

**Bid Tabulation Packet  
for  
Solicitation 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**Bid Designation: Public**



**Williamson County, Texas**

**Bid #1907-331 - CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**Creation Date **Jul 8, 2019**End Date **Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**Start Date **Jul 16, 2019 1:13:25 PM CDT**Awarded Date **Not Yet Awarded**

1907-331--01-01 Please attach all documents to this line					
Supplier	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Total Price	Attch.	Docs
Chasco Constructors	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> Attachments			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b> Bidsync Addenda 1-2 Acknowledged.			
QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
smith contracting	First Offer -	1 / each			Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Patin Construction LLC	First Offer -	1 / each		Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Pro Dirt Services [Ad]	First Offer -	1 / each			Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> .			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			

1907-331--01-02 Total Bid Price					
Supplier	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Total Price	Attch.	Docs
smith contracting	First Offer - \$986,624.94	1 / each	\$986,624.94	Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Diamond X Contracting 	First Offer - \$1,072,400.47	1 / each	\$1,072,400.47	Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Pro Dirt Services [Ad]	First Offer - \$1,084,004.30	1 / each	\$1,084,004.30	Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> .			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Patin Construction LLC	First Offer - \$1,162,320.00	1 / each	\$1,162,320.00		Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
Chasco Constructors	First Offer - \$1,184,904.00	1 / each	\$1,184,904.00		Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b> Base Bid			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			
QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.	First Offer - \$1,331,497.02	1 / each	\$1,331,497.02	Y	Y
<b>Product Code:</b>		<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>			
<b>Agency Notes:</b>		<b>Supplier Notes:</b>			

**Supplier Totals**

f smith contracting	\$986,624.94 (2/2 items)
Bid Contact <b>Hardin Camp II</b> <b>Hasmith923@gmail.com</b>	Address <b>15308 ginger</b> <b>austin, TX 78728</b>

Ph 512-990-7640		
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes:	Head Attch: 
f Pro Dirt Services [Ad] \$1,084,004.30 (2/2 items)		
Bid Contact Zachary Cason zach@prodirtservices.com Ph 512-913-2553	Address 106 Paul Azinger Dr ROUND ROCK, TX 78664	
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes:	Head Attch: 
f Patin Construction LLC \$1,162,320.00 (2/2 items)		
Bid Contact Tim Patin tim@patincon.com Ph 512-269-1071	Address 3800 West 2nd Street Taylor, TX 76574	
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes:	Head Attch: 
f Chasco Constructors \$1,184,904.00 (2/2 items)		
Bid Contact Rick Risener cassie@chasco.com Ph 512-244-0600 Fax 512-244-6085	Address 2801 East Old Settlers Blvd. Round Rock, TX 78665	
Bid Notes Attached above.		
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes: Attached above.	Head Attch: 
f QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. \$1,331,497.02 (2/2 items)		
Bid Contact MARCOS GUTIERREZ jose@qacsi.com Ph 512-637-6120	Address 5811 Blue Bluff Road AUSTIN, TX 78724	
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes:	Head Attch: 
Diamond X Contracting \$1,072,400.47 (1/2 items)		
Bid Contact Ronnie Duenez rduenez@dxcontracting.com Ph 512-773-8997	Address PO Box 1701 Johnson City, TX 78636	
Agency Notes:	Supplier Notes:	

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## smith contracting

Bid Contact **Hardin Camp II**  
**Hasmith923@gmail.com**  
**Ph 512-990-7640**

Address **15308 ginger**  
**austin, TX 78728**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer -</b>	1 / each		Y
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer - \$986,624.94</b>	1 / each	<b>\$986,624.94</b>	Y Y
Supplier Total					<b>\$986,624.94</b>	

**smith contracting****Item: Total Bid Price****Attachments**

BID SYNC TRANSMITTAL LETTER.docx

Bid Bond CR 279.pdf

Bid Form.pdf

1295 CR 279.pdf



Transmittal Letter:

Re: Bid for 1907-331-CR-279

**MA Smith Contracting Co., Inc.**

FEIN: 74-2732663

15308 Ginger Street

Austin, TX 78728

512-990-7640 PHONE

512-990-7855 FAX

President/Secretary: Travis Ragland

Email: [travisragland@smithcontinc.com](mailto:travisragland@smithcontinc.com)

15308 GINGER STREET \* AUSTIN, TX 78728 \* (512) 990-7640 \* Fax (512) 990-7855

**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Smith Contracting Co., Inc.

of Austin, TX

(hereinafter called the Principal), as Principal, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

(hereinafter called the Surety), as Surety are held and firmly bound unto Williamson County, Texas Purchasing Department, 901 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626

(hereinafter called the Obligor) in the penal sum of 5% of Bid Amount

Dollars (5% of Bid Amount)

for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted or is about to submit a proposal to the Obligor on a contract for Bid #1907-331-CR 279 - Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall, within such time as may be specified, enter into the Contract in writing, and give bond, if bond is required, with surety acceptable to the Obligor for the faithful performance of the said Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of August, 2019.

McRobert

Witness

Smith Contracting Co., Inc.

(Seal)

Principal

Title

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

By Kenneth Nitsche

Kenneth Nitsche

Attorney-in-Fact

Canellia Doss

Canellia Doss

Witness





This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: **8197872**

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, David Ferguson, Violet Frosch, Kenneth Nitsche, Gary A. Nitsche, Robert James Nitsche, Robert K. Nitsche, Craig Parker, Nina Smith

all of the city of Giddings state of TX each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 1st day of November, 2018.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

By:

*David M. Carey*  
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss  
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 1st day of November, 2018 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public  
Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County  
My Commission Expires March 28, 2021  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By:

*Teresa Pastella*  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

### ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

**Certificate of Designation** - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

**Authorization** - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 6th day of August, 2019.



By:

*Renee C. Llewellyn*  
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day.

## CR 279 - BID FORM

ITEM	NO	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Cost
160	6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	8196	3.75	30,735.00
164	6033	DRILL SEEDING (PERM) (RURAL) (SANDY)	SY	8196	0.40	3,278.40
166	6001	FERTILIZER	AC	2	1,666.00	3,226.00
168	6001	VEGETATIVE WATERING	MG	1017	18.06	18,366.66
275	6001	CEMENT	TON	479	165.66	79,035.00
275	6038	CEMENT TREAT (EXIST MATL)(DC)(8")	SY	35112	2.25	79,002.00
316	6175	AGGR (TY-B GR-4 SAC-B)	CY	306	215.66	65,796.00
316	6466	ASPH (CHFRS-2P OR CRS-2P)	GAL	12290	5.00	61,450.00
341	6043	D-GR HMA TY-D PG70-22	TON	3863	105.00	405,615.00
354	6021	PLANE ASPH CONC PAV (0" TO 2")	SY	3945	12.25	48,326.25
500	6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	90,000.00	90,000.00
502	6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	2	2,500.00	5,000.00
530	6005	DRIVEWAYS (ACP)	SY	2097	32.00	67,104.00
662	6109	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY W	EA	1225	1.25	1,531.25
662	6111	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY Y - 2	EA	1220	1.75	2,135.00
666	6170	REFL PAV MRK TY II (W) 4" (SLD)	LF	24502	0.17	4,165.34
666	6207	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24402	0.17	4,148.34
666	6302	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (W) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24502	0.34	8,330.68
666	6314	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (Y) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24402	0.34	8,296.68
677	6001	ELIM EXT PAV MRK & MRKS (4")	LF	560	2.10	1,176.00
PROJECT TOTAL						986,624.94

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

**FORM 1295**

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY  
CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

Certificate Number:  
2019-525888

Date Filed:  
08/06/2019

Date Acknowledged:

**1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.**

MA Smith Contracting Co., Inc.  
Austin, TX United States

**2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.**

Williamson County, Texas Purchasing Dept

**3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.**

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4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**


**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is Travis Kayland, and my date of birth is 8.1.83.

My address is 15308 Gungah St. Austin TX 78728 USA  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Mavis County, State of Texas, on the 6 day of August, 2019.  
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
(Declarant)

Supplier: **smith contracting**

## Bidder References

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

### Reference 1

Client Name:  
City of Cedar Park Cedar Park, TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
Alan Green City Engineer

Title:

Phone:  
512-401-5000

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
Jan 2016 JUNE 2015 2,203,499.56

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

Project includes approximately 4,743 SY of asphalt pavement widening, 8,461 LF of curb and gutter, bridge widening, mill & overlay of existing pavement, driveways, sidewalks, and drainage improvements.

### Reference 2

Client Name:  
Williamson County Libetry Hill, TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
Clayton Weber Contract Manager

Title:

Phone:  
512-527-6718 cweber@hntb.com

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
07/31/14 05/06/14 532,242.89

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

Complete Street Reconstruction with base and asphalt. Also included curb & gutter, box culverts, traffic signal, driveways, and revegetation.

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
**Travis County Purchasing Austin, Texas**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Tony Valdez Project Manager**

Title:

Phone:  
**512-854-7567 Tony.Valdez@traviscountytexas.gov**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**10/21/15 8/1/17 7,690,324.08**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

**Construction of two lane rural collector with shoulders, consisting of: Asphalt, Base, Grading, Retaining Walls, Culvert Structures, Erosion Control, Concrete Driveways, and Signage and Pavement Markings.**

Supplier: **smith contracting****CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE****FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity****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.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

**1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.****MA Smith Contracting Co Inc**

**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.**

**None**  
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 BIDSYNC electronically;

**Travis Ragland**

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

**08/06/19**

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 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:

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- (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.



Supplier: **smith contracting**



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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Supplier: **smith contracting**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>MA Smith Contracting Co Inc</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>15308 Ginger St, Austin, TX 78728</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>travisragland@smithcontinc.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>512-990-7640</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Travis Ragland</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Travis Ragland</b>

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Travis Ragland** (*Name of Signer*), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: "I, **Travis Ragland**, (*Name of Signer*) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for **MA Smith Contracting Co., Inc.** (*Name of Bidder*) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said **MA Smith Contracting Co., Inc** (*Name of Bidder*).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named **Travis Ragland**  
on this the **6** day of **August**, 2019.

**Misty Roberts**  
Notary Public in and for  
The State of **Texas**  
The County of **Travis**

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

Supplier: **smith contracting**



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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

#### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

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

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

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

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

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

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

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

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

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

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

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

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.

#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

## Pro Dirt Services

Bid Contact **Zachary Cason**  
**zach@prodirtservices.com**  
**Ph 512-913-2553**

Address **106 Paul Azinger Dr**  
**ROUND ROCK, TX 78664**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line	<b>Supplier Product Code: .</b>	<b>First Offer -</b>	1 / each		Y
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price	<b>Supplier Product Code: .</b>	<b>First Offer - \$1,084,004.30</b>	1 / each	<b>\$1,084,004.30</b>	Y Y
Supplier Total					<b>\$1,084,004.30</b>	

**Pro Dirt Services****Item: Total Bid Price****Attachments**

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**Bid Bond**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we  
 Pro Dirt Services, LLC, P.O. Box 1508, Pflugerville, TX 78691

(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Contractor)

as Principal, hereinafter called Principal, and,  
 FCCI Insurance Company, 6300 University Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34240-8424

(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Surety)

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida  
 as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto  
 Williamson County

(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Corporation)

as Obligor, hereinafter called the Obligor, in the sum of  
 Five Percent of Greatest Amount Bid

Dollars (\$ 5% GAB ),

for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety,  
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 firmly by these presents.

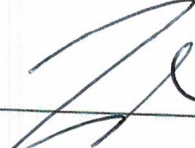
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CR279 Stabilization and overlay project

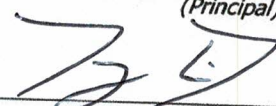
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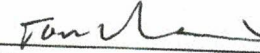
NOW THEREFORE, if the obligor shall accept the bid of the principal and the principal shall enter into Contract with the  
 Obligor in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or  
 Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt  
 payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter  
 such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligor the difference not to exceed the  
 penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the obligor may in good faith  
 contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise  
 to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of August, 20 19

  
 (Witness)

Pro Dirt Services, LLC

 (Principal) (Seal)  
 (Title)

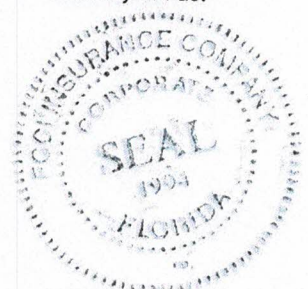
  
 Tom Mulanax (Witness)

FCCI Insurance Company

(Surety) (Seal)

Jeremy Farque,

Attorney-In-Fact





More than a policy. A promise.

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## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these presents: That the FCCI Insurance Company, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "Corporation") does make, constitute and appoint:

Tom Mulanax, David Whorton, Michael Whorton, Noe Moreno, Rachel Martinez, Pollyanna Lengel, Jeremy Farque

Each, its true and lawful Attorney-In-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed in all bonds and undertakings provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed the sum of (not to exceed \$7,500,000):

\$7,500,000.00

This Power of Attorney is made and executed by authority of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. That resolution also authorized any further action by the officers of the Company necessary to effect such transaction.

The signatures below and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile, and any such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be binding upon the Corporation when so affixed and in the future with regard to any bond, undertaking or contract of surety to which it is attached.

In witness whereof, the FCCI Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed, this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2016.

Attest:

Craig Johnson  
Craig Johnson, President  
FCCI Insurance Company

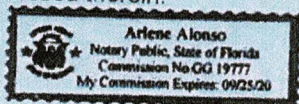


Thomas A. Koval Esq., EVP, Chief Legal Officer,  
Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary  
FCCI Insurance Company

State of Florida  
County of Sarasota

Before me this day personally appeared Craig Johnson, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing document for the purposes expressed therein.

My commission expires: 9/25/2020

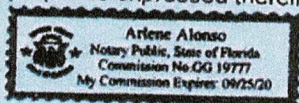


Arlene Alonso  
Notary Public

State of Florida  
County of Sarasota

Before me this day personally appeared Thomas A. Koval, Esq., who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing document for the purposes expressed therein.

My commission expires: 9/25/2020



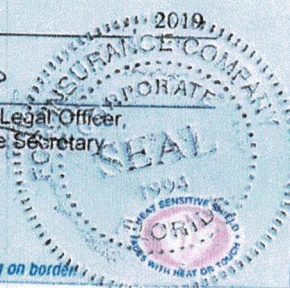
Arlene Alonso  
Notary Public

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Secretary of FCCI Insurance Company, a Florida Corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the February 24, 2011 Resolution of the Board of Directors, referenced in said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2019

Thomas A. Koval, Esq., EVP, Chief Legal Officer,  
Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary



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## CR 279 - BID FORM

ITEM	NO	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Cost
160	6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	8196	\$ .02	\$ 40,480.00
164	6033	DRILL SEEDING (PERM) (RURAL) (SANDY)	SY	8196	1.20	\$ 9,056.00
166	6001	FERTILIZER	AC	2	1475.00	\$ 2,950.00
168	6001	VEGETATIVE WATERING	MG	1017	30.00	\$ 30,850.00
275	6001	CEMENT	TON	479	175.00	\$ 83,825.00
275	6038	CEMENT TREAT (EXIST MATL)(DC)(8")	SY	35112	4.00	\$ 1,404,480.00
316	6175	AGGR (TY-B GR-4 SAC-B)	CY	306	205.00	\$ 62,730.00
316	6466	ASPH (CHFRS-2P OR CRS-2P)	GAL	12290	5.00	\$ 61,450.00
341	6043	D-GR HMA TY-D PG70-22	TON	3863	97.00	\$ 374,711.00
354	6021	PLANE ASPH CONC PAV (0" TO 2")	SY	3945	11.50	\$ 45,367.50
500	6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
502	6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	2	20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
530	6005	DRIVEWAYS (ACP)	SY	2097	40.00	\$ 83,880.00
662	6109	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY W	EA	1225	4.00	\$ 4,900.00
662	6111	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY Y - 2	EA	1220	4.00	\$ 4,880.00
666	6170	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24502	0.20	\$ 4,900.40
666	6207	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24402	0.20	\$ 4,880.40
666	6302	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (W) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24502	0.35	\$ 8,575.70
666	6314	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (Y) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24402	0.35	\$ 8,540.70
677	6001	ELIM EXT PAV MRK & MRKS (4")	LF	560	2.00	\$ 1,120.00
PROJECT TOTAL						\$ 1,084,004.30

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## Bidder References

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

### Reference 1

Client Name: HTH Capital 2601 Chandler Creek Blvd, Round Rock Tx  
Location:  
Contact Name: Will Blackbird Vice President  
Title:  
Phone: (512)917-0157 wblackbird@hthcapital.com  
E-mail:  
Contract Date To: Dec, 2017 Contract Date From: Mar, 2017 Contract Value: \$ 720000  
Scope of Work: Residential Development(General Contractor

### Reference 2

Client Name: Burnet County County Road 120  
Location:  
Contact Name: Comissioner Jim Luther Cimissioner  
Title:  
Phone: (512)755-9111 commissionerpct1@burnetcountytexas.org  
E-mail:  
Contract Date To: Jan, 2019 Contract Date From: Mar, 2019 Contract Value: \$ 1,450,000  
Scope of Work: Rehab 4 miles of county road and raise 2 low water crossings.

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
**Burnet County 220 S Pierce St, Burnet Tx**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Commissioner Joe Don Dockery Commissioner**

Title:

Phone:  
**commissionerpct4@burnetcountytexas.org**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**March, 2018 April, 2018 300000**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**County Road Rehabilitation**

Supplier: **Pro Dirt Services****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.**

Williamson County

**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 BIDSYNC 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 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:

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- (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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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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**Supplier: Pro Dirt Services**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>Pro Dirt Services, LLC</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>P.O. Box 1508, Pflugerville Tx, 78691</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>zach@prodirtservices.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>(512)913-2553</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Tony Dill</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Tony Dill</b>

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named **Tony Dill**  
on this the **13** day of **March**, 2019.

**Zachary Cason**

Notary Public in and for

The State of **Texas**

The County of **zach@prodirtservices.com**

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

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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

#### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

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

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

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

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

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

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

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

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

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

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

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

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.

#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

## Patin Construction LLC

Bid Contact **Tim Patin**  
**tim@patincon.com**  
**Ph 512-269-1071**

Address **3800 West 2nd Street**  
**Taylor, TX 76574**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer -</b>	1 / each	Y	Y
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer - \$1,162,320.00</b>	1 / each	<b>\$1,162,320.00</b>	Y
Supplier Total					<b>\$1,162,320.00</b>	

**Patin Construction LLC****Item: Please attach all documents to this line****Attachments**

Bid Bond.pdf

Bid\_Form\_CR\_279\_Stabilizing\_Milling\_and\_Overlay.pdf

**BID BOND****Argonaut Insurance Company**

**Deliveries Only: 225 W. Washington, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60606**  
**United States Postal Service: P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS: That we Patin Construction, LLC, called the Principal, and Argonaut Insurance Company, an Illinois corporation, called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Williamson County-Department of Infrastructure, called the Obligee, in the sum of FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT BID (5%), for the payment of which we bind ourselves, and our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Principal has submitted or is about to submit a bid to the Obligee on a contract for CR 279 Improvements ("Project").

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if Obligee accepts Principal's bid within the greater of 60 days from submission of the bid or the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed by the Obligee and Principal, and Principal enters into a contract with Obligee in conformance with the terms of the bid and provides such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or contract documents, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise Principal and Surety will pay to Obligee the difference between the amount of Principal's bid and the amount for which Obligee shall in good faith contract with another person or entity to perform the work covered by Principal's bid, but in no event shall Surety's and Principal's liability exceed the penal sum of this bond.

The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Obligee and Principal to extend the time in which the Obligee may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding ninety (90) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and in such event the Obligee shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond ninety (90) days.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

**PRINCIPAL**

**Patin Construction, LLC**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**ARGONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY**

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Kenneth Nitsche, Attorney-in-Fact

**Argonaut Insurance Company**  
**Deliveries Only: 225 W. Washington, 24th Floor**  
**Chicago, IL 60606**  
**United States Postal Service: P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint:

Violet Frosch, Gary Nitsche, Kenneth Nitsche, Robert James Nitsche, Robert K. Nitsche, Craig Parker, Nina Smith

Their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$85,000,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 8th day of May, 2017.

Argonaut Insurance Company



by: \_\_\_\_\_

Joshua C. Betz, Senior Vice President

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS SS:

On this 8th day of May, 2017 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Harris, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Harris, the day and year first above written.



*Kathleen M. Meeks*

(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 6th day of August, 2019.



*James Bluzard*

James Bluzard, Vice President-Surety

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID UNLESS THE WORDS ARGO POWER OF ATTORNEY ARE IN BLUE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS  
ON AUTHENTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT CALL (210) 321 - 8400.

## CR 279 - BID FORM

ITEM	NO	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Cost
160	6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	8196	4.00	32,784.00
164	6033	DRILL SEEDING (PERM) (RURAL) (SANDY)	SY	8196	0.50	4,098.00
166	6001	FERTILIZER	AC	2	5,000.00	10,000.00
168	6001	VEGETATIVE WATERING	MG	1017	10.00	10,170.00
275	6001	CEMENT	TON	479	170.00	81,430.00
275	6038	CEMENT TREAT (EXIST MATL)(DC)(8")	SY	35112	5.80	203,649.60
316	6175	AGGR (TY-B GR-4 SAC-B)	CY	306	241.50	73,899.00
316	6466	ASPH (CHFRS-2P OR CRS-2P)	GAL	12290	5.52	67,840.80
341	6043	D-GR HMA TY-D PG70-22	TON	3863	115.00	444,245.00
354	6021	PLANE ASPH CONC PAV (0" TO 2")	SY	3945	13.80	54,441.00
500	6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	58,000.00	58,000.00
502	6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	2	1,200.00	2,400.00
530	6005	DRIVEWAYS (ACP)	SY	2097	31.80	66,684.60
662	6109	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY W	EA	1225	1.20	1,470.00
662	6111	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY Y - 2	EA	1220	1.20	1,464.00
666	6170	REFL PAV MRK TY II (W) 4" (SLD)	LF	24502	0.40	9,800.80
666	6207	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24402	0.40	9,760.80
666	6302	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (W) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24502	0.60	14,701.20
666	6314	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (Y) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24402	0.60	14,641.20
677	6001	ELIM EXT PAV MRK & MRKS ( 4")	LF	560	1.50	840.00
					<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,162,320.00</b>

Supplier: **Patin Construction LLC**

## Bidder References

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

### Reference 1

Client Name:  
City of Round Rock, Texas Round Rock

Location:

Contact Name:  
Randy Crum City Project Manager

Title:

Phone:  
(512) 218-5555 randyc@roundrocktexas.gov

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
Jan 2013 Jan 2014 4,190,000

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
San Saba and West Liberty  
Project Description - Streetscape, Electrical Conduct, Water, Sewer, Storm Sewer, New Streets, Concrete.

### Reference 2

Client Name:  
City of Georgetown Georgetown

Location:

Contact Name:  
Joel Weaver Project Manager

Title:

Phone:  
(512) 931-7698 joel.weaver@georgetown.org

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
September 2014 Sept 2015 784,000

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
Project â 9th Street Reconstruction  
Project Description â Streetscape, Electrical Conduit, Drainage, Sewer, Water Pipe, Roadways, Landscaping and Lighting.

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
City of Pflugerville Pflugerville

Location:

Contact Name:  
Dan Franz City Engineer

Title:

Phone:  
(512) 990-6341

E-mail

Contract Date To: June 2013 Contract Date From: January 2014 Contract Value: \$ 2,500,000

Scope of Work:

Project â Colorado Sands Drive  
Project Description â New Road including Storm Sewer, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Paving,  
Concrete Curb & Gutter, Sidewalks, Site Lighting.

Supplier: **Patin Construction LLC****CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE****FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**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.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

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

**Patin Construction LLC**

**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.**

**None**  
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.**  
**None**

**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 BIDSYNC electronically;

**Tim Patin**  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

**08-06-2019**  
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 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:

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- (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.



Supplier: **Patin Construction LLC**



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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**Supplier: Patin Construction LLC**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>Patin Construction LLC</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>3800 West 2nd Street</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>tim@patincon.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>5122691071</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Tim Patin</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Tim Patin</b>

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named **Tim H Patin**  
on this the **06** day of **August**, 2019.

Notary Public in and for

The State of **TX**

The County of **Williamson**

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

Supplier: **Patin Construction LLC**



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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

#### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

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

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

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

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

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

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

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

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

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

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

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

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.

#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

## Chasco Constructors

Bid Contact **Rick Risener**  
**cassie@chasco.com**  
**Ph 512-244-0600**  
**Fax 512-244-6085**

Address **2801 East Old Settlers Blvd.**  
**Round Rock, TX 78665**

Bid Notes **Attached above.**

Item #	Line Item Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line <b>Supplier Product Code: Attachments</b> <b>Supplier Notes:</b> Bidsync Addenda 1-2 Acknowledged.	First Offer -	1 / each	Y	Y
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price <b>Supplier Product Code: Base Bid</b>	First Offer -	\$1,184,904.00	1 / each	\$1,184,904.00
Supplier Total					\$1,184,904.00

**Chasco Constructors**

Item: **Please attach all documents to this line**

**Attachments**

Bid Bond.pdf

References.pdf

Resolution.pdf

Bid Form.pdf

**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Chasco Constructors

\_\_\_\_\_ of Round Rock, TX

(hereinafter called the Principal), as Principal, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

(hereinafter called the Surety), as Surety are held and firmly bound unto Williamson County, Texas

(hereinafter called the Obligee) in the penal sum of five percent of the amount bid.  
Dollars ( --- 5% --- )

for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted or is about to submit a proposal to the Obligee on a contract for CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing, & Overlay

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall, within such time as may be specified, enter into the Contract in writing, and give bond, if bond is required, with surety acceptable to the Obligee for the faithful performance of the said Contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of August, 2019.

[Signature]

Witness

Chasco Constructors

(Seal)

Principal

[Signature]

Title

Jennifer J. Biehle

[Signature]

Witness

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

By

[Signature]  
Robert James Nitsche

Attorney-in-Fact





This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: **8197872**

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

**KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:** That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, David Ferguson, Violet Frosch, Kenneth Nitsche, Gary A. Nitsche, Robert James Nitsche, Robert K. Nitsche, Craig Parker, Nina Smith

all of the city of Giddings state of TX each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 1st day of November, 2018.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

By:

David M. Carey  
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss  
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 1st day of November, 2018 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public  
Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County  
My Commission Expires March 28, 2021  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By:

Teresa Pastella  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

### ARTICLE XIII – Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

**Certificate of Designation** – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

**Authorization** – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019



By:

Renee C. Llewellyn  
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day.

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## Chasco Constructors

Chasco Constructors

5/13/2025

JOB #	PROJECT	OWNER	ARCHITECT (OR ENGINEER, CONTRACT IS CIVIL WORK ONLY)	DESCRIPTION	FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	PROCUREMENT METHOD	SERVICES PROVIDED	PROJECT START DATE	ORIGINAL COMPLETION DATE
17146	GEORGETOWN INNER LOOP AT WILCO WAY IMPROVEMENT GEORGETOWN, TX	WILLIAMSON COUNTY (512) 943-3330	ROBERT CARRILLO (512) 231-9544	THE INNER LOOP PROJECT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONSISTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NEW TURN LANES INCLUDING EXCAVATION, EMBANKMENT, NEW ASPHALT PAVEMENT SECTIONS, UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS, NEW AND EXTENDED CULVERTS, CONCRETE SIDEWALKS, CONCRETE SLOPE PROTECTION, DRAINAGE FLOWS, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS.	\$5,580,209.02	COMPETITIVE BID	GENERAL CONTRACTOR	Oct-17	420 CD Jan-19
18011	MONEIL ROAD EXTENSION ROUND ROCK, TX	CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS CHRIS LOPEZ (512) 218-7026	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC. STEVEN R. LINDSEY (512) 327-8940	THIS CITY OF ROUND ROCK PROJECT CREATES A BYPASS FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA. MAJOR WORK ITEMS INCLUDE CONCRETE AND ASPHALT DEMOLITION, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, EXCAVATION AND EMBANKMENT FOR THE NEW AND RECONSTRUCTED ASPHALT PAVEMENT SECTIONS, SIGNAGE, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, ILLUMINATION, AND SIDEWALKS, STAMPED CONCRETE MEDIANS AND DRIVEWAYS.	\$1,876,166.05	COMPETITIVE BID	GENERAL CONTRACTOR	Mar-18	240 CD Jan-19
16169	GR 110 SOUTH GEORGETOWN, TX	WILLIAMSON COUNTY J. YERSON EVERTSON, PE (512) 345-3336	DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING COMPANY TOMMY LEVARIO (512) 345-8505	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2.2 MILE THREE LANE ROADWAY WITH CONTINUOUS LEFT TURN LANE. CONSTRUCTION INCLUDED A 5,800 SF BRIDGE, 23,000 TONS OF ASPHALT PAVING, 10,000 TONS OF CONCRETE, 10,000 YARDS OF FILL, AND 6,000 SF OF RISE RETAINING WALLS. IT ALSO INCLUDED 31,000 FEET OF 16" WATER MAINS AND 16" WATER LINES WHICH REQUIRED A 250 FT BORE. THE 12" WATERLINE REQUIRED A 580 FT BORE.	\$10,320,910.58	COMPETITIVE BID	GENERAL CONTRACTOR	Nov-17	510 CD Jul-18

**RESOLUTION  
OF  
CHASCO CONTRACTING GP, LLC,  
Texas Limited Liability Company ("Company")  
In its capacity as general partner of  
CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., LLP  
a Texas Limited Partnership ("Partnership")**

We, being all of the managers of the Company organized under the Texas Limited Liability Company Act, do by this writing consent to take the following action and adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, the Company is manager ruled.

RESOLVED, that the following persons will serve in the capacity so indicated on behalf of the Partnership when the Partnership is acting as General Partner of Chasco Constructors, Ltd., L.L.P.:

<u>Name of Person</u>	<u>Title</u>
Charles J. Glace, Jr.	President
Anthony J. Glace	Vice President
Charles R. King	Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

RESOLVED, that subject to the supervisory powers, if any, as may be given by the Company, the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Partnership and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Partnership. He shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Company are carried out, subject however, to the right of the Company to delegate specific powers, to any other officer of the Partnership. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Partnership. The President may execute any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, in the name of the Partnership, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be delegated by the Company, to some other officer or agent of the Partnership, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed and executed. The President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Company.

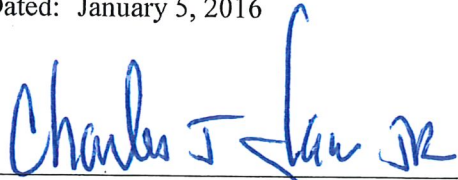
RESOLVED, that in the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting the Vice President shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for him by the President. If there is more than one Vice-President, the Senior Vice Presidents, in order of their rank as fixed by the President, or if not ranked, the Vice-President designated by the President, shall perform all of the duties of the President. When so acting the Vice President shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice Presidents shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the President.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Partnership and shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book suitable for that purpose. He shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Partnership. The Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the President.

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer shall have the custody of the Partnership funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Partnership and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Partnership in such depositories as may be designated by the President. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Partnership as may be ordered by the President, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. He shall keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained, the Partnership's books of account and shall render to the President an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Partnership and exhibit his books, records and accounts to the President at any reasonable time. He shall disburse funds for capital expenditures as authorized by the President in accordance with the orders of the President, and present to the President for attention any requests for disbursing funds if in the judgment of the Treasurer any such request is not properly authorized. He shall make a detailed annual report of the entire business and financial condition of the Partnership. If required by the President, he shall give the Partnership a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the President for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and for the restoration to the Partnership, in case of his death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his possession or under his control belonging to the Partnership. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the President.

This written consent may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together shall be one and the same instrument.

Dated: January 5, 2016

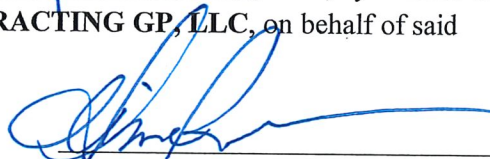
  
CHARLES J. GLACE, JR., Manager

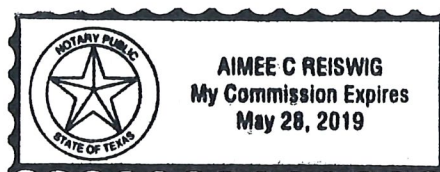
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

This instrument was acknowledged before me on February 15, 2016, by Charles J. Glace, Jr., in his capacity as Manager of **CHASCO CONTRACTING GP, LLC**, on behalf of said limited liability company.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas



Corporations Section  
P.O.Box 13697  
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State

## Office of the Secretary of State

### Certificate of Fact

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Certificate of Limited Partnership for CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., L.L.P. (file number 800156680), a Domestic Limited Partnership (LP), was filed in this office on December 27, 2002.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

Delayed Effective date: December 31, 2002

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on March 15, 2010.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hope Andrade".

Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State



# Franchise Tax Account Status

As of: 05/29/2013 11:16:56 AM

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## CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., L.L.P.

Texas Taxpayer Number	11418625213
Mailing Address	PO BOX 1057 ROUND ROCK, TX 78680-1057
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	TX
Effective SOS Registration Date	12/31/2002
Texas SOS File Number	0800156680
Registered Agent Name	CHARLES J GLACE
Registered Office Street Address	2801 E. OLD SETTLERS BLVD. ROUND ROCK, TX 78665

CR 279 - BID FORM						
ITEM	NO	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Cost
160	6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	8196	\$ 6.00	\$ 49,176.00
164	6033	DRILL SEEDING (PERM) (RURAL) (SANDY)	SY	8196	\$ 0.35	\$ 2,868.60
166	6001	FERTILIZER	AC	2	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,020.00
168	6001	VEGETATIVE WATERING	MG	1017	\$ 15.00	\$ 15,255.00
275	6001	CEMENT	TON	479	\$ 180.00	\$ 86,220.00
275	6038	CEMENT TREAT (EXIST MATL)(DC)(8")	SY	35112	\$ 6.00	\$ 210,672.00
316	6175	AGGR (TY-B GR-4 SAC-B)	CY	306	\$ 215.00	\$ 65,790.00
316	6466	ASPH (CHFRS-2P OR CRS-2P)	GAL	12290	\$ 5.00	\$ 61,450.00
341	6043	D-GR MHA TY-D PG70-22	TON	3863	\$ 100.00	\$ 386,300.00
354	6021	PLANE ASPH CONC PAV (0" TO 2")	SY	3945	\$ 12.00	\$ 47,340.00
500	6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
502	6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS & TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	2	\$ 17,795.00	\$ 35,590.00
530	6005	DRIVEWAYS (ACP)	SY	2097	\$ 38.00	\$ 79,686.00
662	6109	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY W	EA	1225	\$ 1.20	\$ 1,470.00
662	6111	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY Y-2	EA	1220	\$ 1.20	\$ 1,464.00
666	6170	REFL PAV MRK TY II (W) 4" (SLD)	LF	24502	\$ 0.20	\$ 4,900.40
666	6207	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24402	\$ 0.20	\$ 4,880.40
666	6302	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (W) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24502	\$ 0.40	\$ 9,800.80
666	6314	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (Y) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24402	\$ 0.40	\$ 9,760.80
677	6001	ELIM EXT PAV MRK & MRKS ( 4")	LF	560	\$ 2.25	\$ 1,260.00
PROJECT TOTAL						\$ 1,184,904.00

Supplier: **Chasco Constructors**

## Bidder References

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

### **Reference 1**

Client Name:

Attached

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

### **Reference 2**

Client Name:

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

**Reference 3**

Client Name:

Location:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
Chasco

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

## Supplier: Chasco Constructors

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

**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.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

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

None

**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 BIDSYNCR electronically;

Charles J. Glace, Jr.

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

07/29/2019

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 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:

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- (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.

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

Revised 11/30/2015

Supplier: **Chasco Constructors**



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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**Supplier: Chasco Constructors**

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>Chasco Constructors, Ltd., LLP.</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>PO Box 1057, Round Rock, TX 78680</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>cassie@chasco.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>5122440600</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Charles J. Glace, Jr.</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Charles J. Glace, Jr.</b>

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

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

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

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

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

Supplier: **Chasco Constructors**



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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

#### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

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

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

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

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

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

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

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

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

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

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

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

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.

#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

**QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.**

Bid Contact **MARCOS GUTIERREZ**  
**jose@qacsi.com**  
**Ph 512-637-6120**

Address **5811 Blue Bluff Road**  
**AUSTIN, TX 78724**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer -</b>	1 / each	Y	Y
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price	<b>Supplier Product Code:</b>	<b>First Offer - \$1,331,497.02</b>	1 / each	<b>\$1,331,497.02</b>	Y Y
Supplier Total					<b>\$1,331,497.02</b>	

**QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.****Item: Please attach all documents to this line****Attachments**

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## Bid Form - QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC.

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PROJECT TOTAL					\$	\$ 1,331,497.02



## BID BOND

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that we QA Construction Services, Inc.  
as principal, hereinafter called the "Principal," and **SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY**, as surety, hereinafter called the  
"Surety," are held and firmly bound unto Williamson County  
as obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of 5 % of the greatest amount bid by Principal for the  
payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs,  
executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, the principal has submitted a bid for CR 279 Stabilizing Milling Sealing & Overlay

Proj. No. 1907-331

**NOW, THEREFORE**, if the contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall within such time as specified in the bid, enter into a contract in writing or, in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter into such Contract, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

**PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, neither Principal nor Surety shall be bound hereunder unless Obligee prior to execution of the final contract shall furnish evidence of financing in a manner and form acceptable to Principal and Surety that financing has been firmly committed to cover the entire cost of the project.

SIGNED, sealed and dated this 6th day of August, 2019.

QA Construction Services, Inc.  
(Principal)

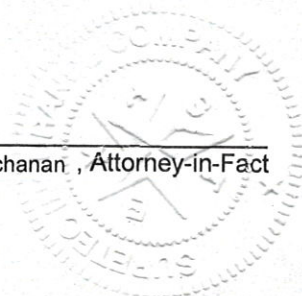
BY: [Signature]

TITLE: President

## SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: [Signature]

John Y. Buchanan, Attorney-in-Fact



POA #: 5273843

# SureTec Insurance Company

## LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

*Know All Men by These Presents*, That SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

John Y. Buchanan

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings or other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include waivers to the conditions of contracts and consents of surety for:

**Principal:** QA Construction Services, Inc.  
**Obligee:** Williamson County  
**Amount:** \$ 1,000,000.00

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of the SureTec Insurance Company:

*Be it Resolved*, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

*Attorney-in-Fact* may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and of behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

*Be it Resolved*, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached. (Adopted at a meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 1999.)

*In Witness Whereof*, SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its President, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 6th day of April, A.D. 2017.

SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY

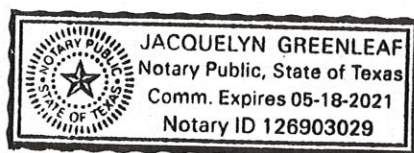
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 John Knox, Jr., President

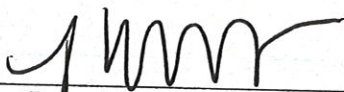
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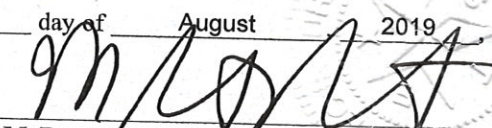
On this 6th day of April, A.D. 2017 before me personally came John Knox, Jr., to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in Houston, Texas, that he is President of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, the company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



  
 Jacquelyn Greenleaf, Notary Public  
 My commission expires May 18, 2021

I, M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Company, which is still in full force and effect; and furthermore, the resolutions of the Board of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Houston, Texas this 6th day of August 2019, A.D.

  
 M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary

Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity.  
 For verification of the authority of this power you may call (713) 812-0800 any business day between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm CST.

**SureTec Insurance Company**  
**THIS BOND RIDER CONTAINS IMPORTANT COVERAGE INFORMATION**  
**Statutory Complaint Notice/Filing of Claims**

To obtain information or make a complaint: You may call the Surety's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint or file a claim at: 1-866-732-0099. You may also write to the Surety at:

SureTec Insurance Company  
9737 Great Hills Trail, Suite 320  
Austin, Tx 78759

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverage, rights or complaints at 1-800-252-3439. You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at

PO Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax#: 512-490-1007  
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>  
Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

**PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:** Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the Surety first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

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QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

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Supplier: **QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.**

## Bidder References

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

### Reference 1

Client Name:

University of Texas 2200 E 6th, Austin, TX 78702

Location:

Contact Name:

Robert Hengst Structural Engineer

Title:

Phone:

512-475-9154 robert.hengst@austin.utexas.com

E-mail

Contract Date To:

09/17/2018 06/29/2018 99,990.00

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

UT Charter School Courtyard Sub-grade & Drainage

### Reference 2

Client Name:

Goforth SUD Kyle Texas

Location:

Contact Name:

Mario Tobias General Manager

Title:

Phone:

512-644-4640 mario@goforthwater.org

E-mail

Contract Date To:

03/01/2019 10/01/2018 190,750.00

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:

Install 3,400 LF of 8" PVC Water line extension to include Highway bores, driveway repairs, fire hydrants, gate valves, etc.

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
City of Cedar park Cedar Park Town Center, TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
Randall Lueders Project Manager

Title:

Phone:  
512-401-5354 randall.lueders@cedarparktexas.gov

E-mail

Contract Date To:                      Contract Date From:                      Contract Value: \$  
05/05/2019 12/05/2018 371,905.00

Scope of Work:  
Install Pedestrian Bridge and Pathway at Town Center.

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

## FORM CIQ

**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**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.

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

N/A

**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.**

N/A  
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.**

N/A

**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

01/15/2019  
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 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:

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- (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.

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

Revised 11/30/2015

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>QA Construction Services Inc.</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>5811 Blue Bluff Road</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>jose@qacsi.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>512-637-6120</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Jose Ruiz</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Jose Ruiz</b>

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

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

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

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

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

Supplier: QA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.



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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

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

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

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

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

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

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

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

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

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

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

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

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

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

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.


#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

## Diamond X Contracting

Bid Contact **Ronnie Duenez**  
**rduenez@dxcontracting.com**  
**Ph 512-773-8997**

Address **PO Box 1701**  
**Johnson City, TX 78636**

Item #	Line Item	Notes	Unit Price	Qty/Unit	Attch.	Docs
1907-331--01-01	Please attach all documents to this line				No Bids	
1907-331--01-02	Total Bid Price	Supplier  Product Code:	First Offer - \$1,072,400.47	1 / each	\$1,072,400.47	Y Y

**Diamond X Contracting**

Item: **Total Bid Price**

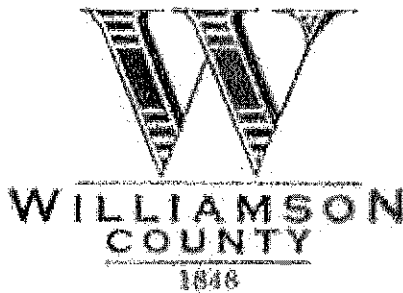
**Attachments**

Diamond X Contracting response.pdf

## **Solicitation 1907-331**

### **CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**Bid Designation: Public**



**Williamson County, Texas**

## Bid 1907-331 CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay

Bid Number 1907-331  
Bid Title CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay  
Expected Expenditure \$1,009,922.00 (This price is expected - not guaranteed)

Bid Start Date Jul 16, 2019 1:13:25 PM CDT  
Bid End Date Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT  
Question & Answer End Date Aug 1, 2019 4:00:00 PM CDT

Bid Contact Johnny Grimaldo  
Purchasing Specialist III  
512-943-1553  
johnny.grimaldo@wilco.org

Contract Duration One Time Purchase  
Contract Renewal Not Applicable  
Prices Good for 365 days  
Pre-Bid Conference Jul 22, 2019 1:00:00 PM CDT  
Attendance is optional  
Location: Department of Infrastructure  
Williamson County Road & Bridge  
3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Suite B  
Georgetown, TX 78626

Bid Comments Williamson County is seeking qualified Contractors to provide materials, experienced stabilizing, milling, sealing, overlay, and striping crews and equipment to stabilize and resurface CR 279 from CR 281 to the Liberty Hill City Limits

### Addendum # 1

New Documents	Bid Form_CR 279 Stabilizing Milling and Overlay.pdf
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### Item Response Form

Item 1907-331--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

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Item 1907-331--01-02 - Total Bid Price

Quantity 1 each

Unit Price 1,072,400.47

Delivery Location Williamson County, Texas  
No Location Specified

Qty 1

Description  
Total Bid Price

\$ 1,072,400.47

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### Reference 1

Client Name:	Location:	
Angelisle LP	Driftwood, TX	
Contact Name:	Title:	
Jeff Maddux	Owner	
Phone:	E-mail	
512-263-2244	jeff@ranchesandrivers.com	
Contract Date To:	Contract Date From:	Contract Value: \$
6/19	1/19	358,746.06
Scope of Work:		
Constructed roadway in subdivision.		

### Reference 2

Client Name:	Location:	
The Hanging Vine	Stonewall, TX	
Contact Name:	Title:	
Kevin Daffer	Owner	
Phone:	E-mail	
512-296-6654	kbdaffer@gmail.com	
Contract Date To:	Contract Date From:	Contract Value: \$
5/19	4/19	117,725.00
Scope of Work:		
Constructing TXDOT turn lane.		

### **Reference 3**

Client Name:

City of Cotulla

Location:

Cotulla, TX

Contact Name:

Larry Dovalina

Title:

City Administrator

Phone:

830-879-3285

E-mail

Contract Date To:

5/16

Contract Date From:

3/15

Contract Value: \$

2,185,334.51

Scope of Work:

Repaired city streets.



# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

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Date Received

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

N/A

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.)

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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.

N/A

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).

N/A

7 Signature is not required if completing in BIDS SYNC electronically.

N/A

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:

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- (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.

## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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


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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	Diamond X Contracting
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	204 E. Pecan St. Johnson City, TX. 78036
<b>Email:</b>	dcoleman@dxcontracting.com
<b>Telephone:</b>	(512) 848-4604
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	David Coleman
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

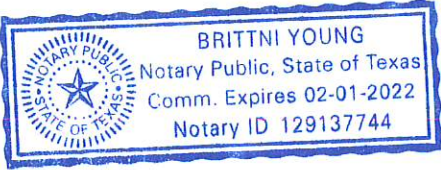
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**\*If no box is checked, the Bidder agrees to make best efforts in good faith to offer the quoted prices to all authorized entities.\***

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, personally appeared David Coleman (Name of Signer), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: "I, David Coleman, (Name of Signer) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for Diamond X Contracting (Name of Bidder) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said Diamond X Contracting (Name of Bidder).

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named David Coleman on this the 5th day of August, 2019.

Brittni Young  
Notary Public in and for  
The State of Texas  
The County of Blanco



SIGNATURE AND NOTARY NOT REQUIRED IF COMPLETING IN BIDSYNC ELECTRONICALLY.



## **TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

### **Business:**

Diamond X Contracting, LLC.  
204 E. Pecan St. Johnson City, Tx. 78636

### **Contact:**

David Coleman  
(512) 848-4604 = Phone  
(830) 868-7487 = Fax  
dcoleman@dxcontracting.com

### **Federal ID #:**

81-0620345

## CR 279 - BID FORM

ITEM	NO	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Cost
160	6003	FURNISHING AND PLACING TOPSOIL (4")	SY	8196	4.00	32,784.00
164	6033	DRILL SEEDING (PERM) (RURAL) (SANDY)	SY	8196	1.43	3,524.28
166	6001	FERTILIZER	AC	2	569.00	1,130.00
168	6001	VEGETATIVE WATERING	MG	1017	33.34	33,906.78
275	6001	CEMENT	TON	479	191.00	72,329.00
275	6038	CEMENT TREAT (EXIST MATL)(DC)(8")	SY	35112	2.50	87,780.00
316	6175	AGGR (TY-B GR-4 SAC-B)	CY	306	227.00	69,462.00
316	6466	ASPH (CHFRS-2P OR CRS-2P)	GAL	12290	5.00	61,450.00
341	6043	D-GR HMA TY-D PG70-22	TON	3863	108.00	417,204.00
354	6021	PLANE ASPH CONC PAV (0" TO 2")	SY	3945	13.75	54,243.75
500	6001	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	30,000	30,000.00
502	6001	BARRICADES, SIGNS AND TRAFFIC HANDLING	MO	2	47,000	94,000.00
530	6005	DRIVEWAYS (ACP)	SY	2097	40.00	83,880.00
662	6109	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY W	EA	1225	1.30	1,592.00
662	6111	WK ZN PAV MRK SHT TERM (TAB) TY Y - 2	EA	1220	1.30	1,586.00
666	6170	REFL PAV MRK TY II (W) 4" (SLD)	LF	24502	.18	4,410.36
666	6207	REFL PAV MRK TY II (Y) 4" (SLD)	LF	24402	.18	4,392.36
666	6302	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (W) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24502	.36	8,820.72
666	6314	RE PM W / RET REQ TY I (Y) 4" (SLD) (090MIL)	LF	24402	.36	8,784.72
677	6001	ELIM EXT PAV MRK & MRKS ( 4")	LF	560	2.00	1,120.00
PROJECT TOTAL						1,072,400.47

**BID BOND**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that we Diamond X Contracting, Inc. as principal, hereinafter called the "Principal," and **SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY**, 2103 CityWest Boulevard, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77042, as surety, hereinafter called the "Surety," are held and firmly bound unto Williamson County as obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of Five Percent (5%) of the Amount Bid by Principal for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

**WHEREAS**, the principal has submitted a bid for CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay;  
Project No. 1907-331.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, if the contract be timely awarded to the Principal and the Principal shall within such time as specified in the bid, enter into a contract in writing or, in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter into such Contract, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

**PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, neither Principal nor Surety shall be bound hereunder unless Obligee prior to execution of the final contract shall furnish evidence of financing in a manner and form acceptable to Principal and Surety that financing has been firmly committed to cover the entire cost of the project.

SIGNED, sealed and dated this 6th day of August, 2019.

Diamond X Contracting, Inc.  
(Principal)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SureTec Insurance Company

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

David S. Ballew, Attorney-in-Fact

POA #: 4221356

# SureTec Insurance Company

## LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

**Know All Men by These Presents**, That SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

David S. Ballew

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings or other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include waivers to the conditions of contracts and consents of surety for, providing the bond penalty does not exceed

Three Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00)

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond were signed by the CEO, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of the SureTec Insurance Company:

*Be it Resolved*, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

*Attorney-in-Fact* may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and of behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

*Be it Resolved*, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached. (Adopted at a meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 1999.)

**In Witness Whereof**, SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its CEO, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 2019.

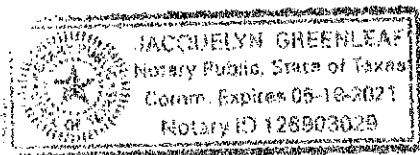
SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: John Knox Jr., CEO

State of Texas ss:  
County of Harris



On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2019 before me personally came John Knox Jr., to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in Houston, Texas, that he is CEO of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, the company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



Jacquelyn Greenleaf, Notary Public  
My commission expires May 18, 2021

I, M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Company, which is still in full force and effect; and furthermore, the resolutions of the Board of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Houston, Texas this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, A.D.

M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary

Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity. 4221356  
For verification of the authority of this power you may call (713) 812-0800 any business day between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm CST.

<p><b>SureTec Insurance Company</b> <b>THIS BOND RIDER CONTAINS IMPORTANT COVERAGE INFORMATION</b></p>
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**Statutory Complaint Notice/Filing of Claims**

To obtain information or make a complaint: You may call the Surety's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint or file a claim at: 1-866-732-0099. You may also write to the Surety at:

SureTec Insurance Company  
9737 Great Hills Trail, Suite 320  
Austin, TX 78759

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverage, rights or complaints at 1-800-252- 3439. You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at:

PO Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax#: 512-490-1007  
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>  
Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

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Supplier: **Diamond X Contracting**

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Client Name:  
**Angelisle Driftwood**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Jeff Maddux Owner**

Title:

Phone:  
**512-263-2244 jeff@ranchesanddrivers.com**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**6/19 1/19 358,758**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**Construct Rdwy**

### Reference 2

Client Name:  
**The Hanging Vine Stonewall , TX**

Location:

Contact Name:  
**Kevin Daffer Owner**

Title:

Phone:  
**512-296-6654 kbdaffer@gmail.com**

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
**5/19 4/19 120,000**

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
**Construct TXDOT Turn Lane**

**Reference 3**

Client Name:  
City of Cotulla Cottula TX

Location:

Contact Name:  
Larry Dovalina City Manager

Title:

Phone:  
830-879-3285

E-mail

Contract Date To:  
5/16 3/15 2,185,334

Contract Date From:

Contract Value: \$

Scope of Work:  
cement Trt of existing City streets & Asphalt Pav

Supplier: **Diamond X Contracting****CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE****FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity****This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**

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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.

N/A

**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

8-6-19  
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 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:

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- (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.

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SOLICITATION NUMBER 1907-331**

**CR 279 Stabilizing, Milling, Sealing and Overlay**

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:  
Aug 6, 2019 3:00:00 PM CDT**

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

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

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

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

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

- All interested Bidders are invited to submit a Bid in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Bid Format, Bid Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this IFB.

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

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

General Information:

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

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: **BID NAME AND NUMBER**  
100 Wilco Way  
Suite P101  
Georgetown, TX 78626

- Bidders should list the Bid Number, Bid Name, Name and Address of Bidder, and the Date of the Bid opening on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Bid Enclosed."
  - Bidder should submit one (1) original.
  - Williamson County will NOT be responsible for unmarked or improperly marked envelopes.
  - Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Bids being delivered by third party carriers.
  - Facsimile transmittals will NOT be accepted.
- Bids will be opened publicly in a manner; however, to avoid public disclosure of contents only the names and of Bidders and prices will be read aloud.
- All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
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- It is the Bidder's responsibility to review all documents in BidSync, including any Addenda that may have been added after the document packet was originally released and posted.
- Any Addenda and/or other information relevant to the IFB will be posted on [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com).
  - The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Bidder has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information.
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## BID AFFIDAVIT

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

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

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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

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

<b>Name of Bidder:</b>	<b>Diamond X Contracting , Inc.</b>
<b>Address of Bidder:</b>	<b>PO Box 1701</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>rduenez@dxcontracting.com</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>512-773-8997</b>
<b>Printed Name of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	<b>Ronnie Duenez</b>
<b>Signature of Person Submitting Affidavit:</b>	

### Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

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

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

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, personally appeared **Johnson City** (*Name of Signer*), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: "I, **Texas**, (*Name of Signer*) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for **78636** (*Name of Bidder*) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said (*Name of Bidder*).

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

Notary Public in and for

The State of

The County of

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

Supplier: **Diamond X Contracting**



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

### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

**Bid** – means the completed and signed bid form, (sometimes referred to as the Price Sheet), and ALL required forms and documentation listed in the IFB package which have been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the IFB package. A Bid submitted in accordance with this IFB is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Bids unless a waiver is obtained from the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **2.1 ORGANIZATION OF BID CONTENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**

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

- A. Transmittal Letter. Please see Section 2.3, Transmittal Letter, for more information.
- B. Price Sheet.
- C. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please see Section 2.2, Conflict of Interest, for more information in regards to this. Please note that even if you deem there to be no Conflict of Interest, this signed questionnaire must be included in your package.
- D. References. Please see Section 3.15, References, for more information.
- E. Bid Affidavit.
- F. Form 1295. Please see Section 2.4, Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295.

### **2.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

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

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

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

The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid disqualification.

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

**Each Bidder must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement with their Bid Package. Package may be deemed incomplete without this form.**

## 2.3 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Bidder should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following information:

- A. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Bid.
- B. Name, physical address, email address, business and fax number of the Bidder's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this IFB.
- C. The Bid's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- D. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for the County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative indicating the anticipated air quality impact. See Section 4.36, Air Quality for more information.

## 2.4 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295

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

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

By January 1, 2016, the Texas Ethics Commission will make available on its website, a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. Information regarding how to use the filing application is available on the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following link:

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

A Respondent must:

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

After the Commissioners Court award of the Contract, the County shall notify the Texas Ethics Commission, using the Texas Ethics Commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 and certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the Contract binds all parties to the Contract. The Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the County.

## 2.5 ETHICS

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

## 2.6 BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

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

## 2.7 DELIVERY OF BIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **3.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

Read this document carefully, and follow all instructions and requirements. All Bidders are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure to have a clear understanding of this IFB.

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

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

If a Bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify the County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document.

Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Bidder fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids of an error or ambiguity in the IFB known to the Bidder, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to the Bidder, then the Bidder shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the IFB, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Bids, by issuance of an Addendum. All Addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with one (1).

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

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

### **3.4 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

- A. If the Bidder is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.
- B. If the Bidder is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.
- C. If the Bidder is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.
- D. If the Bidder is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.
- E. If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **3.5 ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME**

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

### **3.6 BID OBLIGATION**

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

### **3.7 COMPLIANCE WITH IFB SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

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

The Bidder may submit a new Bid prior to the deadline. Alterations of the Bid in any manner will not be considered if submitted after the deadline. Withdrawal of a Bid after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.9 EVALUATION AND AWARD**

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.10 CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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

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

### 3.11. REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

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

Awards should be made approximately sixty (60) business days after the Bid opening date. Results may be obtained by viewing the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:

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

### 3.12 RESPONSIBILITY

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

- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- C. Have a satisfactory record of performance that can be determined thru references provided; and
- D. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

### 3.13 FIRM PRICING

For unit price items, all of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. The Bidder must submit a firm price that must be good from the date of Bid opening for the fixed period of time set out in this IFB. Unless the IFB expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the Initial Contract Period.

Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a Contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best Bid.

### **3.14 PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

### **3.15 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS**

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

### **3.16 REFERENCES**

The County may require the Bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services and/or goods have been supplied by their firm within the past five (5) years, to include names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of key personnel, and dates of performance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. The Contract shall be derived from the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. The IFB and its Addenda (if applicable); and
  - 2. The Bidder's Bid.
- B. In the event the County requires that an Ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between the terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement, the IFB and its Addenda (if applicable), and the Bidder's Bid, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence:
  - 1. Terms and conditions of the Ensuing Agreement;
  - 2. The IFB its Addenda; and
  - 3. The Bidder's Bid.

### **4.3 OWNERSHIP OF BID**

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

### **4.4 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER**

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

### **4.5 FUNDING**

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

#### 4.6 ASSIGNMENT, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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

#### 4.7 IMPLIED REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 4.8 TERMINATION

- A. Termination for Cause:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for default if the Successful Bidder breaches any of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions, including warranties of the Bidder, if any, or if the Successful Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies the County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise provided hereunder. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to the County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.
- B. Termination for Convenience:** The County may terminate the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s) for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Successful Bidder. The County reserves the right to extend this period if it is in the best interest of the County. In the event the County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Bidder for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for the County termination for convenience.

#### 4.9 NON-PERFORMANCE

It is the objective of the County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction.

In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Bidder shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Bidder fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Bidder refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, the County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Bidder.

#### 4.10 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Bidder does not desire proprietary information in the Bid to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more

preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Bidder, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Bidder.

The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General.

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

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

The Successful Bidder agrees that the County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the services to be performed, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Successful Bidder, which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Successful Bidder agrees that the County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give the Successful Bidder reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

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

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

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

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

#### **4.14 INDEMNIFICATION**

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

agents, servants or employees, as well as all claims of loss or damage to the Bidder's and the County property, equipment, and/or supplies.

Furthermore, the County, its officials, employees, agents and agents' employees shall not be liable for damages to the Successful Bidder arising from any act of any third party, including, but not limited to, theft. The Successful Bidder further agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless, the County from its officials, employee, agents and agents' employees against all claims of whatever nature arising from any accident, injury, or damage whatsoever, caused to any person, or the property of any person, occurring in relation to the Successful Bidder's performance of any services requested hereunder during the term of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s).

The Successful Bidder shall timely report all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, liens or judgements to the County and shall, upon the receipt of any claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month; provide the County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of the County required by the Successful Bidder in the defense of each matter. The Successful Bidder's duty to defend, indemnify and hold the County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of the Contract and/or any Ensuing Agreement(s), unless otherwise agreed by the County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the Contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgement, that appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of the County, the Bidder shall nevertheless fully defend such claim, demand, suit or action, proceeding, lien or judgement, until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of the Bidder are not an issue in the matter.

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

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

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

#### **4.16 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

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

#### **4.17 SOLE PROVIDER**

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

#### **4.18 FORCE MAJEURE**

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

#### **4.19 SEVERABILITY**

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

#### **4.20 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### **4.21 NOTICE**

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

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

The Bidder: Address set out in Bidder's Transmittal Letter.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **4.24 INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS, APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS**

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

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

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

#### **4.26 NO WAIVER**

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

#### **4.27 CURRENT REVENUES**

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

#### **4.28 FOB DESTINATION**

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

#### **4.29 BINDING EFFECT**

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

#### **4.30 ASSIGNMENT**

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

#### **4.31 SAFETY**

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

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

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

#### **4.33 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

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

#### **4.34 CONTRACTUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The contents of the IFB and the Successful Bidder's Bid will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at the County's sole discretion, by provisions of an Ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Bidder must agree to an inclusion of an Ensuing Agreement of the Bid specifications, terms and conditions of this IFB. If an Ensuing Agreement is required under this IFB, information relative to the Agreement will be located in the Additional Stipulations Section of this IFB.

#### **4.35 SURVIVABILITY**

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

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

#### **4.36 AIR QUALITY**

In determining the overall best Bid, the County may, to the extent applicable, exercise the option granted to local governments under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 271.907.

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

#### **4.37 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

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

#### **4.38 PAYMENT**

The County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the later of the following:

- A. The date the County receives the goods under the Contract;
- B. The date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or
- C. The date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services.

Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by the County in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of the County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one (1) percent, and the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

In the event that an error appears in an invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder, the County shall notify the Successful Bidder of the error not later than the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date the County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of the Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by the Successful Bidder beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, the Successful Bidder shall submit a corrected invoice that must be paid in accordance within the time set forth above. The unpaid balance accrues interest as provided by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251, if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date.

As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- A. Name, address, and telephone number of the Successful Bidder and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- B. The County Contract, Purchase Order.
- C. Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract.
- D. Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices and total amount.
- E. Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the following address:

Williamson County Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department  
Email: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org)  
Phone: 512-943-1500

#### **4.39 CONTRACTUAL FORMATION AND ENSUING AGREEMENT**

The IFB and the Bidder's Bid, when properly accepted by the Commissioners Court, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the Successful Bidder and the County.

**If an Ensuing Agreement is required by this IFB, that information will be provided in Special Provisions section of this IFB.** The Successful Bidder shall be required to execute the Agreement at the Williamson County Purchasing Department approximately ten (10) calendar days after the Successful Bidder is notified of award. The Ensuing Agreement shall be in the same form as the Agreement which is attached to the end of this IFB. The only anticipated changes in the Ensuing Agreement will be to include additional exhibits, to fill in blanks to identify the Successful Bidder, and terms relating to the compensation, or to revise the Agreement to accommodate corrections, changes in the scope of services, or changes pursuant to Addenda issued. **Bidders should raise any questions regarding the terms of the Agreement in the form of written questions or submittals as described in the Public Announcement and General Information portion of this IFB.** Because the signed Ensuing Agreement will be substantively and substantially derived from the attached Agreement, each Bidder is urged to seek independent legal counsel as to any questions about the terms, conditions or provisions contained in the Agreement *before* submitting a Bid. Again, the attached Agreement, if applicable, contains important legal provisions and is considered part and parcel of this IFB. Failure or refusal to sign aforesaid Agreement shall be grounds for the County to revoke any award which has been issued, forfeit Bid security, if applicable, and select another Bidder.

#### **4.40 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

During the term of the Contract resulting from this IFB, the County would like to afford the same prices, terms and conditions to other political subdivisions or public entities. Another entity's participation in the Contract resulting from this IFB is subject to a properly authorized Purchasing Cooperative Inter-local Agreement with the County. Any liability created by purchase orders issued against the Contract shall be the sole responsibility of the governmental agency placing the order.

#### **4.41 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

To the extent applicable Insurance information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### **4.42 BIDDERS BOND, WARRANTY BOND, PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS**

To the extent applicable Bond information will appear in the Additional Stipulations section that is in this IFB Package.

#### **4.43 LEGAL LIABILITY INFORMATION**

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation anticipated litigation that your firm is involved in including, but not limited to, potential or actual legal matters with private parties and any local, state, federal or international governmental entities. The County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed contract to the Commissioners Court.

#### **4.44 INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a Bid submission deadline, the Bid closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day the County is open. If inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event causes delays in carrier service operations, the County may issue an Addendum to all known Bidders interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to notify the County of their interest in the project if these conditions are impacting their ability to turn in a submission within the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgement call to extend any deadline.

#### **4.45 PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

To the extent this procurement is for the construction of a public work, including a building, highway, road, excavation, and repair work or other project development or improvement, paid for in whole or in part from public funds, without regard to whether the work is done under public supervision or direction, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, shall apply and the contractor shall pay not less than the wage scale of the various classes of labor as shown on the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" provided by the County. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2258.022(a)(2), the County has determined the general prevailing rate of the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract and the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work by using the prevailing wage rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the United States Code, Section 276a (Davis-Bacon Act).

The specified wage rates are minimum rates only, and are not representations that qualified labor adequate to perform the work is available locally at the prevailing wage rates. The County is not bound to pay—and will not consider—any claims for additional compensation made by any contractor because the contractor pays wages in excess of the applicable minimum rate contained in the Contract Documents. The "Prevailing Wage Schedule" is not a representation that quantities of qualified labor adequate to perform the work may be found locally at the specified wage rates.

For classifications not shown, workers shall not be paid less than the wage indicated for laborers. The contractor shall notify each worker commencing work on the project the worker's job classification and the established minimum wage rate required to be paid, as well as the actual amount being paid. The notice must be delivered to and signed in acknowledgement of receipt by the employee and must list both the monetary wages and fringe benefits to be paid or furnished for each classification in which the worker is assigned duties. When requested by the County, competent evidence of compliance with the Texas Prevailing Wage Law shall be furnished by contractor. A copy of each worker wage rate notification shall be submitted to the County with the Application for Payment for the period during which the worker began on-site activities.

Should the contractor at any time become aware that a particular skill or trade not reflected on the County's "Prevailing Wage Schedule" will be or is being employed in the work, whether by the contractor or by a subcontractor, the contractor shall promptly inform the County and shall specify a wage rate for that skill or trade, which shall bind the contractor.

The contractor and any subcontractor shall pay to the County a penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each worker employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, that the worker is paid less than the wage rates stipulated in the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" or any supplement thereto. The contractor and each subcontractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names and occupations of all workers employed in connection with the work, and showing the actual per diem wages paid to each worker, which records shall be open at all reasonable hours for the inspection by the County.

Within thirty-one (31) days of receipt of information concerning a violation of the Texas Government Code Chapter 2258, the County shall make an initial determination as to whether good cause exists to believe a violation occurred. The County's decision on the initial determination shall be reduced to writing and sent to the contractor or subcontractor against whom the violation was alleged, and to the affected worker. When a good cause finding is made, the County shall retain the full amounts claimed by the claimant or claimants as the difference between wages paid and wages due under the "Prevailing Wage Schedule" and any supplements thereto, together with the applicable penalties, such amounts being subtracted from successive progress payments pending a final decision on the violation.

After the County makes its initial determination, the affected contractor or subcontractor and worker have fourteen (14) calendar days in which to resolve the issue of whether a violation occurred, including the amount that should be retained by the County or paid to the affected worker. If the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker reach an agreement concerning the worker's claim, the contractor shall promptly notify the County in a written document signed by the worker. If the contractor or Subcontractor and affected worker do not agree before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the County determination, the contractor or subcontractor and affected worker must participate in binding arbitration in accordance with the Texas General Arbitration Act, Chapter 171, (Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code). The parties to the arbitration have ten (10) calendar days after the expiration of the fifteen (15) calendar days referred to above, to agree on an arbitrator; if by the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) calendar day there is no agreement to an arbitrator, a district court shall appoint an arbitrator on the petition of any of the parties to the arbitration.

If an arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, the arbitrator shall assess and award against the contractor or subcontractor the amount of penalty as provided above and the amount owed the worker. The County may use any amounts retained hereunder to pay the worker the amount as designated in the arbitration award. If the County has not retained enough from the contractor or subcontractor to pay the worker in accordance with the arbitration award, the worker has a right of action against the contractor and subcontractor as appropriate, and the surety of either to receive the amount owed, attorneys' fees and court costs. The contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the arbitration award to the County.

Money retained pursuant to the provisions above shall be used to pay the claimant or claimants the difference between the amount the worker received in wages for labor on the project at the rate paid by the contractor or subcontractor and the amount the worker would have received at the general prevailing wage rate as provided by the agreement of the claimant and the contractor or subcontractor affected, or in the arbitrator's award. The full statutory penalty of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar day of violation per worker shall be retained by Williamson County to offset its administrative costs, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section, 2258.023. Any retained funds in excess of these amounts shall be paid to the contractor on the earlier of the next progress payment or final payment. Provided, however, that the County shall have no duty to release any funds to either the claimant or the contractor until it has received the notices of agreement or the arbitration award as provided under the provision herein-above.

#### **4.46 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Bidder expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.