



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION

On Call Environmental Services

**QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR
BEFORE:**

Sep 28, 2018 3:30:00 PM CDT

**QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE PUBLICLY
OPENED:**

Sep 28, 2018 3:30:00 PM CDT

Notice is hereby given that sealed Qualifications 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 Qualifications. Specifications for this RFQ may be obtained by registering at www.bidsync.com.

Williamson County prefers and requests electronic submittal of the Qualifications.

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

All interested Respondents are invited to submit a Qualification in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Format, Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this RFQ.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire RFQ.

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

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

- ✓ If mailed or delivered in person, Qualifications and Qualification 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 RFQ, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department

Attn: **RFQ NAME AND NUMBER**

901 South Austin Avenue

Georgetown, Texas 78626

- ✓ Respondents should list the RFQ Number, RFQ Name, Name and Address of Respondent, and the Date of the RFQ opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Qualifications Enclosed."
- ✓ Respondent should submit one (1) original; **AND** one (1) CD **OR** (1) USB copy of the Qualifications.
- ✓ **Williamson County will not accept any Qualifications received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Qualifications unopened to the Respondent.**
- ✓ Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Qualifications being delivered by third party carriers.
- ✓ Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- ✓ Qualifications will be opened publicly opened and read aloud in the Williamson Purchasing Department at the time and date indicated above.
- ✓ All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on www.bidsync.com.
- ✓ It is the Respondent'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 RFQ will be posted on www.bidsync.com.
- ✓ The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Respondent has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
- ✓ Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.

Bid 1808-254

On Call Environmental Services

Bid Number 1808-254
Bid Title On Call Environmental Services

Bid Start Date In Held
Bid End Date Sep 28, 2018 3:30:00 PM CDT
Question & Answer End Date Sep 21, 2018 5:00:00 PM CDT

Bid Contact Blake Skiles
Senior Purchasing Specialist
512-943-1478
blake.skiles@wilco.org

Contract Duration 3 years
Contract Renewal 2 annual renewals
Prices Good for 365 days

Bid Comments **Williamson County is seeking qualified firms to provide on call environmental services**

Item Response Form

Item 1808-254--01-01 - Please Attach All Documents To This Line

Quantity 1 each

Prices are not requested for this item.

Delivery Location **Williamson County, Texas**
No Location Specified

Qty 1

Description

Please Attach All Documents To This Line

ON CALL PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Williamson County is soliciting qualifications of environmental services firms interested in providing environmental services for Williamson County projects. Environmental services include but are not limited to:

1. Preparation of environmental clearance documents;
2. Endangered or protected species investigations;
3. Biological or geological investigations related to construction or preservation projects;
4. Advice to Williamson County staff and Commissioners Court on environmental issues;
5. Asbestos or other hazardous materials assessments and abatement.

If entering an electronic bid in **BIDSYNC (PREFERRED)**, the following documents **MUST** be completed and attached to **FIRST LINE ITEM**.

1. A one (1) page transmittal letter that provides an overview of the firm
2. Up to two (2) pages outlining general qualifications of your firm
3. For each office of the company desiring to provide environmental services, provide current organizational charts showing in-house staff that your firm would anticipate using on a County project.
4. A listing or description of relevant environmental services projects. The list is limited to one (1) page.
5. Resumes for staff you choose to submit in support of your qualifications. Include any TXDOT pre-certifications that are appropriate.
6. Conflict of Interest Statement.
7. Debarment and Licensing Certificate.

On # 6 and 7, if filing electronically via BidSync, these are fillable forms to be completed and accepted.

Submittal of RFQ Response – If responding by PAPER HARD COPY

When responding with paper hard copy; (1) original, (2) copies and (1) USB or CD copy should be submitted. The responses should be marked “original” and “copy”. **All copies should have the same attachments as the original.** Please incorporate the least possible amount of plastic/laminate or other non-recyclable binding materials.

Qualifications are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **Certification of Environmental Services Firms and include the RFQ number**. If an overnight delivery service is used, the RFQ name and number should be clearly marked on the outside of the delivery service envelope. RFQ responses are to be addressed to:

**Williamson County Purchasing Department
Attn: On Call Environmental Services
901 S. Austin Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78626**

For purposes of this RFQ, a page is defined to be one (1) side of an 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper or one page of an 8 1/2"x 11/ sized pdf. Organizational charts may be represented on 11” x 17” paper/pdf.

Evaluation Criteria

The services being solicited by this Request for Qualifications are professional services exempt by action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court under Texas Local Government Code §262.024 (a)(4). All Request for Qualifications received will be evaluated according to the following criteria and weighted values:

Pass/Fail Criteria

All interested firms **must have at least one office located within the State of Texas.** Documentation indicating this must be included in the response.

Criteria	Points
The experience of the firm in providing Environmental services	40%
The experience of the firm staff in providing Environmental services	60%

In addition to the information provided in the Qualifications Submittals, the county may also utilize exclusive/personal knowledge, based on prior history with the firm or staff in the evaluation.

Please be aware that Williamson County also retains the discretion to seek a separate RFQ regardless of the dollar amounts on projects requiring extraordinary care and expertise (e.g., renovation of a historic building or additions to the jail requiring approval of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards or similar state agency regulatory approvals).

By submitting a response to this RFQ, the firm certifies that he/she has fully read and understands the request for qualifications and has knowledge of the scope and quality of the services to be furnished and intends to adhere to the provisions described herein.

Respondent understands and agrees that this RFQ is issued predicated on anticipated requirements for the County and that the County has made no representation, written or oral, that any such requirement be furnished under a Contract arising from this RFQ. Furthermore, Respondent recognizes and understands that any cost borne by the Respondent which arises as a result of submitting a response to this RFQ shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of Respondent.

Questions, clarifications or requests for general information should be directed to the contacts listed below.

Purchasing/Bid Questions

Blake Skiles, CPPM, CPP, CPC
Senior Purchasing Specialist
Williamson County Purchasing Dept.
512/943-1478
blake.skiles@wilco.org

Technical Questions

Gary Boyd
Director, Environmental Programs
Williamson County Conservation Foundation
512/943-1921
gboyd@wilco.org

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable considerations, and the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained to be kept and performed by the respective parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND APPLICABLE PROJECT DOCUMENTS

A. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Contract, any exhibits attached hereto (which exhibits are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Contract), any fully executed Work Authorizations; any fully executed Supplemental Work Authorizations and all fully executed Contract Amendments (as defined herein in Article 14) which are subsequently issued. These form the entire contract, and all are as fully a part of this Contract as if attached to this Contract or repeated herein.

B. Project Documents. In addition to any other pertinent and necessary Project documents, the following documents shall be used in the development of the Project:

- A. TxDOT 2011 Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, including latest revisions
- B. Texas Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets, and Bridges, 2014 (English units)
- C. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- D. Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) of the Architectural Barriers Act, Article 9102, Texas Civil Statutes, Effective April 4, 1994, including latest revisions
- E. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations
- F. U.S. Army Corps Regulations
- G. International Building Code, current edition as updated
- H. Williamson County Design Criteria & Project Development Manual, latest edition
- I. Williamson County Multi-Corridor Transportation Plan Project Level Environmental Review and Compliance Protocol, latest edition
- J. Williamson County Protocol for Sustainable Roadsides, latest edition
- K. TxDOT Bridge Design Manual - LRFD, latest edition
- L. TxDOT Geotechnical Manual, latest edition

ARTICLE 2
NON-COLLUSION; DEBARMENT; AND FINANCIAL INTEREST
PROHIBITED

A. Non-collusion. Firm warrants that he/she/it has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Firm, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that he/she/it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or Firm any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty,

County reserves and shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion and at its sole election, to deduct from the contract price or compensation, or to otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

B. Debarment Certification. Firm must sign the Debarment Certification enclosed herewith as **Exhibit A**.

C. Financial Interest Prohibited. Firm covenants and represents that Firm and its officers, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors will have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in the purchase or sale of any product, materials or equipment that will be recommended or required for the construction of the Project.

ARTICLE 3

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Firm shall perform Environmental Services as identified in **Exhibit B** entitled "Environmental Services."

County will prepare and issue Work Authorizations, in substantially the same form identified and attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and entitled "Work Authorization No. ____", to authorize the Firm to perform one or more tasks of the Environmental Services. Each Work Authorization will include a description of the work to be performed, a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule for the tasks, definite review times by County and Firm of all Environmental Services and a fee amount agreed upon by the County and Firm. The amount payable for a Work Authorization shall be supported by the estimated cost of each work task as described in the Work Authorization. The Work Authorization will not waive the Firm's responsibilities and obligations established in this Contract. The executed Work Authorizations shall become part of this Contract.

All work must be completed on or before the date specified in the Work Authorization. The Firm shall promptly notify the County of any event which will affect completion of the Work Authorization, although such notification shall not relieve the Firm from costs or liabilities resulting from delays in completion of the Work Authorization. Should the review times or Environmental Services take longer than shown on the Work Authorization, through no fault of Firm, Firm may submit a timely written request for additional time, which shall be subject to the approval of the County. Any changes in a Work Authorization shall be enacted by a written Supplemental Work Authorization before additional costs may be incurred. Any Supplemental Work Authorization must be executed by both parties within the period specified in the Work Authorization.

ARTICLE 4

CONTRACT TERM

A. Term. The Firm is expected to complete the Environmental Services described herein in accordance with the above described Work Authorizations or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. If Firm does not perform the Environmental Services in accordance

with each applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, then County shall have the right to terminate this Contract as set forth below in Article 20. So long as the County elects not to terminate this Contract, it shall continue from day to day until such time as the Environmental Services are completed in accordance with each applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. Any Environmental Services performed or costs incurred after the date of termination shall not be eligible for reimbursement. Firm shall notify County in writing as soon as possible if he/she/it determines, or reasonably anticipates, that the Environmental Services will not be completed in accordance with an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto.

B. Work Authorizations. Firm acknowledges that each Work Authorization is of critical importance, and agrees to undertake all reasonably necessary efforts to expedite the performance of Environmental Services required herein so that construction of the Project will be commenced and completed as scheduled. In this regard, and subject to adjustments in a particular Work Authorization, as provided in Article 3 herein, Firm shall proceed with sufficient qualified personnel and consultants necessary to fully and timely accomplish all Environmental Services required under this Contract in a professional manner.

C. Commencement of Environmental Services. After execution of this Contract, Firm shall not proceed with Environmental Services until Firm has been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and has been notified in writing by the County to proceed, as provided in Article 8.

ARTICLE 5

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

County shall pay and Firm agrees to accept up to the amount shown below as full compensation for the Environmental Services performed and to be performed under this Contract. The basis of compensation for the services of principals and employees engaged in the performance of the Environmental Services shall be based on the Rate Schedule set forth in the attached **Exhibit D**.

The maximum amount payable under this Contract, without modification, is _____ Dollars (\$_____) (the "Compensation Cap"), provided that any amounts paid or payable shall be solely pursuant to a validly issued Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. In no event may the aggregate amount of compensation authorized under Work Authorizations and Supplemental Work Authorizations exceed the Compensation Cap. The Compensation Cap shall be revised equitably only by written Contract Amendments executed by both parties in the event of a change the overall scope of the Environmental Services set forth in **Exhibit B**, as authorized by County.

The Compensation Cap is based upon all labor and non-labor costs estimated to be required in the performance of the Environmental Services provided for under this Contract. Should the actual costs of all labor and non-labor costs rendered under this Contract be less than the above stated Compensation Cap, then Firm shall receive compensation for only actual fees and costs of

the Environmental Services actually rendered and incurred, which may be less than the above stated Compensation Cap.

The Compensation Cap herein referenced may be adjusted for Additional Environmental Services requested and performed only if approved by a written Contract Amendment signed by both parties.

Firm shall prepare and submit to County monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the Environmental Services and to support invoices requesting monthly payment. The format for such monthly progress reports and invoices must be in a format acceptable to County. Satisfactory progress of Environmental Services shall be an absolute condition of payment.

Firm shall be reimbursed for actual non-labor and subcontract expenses incurred in the performance of the services under this Contract in accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy set forth under **Exhibit E**. Invoices requesting reimbursement for costs and expenditures related to the Project (reimbursables) must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice and comply with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy. The copies of the provider's invoice must evidence the actual costs billed to Firm without mark-up.

ARTICLE 6

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payments to Firm shall be made while Environmental Services are in progress. A monthly progress report, as referenced in Article 5 above (in a form acceptable to the County), shall be submitted to Williamson County Department of Infrastructure, to the attention of the Sr. Director of Infrastructure. Such progress report shall provide a summary of the work accomplished during the billing period for each Work Authorization task with an estimated percentage of completion for the task.

Simultaneous with submission of such progress report, Firm shall prepare and submit one (1) original of a certified invoice to the Director of Road & Bridge in a form acceptable to the County Auditor. All invoices submitted to County must, at a minimum, be accompanied by an original complete packet of supporting documentation and time sheets detailing hours worked by staff persons with a description of the work performed by such persons. For Additional Environmental Services performed pursuant to this Contract, a separate invoice or itemization of the Additional Environmental Services must be presented with the same aforementioned requirements.

Payments shall be made by County based upon Environmental Services actually provided and performed.^a Upon timely receipt and approval of each statement, County shall make a good faith effort to pay the amount which is due and payable within thirty (30) days of the County Auditor's receipt. County reserves the right to reasonably withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory Environmental Services performed. Firm has the responsibility to submit proof to

^a See also, Art. 32(P) "Termination of Work Authorization".

County, adequate and sufficient in its determination, that tasks of an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto were completed.

The certified statements shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and shall show the amount due and payable as of the date of the current statement. Final payment does not relieve Firm of the responsibility of correcting any errors and/or omissions resulting from its negligence.

Upon submittal of the initial invoice, Firm shall provide the County Auditor with an Internal Revenue Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification that is complete in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 7 **PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY**

In accordance with Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, payment to Firm will be made within thirty (30) days of the day on which the performance of services was complete, or within thirty (30) days of the day on which the County Auditor receives a correct invoice for services, whichever is later.

Firm may charge a late fee (fee shall not be greater than that which is permitted by Texas law) for payments not made in accordance with this prompt payment policy; however, this policy does not apply in the event:

- A. There is a bona fide dispute between County and Firm concerning the supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the services performed that causes the payment to be late; or
- B. The terms of a federal contract, grant, regulation, or statute prevent County from making a timely payment with federal funds; or
- C. There is a bona fide dispute between Firm and a subcontractor/subconsultant or between a subcontractor/subconsultant and its supplier concerning supplies, materials, or equipment delivered or the Environmental Services performed which causes the payment to be late; or
- D. The invoice is not submitted to Williamson County^b in strict accordance with instructions, if any, on the purchase order, or this Contract or other such contractual agreement.

The County Auditor shall document to Firm the issues related to disputed invoices within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such invoice. Any non-disputed invoices shall be considered correct and payable per the terms of Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE 8 **COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

The Firm shall not proceed with any task of the Environmental Services until Firm has

^b See Art. 6, *supra*.

been thoroughly briefed on the scope of the Project and instructed, in writing by the County, to proceed with the applicable Environmental Services. The County shall not be responsible for work performed or costs incurred by Firm related to any task for which a Work Authorization or a Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto has not been issued and signed by both parties. Firm shall not be required to perform any work for which a Work Authorization or a Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto has not been issued and signed by both parties.

ARTICLE 9 **PROJECT TEAM**

County's Designated Representative for purposes of this Contract is as follows:

Williamson County Dept. of Infrastructure
Attn: Director of Road & Bridge
3151 SE Inner Loop, Suite B
Georgetown, Texas 78626

County shall have the right, from time to time, to change the County's Designated Representative by giving Firm written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision or determination which is to be taken or made by County under this Contract, the County's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination or shall notify Firm in writing of an individual responsible for and capable of taking such action, decision or determination and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions or determinations by the County's Designated Representative on behalf of County shall be done in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Contract, in which case, actions taken by the County's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision or determination hereunder by the County's Designated Representative shall be binding on County; *provided, however*, the County's Designated Representative shall not have any right to modify, amend or terminate this Contract, an Executed Work Authorization, an executed Supplemental Work Authorization or executed Contract Amendment. County's Designated Representative shall not have any authority to execute a Contract Amendment, Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization unless otherwise granted such authority by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Firm's Designated Representative for purposes of this Contract is as follows:

_____, _____

Firm shall have the right, from time to time, to change the Firm's Designated Representative by giving County written notice thereof. With respect to any action, decision or determination which is to be taken or made by Firm under this Contract, the Firm's Designated Representative may take such action or make such decision or determination or shall notify

County in writing of an individual responsible for and capable of taking such action, decision or determination and shall forward any communications and documentation to such individual for response or action. Actions, decisions or determinations by the Firm's Designated Representative on behalf of Firm shall be done in his or her reasonable business judgment unless express standards or parameters therefor are included in this Contract, in which case, actions taken by the Firm's Designated Representative shall be in accordance with such express standards or parameters. Any consent, approval, decision or determination hereunder by the Firm's Designated Representative shall be binding on Firm. Firm's Designated Representative shall have the right to modify, amend and execute Work Authorizations, Supplemental Work Authorizations and Contract Amendments on behalf of Firm.

ARTICLE 10

PROGRESS EVALUATION

Firm shall, from time to time during the progress of the Environmental Services, confer with County at County's election. Firm shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be reasonably requested by County, in order for County to evaluate features of the Environmental Services. At the request of County or Firm, conferences shall be provided at Firm's office, the offices of County, or at other locations designated by County. When requested by County, such conferences shall also include evaluation of the Environmental Services. County may, from time to time, require Firm to appear and provide information to the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Should County determine that the progress in Environmental Services does not satisfy an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, then County shall review same with Firm to determine corrective action required.

Firm shall promptly advise County in writing of events which have or may have a significant impact upon the progress of the Environmental Services, including but not limited to the following:

- A.** Problems, delays, adverse conditions which may materially affect the ability to meet the objectives of an applicable Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, or preclude the attainment of Project Environmental Services units by established time periods; and such disclosure shall be accompanied by statement of actions taken or contemplated, and County assistance needed to resolve the situation, if any; and
- B.** Favorable developments or events which enable meeting goals sooner than anticipated in relation to an applicable Work Authorization's or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto.

ARTICLE 11

SUSPENSION

Should County desire to suspend the Environmental Services, but not to terminate this Contract, then such suspension may be effected by County giving Firm thirty (30) calendar days' verbal notification followed by written confirmation to that effect. Such thirty-day notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. The Environmental Services may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from County to resume the Environmental Services. Such sixty-day (60) notice may be waived in writing by agreement and signature of both parties. If this Contract is suspended for more than thirty (30) days, Firm shall have the option of terminating this Contract and, in the event, Firm shall be compensated for all Environmental Services performed and reimbursable expenses incurred, provided such Environmental Services and reimbursable expenses have been previously authorized and approved by County, to the effective date of suspension.

If County suspends the Environmental Services, the contract period as determined in Article 4, and the Work Authorization or any Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto, shall be extended for a time period equal to the suspension period.

County assumes no liability for Environmental Services performed or costs incurred prior to the date authorized by County for Firm to begin Environmental Services, and/or during periods when Environmental Services is suspended, and/or subsequent to the completion date.

ARTICLE 12

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

If Firm forms a reasonable opinion that any work he/she/it has been directed to perform is beyond the overall scope of this Contract, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and as such constitutes extra work ("Additional Environmental Services"), he/she/it shall promptly notify County in writing. In the event County finds that such work does constitute Additional Environmental Services, County shall so advise Firm and a written Contract Amendment will be executed between the parties as provided in Article 14. Any increase to the Compensation Cap due to Additional Environmental Services must be set forth in such Contract Amendment. Firm shall not perform any proposed Additional Environmental Services nor incur any additional costs prior to the execution, by both parties, of a written Contract Amendment. Following the execution of a Contract Amendment that provides for Additional Environmental Services, a written Work Authorization, which sets forth the Additional Environmental Services to be performed, must be executed by the parties. County shall not be responsible for actions by Firm nor for any costs incurred by Firm relating to Additional Environmental Services not directly associated with the performance of the Environmental Services authorized in this Contract, by a fully executed Work Authorization or a fully executed Contract Amendment thereto.

ARTICLE 13

CHANGES IN COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

If County deems it necessary to request changes to previously satisfactorily completed Environmental Services or parts thereof which involve changes to the original Environmental Services or character of Environmental Services under this Contract, then Firm shall make such revisions as requested and as directed by County. Such revisions shall be considered as Additional Environmental Services and paid for as specified under Article 12.

Firm shall make revisions to Environmental Services authorized hereunder as are necessary to correct errors appearing therein, when required to do so by County. No additional compensation shall be due for such Environmental Services.

ARTICLE 14 **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

The terms set out in this Contract may be modified by a written fully executed Contract Amendment. Changes and modifications to a fully executed Work Authorization shall be made in the form of a Supplemental Work Authorization. To the extent that such changes or modifications to a Work Authorization do not also require modifications to the terms of this Contract (i.e. changes to the overall scope of Environmental Services set forth in **Exhibit B**, modification of the Compensation Cap, etc.) a Contract Amendment will not be required.

ARTICLE 15 **USE OF DOCUMENTS**

All documents, including but not limited to data or programs stored electronically, (hereinafter referred to as "Work Products") prepared by Firm and its subcontractors/subconsultants are related exclusively to the services described in this Contract and are intended to be used with respect to this Project. However, it is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that all of Work Products under this Contract shall be the property of County to be thereafter used in any lawful manner as County elects. Any such subsequent use made of documents by County shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to Firm.

By execution of this Contract and in confirmation of the fee for services to be paid under this Contract, Firm hereby conveys, transfers and assigns to County all rights under the Federal Copyright Act of 1976 (or any successor copyright statute), as amended, all common law copyrights and all other intellectual property rights acknowledged by law in the Work Products developed under this Contract. Copies may be retained by Firm. Firm shall be liable to County for any loss or damage to any such documents while they are in the possession of or while being worked upon by Firm or anyone connected with Firm, including agents, employees, Firms or subcontractors/subconsultants. All documents so lost or damaged shall be replaced or restored by Firm without cost to County.

Upon execution of this Contract, Firm grants to County permission to reproduce Firm's work and documents for purposes of constructing, using and maintaining the Project, provided that

County shall comply with its obligations, including prompt payment of all sums when due, under this Contract. Firm shall obtain similar permission from Firm's subcontractors/subconsultants consistent with this Contract. If and upon the date Firm is adjudged in default of this Contract, County is permitted to authorize other similarly credentialed professionals to reproduce and, where permitted by law, to make changes, corrections or additions to the work and documents for the purposes of completing, using and maintaining the Project.

County shall not assign, delegate, sublicense, pledge or otherwise transfer any permission granted herein to another party without the prior written consent of Firm. However, County shall be permitted to authorize the contractor, subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers to reproduce applicable portions of the Work Products appropriate to and for use in the execution of the Work. Submission or distribution of Work Products to meet official regulatory requirements or for similar purposes in connection with the Project is permitted. Any unauthorized use of the Work Products shall be at County's sole risk and without liability to Firm and its Firms.

Prior to Firm providing to County any Work Products in electronic form or County providing to Firm any electronic data for incorporation into the Work Products, County and Firm shall by separate written contract set forth the specific conditions governing the format of such Work Products or electronic data, including any special limitations not otherwise provided in this Contract. Any electronic files are provided by Firm for the convenience of County, and use of them is at County's sole risk. In the case of any defects in electronic files or any discrepancies between them and any hardcopy of the same documents prepared by Firm, the hardcopy shall prevail. Only printed copies of documents conveyed by Firm shall be relied upon.

Firm shall have no liability for changes made to the Work Products by other Firms subsequent to the completion of the Project. Any such change shall be sealed by the Firm making that change and shall be appropriately marked to reflect what was changed or modified.

ARTICLE 16

PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

Firm shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, quarters for the performance of all Environmental Services, and adequate and sufficient personnel and equipment to perform the Environmental Services as required. All employees of Firm shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Firm who, in the reasonable opinion of County, is incompetent or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the Environmental Services shall immediately be removed from association with the Project when so instructed by County. Firm certifies that it presently has adequate qualified personnel in its employment for performance of the Environmental Services required under this Contract, or will obtain such personnel from sources other than County. Firm may not change the Project Manager without prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 17

SUBCONTRACTING

Firm shall not assign, subcontract or transfer any portion of the Environmental Services under this Contract without prior written approval from County. All subcontracts shall include the provisions required in this Contract. No subcontract shall relieve Firm of any responsibilities under this Contract.

ARTICLE 18 **REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Firm's Environmental Services will be reviewed by County under its applicable technical requirements and procedures.

A. Completion. All documents shall be submitted by Firm on or before the dates specified in the applicable Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization related thereto. Upon receipt of same, the submission shall be checked for completion. "Completion" or "Complete" shall be defined as all of the required items, as set out in the applicable Work Authorization, have been included in compliance with the requirements of this Contract. The completeness of any Environmental Services submitted to County shall be determined by County within thirty (30) days of such submittal and County shall notify Firm in writing within such thirty (30) day period if such Environmental Services have been found to be incomplete. If the submission is Complete, County shall notify Firm and County's technical review process will begin.

If the submission is not Complete, County shall notify Firm, who shall perform such professional services as are required to complete the Environmental Services and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until a submission is Complete.

B. Acceptance. County shall review the completed Environmental Services for compliance with this Contract. If necessary, the completed Environmental Services shall be returned to Firm, who shall perform any required Environmental Services and resubmit it to County. This process shall be repeated until the Environmental Services are Accepted. "Acceptance" or "Accepted" shall mean that in the County's reasonable opinion, substantial compliance with the requirements of this Contract has been achieved.

C. Final Approval. After Acceptance, Firm shall perform any required modifications, changes, alterations, corrections, redesigns, and additional work necessary to receive Final Approval by the County. "Final Approval" in this sense shall mean formal recognition that the Environmental Services have been fully carried out.

D. Errors and Omissions. After Final Approval, Firm shall, without additional compensation, perform any work required as a result of Firm's development of the work which is found to be in error or omission due to Firm's negligence. However, any work required or occasioned for the convenience of County after Final Approval shall be paid for as Additional Environmental Services.

E. Disputes Over Classifications. In the event of any dispute over the classification of Firm's Environmental Services as Complete, Accepted, or having attained Final Approved under this Contract, the decision of the County shall be final and binding on Firm, subject to any civil remedy or determination otherwise available to the parties and deemed appropriate by the parties.

F. County's Reliance on Firm. FIRM'S DUTIES AS SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL AT NO TIME BE IN ANY WAY DIMINISHED BY REASON OF ANY REVIEW, EVALUATION OR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY NOR SHALL THE FIRM BE RELEASED FROM ANY LIABILITY BY REASON OF SUCH REVIEW, EVALUATION OR APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNTY AT ALL TIMES IS ULTIMATELY RELYING UPON THE FIRM'S SKILL, ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE IN PERFORMING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REQUIRED HEREUNDER.

ARTICLE 19

VIOLATION OF CONTRACT TERMS/BREACH OF CONTRACT

Violation of contract terms or breach of contract by Firm shall be grounds for termination of this Contract, and any increased costs arising from Firm's default, breach of contract, or violation of contract terms shall be paid by Firm.

ARTICLE 20

TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated as set forth below.

- A.** By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both parties.
- B.** By County, by notice in writing to Firm, as a consequence of failure by Firm to perform the Environmental Services set forth herein in a satisfactory manner.
- C.** By either party, upon the failure of the other party to fulfill its obligations as set forth herein.
- D.** By County, for reasons of its own and not subject to the mutual consent of Firm, upon not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to Firm.
- E.** By satisfactory completion of all Environmental Services and obligations described herein.

Should County terminate this Contract as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination plus reimbursable expenses incurred shall thereafter be paid to Firm. In determining the value of the Environmental Services performed by Firm prior to termination, County shall be the sole judge. Compensation for Environmental Services at termination will be based on a percentage of the Environmental Services completed at that time. Should County terminate this Contract under Subsection (D) immediately above, then the amount charged during the thirty-day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding thirty (30) days.

If Firm defaults in the performance of this Contract or if County terminates this Contract

for fault on the part of Firm, then County shall give consideration to the actual costs incurred by Firm in performing the Environmental Services to the date of default, the amount of Environmental Services required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the Environmental Services which are usable to County, the cost to County of employing another firm to complete the Environmental Services required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to County of the Environmental Services performed at the time of default.

The termination of this Contract and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of County under this Contract. If the termination of this Contract is due to the failure of Firm to fulfill its contractual obligations, then County may take over the Project and prosecute the Environmental Services to completion. In such case, Firm shall be liable to County for any additional and reasonable costs incurred by County.

Firm shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurements made by Firm in support of the Environmental Services under this Contract.

ARTICLE 21

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

A. Compliance. Firm shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Contract, including without limitation, minimum/maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. Firm shall furnish County with satisfactory proof of its compliance.

Firm shall further obtain all permits and licenses required in the performance of the Environmental Services contracted for herein.

B. Taxes. Firm will pay all taxes, if any, required by law arising by virtue of the Environmental Services performed hereunder. County is qualified for exemption pursuant to the provisions of Section 151.309 of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act.

ARTICLE 22

INDEMNIFICATION

THE FIRM AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, OR INTENTIONAL TORT COMMITTED BY THE FIRM, THE FIRM'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE

FIRM INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE FIRM'S SUBCONSULTANTS, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE FIRM EXERCISES CONTROL.

THE FIRM FURTHER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE FIRM'S FAILURE TO PAY THE FIRM'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE WORK PERFORMED OR TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT BY THE FIRM.

THE FIRM FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF ANY PLANS, DESIGN, DRAWINGS, OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED BY THE FIRM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT.

THE LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIRED IN THIS CONTRACT AND/OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT LIMIT THE FIRM'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS OR THE SUSPENSION OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LIABILITIES, PENALTIES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY OR THIRD PARTIES FOR WHOM THE FIRM IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE, THE FIRM'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO THE FIRM'S FAULT. THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN SHALL ALSO EXTEND TO ANY ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTORS INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CONTRACTOR ALLEGES DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF THE FIRM, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH THE FIRM EXERCISES CONTROL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEFECTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN THE FIRM IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDINGS AT THE COUNTY'S COST. THE FIRM SHALL ALSO HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FIRM, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH THE FIRM EXERCISES CONTROL, CAUSED SUCH DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIMS WHERE THE FIRM, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH THE FIRM EXERCISES CONTROL, ARE ADJUDICATED AT FAULT.

ARTICLE 23
FIRM'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Firm shall be responsible for the accuracy of its Environmental Services and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections to its work product resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts, and same shall be done without compensation. County shall determine Firm's responsibilities for all questions arising from errors and/or omissions, subject to the dispute resolution provisions of Article 33. Firm shall not be relieved of responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions in its work product, or for clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the Project has been completed.

ARTICLE 24
FIRM'S SEAL

To the extent required by any applicable laws, acts, rules or regulations pertaining to the types of professional services to be provided by Firm under this Contract, the Firm shall sign, seal and date all appropriate submissions to County.

ARTICLE 25
INSURANCE

Firm must comply with the following insurance requirements at all times during this Contract:

A. Coverage Limits. Firm, at Firm's sole cost, shall purchase and maintain during the entire term while this Contract is in effect the following insurance:

1. Worker's Compensation in accordance with statutory requirements.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate.
3. Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles with combined minimum limits for Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits of \$500,000.00 per occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 in the aggregate.
4. Professional Liability Errors and Omissions Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per claim.

B. Additional Insureds; Waiver of Subrogation. County, its directors, officers and employees shall be added as additional insureds under policies listed under (2) and (3) above, and on those policies where County, its directors, officers and employees are additional insureds, such insurance shall be primary and any insurance maintained by County shall be excess and not contribute with it. Such policies shall also include waivers of subrogation in favor of County.

C. Premiums and Deductible. Firm shall be responsible for payment of premiums for all of the insurance coverages required under this section. Firm further agrees that for each claim, suit or action made against insurance provided hereunder, with respect to all matters for which the Firm is responsible hereunder, Firm shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and

self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions over \$50,000 in the Firm's insurance must be declared and approved in writing by County in advance.

D. Commencement of Work. Firm shall not commence any field work under this Contract until he/she/it has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by County. As further set out below, Firm shall not allow any subcontractor/subconsultant(s) to commence work to be performed in connection with this Contract until all required insurance has been obtained and approved and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Firm hereunder.

E. Insurance Company Rating. The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State or Texas with a financial standing of at least an A-rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued.

F. Certification of Coverage. Firm shall furnish County with a certification of coverage issued by the insurer. Firm shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse. **In addition to any other notification requires set forth hereunder, Firm shall also notify County, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage it receives from its insurer.**

G. No Arbitration. It is the intention of the County and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the Firm, that no provision of this Contract shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under an insurance policy required hereunder or as may be required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Contract.

H. Subcontractor/Subconsultant's Insurance. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of Firm, Firm shall require each subcontractor/subconsultant performing work under this Contract (to the extent a subcontractor/subconsultant is allowed by County) to maintain during the term of this Contract, at the subcontractor/subconsultant's own expense, the same stipulated minimum insurance required in this Article above, including the required provisions and additional policy conditions as shown below in this Article.

Firm shall obtain and monitor the certificates of insurance from each subcontractor/subconsultant in order to assure compliance with the insurance requirements. Firm must retain the certificates of insurance for the duration of this Contract, and shall have the responsibility of enforcing these insurance requirements among its subcontractor/subconsultants. County shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of these certificates of insurance.

I. Insurance Policy Endorsements. Each insurance policy shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

1. County shall be notified thirty (30) days prior to the expiration, cancellation, non-

renewal or any material change in coverage, and such notice thereof shall be given to County by certified mail to:

Williamson County Auditor
c/o: Pam Navarrette
710 Main Street, Suite 301
Georgetown, Texas 78626

With copy to:

Williamson County Dept. of Infrastructure
Attn: Director of Road & Bridge
3151 SE Inner Loop, Suite B
Georgetown, Texas 78626

2. The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.

J. Cost of Insurance. The cost of all insurance required herein to be secured and maintained by Firm shall be borne solely by Firm, with certificates of insurance evidencing such minimum coverage in force to be filed with County. Such Certificates of Insurance are evidenced as **Exhibit F** herein entitled "Certificates of Insurance."

ARTICLE 26 **COPYRIGHTS**

County shall have the royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any reports developed by Firm for governmental purposes.

ARTICLE 27 **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors, lawful assigns, and legal representatives. Firm may not assign, sublet or transfer any interest in this Contract, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise, without obtaining the prior written consent of County.

ARTICLE 28
SEVERABILITY

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 29
PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This Contract constitutes the sole agreement of the parties hereto, and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. This Contract may only be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing.

ARTICLE 30
FIRM'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS

Firm agrees to maintain, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, detailed records identifying each individual performing the Environmental Services, the date or dates the services were performed, the applicable hourly rates, the total amount billed for each individual and the total amount billed for all persons, records of reimbursable costs and expenses of other providers and provide such other details as may be requested by the County Auditor for verification purposes. Firm agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Firm which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. Firm further agrees that County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Firm facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. County shall give Firm reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

ARTICLE 31
NOTICES

All notices to either party by the other required under this Contract shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

County: Williamson County Judge
710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, Texas 78626

With copy to: Williamson County Dept. of Infrastructure
Attn: Director of Road & Bridge
3151 SE Inner Loop, Suite B

Georgetown, Texas 78626

and to:

Office of General Counsel
Williamson County
710 Main Street, Suite 102
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Firm:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], [REDACTED]

ARTICLE 32 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. Time is of the Essence. Subject to Article 3 hereof, Firm understands and agrees that time is of the essence and that any failure of Firm to complete the Environmental Services for each phase of this Contract within the agreed work schedule set out in the applicable Work Authorization may constitute a material breach of this Contract. Firm shall be fully responsible for its delays or for failures to use its reasonable efforts in accordance with the terms of this Contract and the Firm's standard of performance as defined herein. Where damage is caused to County due to Firm's negligent failure to perform County may accordingly withhold, to the extent of such damage, Firm's payments hereunder without waiver of any of County's additional legal rights or remedies.

B. Force Majeure. Neither County nor Firm shall be deemed in violation of this Contract if prevented from performing any of their obligations hereunder by reasons for which they are not responsible or circumstances beyond their control. However, notice of such impediment or delay in performance must be timely given, and all reasonable efforts undertaken to mitigate its effects.

C. Enforcement and Venue. This Contract shall be enforceable in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any or all of the terms or conditions herein, exclusive venue for same shall lie in Williamson County, Texas. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

D. Standard of Performance. The standard of care for all professional, consulting and related services performed or furnished by Firm and its employees under this Contract will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Firm's profession practicing under the same or similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality.

E. Opinion of Probable Cost. Any opinions of probable Project cost or probable construction cost provided by Firm are made on the basis of information available to Firm and on

the basis of Firm's experience and qualifications and represents its judgment as an experienced and qualified professional Firm. However, since Firm has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the contractor(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, Firm does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual Project or construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost Firm prepares.

F. Opinions and Determinations. Where the terms of this Contract provide for action to be based upon opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.

G. Reports of Accidents. Within 24 hours after Firm becomes aware of the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of the Firm), whether or not it results from or involves any action or failure to act by the Firm or any employee or agent of the Firm and which arises in any manner from the performance of this Contract, the Firm shall send a written report of such accident or other event to the County, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto. The Firm shall also immediately send the County a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, or other documents served upon the Firm, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from the Firm's performance of work under this Contract.

H. Gender, Number and Headings. Words of any gender used in this Contract shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires. The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Contract.

I. Construction. Each party hereto acknowledges that it and its counsel have reviewed this Contract and that the normal rules of construction are not applicable and there will be no presumption that any ambiguities will be resolved against the drafting party in the interpretation of this Contract.

J. Independent Contractor Relationship. Both parties hereto, in the performance of this Contract, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

K. No Waiver of Immunities. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents or employees, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. 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.

L. Texas Public Information Act. To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Contract is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information

Act”), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that County’s officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that 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 County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

M. Governing Terms and Conditions. If there is an irreconcilable conflict between the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract or any Contract Amendment and the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix, Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization to this Contract, the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract or any Contract Amendment shall control over the terms and conditions set forth in any Exhibit, Appendix, Work Authorization or Supplemental Work Authorization to this Contract.

N. Meaning of Day. For purposes of this Contract, all references to a “day” or “days” shall mean a calendar day or calendar days.

O. Appropriation of Funds by County. County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Contract. Firm understands and agrees that County’s payment of amounts under this Contract is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Contract. It is further understood and agreed by Firm that County shall have the right to terminate this Contract at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by County’s budget for the fiscal year in question. County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Firm.

P. Termination of Work Authorization. Should it be determined that the progress in the production of Firm’s services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved Work Authorization as provided by Exhibit "C", attached hereto, the County shall review the approved Work Authorization with the Firm to determine the corrective action needed, including potential termination of such Work Authorization by Williamson County. Additionally, if an approved Work Authorization has not been completed by the end of the applicable County fiscal year under this contract and the Williamson County Commissioners Court does not provide for funding through its budgetary oversight for the subsequent County fiscal year, Williamson County reserves the right to terminate such Work Authorization at its discretion.

ARTICLE 33

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, County and Firm shall work together in good faith to resolve any controversy, dispute or claim between them which arises out of or relates to this Contract, whether stated in tort, contract, statute, claim for benefits, bad faith, professional liability or otherwise ("Claim"). If the parties are unable to resolve the Claim within thirty (30)

days following the date in which one party sent written notice of the Claim to the other party, and if a party wishes to pursue the Claim, such Claim shall be addressed through non-binding mediation. A single mediator engaged in the practice of law, who is knowledgeable about subject matter of this Contract, shall be selected by agreement of the parties and serve as the mediator. Any mediation under this Contract shall be conducted in Williamson County, Texas. The mediator's fees shall be borne equally between the parties. Such non-binding mediation is a condition precedent to seeking redress in a court of competent jurisdiction, but this provision shall not preclude either party from filing a lawsuit in a court of competent jurisdiction prior to completing a mediation if necessary to preserve the statute of limitations, in which case such lawsuit shall be stayed pending completion of the mediation process contemplated herein. This provision shall survive the termination of the Contract.

ARTICLE 34

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EMPLOYMENT

During the performance of this Contract and to the extent the Project is a federally funded project, Firm, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest agrees as follows:

A. Compliance with Regulations. The Firm shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

B. Nondiscrimination. The Firm, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors/subconsultants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Firm shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

C. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Firm for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor/subconsultant or supplier shall be notified by the Firm of the Firm's obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

D. Information and Reports. The Firm shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the County (referred to in this Article as the "Recipient") or the Texas Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Firm shall so certify to the Recipient, or the Texas Department of Transportation as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

E. Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Firm's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Texas Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

1. withholding of payments to the Firm under the contract until the Firm complies, and/or;
2. cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

F. Incorporation of Provisions. The Firm shall include the provisions of Subsections (A) through (F) above in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Firm shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Texas Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for non-compliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor/subconsultant or supplier as a result of such direction, the Firm may request the Recipient to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient, and, in addition, the Firm may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

SIGNATORY WARRANTY

The undersigned signatory for Firm hereby represents and warrants that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he/she has executed this Contract and that he/she has full and complete authority to enter into this Contract on behalf of the firm. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing County to enter into this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County has caused this Contract to be signed in its name by its duly authorized County Judge, as has Firm, signing by and through its duly authorized representative(s), thereby binding the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and representatives for the faithful and full performance of the terms and provisions hereof, to be effective as of the date of the last party's execution below. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND, TERMINATE OR MODIFY THIS CONTRACT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

COUNTY

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

Date: _____, 20____

FIRM

By _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 20____

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me the undersigned authority by _____ the _____
_____ of Firm, on behalf of Firm.

Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS ATTACHED

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| (1) Exhibit A | Debarment Certification |
| (2) Exhibit B | Environmental Services |
| (3) Exhibit C | Work Authorization |
| (4) Exhibit D | Rate Schedule |
| (5) Exhibit E | Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy |
| (6) Exhibit F | Certificates of Insurance |

EXHIBIT A DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Texas, certifies that Firm and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency:

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification;

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default; and

(e) Have not been disciplined or issued a formal reprimand by any State agency for professional accreditation within the past three years.

Name of Firm

Signature of Certifying Official

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Title of Certifying Official

_____, 20____
Date

(2) Where the PROVIDER is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such PROVIDER shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* federal, state, or local

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me the undersigned authority by _____
_____ the _____ of _____, on behalf of
said firm.

Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT B

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

EXHIBIT C**WORK AUTHORIZATION****(To Be Completed and Executed After Contract Execution)****WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____****PROJECT: _____**

This Work Authorization is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Williamson County Contract for Environmental Services, being dated _____, 20____ and entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (the "County") and _____ (the "Firm").

Part 1. The Firm will provide the following Environmental Services set forth in Attachment "B" of this Work Authorization.

Part 2. The maximum amount payable for services under this Work Authorization without modification is _____.

Part 3. Payment to the Firm for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the Contract.

Part 4. This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance and full execution of the parties hereto and shall terminate on _____, 20____. The Environmental Services set forth in Attachment "B" of this Work Authorization shall be fully completed on or before said date unless extended by a Supplemental Work Authorization.

Part 5. This Work Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Contract.

Part 6. County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Work Authorization. Firm understands and agrees that County's payment of amounts under this Work Authorization is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Contract. It is further understood and agreed by Firm that County shall have the right to terminate this Contract at the end of any County fiscal year if the governing body of County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by County's budget for the fiscal year in question. County may effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Firm.

Part 7. This Work Authorization is hereby accepted and acknowledged below.

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

FIRM:

COUNTY:

[Insert Company Name HERE]

Williamson County, Texas

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Services to be Provided by County

Attachment B - Services to be Provided by Firm

Attachment C - Work Schedule

Attachment D - Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT D

RATE SCHEDULE

CPI Rate Adjustments: Rates will remain firm for the initial first year of the Contract and such rates shall be deemed the “Initial Base Rates”. Firm must request rate adjustments, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to each annual anniversary date of the Contract and any rate changes will take effect on the first day following the prior year. If Firm fails to request a CPI rate adjustment, as set forth herein, the adjustment will be effective thirty (30) days after the County receives Firm’s written request. No retroactive rate adjustments will be allowed.

Price adjustments will be made in accordance with changes in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, South Region (Base 1982-84 = 100).

The rate adjustment will be determined by multiplying the Initial Base Rates by a fraction, the numerator of which is the index number for most recently released index before each annual anniversary date of the Contract and the denominator of which is the index number for the first month of the Contract (the index number for the month in which the Contract was originally executed). If the products are greater than the Initial Base Rates, County will pay the greater amounts as the rates during the successive year until the next rate adjustment. Rates for each successive year will never be less than the Initial Base Rates.

EXHIBIT E

Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy

The purpose of this Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy (“Policy”) is to provide clear guidelines to vendors on Williamson County’s expectations and requirements regarding allowable reimbursable expenditures and required backup. The Policy will also minimize conflicts related to invoice payments and define non-reimbursable items. This Policy is considered a guideline and is not a contract.

This Policy may be altered, deleted or amended, at any time and without prior notice to vendors, by action of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. Unenforceable provisions of this Policy, as imposed by applicable law, regulations, or judicial decisions, shall be deemed to be deleted. Any revisions to this Policy will be distributed to all current vendors doing business with the County.

1. Invoices and Affidavits

- 1.1 Invoices must adequately describe the goods or services provided to County and include all required backup (i.e. reimbursable expenses, mileage log, timesheets, receipts detailing expenses incurred etc.) that is in a form acceptable to the Williamson County Auditor. Invoices that do not adequately describe the goods or services provided to County or contain backup that is satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be returned to vendor for revisions and the provision above relating to invoice errors resolved in favor of the County shall control as to the required actions of vendor and when such invoice must be paid by the County.
- 1.2 In the event an invoice includes charges based upon hourly billing rates for services or any other rates based upon the amount of time worked by an individual or individuals in performing services, whether the charges are being billed directly to the County or whether they are the basis of invoices from subcontractors for which the vendor seeks reimbursement from the County, the charges shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by an officer or principal of the vendor certifying that the work was performed, it was authorized by the County and that all information contained in the invoice that is being submitted is true and correct.
- 1.3 Upon County’s request, vendor must submit all bills paid affidavits wherein vendor must swear and affirm that vendor has paid each of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers and material in full for all labor and materials provided to vendor for or in connection with services and work performed for County and, further, vendor must swear and affirm that vendor is not aware of any unpaid bills, claims, demands, or causes of action by any of its subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, or material for or in connection with the furnishing of labor or materials, or both, for services and work performed for County.

2. Travel Reimbursement

- 2.1 The County will only cover costs associated with travel on vendors outside a 50 mile radius from Williamson County, Texas.
- 2.2 The County will only cover costs associated with travel as documented work for County. If a vendor is also doing business for another client, the travel costs must be split in proportion to the amount of work actually performed for County and the other client. The only allowable travel expense will be for the specific days worked for Williamson County.
- 2.3 No advance payments will be made to vendor for travel expenditures. The travel expenditure may only be reimbursed after the expenditure/trip has already occurred and vendor has provided the Williamson County Auditor with all necessary and required backup.
- 2.4 Vendors must submit all travel reimbursement requests on each employee in full. Specifically, a travel reimbursement request must include all related travel reimbursement expenses relating to a particular trip for which vendor seeks reimbursement. Partial travel reimbursement requests will not be accepted (i.e. vendor should not submit hotel and mileage one month then the next month submit rental car and airfare). If the travel reimbursement appears incomplete, the invoice will be sent back to the vendor to be submitted when all information is ready to submit in full.
- 2.5 Reimbursement for transportation costs will be at the most reasonable means of transportation (i.e.: airline costs will be reimbursed for coach rate, rental car costs will only be reimbursed if rental car travel was most reasonable means of travel as compared to travel by air).
- 2.6 The County will not be responsible for, nor will the County reimburse additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of individual traveling.
- 2.7 The County will not reimburse airfare costs if airfare costs were higher than costs of mileage reimbursement.
- 2.8 Additional expenses associated with travel that is extended to save costs (i.e. Saturday night stay) may be reimbursed if costs of airfare would be less than the cost of additional expenses (lodging, meals, car rental, mileage) if the trip had not been extended. Documentation satisfactory to the Williamson County Auditor will be required to justify expenditure.
- 2.9 County will only reimburse travel expense to necessary personnel of the vendor (i.e. no spouse, friends or family members).
- 2.10 Except as otherwise set forth herein, a vendor must provide a paid receipt for all expenses. If a receipt cannot be obtained, a written sworn statement of the expense from the vendor may be substituted for the receipt.
- 2.11 Sales tax for meals and hotel stays are the only sales taxes that will be reimbursed. Sales tax on goods purchased will not be reimbursed. A sales tax exemption form is available from the Williamson County Auditor's Office upon request.
- 2.12 The County will not pay for any late charges on reimbursable items. It is the responsibility of the vendor to pay the invoice first and seek reimbursement from the County.

3. Meals

- 3.1 Meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$50.00 per day on overnight travel. On day travel (travel that does not require an overnight stay), meal reimbursements are limited to a maximum of \$20.00 per day. The travel must be outside the Williamson County, Texas line by a 50 mile radius.
- 3.2 Receipts are required on meal reimbursement amounts up to the maximum per day amount stated for overnight or day travel. If receipts are not presented, the vendor can request per diem (per diem limits refer to 3.2). However, a vendor cannot combine per diem and meal receipts. Only one method shall be allowed.
- 3.3 Meals are reimbursable only for vendors who do not have the necessary personnel located within a 50 mile radius of Williamson County, Texas that are capable of carrying the vendor's obligations to County. Meals will not be reimbursed to vendors who are located within a 50 mile radius of Williamson County, Texas.
- 3.4 County will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages.
- 3.5 Tips are reimbursable but must be reasonable to limitation of meal allowance
- 3.6 No meals purchased for entertainment purposes will be allowed.
- 3.7 Meal reimbursement must be substantiated with a hotel receipt.

4. Lodging

- 4.1 Hotel accommodations require an itemized hotel folio as a receipt. The lodging receipt should include name of the motel/hotel, number of occupant(s), goods or services for each individual charge (room rental, food, tax, etc.) and the name of the occupant(s). Credit card receipts or any other form of receipt are not acceptable.
- 4.2 Vendors will be reimbursed for a single room rate charge plus any applicable tax. If a single room is not available, the vendor must provide documentation to prove that a single room was not available in order to justify the expense over and above the single room rate. A vendor may also be required to provide additional documentation if a particular room rate appears to be excessive.
- 4.3 Personal telephone charges, whether local or long distance, will not be reimbursed.

5. Airfare

- 5.1 The County will only reimburse up to a coach price fare for air travel.
- 5.2 The County will exclude any additional charges due to personal preference or personal convenience of the individual traveling (i.e. early bird check in, seat preference charges, airline upgrades, etc. will not be an allowable reimbursement)
- 5.3 Air travel expenses must be supported with receipt copy of an airline ticket or an itinerary with actual ticket price paid. If tickets are purchased through a website, vendor must submit a copy of the webpage showing the ticket price if no paper ticket was issued.

- 5.4 Cancellation and/or change flight fees may be reimbursed by the County but vendor must provide the Williamson County Auditor with documentation in writing from a County department head providing authorization for the change.
- 5.5 The County will not reimburse vendor for tickets purchased with frequent flyer miles.

6. Car Rental

- 6.1 Vendors that must travel may rent a car at their destination when it is less expensive than other transportation such as taxis, airport shuttles or public transportation such as buses or subways.
- 6.2 Cars rented must be economy or mid-size. Luxury vehicle rentals will not be reimbursed. Any rental costs over and above the cost of a mid-size rental will be adjusted.
- 6.3 Vendors will be reimbursed for rental cars if the rental car cost would have been less than the mileage reimbursement cost (based on the distance from vendor's point of origin to Williamson County, Texas) had the vendor driven vendor's car.
- 6.4 Vendors must return a car rental with appropriate fuel levels as required by rental agreement to avoid the car rental company from adding fuel charges.
- 6.5 Rental agreement and credit card receipt must be provided to County as back up for the request for reimbursement.
- 6.6 Insurance purchased when renting vehicle may also be reimbursed.
- 6.7 Car Rental optional extras such as GPS, roadside assistance, and administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed.

7. Personal Car Usage

- 7.1 Personal vehicle usage will be reimbursed in an amount equal to the standard mileage rate allowed by the IRS.
- 7.2 Per code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part IX, Section 274(d), all expense reimbursement requests must include the following:
 - 7.2.1.1 Date
 - 7.2.1.2 Destination
 - 7.2.1.3 Purpose
 - 7.2.1.4 Name of traveler(s)
 - 7.2.1.5 Correspondence that verifies business purpose of the expense
- 7.3 The mileage for a personal vehicle must document the date, location of travel to/from, number of miles traveled and purpose of trip.
- 7.4 Mileage will be reimbursed on the basis of the most commonly used route.
- 7.5 Reimbursement for mileage shall not exceed the cost of a round trip coach airfare.
- 7.6 Reimbursement for mileage shall be prohibited between place of residence and usual place of work.
- 7.7 Mileage should be calculated from employee's regular place of work or their residence, whichever is the shorter distance when traveling to a meeting or traveling to Williamson County, Texas for vendors who are located outside of Williamson County, Texas by at least a 50 mile radius.

- 7.8 When more than one person travels in same vehicle, only one person may claim mileage reimbursement.
- 7.9 Tolls, if reasonable, are reimbursable. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement (administrative fees on Tolls will not be reimbursed).
- 7.10 Parking fees, if reasonable are reimbursable for meetings and hotel stays. For vendors who contract with a third party for visitor parking at vendor's place of business, Williamson County will not reimburse a vendor based on a percentage of its contracted visitor parking fees. Rather, Williamson County will reimburse Vendor for visitor parking on an individual basis for each time a visitor uses Vendor's visitor parking. Receipts are required for reimbursement. If a receipt is not obtainable, then written documentation of expense must be submitted for reimbursement.
- 7.11 Operating and maintenance expenses as well as other personal expenses, such as parking tickets, traffic violations, and car repairs and collision damage are not reimbursable.

8. Other Expenses

- 8.1 Taxi fare, bus tickets, conference registrations, parking, etc. must have a proper original receipt.

9. Repayment of Nonreimbursable Expense.

Vendors must, upon demand, immediately repay County for all inappropriately reimbursed expenses whenever an audit or subsequent review of any expense reimbursement documentation finds that such expense was reimbursed contrary to these guidelines and this Policy. Williamson County reserves the right to retain any amounts that are due or that become due to a vendor in order to collect any inappropriately reimbursed expenses that a vendor was paid.

10. Non-Reimbursable Expenses

In addition to the non-reimbursable items set forth above in this Policy, the following is a non-exhaustive list of expenses that will not be reimbursed by Williamson County:

- 10.1 Alcoholic beverages/tobacco products
- 10.2 Personal phone calls
- 10.3 Laundry service
- 10.4 Valet service (excludes hotel valet)
- 10.5 Movie rentals
- 10.6 Damage to personal items
- 10.7 Flowers/plants
- 10.8 Greeting cards
- 10.9 Fines and/or penalties
- 10.10 Entertainment, personal clothing, personal sundries and services
- 10.11 Transportation/mileage to places of entertainment or similar personal activities
- 10.12 Upgrades to airfare, hotel and/or car rental

- 10.13 Airport parking above the most affordable rate available
- 10.14 Excessive weight baggage fees or cost associated with more than two airline bags
- 10.15 Auto repairs
- 10.16 Babysitter fees, kennel costs, pet or house-sitting fees
- 10.17 Saunas, massages or exercise facilities
- 10.18 Credit card delinquency fees or service fees
- 10.19 Doctor bills, prescription and other medical services
- 10.20 Hand tools
- 10.21 Safety Equipment (hard hats, safety vests, etc.)
- 10.22 Office Supplies
- 10.23 Lifetime memberships to any association
- 10.24 Donations to other entities
- 10.25 Any items that could be construed as campaigning
- 10.26 Community outreach items exceeding \$2 per item
- 10.27 Technology Fees
- 10.28 Sales tax on goods purchased
- 10.29 Any other expenses which Williamson County deems, in its sole discretion, to be inappropriate or unnecessary expenditures.

EXHIBIT F
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE
ATTACHED BEHIND THIS PAGE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity****OFFICE USE ONLY**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

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

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5 **Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7 **Signature is not required if completing in BIDS SYNC electronically;**

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at [http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/ Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm). For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

- (2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity. (a-1)

The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (2) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposal or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (3) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

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DEBARMENT AND LICENSING CERTIFICATION**STATE OF TEXAS**

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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I, the undersigned, being duly sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Texas, certifies that Firm named hereinbelow and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification;
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default;
- (e) Is registered and licensed in the State of Texas to perform the professional services which are necessary for the project; and
- (f) Have not been disciplined or issued a formal reprimand by any State agency for professional accreditation within the past three years.

 Name of Firm

 Signature of Certifying Official

 Printed Name of Certifying Official

 Title of Certifying Official

 _____, 20____
 Date

Where the Firm is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Firm shall attach an explanation to this certification.

* federal, state, or local

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me the undersigned authority by _____
_____ the _____ of _____, on behalf of
said Firm.

Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

Question and Answers for Bid #1808-254 - On Call Environmental Services

Overall Bid Questions

There are no questions associated with this bid.