..... 61.6%

OTHER INGREDIENTS: ..... 38.4%

TOTAL: ..... 100.0%

Contains petroleum distillates

Acid Equivalent: triclopyr - 44.3% - 4 lb/gal

### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

#### FIRST AID

**IF SWALLOWED:** Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.

Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not give liquid to the person.

**IF IN EYES:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.

Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

**IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. Contact CHEMTREC toll free at 1-800-424-9300 for transportation or emergency medical treatment information.

### #702305

Net Contents: 2.5 gallons (9.45 L)

LESCO, Inc. • 1385 East 36th Street • Cleveland, OH 44114-4114



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GROUP 29 HERBICIDE



# SPECT(i)CLE™ FLO

Pre-emergent Herbicide for the Control of Annual Grasses, Annual Sedges, and Broadleaf Weeds in Turfgrass, Landscape Ornamentals, and Hardscapes

DO NOT USE FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF FERTILIZER

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: Indaziflam ..... 7.4%

OTHER INGREDIENTS: ..... 92.6%

Total ..... 100.0%

Contains 0.622 lbs. active ingredient per gallon

EPA Reg. No. 432-1518

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

For MEDICAL and TRANSPORTATION Emergencies

ONLY Call 24 Hours A Day 1-800-334-7577

For PRODUCT USE Information Call 1-800-331-2867

See inside leaflet for complete First Aid Instructions,

Precautionary Statements, Directions for Use and

Storage and Disposal Instructions.

Net Contents

**1 Gallon**

80526318

80943407B 120501AV1

**BACKED**  
by **BAYER™**



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POLARIS®

## Herbicide

Applications may be made for the control of undesirable emergent and floating aquatic vegetation in estuarine marine surface water. For the control of undesirable vegetation in fencerows, non-irrigation ditch banks, for establishment and maintenance of wildlife openings, grass pastures and rangeland, unimproved industrial noncropland Bermudagrass and Bahiagrass, under certain paved areas, and industrial noncropland areas including railroad, utility, pipeline and highway rights-of-way, utility plant sites, petroleum tank farms, pumping installations, storage areas, non-irrigation ditchbanks, roads, transmission lines, and industrial bareground areas.

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**

Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr: (2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid)\* .....

27.7%

**OTHER INGREDIENTS:** .....

72.3%

**TOTAL:** .....

100.0%

\*Equivalent to 22.62% 2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid or 2 pounds acid per gallon.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**  
**CAUTION / PRECAUCION**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

SEE INSIDE BOOKLET FOR ADDITIONAL  
 PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

For Chemical Spill, Leak, Fire, or  
 Exposure, Call CHEMTREC  
 (800) 424-9300

For Medical Emergencies Only,  
 Call (877) 325-1840

**Have the product container label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.**

EPA Reg. No. 228-534

EPA Est. No. 228-IL-1

Net Contents  
**2.5 Gal.**  
 (9.46 L)

Manufactured for  
 Nufarm Americas Inc.  
 150 Harvester Drive  
 Burr Ridge, IL 60527



**SPECIMEN LABEL**

This information is for promotional purposes only. Space considerations may require information to be omitted. Always refer to the actual package for complete label verbiage. This product may not yet be available or approved for sale or use in your area.

**RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE**

May Injure (Phytotoxic) Susceptible, Non-Target Plants. For retail sale to and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's certification. Commercial certified applicators must also ensure that all persons involved in these activities are informed of the precautionary statements.

# Trooper®

## P+D

### HERBICIDE

**ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**

Picloram: 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid, triisopropanolamine salt .....	10.2%
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, triisopropanolamine salt .....	39.6%

<b>OTHER INGREDIENTS:</b> .....	50.2%
<b>TOTAL:</b> .....	100.0%

**Acid equivalents:**

Picloram: 4-amino-3,5,6-trichloropicolinic acid .....	5.7%, 0.54 lb/gal
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid .....	21.2%, 2 lb/gal

**NOT FOR SALE, DISTRIBUTION OR USE IN NASSAU  
AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES IN NEW YORK.**

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**  
**WARNING / AVISO**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)  
SEE INSIDE BOOKLET FOR FIRST AID AND ADDITIONAL  
PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

EPA Reg. No. 228-530

Manufactured for  
Nufarm Americas Inc.  
150 Harvester Drive  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527



For Chemical Spill, Leak, Fire, or  
Exposure, Call CHEMTREC  
(800) 424-9300

For Medical Emergencies Only,  
Call (877) 325-1840





**Certainty® Turf herbicide is a selective herbicide for control of annual and perennial grass and broadleaf weeds in highly managed turf, ornamental and native grass sites.**

### Complete Directions For Use

EPA Reg. No. 59639-226

Read the entire label before using this product.

Use only according to label instructions.

Not all products recommended on this label are registered for use in California. Check the registration status of each product in California before using.

Read the "LIMIT OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY" before buying or using. If terms are not acceptable, return at once unopened.

THIS IS AN END-USE PRODUCT. VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION DOES NOT INTEND AND HAS NOT REGISTERED IT FOR REFORMULATION OR REPACKAGING.

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10.1 Sedge Control

10.2 Tall Fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*) Control

10.3 Additional Weeds Controlled

#### 11.0 LIMIT OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

### 1.0 INGREDIENTS

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Sulfosulfuron.....	75.0%
OTHER INGREDIENTS: .....	25.0%
	100.0%

**Certainty Turf Herbicide** is formulated as a water dispersible granule (WDG).

### 2.0 IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE  
IN USING THIS PRODUCT, CALL TOLL-FREE,  
**800-898-2536**

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING THIS  
PRODUCT, OR FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE,  
**CALL, DAY OR NIGHT, 800-892-0099**

### 3.0 PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### 3.1 Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

Keep out of reach of children.

### CAUTION!

CAUSES MODERATE EYE IRRITATION.

Avoid contact with eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

Supplier: **SiteOne Landscape Supply**



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION 1806-244 Herbicides**

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 PM CDT**

**BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 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](http://www.bidsync.com).

**Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of this Bid.**

**All electronic bids must be submitted via: [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)**

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.

**Bidders are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire IFB.**

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.

**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.**

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

General 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

- 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.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
  - All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://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](http://www.bidsync.com).
    - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.

Supplier: **SiteOne Landscape Supply**

## Bidder References

List the last (3) companies or governmental agencies, where the same or similar goods and/or services as contained in this IFB package, were recently provided by Bidder.

### **Reference 1**

Client Name:

**See Attached References**

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

### **Reference 2**

Client Name:

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:



**Reference 3**

Client Name:

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

**Supplier: SiteOne Landscape Supply**

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>Form</b> <b>CIQ</b>
<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 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received
1	<b>Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.</b> SiteOne Landscape Supply	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</b></p> <p>(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.)</p>	
3	<b>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.</b> None	
4	<b>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.</b> None	

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5	<p><b>Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship.</b>  <b>(Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)</b></p> <p>This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C &amp; 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.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.  <b>N/A</b></p> <p><b>6. Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause conflict of interest:</b>  <b>None</b></p>	
7	<p><b>Molly M. Vorous</b></p>	<p><b>6/20/18</b></p>
	<p>Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p>	<p>Date</p>
	<p><b>Signature not required if completing in BIDS SYNC electronically.</b></p>	

**Supplier: SiteOne Landscape Supply**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

The undersigned attests that the company named below, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

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.

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."

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>SiteOne Landscape Supply</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>1385 East 36th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>bids@siteone.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>216-706-9250</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Molly M. Vorous</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### 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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County's Contract.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Molly M. Vorous** (*Name of Signer*), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: "I, **Molly M. Vorous**, (*Name of Signer*) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for **SiteOne Landscape Supply** (*Name of Bidder*) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said **SiteOne Landscape Supply** (*Name of Bidder*).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named **Molly M. Vorous**  
on this the **1st** day of **August**, 2018.

**Monque Potts**

Notary Public in and for

The State of **OHio**

The County of **Cuyahoga**

**SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDSYNC ELECTRONICALLY.**

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## **Williamson County – Invitation for Bid (IFB)**

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Addendum/Addenda** – means any written or graphic instruments issued by the County prior to the consideration of Bids which modify or interpret the Bid Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.

**Agreement/Ensuing Agreement(s)** – means the Successful Bidder may be required by the County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and the Bidder's Bid. Such Ensuing Agreement(s) shall contain the Bid specifications, terms and conditions that are derived from the IFB.

**Bid Documents** – means the Legal Notice, IFB including attachments, and any Addenda issued by the County prior to the consideration of any Bids.

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB 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.

**Bidder** – means a person or entity who submits a Bid in response to this IFB.

**Contract** – means this IFB and the Bid of the Successful Bidder shall become a Contract between the Successful Bidder and the County once the Successful Bidder's Bid is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**Commissioner's Court** – means the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**County** – means Williamson County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.

**Invitation for Bid (IFB)** – means this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future Addenda issued by the County.

**Successful Bidder** – means the liable Bidder to whom the County intends to award the Contract.

## **SECTION 2 - BID FORMS AND SUBMISSION**

### **2.1 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, all Bidders are responsible for complying with Local Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County's 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 of interest may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Bidder, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way with the project that is subject to this IFB.** Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Bidder, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor with any employee, or official of the 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 the County employees or officials may be cause for termination.

The 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 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 the 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 with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

### **2.2 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

As of January 1, 2016, all Successful Bidders are responsible for complying with the Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908. The law states that the County may not enter into certain contracts with a Bidder unless the Bidder submits a disclosure of interested parties to the County at the time the Bidder submits the signed Contract. The law applies only to a Contract of the County on or after January 1, 2016 that either:

- A. Requires an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the Contract may be signed (all contracts that fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court approval, such as contracts resulting from an Initiation for Bid (IFB), RFP, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), etc., excluding, but not limited to, certain Juvenile Service contracts, contracts funded with Sheriff's seized monies, etc.); or
- B. Has a value of at least \$1,000,000.

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. Information regarding how to use the filing application is



available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

A Respondent must:

- A. Use the online application to process the required information on Form 1295.
- B. Print a copy of the form which will contain a unique certification number.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder must sign the printed copy of the form.
- D. File the completed Form 1295 and certification of filing (scanning and emailing form is sufficient) with Williamson County Purchasing Agent at the time the signed Bid and/or Contract is submitted for approval.

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics 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 Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.3 BID AFFIDAVIT

The Bidder attests to abiding by Texas Government Code Chapter 2270, Subtitle F, Title 10 stating that they neither currently boycott Israel, nor will the boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Furthermore, the Bidder 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. Additionally, the Bidder certifies that the 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, Bidder certifies that the he or she is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool 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. **Each Bidder must provide a Bid Affidavit with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.4 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 the County.

## 2.5 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 in this IFB package. Contents of each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with this IFB.

## 2.6 DELIVERY OF BIDS

The County uses BidSync to distribute and receive Bids and proposals. It is preferred that Bids submitted electronically through BidSync; however, Bidders can submit a hard copy.

Refer to [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com) for further information on how to submit electronically.

If mailed or delivered in person, Bids and Bid Addenda are to be delivered in sealed envelope on or <sup>before</sup> the submittal deadline, as noted in the Public Announcement and General Information listed in this IFB package, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **Bid Name and Number**  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Also, all Bidders should list their Name and Address, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed." The County will not accept any Bids received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Bids unopened to the Bidder. The County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.

Bids will be opened publically and the names of Bidders and pricing will be read aloud.

## **SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to 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 and modifications issued as a part of this IFB. Be sure your Bid package is complete.

### **3.2 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THIS IFB**

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the 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 the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (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 one (1).

### **3.3 NOTIFICATION OF MOST CURRENT ADDRESS**

All 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids.

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. 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 equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **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 provide a file marked copy of same.

### **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(s).

### **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 the County, result in disqualification.

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

The Bidder may withdraw its Bid by submitting a written request with the company letterhead and the signature of an authorized individual, as described in Section 3.4, Signature of Bidder, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline.

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations 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.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the Bid process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of 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. The County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a solicitation, the 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, or any future solicitation.

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

The County intends to award a Contract to the most responsible and responsive Bidder whose Bid will be most advantageous to the County. In accordance with Texas Government Code and Local Government Code, the County may consider, to the extent allowed by law, the following:

- A. Price;
- B. The Bidder's experience and reputation;
- C. Quality of the Bidder's goods and/or services;
- D. The Bidder's safety record;
- E. The Bidder's proposed personnel;
- F. The Bidder's financial capabilities; and
- G. Any other relevant factors specifically listed in this IFB or authorized by law.

### **3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.905, in purchasing any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if the County receives one or more Bids from a Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County and whose Bid is within three (3) percent of the lowest Bid price received by the County from a Bidder who is not a resident of Williamson County, the County may enter into a contract with:

- A. The lowest Bidder; or the Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County if the Commissioners Court determines, in writing, that the local Bidder offers the County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities Williamson County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents Williamson County and increased tax revenues to Williamson County.

### **3.11 REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE.**

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, if it shall deem to be in the best interest of the 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>

### **3.12 RESPONSIBILITY**

It is expected that a prospective Bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate 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; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### **3.13 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. The 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.

### **3.14 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.

### **3.15 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.

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the 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, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

The County may contact some or all of the references in order to determine the Respondent performance record on work similar to that described in this RFP. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

References, if requested, should be provided in accordance with this IFB. Bid may not be deemed complete without the inclusion of requested references.

## **SECTION 4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The 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(s), 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(s) is governed by the laws of the United States, this IFB, the Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

### **4.2 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE AND PRECEDENCE**

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

Upon signing and submittal of the Bid, a Bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to the County, certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas codified in Business & Commerce Code, Section 15.01, 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 the County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders.

### **4.5 FUNDING**

The County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. All 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.

## 4.6 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 Commissioners Court. The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## 4.7 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.

## 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the 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 the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise 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 the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the 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 the County termination for convenience.

## 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the 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, the 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.

## 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE 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. 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.

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.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this IFB or in the Bidder's Bid is in conflict with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood, and agreed, that the County, and 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 the County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that the County, and its officers and employees, shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that the 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 the County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

#### **4.11 RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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 the 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. The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

#### **4.12 TESTING AND INSPECTIONS**

The 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, the County can deem the Bidder to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

#### **4.13 BID PREPARATION COSTS**

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Successful Bidder shall indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agent's employees from, and against, all claims, liability, and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from activities of the Bidder, its agents, servants or employees, performed

hereunder that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of the Bidder or any of the Bidder agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the 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 limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the 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 the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the 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 the 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 judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

#### **4.15 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

The Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against the 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(s).

#### **4.16 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 the 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 the County in the results of the work only. The 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. The 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 the County, and that the Successful Bidder and its employees, agents and subcontractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by the County.

#### **4.17 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 the County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if the County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of the County.

#### **4.18 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.

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any Ensuing Agreement(s) 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(s) 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(s) 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(s) and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

The County: Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: Purchasing Agent  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Submittal.

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (1) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (2) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

#### **4.22 SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION**

The 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, Section 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by the County.

#### **4.23 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The County and the 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(s), 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.

#### **4.24 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. Any conflicting terms in the Contract documents will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.25 NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITIES**

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to the County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. The 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.

#### **4.26 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(s) 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.

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 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.

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

This Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties

and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

#### **4.30 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 the County.

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

The 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.

#### **4.32 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS AND RELIANCE**

The 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. The Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that the County is relying on the Successful Bidder's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. The 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 the County accordance with the County's requirements and procedures. The Successful Bidder's duties, 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.

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

To the extent applicable to this IFB, the estimated quantity of each item listed in this IFB is only estimate; the actual quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated 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.

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of 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.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

The County may exercise, by written notice to the Successful Bidder no later than ten (10) calendar days of the Contract expiration, this clause for emergencies only.

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 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 the 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. All Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and the 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 the County.

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

The County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the later of the following:

- A. The date the County receives the goods under the Contract;
- B. The date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or
- C. The date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services.

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the 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 the 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 (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 the Successful Bidder, the County shall notify the Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date the County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of the Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, the 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- 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 following address:

Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department

Email: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org)

Phone: 512-943-1500

#### 4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Commissioners Court, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and the 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 form 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, if applicable, contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for the County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

#### 4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, the 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 IFB is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Inter-local Agreement with the County. Any liability created by purchase orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

#### 4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.42 BIDDERS BOND, WARRANTY BOND, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation 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. The County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed

contract to the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.44 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 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 Bidders interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder 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 judgement call to extend any deadline.

#### **4.45 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Bidder expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.



## Pro Pest and Lawn Store

Bid Contact **Royal Tyler**  
**propestandlawn@gmail.com**  
**Ph 318-584-7217**

Address **4726 East Texas St**  
**Suite 150**  
**Bossier City, LA 71111**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1806-244-01-01	Please add all items to this line.	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b> just resubmitted previous bid. Not sure why was rebid. No reasons were given.	First Offer -	1 / each	Y	Y
Supplier Total					\$0.00	

**Pro Pest and Lawn Store**

Item: **Please add all items to this line.**

**Attachments**

williamsoncounty tx .pdf

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM

## HERBICIDES

BID NUMBER: IFB 1805-228

NAME OF BIDDER: Pro Pest and Lawn Store

Mailing Address: 4726 East Texas, Suite 150

City: Bossier City State: LA Zip: 71111

Email Address: propestandlawn@gmail.com

Telephone: (318) 584-7217 Fax: ( )

Mobile Phone: (318) 469-9963

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	Estimated Quantity	UNIT	PACKAGE UNITS	PACKAGE PRICE	TOTAL COST
1	RANGER PRO	2700	GAL	30 ga 2.5 ga	\$384.00 \$37.40	\$34,560.00 \$40,392.00
2	ELEMENT 3A TRACLOPYR 30L	50	GAL	<del>2.5 ga</del> 2.5 gal	105.00	\$2100.00
3	DUPONT PERSPECTIVE TM	40	LBS	discontinued		
4	OPENSIGHT HERBICIDE	45	LBS	10 lb jug	\$875.00	\$3500 for 40 lbs
5	ESPLANADE TM 200 SC	15	GAL	2.5 ga	\$7784.00	\$16,704.00
6	ESPLANADE EZ	15	GAL	2.5 ga	\$121.40	\$728.40
7	POWERLINE Imazapyr 25L	200	GAL	2.5 gal	\$132.50	\$10,600.00
8	GRAZON P+D (RESTRICTED HERBICIDE)	25	GAL	2.5 gal	\$68.75	\$687.50
9	RRSI NIS SURFACTANT Alligare 90	20	GAL	2.5 gal	\$30.00	\$240.00
10	RRSI DEFOAMER	30	GAL	12x1 qt case	\$102.00	\$1020.00
11	OUTRIDER	2	CASE*	10x20oz	\$3300.00	\$6600.00

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12	METHOD 240 SL	30	GAL	2.5 gal	796.80	\$9561.60
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\* Assume 20 oz container, 10 x 20 oz container per case

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

Royal M. Tyler  
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Date of Bid: 6-18-18

Printed Name and Title of Signer: Royal M. Tyler, Jr Owner-President

Supplier: **Pro Pest and Lawn Store**



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION 1806-244 Herbicides**

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 PM CDT**

**BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 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](http://www.bidsync.com).

**Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of this Bid.**

**All electronic bids must be submitted via: [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)**

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.

**Bidders are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire IFB.**

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.

**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.**

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

General 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

- 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.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
  - All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://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](http://www.bidsync.com).
    - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.

Supplier: **Pro Pest and Lawn Store**

## Bidder References

List the last (3) companies or governmental agencies, where the same or similar goods and/or services as contained in this IFB package, were recently provided by Bidder.

### Reference 1

Client Name:  
**Growing Solutions Bossier City, LA**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Randy Owner**

Title:

Phone:  
**318-393-4804 rjf904@hotmail.com**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**ongoing 9-1-18 \$50,000**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**regular customer, not an official contract. Large commercial applicators**

### Reference 2

Client Name:  
**Jefferson County Texas Beaumont**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Denise Wheeler administrative assistant**

Title:

Phone:  
**409.719.5940 wheeler@co.jefferson.tx.us**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**April 2, 2019 April 3, 2017 \$20,000 per year approximately**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**annual contract for roadside spraying chemicals, renewed for second year. One more optional renewal remaining.**

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
**Lafayette Consolidated Government Lafayette, LA**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Ken Pilgreen Clerk III**

Title:

Phone:  
**337.291.7187 kpilgreen@lafayettela.gov**

E-mail

Contract Date To:                      Contract Date From:                      Contract Value: \$  
**28 December 2018 28 December, 2016 propestandlawn@gmail.com**

Scope of Work:  
**supplying chemicals for golf courses. Annual contract renewed for second year.**



## Supplier: Pro Pest and Lawn Store

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>Form</b> <b>CIQ</b>
<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 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received
1	<b>Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.</b>	
2	<input type="checkbox"/> <p><b>Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</b></p> <p>(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.)</p>	
3	<b>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.</b>	
4	<b>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.</b>	

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>Form</b> <b>CIQ</b> <b>Page 2</b>
5	<b>Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship.</b>	

	<p align="center"><b>(Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)</b></p> <p>This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C &amp; 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.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
	<p>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?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.</p> <p><b>6. Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause conflict of interest:</b></p>	
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	<p align="center"><b>propestandlawn@gmail.com</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>propestandlawn@gmail.com</b></p>
	<p align="center">Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p>	<p align="center">Date</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Signature not required if completing in BIDSYNC electronically.</b></p>	

**Supplier: Pro Pest and Lawn Store**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

The undersigned attests that the company named below, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

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.

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."

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>Royal Tyler</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>4726 East Texas St</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>propestandlawn@gmail.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>3185847217</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### 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.

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County's Contract.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, 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*).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named  
on this the day of , 20.

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

**SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDS SYNC ELECTRONICALLY.**

Supplier: **Pro Pest and Lawn Store**



## **Williamson County – Invitation for Bid (IFB)**

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Addendum/Addenda** – means any written or graphic instruments issued by the County prior to the consideration of Bids which modify or interpret the Bid Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.

**Agreement/Ensuing Agreement(s)** – means the Successful Bidder may be required by the County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and the Bidder's Bid. Such Ensuing Agreement(s) shall contain the Bid specifications, terms and conditions that are derived from the IFB.

**Bid Documents** – means the Legal Notice, IFB including attachments, and any Addenda issued by the County prior to the consideration of any Bids.

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB 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.

**Bidder** – means a person or entity who submits a Bid in response to this IFB.

**Contract** – means this IFB and the Bid of the Successful Bidder shall become a Contract between the Successful Bidder and the County once the Successful Bidder's Bid is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**Commissioner's Court** – means the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**County** – means Williamson County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.

**Invitation for Bid (IFB)** – means this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future Addenda issued by the County.

**Successful Bidder** – means the liable Bidder to whom the County intends to award the Contract.

## **SECTION 2 - BID FORMS AND SUBMISSION**

### **2.1 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, all Bidders are responsible for complying with Local Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County's 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 of interest may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Bidder, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way with the project that is subject to this IFB.** Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Bidder, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor with any employee, or official of the 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 the County employees or officials may be cause for termination.

The 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 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 the 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 with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

### **2.2 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

As of January 1, 2016, all Successful Bidders are responsible for complying with the Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908. The law states that the County may not enter into certain contracts with a Bidder unless the Bidder submits a disclosure of interested parties to the County at the time the Bidder submits the signed Contract. The law applies only to a Contract of the County on or after January 1, 2016 that either:

- A. Requires an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the Contract may be signed (all contracts that fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court approval, such as contracts resulting from an Initiation for Bid (IFB), RFP, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), etc., excluding, but not limited to, certain Juvenile Service contracts, contracts funded with Sheriff's seized monies, etc.); or
- B. Has a value of at least \$1,000,000.

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. Information regarding how to use the filing application is

available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

A Respondent must:

- A. Use the online application to process the required information on Form 1295.
- B. Print a copy of the form which will contain a unique certification number.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder must sign the printed copy of the form.
- D. File the completed Form 1295 and certification of filing (scanning and emailing form is sufficient) with Williamson County Purchasing Agent at the time the signed Bid and/or Contract is submitted for approval.

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics 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 Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.3 BID AFFIDAVIT

The Bidder attests to abiding by Texas Government Code Chapter 2270, Subtitle F, Title 10 stating that they neither currently boycott Israel, nor will the boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Furthermore, the Bidder 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. Additionally, the Bidder certifies that the 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, Bidder certifies that the he or she is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool 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. **Each Bidder must provide a Bid Affidavit with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.4 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 the County.

## 2.5 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 in this IFB package. Contents of each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with this IFB.



## 2.6 DELIVERY OF BIDS

The County uses BidSync to distribute and receive Bids and proposals. It is preferred that Bids submitted electronically through BidSync; however, Bidders can submit a hard copy.

Refer to [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com) for further information on how to submit electronically.

If mailed or delivered in person, Bids and Bid Addenda are to be delivered in sealed envelope on or <sup>before</sup> the submittal deadline, as noted in the Public Announcement and General Information listed in this IFB package, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **Bid Name and Number**  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Also, all Bidders should list their Name and Address, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed." The County will not accept any Bids received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Bids unopened to the Bidder. The County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.

Bids will be opened publically and the names of Bidders and pricing will be read aloud.

## **SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to 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 and modifications issued as a part of this IFB. Be sure your Bid package is complete.

### **3.2 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THIS IFB**

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the 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 the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (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 one (1).

### **3.3 NOTIFICATION OF MOST CURRENT ADDRESS**

All 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids.

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. 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 equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **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 provide a file marked copy of same.

### **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(s).

### **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 the County, result in disqualification.

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

The Bidder may withdraw its Bid by submitting a written request with the company letterhead and the signature of an authorized individual, as described in Section 3.4, Signature of Bidder, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline.

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations 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.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the Bid process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of 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. The County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a solicitation, the 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, or any future solicitation.

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

The County intends to award a Contract to the most responsible and responsive Bidder whose Bid will be most advantageous to the County. In accordance with Texas Government Code and Local Government Code, the County may consider, to the extent allowed by law, the following:

- A. Price;
- B. The Bidder's experience and reputation;
- C. Quality of the Bidder's goods and/or services;
- D. The Bidder's safety record;
- E. The Bidder's proposed personnel;
- F. The Bidder's financial capabilities; and
- G. Any other relevant factors specifically listed in this IFB or authorized by law.

### **3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.905, in purchasing any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if the County receives one or more Bids from a Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County and whose Bid is within three (3) percent of the lowest Bid price received by the County from a Bidder who is not a resident of Williamson County, the County may enter into a contract with:

- A. The lowest Bidder; or the Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County if the Commissioners Court determines, in writing, that the local Bidder offers the County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities Williamson County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents Williamson County and increased tax revenues to Williamson County.

### **3.11 REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE.**

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, if it shall deem to be in the best interest of the 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>

### **3.12 RESPONSIBILITY**

It is expected that a prospective Bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate 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; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### **3.13 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. The 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.

### **3.14 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.

### **3.15 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.

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the 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, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

The County may contact some or all of the references in order to determine the Respondent performance record on work similar to that described in this RFP. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

References, if requested, should be provided in accordance with this IFB. Bid may not be deemed complete without the inclusion of requested references.

## **SECTION 4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The 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(s), 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(s) is governed by the laws of the United States, this IFB, the Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

### **4.2 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE AND PRECEDENCE**

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

Upon signing and submittal of the Bid, a Bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to the County, certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas codified in Business & Commerce Code, Section 15.01, 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 the County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders.

### **4.5 FUNDING**

The County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. All 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.

## 4.6 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 Commissioners Court. The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## 4.7 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.

## 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the 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 the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise 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 the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the 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 the County termination for convenience.

## 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the 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, the 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.

## 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE 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. 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.

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.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this IFB or in the Bidder's Bid is in conflict with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood, and agreed, that the County, and 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 the County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that the County, and its officers and employees, shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that the 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 the County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

#### **4.11 RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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 the 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. The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

#### **4.12 TESTING AND INSPECTIONS**

The 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, the County can deem the Bidder to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

#### **4.13 BID PREPARATION COSTS**

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Successful Bidder shall indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agent's employees from, and against, all claims, liability, and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from activities of the Bidder, its agents, servants or employees, performed



hereunder that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of the Bidder or any of the Bidder agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the 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 limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the 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 the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the 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 the 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 judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

#### **4.15 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

The Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against the 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(s).

#### **4.16 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 the 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 the County in the results of the work only. The 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. The 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 the County, and that the Successful Bidder and its employees, agents and subcontractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by the County.

#### **4.17 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 the County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if the County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of the County.

#### **4.18 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.

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any Ensuing Agreement(s) 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(s) 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(s) 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(s) and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

The County: Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: Purchasing Agent  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Submittal.

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (1) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (2) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

#### **4.22 SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION**

The 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, Section 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by the County.

#### **4.23 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The County and the 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(s), 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.

#### **4.24 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. Any conflicting terms in the Contract documents will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.25 NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITIES**

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to the County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. The 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.

#### **4.26 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(s) 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.

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 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.

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

This Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties

and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

#### **4.30 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 the County.

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

The 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.

#### **4.32 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS AND RELIANCE**

The 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. The Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that the County is relying on the Successful Bidder's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. The 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 the County in accordance with the County's requirements and procedures. The Successful Bidder's duties, 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.

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

To the extent applicable to this IFB, the estimated quantity of each item listed in this IFB is only 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.

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of 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.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

The County may exercise, by written notice to the Successful Bidder no later than ten (10) calendar days of the Contract expiration, this clause for emergencies only.

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 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 the 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. All Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and the 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 the County.

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

The County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the later of the following:

- A. The date the County receives the goods under the Contract;
- B. The date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or
- C. The date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services.

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the 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 the 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 (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 the Successful Bidder, the County shall notify the Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date the County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of the Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, the 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- 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 following address:

Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department  
Email: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org)  
Phone: 512-943-1500

#### 4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Commissioners Court, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and the 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 form 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, if applicable, contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for the County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

#### 4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, the 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 IFB is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Inter-local Agreement with the County. Any liability created by purchase orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

#### 4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.42 BIDDERS BOND, WARRANTY BOND, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation 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. The County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed

contract to the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.44 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 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 Bidders interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder 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 judgement call to extend any deadline.

#### **4.45 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Bidder expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.



**Crop Production Services - Timberland Division**

Bid Contact **Mike Standish**  
**mike.standish@cpsagu.com**  
**Ph 512-887-0318**  
**Fax 303-222-2928**

Address **13622 East Hardy Road**  
**Houston, TX 77039**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1806-244-01-01	Please add all items to this line.	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b> Please see attached bid price sheet I am signing it electronically through the BidSync system	First Offer -	1 / each	Y	Y
Supplier Total					\$0.00	

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Item: **Please add all items to this line.**

**Attachments**

Williamson County, TX Herbicide\_Bid\_Items · Nutrien Solutions, due 8-1-18.pdf

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM****HERBICIDES****BID NUMBER: IFB1806-244**NAME OF BIDDER: Nutrien SolutionsMailing Address: 730 S. Hwy. 95City: Taylor State: TX Zip: 76574Email Address: mike.standish@nutrien.comTelephone: (512) 887-0318 Fax: (303) 222-2928Mobile Phone: 512-887-0318

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	Estimated Quantity	UNIT	MINIMUM PURCHASE QUANTITY	PURCHASE QUANTITY UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
1	RANGER PRO	2700	GAL	30 GAL	\$11.50	\$31,050.00
2	ELEMENT 3A	50	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$46.24	\$2,312.00
3	DUPONT PERSPECTIVE TM	40	LBS	5 LBS	\$92.32	\$3,692.80
4	OPENSIGHT HERBICIDE	45	LBS	1.25 LBS	\$87.50	\$3,937.50
5	ESPLANADE TM 200 SC	15	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$1,113.60	\$16,704.00
6	ESPLANADE EZ	15	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$42.84	\$642.60
7	POWERLINE	200	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$54.44	\$10,888.00
8	GRAZON P+D (RESTRICTED HERBICIDE)	25	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$30.80	\$770.00
9	RRSI NIS SURFACTANT	20	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$9.00	\$180.00
10	RRSI DEFOAMER	30	GAL	1 GAL	\$35.10	\$1,053.00
11	OUTRIDER	2	CASE*	1 CASE	\$3,160.00	\$6,320.00

12	METHOD 240 SL	30	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$318.72	\$9,561.60
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\* Assume 20 oz container, 10 x 20 oz container per case

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

**Mike Standish**

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Date of Bid: **8/1/2018**

Printed Name and Title of Signer: **Mike Standish, Territory Manager**

**Supplier: Crop Production Services - Timberland Division**



## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION 1806-244 Herbicides**

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 PM CDT**

**BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 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](http://www.bidsync.com).

**Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of this Bid.**

**All electronic bids must be submitted via: [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)**

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.

**Bidders are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire IFB.**

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.

**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.**

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

General 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

- 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.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
  - All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://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](http://www.bidsync.com).
    - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.

**Supplier: Crop Production Services - Timberland Division**

## Bidder References

List the last (3) companies or governmental agencies, where the same or similar goods and/or services as contained in this IFB package, were recently provided by Bidder.

### Reference 1

Client Name:  
State of Texas Austin, TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
Karen Winters Strategic Sourcing Manager

Title:

Phone:  
512-936-9230 karen.winters@cpa.texas.gov

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
01/01/2014 02/28/2019 \$5,000,000

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

Supply herbicides and chemicals to all The State of Texas agencies. We are the largest supplier of herbicides to The State

### Reference 2

Client Name:  
DFW Airport DFW Airport, TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
LaNell Hardy DFW Purchasing Administrator

Title:

Phone:  
972-973-5618 lhardy@dfwairport.com

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
01/01/2017 12/31/2021 \$350,000

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

Supply herbicides and chemicals to the DFW Airport maintenance section

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
**Bexar County, TX San Antonio, TX**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Ana Elizondo Public Works Administrator**

Title:

Phone:  
**210-631-0220 ana.elizondo@bexar.org**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**09/01/2016 08/30/2020 \$50,000**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**Supply herbicides and chemicals for the Bexar County Public Works Department**



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<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>Form</b> <b>CIQ</b>
<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 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received
1	<b>Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.</b> <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>	
2	<div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(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.)</p>	
3	<b>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.</b> <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>	
4	<b>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.</b> <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>	

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5	<p><b>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.)</b></p> <p>This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C &amp; 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.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship. <b>None</b></p> <p><b>6. Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause conflict of interest: None</b></p>	
7		
	Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity	Date
	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Signature not required if completing in BIDSYNCR electronically.</p>	

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### BID AFFIDAVIT

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

The undersigned attests that the company named below, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

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.

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."

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

#### 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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County's Contract.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, 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*).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named  
on this the day of , 20.

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

**SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDS SYNC ELECTRONICALLY.**

Supplier: **Crop Production Services - Timberland Division**



## **Williamson County – Invitation for Bid (IFB)**

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Addendum/Addenda** – means any written or graphic instruments issued by the County prior to the consideration of Bids which modify or interpret the Bid Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.

**Agreement/Ensuing Agreement(s)** – means the Successful Bidder may be required by the County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and the Bidder's Bid. Such Ensuing Agreement(s) shall contain the Bid specifications, terms and conditions that are derived from the IFB.

**Bid Documents** – means the Legal Notice, IFB including attachments, and any Addenda issued by the County prior to the consideration of any Bids.

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB 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.

**Bidder** – means a person or entity who submits a Bid in response to this IFB.

**Contract** – means this IFB and the Bid of the Successful Bidder shall become a Contract between the Successful Bidder and the County once the Successful Bidder's Bid is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**Commissioner's Court** – means the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**County** – means Williamson County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.

**Invitation for Bid (IFB)** – means this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future Addenda issued by the County.

**Successful Bidder** – means the liable Bidder to whom the County intends to award the Contract.

## **SECTION 2 - BID FORMS AND SUBMISSION**

### **2.1 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, all Bidders are responsible for complying with Local Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County's 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 of interest may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Bidder, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way with the project that is subject to this IFB.** Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Bidder, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor with any employee, or official of the 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 the County employees or officials may be cause for termination.

The 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 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 the 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 with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

### **2.2 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

As of January 1, 2016, all Successful Bidders are responsible for complying with the Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908. The law states that the County may not enter into certain contracts with a Bidder unless the Bidder submits a disclosure of interested parties to the County at the time the Bidder submits the signed Contract. The law applies only to a Contract of the County on or after January 1, 2016 that either:

- A. Requires an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the Contract may be signed (all contracts that fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court approval, such as contracts resulting from an Initiation for Bid (IFB), RFP, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), etc., excluding, but not limited to, certain Juvenile Service contracts, contracts funded with Sheriff's seized monies, etc.); or
- B. Has a value of at least \$1,000,000.

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. Information regarding how to use the filing application is

available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

A Respondent must:

- A. Use the online application to process the required information on Form 1295.
- B. Print a copy of the form which will contain a unique certification number.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder must sign the printed copy of the form.
- D. File the completed Form 1295 and certification of filing (scanning and emailing form is sufficient) with Williamson County Purchasing Agent at the time the signed Bid and/or Contract is submitted for approval.

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics 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 Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.3 BID AFFIDAVIT

The Bidder attests to abiding by Texas Government Code Chapter 2270, Subtitle F, Title 10 stating that they neither currently boycott Israel, nor will the boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Furthermore, the Bidder 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. Additionally, the Bidder certifies that the 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, Bidder certifies that the he or she is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool 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. **Each Bidder must provide a Bid Affidavit with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.4 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 the County.

## 2.5 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 in this IFB package. Contents of each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with this IFB.



## 2.6 DELIVERY OF BIDS

The County uses BidSync to distribute and receive Bids and proposals. It is preferred that Bids submitted electronically through BidSync; however, Bidders can submit a hard copy.

Refer to [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com) for further information on how to submit electronically.

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 in this IFB package, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **Bid Name and Number**  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Also, all Bidders should list their Name and Address, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed." The County will not accept any Bids received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Bids unopened to the Bidder. The County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.

Bids will be opened publically and the names of Bidders and pricing will be read aloud.

## **SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to 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 and modifications issued as a part of this IFB. Be sure your Bid package is complete.

### **3.2 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THIS IFB**

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the 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 the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (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 one (1).

### **3.3 NOTIFICATION OF MOST CURRENT ADDRESS**

All 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids.

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. 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 equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **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 provide a file marked copy of same.

### **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(s).

### **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 the County, result in disqualification.

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

The Bidder may withdraw its Bid by submitting a written request with the company letterhead and the signature of an authorized individual, as described in Section 3.4, Signature of Bidder, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline.

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations 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.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the Bid process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of 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. The County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a solicitation, the 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, or any future solicitation.

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

The County intends to award a Contract to the most responsible and responsive Bidder whose Bid will be most advantageous to the County. In accordance with Texas Government Code and Local Government Code, the County may consider, to the extent allowed by law, the following:

- A. Price;
- B. The Bidder's experience and reputation;
- C. Quality of the Bidder's goods and/or services;
- D. The Bidder's safety record;
- E. The Bidder's proposed personnel;
- F. The Bidder's financial capabilities; and
- G. Any other relevant factors specifically listed in this IFB or authorized by law.

### **3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.905, in purchasing any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if the County receives one or more Bids from a Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County and whose Bid is within three (3) percent of the lowest Bid price received by the County from a Bidder who is not a resident of Williamson County, the County may enter into a contract with:

- A. The lowest Bidder; or the Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County if the Commissioners Court determines, in writing, that the local Bidder offers the County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities Williamson County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents Williamson County and increased tax revenues to Williamson County.

### **3.11 REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE.**

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, if it shall deem to be in the best interest of the 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>

### **3.12 RESPONSIBILITY**

It is expected that a prospective Bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate 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; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### **3.13 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. The 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.

### **3.14 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.

### **3.15 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.

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the 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, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

The County may contact some or all of the references in order to determine the Respondent performance record on work similar to that described in this RFP. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

References, if requested, should be provided in accordance with this IFB. Bid may not be deemed complete without the inclusion of requested references.

## **SECTION 4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The 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(s), 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(s) is governed by the laws of the United States, this IFB, the Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

### **4.2 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE AND PRECEDENCE**

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

Upon signing and submittal of the Bid, a Bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to the County, certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas codified in Business & Commerce Code, Section 15.01, 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 the County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders.

### **4.5 FUNDING**

The County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. All 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.

## 4.6 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 Commissioners Court. The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## 4.7 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.

## 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the 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 the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise 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 the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the 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 the County termination for convenience.

## 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the 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, the 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.

## 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE 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. 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.

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.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this IFB or in the Bidder's Bid is in conflict with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood, and agreed, that the County, and 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 the County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that the County, and its officers and employees, shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that the 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 the County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

#### **4.11 RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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 the 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. The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

#### **4.12 TESTING AND INSPECTIONS**

The 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, the County can deem the Bidder to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

#### **4.13 BID PREPARATION COSTS**

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Successful Bidder shall indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agent's employees from, and against, all claims, liability, and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from activities of the Bidder, its agents, servants or employees, performed



hereunder that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of the Bidder or any of the Bidder agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the 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 limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the 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 the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the 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 the 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 judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

#### **4.15 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

The Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against the 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(s).

#### **4.16 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 the 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 the County in the results of the work only. The 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. The 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 the County, and that the Successful Bidder and its employees, agents and subcontractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by the County.

#### **4.17 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 the County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if the County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of the County.

#### **4.18 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.

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any Ensuing Agreement(s) 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(s) 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(s) 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(s) and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

The County: Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: Purchasing Agent  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Submittal.

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (1) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (2) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

#### **4.22 SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION**

The 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, Section 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by the County.

#### **4.23 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The County and the 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(s), 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.

#### **4.24 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. Any conflicting terms in the Contract documents will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.25 NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITIES**

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to the County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. The 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.

#### **4.26 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(s) 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.

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 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.

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

This Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties

and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

#### **4.30 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 the County.

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

The 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.

#### **4.32 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS AND RELIANCE**

The 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. The Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that the County is relying on the Successful Bidder's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. The 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 the County accordance with the County's requirements and procedures. The Successful Bidder's duties, 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.

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

To the extent applicable to this IFB, the estimated quantity of each item listed in this IFB is only estimate; the actual quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated 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.

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of 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.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

The County may exercise, by written notice to the Successful Bidder no later than ten (10) calendar days of the Contract expiration, this clause for emergencies only.

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 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 the 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. All Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and the 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 the County.

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

The County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the later of the following:

- A. The date the County receives the goods under the Contract;
- B. The date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or
- C. The date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services.

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the 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 the 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 (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 the Successful Bidder, the County shall notify the Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date the County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of the Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, the 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- 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 following address:

Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department

Email: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org)

Phone: 512-943-1500

#### 4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Commissioners Court, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and the 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 form 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, if applicable, contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for the County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

#### 4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, the 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 IFB is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Inter-local Agreement with the County. Any liability created by purchase orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

#### 4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.42 BIDDERS BOND, WARRANTY BOND, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation 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. The County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed

contract to the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.44 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 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 Bidders interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder 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 judgement call to extend any deadline.


#### **4.45 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Bidder expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.

**RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC**

Bid Contact **LEANNE WELCH**  
**LEANNE.WELCH@RRSI.COM**  
Ph  
Fax **318-226-9609**

Address **7545 HAYGOOD ROAD**  
**SHREVEPORT, LA 71107**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1806-244-01-01	Please add all items to this line.	Supplier Product Code: 	First Offer -	1 / each	Y	Y
Supplier Total					\$0.00	



**RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC**

Item: **Please add all items to this line.**

**Attachments**

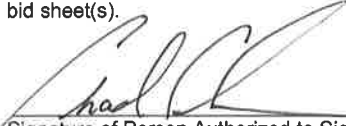
Red River Specialties Bid.pdf



12	METHOD 240 SL	30	GAL	2.5 GAL	\$ 796.80 unit	\$9,561.60
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\* Assume 20 oz container, 10 x 20 oz container per case

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Date of Bid: 7/24/2018

Printed Name and Title of Signer: Chad Chambliss - Bid Manager

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

The undersigned attests that the company named below, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

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.

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."

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	Red River Specialties LLC.
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	1324 N Hearne Ave. Ste., 120 Shreveport LA, 71107
<b>Email:</b>	bid.clerk@rrsi.com
<b>Telephone:</b>	318-226-2604
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	Chad Chambliss
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### 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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County's Contract.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, personally appeared  
Chad Chambliss (Name of Signer), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose  
and say: 'I, Chad Chambliss (Name of Signer) am a duly authorized officer  
of/agent for Red River Specialties LLC. (Name of Bidder) and have been duly authorized to  
execute the foregoing on behalf of the said Red River Specialties LLC. (Name of Bidder).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named Chad Chambliss

on this the 24 day of July, 2018.

  
Notary Public in and for

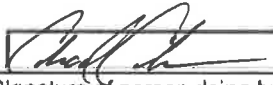
KELLEY FRITZ  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
CADDOPARISH - LOUISIANA  
COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE  
NOTARY ID# 61782

The State of Louisiana

The County of Caddo

SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDS SYNC ELECTRONICALLY.

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<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 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div>
1	<b>Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Chad Chambliss</div>	
2	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</b></p> <p>(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.)</p>	
3	<p><b>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.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; height: 60px;">None</div>	
4	<p><b>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.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; height: 60px;">None</div>	

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## Bidder References

List the last (3) companies or governmental agencies, where the same or similar goods and/or services as contained in this IFB package, were recently provided by Bidder.

### Reference 1

**Client Name:****Location:**

City Of Austin, Texas

Austin Texas

**Contact Name:****Title:**

Sai Xoomasi Purcell

Senior Buying Specialist

**Phone:****E-mail**

512-972-4016

sai.xoomsai@austintexas.gov

**Contract Date To:****Contract Date From:****Contract Value: \$**

Present

4/2015

Dependant upon demand

**Scope of Work:**

Herbicide and Insecticide Sales

### Reference 2

**Client Name:****Location:**

Angleton Drainage District

Angleton Texas

**Contact Name:****Title:**

Greg Rickway

General Manager

**Phone:****E-mail**

979-849-2414

**Contract Date To:****Contract Date From:****Contract Value: \$**

Present

3/2014

Dependant upon demand

**Scope of Work:**

Sales of Herbicide and Insecticides

**Reference 3****Client Name:****Location:**

City of Allen Texas

Allen Texas

**Contact Name:****Title:**

Mindy Gallegos

Contract Administrator

**Phone:****E-mail**

214-509-4631

mgallegos@cityofallen.org

**Contract Date To:****Contract Date From:****Contract Value: \$**

present

7/16

Dependant Upon Demand

**Scope of Work:**

Sales of Herbicides and Insecticides

Supplier: RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION 1806-244 Herbicides**

**BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 PM CDT**

**BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 1, 2018 2:30:00 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](http://www.bidsync.com).

**Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of this Bid.**

**All electronic bids must be submitted via: [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)**

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.

**Bidders are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire IFB.**

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.

**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.**

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

General 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

- 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.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
  - All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://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](http://www.bidsync.com).
    - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.

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Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

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Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

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Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

**Reference 3**

Client Name:

Location:

Contact Name:

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E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

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**Supplier: RED RIVER SPECIALTIES INC**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

The undersigned attests that the company named below, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

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.

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."

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### 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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities during the term of the County's Contract.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.

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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, 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*).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named  
on this the day of , 20.

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

**SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDSYNC ELECTRONICALLY.**

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## **Williamson County – Invitation for Bid (IFB)**

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Addendum/Addenda** – means any written or graphic instruments issued by the County prior to the consideration of Bids which modify or interpret the Bid Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.

**Agreement/Ensuing Agreement(s)** – means the Successful Bidder may be required by the County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the IFB and the Bidder's Bid. Such Ensuing Agreement(s) shall contain the Bid specifications, terms and conditions that are derived from the IFB.

**Bid Documents** – means the Legal Notice, IFB including attachments, and any Addenda issued by the County prior to the consideration of any Bids.

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB 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.

**Bidder** – means a person or entity who submits a Bid in response to this IFB.

**Contract** – means this IFB and the Bid of the Successful Bidder shall become a Contract between the Successful Bidder and the County once the Successful Bidder's Bid is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**Commissioner's Court** – means the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

**County** – means Williamson County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.

**Invitation for Bid (IFB)** – means this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future Addenda issued by the County.

**Successful Bidder** – means the liable Bidder to whom the County intends to award the Contract.

## **SECTION 2 - BID FORMS AND SUBMISSION**

### **2.1 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, all Bidders are responsible for complying with Local Government Code, Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County's 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 of interest may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Bidder, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way with the project that is subject to this IFB.** Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Bidder, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor with any employee, or official of the 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 the County employees or officials may be cause for termination.

The 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 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 the 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 with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

### **2.2 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

As of January 1, 2016, all Successful Bidders are responsible for complying with the Texas Government Code, Section 2252.908. The law states that the County may not enter into certain contracts with a Bidder unless the Bidder submits a disclosure of interested parties to the County at the time the Bidder submits the signed Contract. The law applies only to a Contract of the County on or after January 1, 2016 that either:

- A. Requires an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the Contract may be signed (all contracts that fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court approval, such as contracts resulting from an Initiation for Bid (IFB), RFP, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), etc., excluding, but not limited to, certain Juvenile Service contracts, contracts funded with Sheriff's seized monies, etc.); or
- B. Has a value of at least \$1,000,000.

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. Information regarding how to use the filing application is

available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

A Respondent must:

- A. Use the online application to process the required information on Form 1295.
- B. Print a copy of the form which will contain a unique certification number.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder must sign the printed copy of the form.
- D. File the completed Form 1295 and certification of filing (scanning and emailing form is sufficient) with Williamson County Purchasing Agent at the time the signed Bid and/or Contract is submitted for approval.

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics 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 Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.3 BID AFFIDAVIT

The Bidder attests to abiding by Texas Government Code Chapter 2270, Subtitle F, Title 10 stating that they neither currently boycott Israel, nor will the boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Furthermore, the Bidder 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. Additionally, the Bidder certifies that the 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, Bidder certifies that the he or she is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool 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. **Each Bidder must provide a Bid Affidavit with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.4 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 the County.

## 2.5 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 in this IFB package. Contents of each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with this IFB.

## 2.6 DELIVERY OF BIDS

The County uses BidSync to distribute and receive Bids and proposals. It is preferred that Bids submitted electronically through BidSync; however, Bidders can submit a hard copy.

Refer to [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com) for further information on how to submit electronically.

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 in this IFB package, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **Bid Name and Number**  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Also, all Bidders should list their Name and Address, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed." The County will not accept any Bids received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Bids unopened to the Bidder. The County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.

Bids will be opened publically and the names of Bidders and pricing will be read aloud.

## **SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to 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 and modifications issued as a part of this IFB. Be sure your Bid package is complete.

### **3.2 AMBIGUITY, CONFLICT, OR OTHER ERRORS IN THIS IFB**

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the 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 the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (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 one (1).

### **3.3 NOTIFICATION OF MOST CURRENT ADDRESS**

All 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 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids.

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. 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 equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **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 provide a file marked copy of same.

### **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(s).

### **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 the County, result in disqualification.

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

The Bidder may withdraw its Bid by submitting a written request with the company letterhead and the signature of an authorized individual, as described in Section 3.4, Signature of Bidder, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline.

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations 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.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the Bid process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of 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. The County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source.

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a solicitation, the 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, or any future solicitation.

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

The County intends to award a Contract to the most responsible and responsive Bidder whose Bid will be most advantageous to the County. In accordance with Texas Government Code and Local Government Code, the County may consider, to the extent allowed by law, the following:

- A. Price;
- B. The Bidder's experience and reputation;
- C. Quality of the Bidder's goods and/or services;
- D. The Bidder's safety record;
- E. The Bidder's proposed personnel;
- F. The Bidder's financial capabilities; and
- G. Any other relevant factors specifically listed in this IFB or authorized by law.

### **3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.905, in purchasing any real property or personal property that is not affixed to real property, if the County receives one or more Bids from a Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County and whose Bid is within three (3) percent of the lowest Bid price received by the County from a Bidder who is not a resident of Williamson County, the County may enter into a contract with:

- A. The lowest Bidder; or the Bidder whose principal place of business is in Williamson County if the Commissioners Court determines, in writing, that the local Bidder offers the County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities Williamson County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents Williamson County and increased tax revenues to Williamson County.

### **3.11 REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE.**

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, if it shall deem to be in the best interest of the 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>

### **3.12 RESPONSIBILITY**

It is expected that a prospective Bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate 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; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### **3.13 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. The 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.

### **3.14 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.

### **3.15 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.

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the 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, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

The County may contact some or all of the references in order to determine the Respondent performance record on work similar to that described in this RFP. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

References, if requested, should be provided in accordance with this IFB. Bid may not be deemed complete without the inclusion of requested references.

## **SECTION 4 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The 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(s), 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(s) is governed by the laws of the United States, this IFB, the Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

### **4.2 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE AND PRECEDENCE**

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and 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 its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

Upon signing and submittal of the Bid, a Bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to the County, certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas codified in Business & Commerce Code, Section 15.01, 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 the County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders.

### **4.5 FUNDING**

The County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. All 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.

## 4.6 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 Commissioners Court. The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## 4.7 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.

## 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the 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 the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise 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 the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the 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 the County termination for convenience.

## 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the 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, the 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.

## 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE 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. 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.

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.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this IFB or in the Bidder's Bid is in conflict with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood, and agreed, that the County, and 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 the County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that the County, and its officers and employees, shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that the 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 the County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

#### **4.11 RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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 the 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. The Successful Bidder agrees that the 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. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

#### **4.12 TESTING AND INSPECTIONS**

The 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, the County can deem the Bidder to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

#### **4.13 BID PREPARATION COSTS**

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Successful Bidder shall indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agent's employees from, and against, all claims, liability, and expenses including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from activities of the Bidder, its agents, servants or employees, performed

hereunder that result from the negligent act, error, or omission of the Bidder or any of the Bidder agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the 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 limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the 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 the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the 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 the 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 judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

#### **4.15 WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

The Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against the 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(s).

#### **4.16 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 the 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 the County in the results of the work only. The 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. The 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 the County, and that the Successful Bidder and its employees, agents and subcontractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by the County.

#### **4.17 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 the County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if the County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of the County.

#### **4.18 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.

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this IFB, the Contract or any Ensuing Agreement(s) 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(s) 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(s) 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(s) and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

The County: Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: Purchasing Agent  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Submittal.

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (1) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (2) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

#### **4.22 SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION**

The 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, Section 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by the County.

#### **4.23 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**



The County and the 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(s), 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.

#### **4.24 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. Any conflicting terms in the Contract documents will be resolved at the sole discretion of the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.25 NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITIES**

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to the County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. The 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.

#### **4.26 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(s) 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.

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 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.

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

This Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties

and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

#### **4.30 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 the County.

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

The 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.

#### **4.32 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS AND RELIANCE**

The 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. The Successful Bidder agrees and acknowledges that the County is relying on the Successful Bidder's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. The 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 the County accordance with the County's requirements and procedures. The Successful Bidder's duties, 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.

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

To the extent applicable to this IFB, the estimated quantity of each item listed in this IFB is only estimate; the actual quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated 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.

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of 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.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

The County may exercise, by written notice to the Successful Bidder no later than ten (10) calendar days of the Contract expiration, this clause for emergencies only.

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 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 the 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. All Bidders are expected to meet all mandated state and federal air quality standards.

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract and any Ensuing Agreement(s) shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Bidder and the 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 the County.

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

The County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the later of the following:

- A. The date the County receives the goods under the Contract;
- B. The date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or
- C. The date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services.

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the 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 the 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 (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 the Successful Bidder, the County shall notify the Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date the County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of the Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, the 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 the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- 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 following address:

Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department  
Email: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org)  
Phone: 512-943-1500

#### 4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Commissioners Court, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and the 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 form 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, if applicable, contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for the County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

#### 4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, the 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 IFB is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Inter-local Agreement with the County. Any liability created by purchase orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

#### 4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.42 BIDDERS BOND, WARRANTY BOND, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### 4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation 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. The County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed

contract to the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.44 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 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 Bidders interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder 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 judgement call to extend any deadline.

#### **4.45 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Bidder expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.