



**JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Advertisement for Invitation for Bids**

May 12, 2008

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Division for IFB 08-057JN. **Specifications for this project may be obtained from the website, <http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us>, or by calling 409-835-8593.**

Bids are to be addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the bid number and name marked on the outside of the envelope. Bidders shall forward an original and two (2) copies of their bid to the address shown below. Late bids will be rejected as non-responsive. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Jefferson County Commissioners' Courtroom at the time and date below. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

**BID NAME:** Indigent Burial  
**BID NO:** IFB 08-057JN  
**DUE DATE/TIME:** 11:00 AM, June 2, 2008  
**MAIL OR DELIVER TO:** Jefferson County Purchasing Division  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Joe Newkirk, Contract Specialist, at 409-835-8593.

All interested firms are invited to submit a bid in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this bid.

**RESPONDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE INVITATION.**

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# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

## 1. Bid Submission

Bids must be submitted in complete original form by mail or messenger to the following address:

Jefferson County Purchasing Division  
1149 Pearl Street, First Floor  
Beaumont, TX 77701

Bids will be accepted at the above address until the time and date specified herein, and immediately after will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope and **plainly marked with the Invitation for Bid number**, due date, and the bidder's name and address.

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

All bids submitted in response to this invitation shall become the property of Jefferson County and will be a matter of public record available for review.

## 2. Preparation of Bids

The bid shall be legibly printed in ink or typed.

If a unit price or extension already entered is to be altered, it shall be crossed out and initialed in ink by the bidder.

The bid shall be legally signed and shall include the complete address of the bidder.

Jefferson County is exempt from Federal and State Sales Taxes, and such taxes shall not be included in bid prices.

## 3. Signatures

All bids, notifications, claims, and statements must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the bidder. The individual signing certifies, under penalty of perjury, that he or she has the legal authorization to bind the bidder.

## 4. Rejection or Withdrawal

Submission of additional terms, conditions or agreements with the bid document are grounds for deeming a bid non-responsive and may result in bid rejection. Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities and minor irregularities or defects in bids. Bids may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or authorized representative, provided their identity is made known and a receipt is signed for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the time set for receipt of bids. Bids are an irrevocable offer and may not be withdrawn within 90 days after opening date.

## 5. Award

The bid will be awarded to the responsible, responsive bidder(s) whose bid, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to Jefferson County – price and other factors considered. Unless otherwise specified in this IFB, Jefferson County reserves the right to accept a bid in whole or in part, and to award by item or by group, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of Jefferson County. Any bidder who is in default to Jefferson County at the time of submittal of the bid shall have that bid rejected. Jefferson County reserves the right to clarify any contractual terms with the concurrence of the Contractor; however, any substantial nonconformity in the offer, as determined by Jefferson County, shall be deemed non-responsive and the offer rejected.

In evaluating bids, Jefferson County shall consider the qualifications of the bidders, and, where applicable, operating costs, delivery time, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of materials and equipment. In addition, Jefferson County may conduct such investi-

gation as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of a bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the bidders to fulfill the contract.

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of **lowest and best bid** in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one offeror, and/or to reject any or all bids. In the event the lowest dollar offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, Offeror may appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning Offeror responsibility after officially notifying the Office of the Purchasing Agent of Offeror's intent to appear.

**6. Contract**

A response to an IFB is an offer to contract with Jefferson County based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the IFB. Bids do not become contracts unless and until they are executed by Jefferson County, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the IFB, unless any of the terms and conditions is modified by an IFB Amendment, a Contract Amendment, or by mutually agreed terms and conditions in the contract documents.

**7. Waiver of Subrogation**

Bidder and bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Jefferson County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from bidder's performance under this agreement.

**8. Fiscal Funding**

A multi-year contract (if requested by the specifications) continuing as a result of an extension option, must include fiscal funding out. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the contract, said contract shall become null and void.

**9. Bid Results**

Bid results are not provided in response to telephone inquiries. A preliminary tabulation of bids received will be posted on the Purchasing web page (<http://co.jefferson.tx.us/purchasing/main.htm>) as soon as possible following bid opening. A final tabulation will be posted following bid award, and will also be available for review in the Purchasing Division.

**10. Changes and Addenda to Bid Documents**

Each change or addendum issued in relation to this IFB document will be on file in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. In addition, to the extent possible, copies will be mailed to each person registered as having received a set of bid documents. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to change or addenda issued. All such changes or addenda shall become part of the contract and all bidders shall be bound by such addenda. Information on all changes or addenda issued will be available at the Office of the County Purchasing Agent.

**11. Specifications**

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, the bid will be considered as being in accordance with Jefferson County's applicable standard specifications, and any special specifications outlined in the bid document. References to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalogue, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the requirements of Jefferson County, and should not be construed as excluding bids on other types of materials, equipment, and supplies. However, the bidder, if awarded a contract, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in the specifications or description unless departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the bid. Jefferson County reserves the right to determine if equipment/ product being bid is an acceptable alternate. All goods shall be new unless otherwise so stated in the bid. Any unsolicited alternate bid, or any changes, insertions, or omissions to the terms and conditions, specifications, or any other requirements of the bid, may be considered non-responsive.

**12. Delivery**

**Bids shall include all charges for delivery, packing, crating, containers, etc. Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, prices bid will be considered as being based on F.O.B. delivered, freight included.**

**13. Interpretation of Bid and/or Contract Documents**

All inquiries shall be made within a reasonable time prior to the date and time fixed for the bid opening, in order that a written response in the form of an addendum, if required, can be processed before the bids are opened. Inquiries received that are not made in a timely fashion may or may not be considered.

**14. Currency**

Prices calculated by the bidder shall be stated in U.S. dollars.

**15. Pricing**

Prices shall be stated in units of quantity specified in the bid documents. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price shall govern.

**16. Notice to Proceed/Purchase Order**

The successful bidder may not commence work under this contract until authorized to do so by the Purchasing Agent.

**17. Certification**

By signing the offer section of the Offer and Acceptance page, bidder certifies:

- The submission of the offer did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices.
- The bidder has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any public servant in connection with the submitted offer.
- The bidder hereby certifies that the individual signing the bid is an authorized agent for the bidder and has the authority to bind the bidder to the contract.

**18. Definitions**

“County” – Jefferson County, Texas.

“Contractor” – The bidder whose proposal is accepted by Jefferson County.

**19. Minority-Women Business Enterprise Participation**

It is the desire of Jefferson County to increase the participation of Minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the County does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms.

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BIDDING AND TERMS OF CONTRACT

By execution of this document, the vendor accepts all general and special conditions of the contract as outlined below and in the specifications and plans.

## 1. Bidding

### 1.1 Bids

All bids must be submitted on the bid form furnished in this package.

### 1.2 Authorized Signatures

The bid must be executed personally by the vendor, duly authorized partner of the partnership, or duly authorized officer of the corporation. If executed by an agent, a power of attorney or other evidence of authority to act on behalf of the vendor shall accompany the bid to become a valid bid.

### 1.3 Late Bids

Bids must be in the office of the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Bids received after the submission deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive and returned unopened.

### 1.4 Withdrawal of Bids Prior to Bid Opening

A bid may be withdrawn before the opening date by submitting a written request to the Purchasing Agent. If time allows the bidder may submit a new bid. Bidder assumes full responsibility for submitting a new bid before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Jefferson County reserves the right to withdraw a request for bids before the opening date.

### 1.5 Withdrawal of Bids After Bid Opening

Bidder agrees that its offer may not be withdrawn or cancelled by the vendor for a period of ninety (90) days following the date and time designated for the receipt of bids unless otherwise stated in the bid and/or specifications.

### 1.6 Bid Amounts

Bids shall show net prices, extensions where applicable and net total. In case of conflict between unit price and extension, the unit price will govern. Any ambiguity in the bid as a result of omission, error, unintelligible or illegible wording shall be interpreted in the favor of Jefferson County.

### 1.7 Exceptions and/or Substitutions

All bids meeting the intent of the specifications and plans will be considered for award. Vendors taking exception to the specifications and plans, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided. If bid is made on an article other than the one specified, which a bidder considers comparable, the name and grade of said article must be specified in the bid and sufficient specifications and descriptive data must accompany same to permit thorough evaluation. The absence of stated exceptions and/or substitutions shall indicate that the vendor has not taken any exceptions to the specifications and shall be responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications. As a matter of practice, Jefferson County rejects exception(s) and /or substitutions as non-responsive but reserves the right to accept any and/or all of the exception(s) and/or substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of Jefferson County.

### 1.8 Alternates

The Invitation for Bid and/or specifications may expressly allow bidder to submit an alternate bid. Presence of such an offer shall not be considered an indication of non-responsiveness.

## **1.9 Descriptions**

Unless otherwise specified, any reference to make, manufacturer and/or model used in the bid specifications is merely descriptive and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type, style, or quality of material desired.

## **1.10 Bid Alterations**

Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineations, alterations, or erasures made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid, guaranteeing authenticity.

## **1.11 Tax Exempt Status**

Jefferson County is exempt from federal excise tax and state sales tax. Unless the bid form or specifications specifically indicate otherwise, the bid price must be net, exclusive of above-mentioned taxes and will be so construed. Therefore, the bid price shall not include taxes.

## **1.12 Quantities**

Quantities indicated are estimated quantities only and are not a commitment to buy. Approximate usage does not constitute an order, but only implies the probable quantity that will be used. Commodities will be ordered on an as-needed basis. Bidder is responsible for accurate final counts.

## **1.13 Bid Award**

Award of contract shall be made to the most responsible, responsive bidder, whose offer is determined to be the best value, taking into consideration the relative importance of price. Jefferson County reserves the right to be the sole judge as to whether items bid will serve the purpose intended. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole any bid submitted, and to waive any technicalities or informalities for the best interest of the County. Jefferson County reserves the right to award based upon individual line items, sections or total bid.

## **1.14 Silence of Specifications for Complete Units**

All materials, equipment and/or parts that will become a portion of the completed work, including items not specifically stated herein but, necessary to render the service(s) complete and operational per the specifications, are to be included in the bid price. Vendor may be required to furnish evidence that the service, as bid, will meet or exceed these requirements.

## **1.15 Addenda**

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to the specifications and plans will be made by addenda no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be distributed to all known recipients of bid documents. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda with submission of bid.

## **1.16 General Bid Bond/Surety Requirements**

Failure to furnish bid bond/surety, if requested, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

## **1.17 General Insurance Requirements**

Failure to furnish Affidavit of Insurance, if required in these specifications, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

## **1.18 Responsiveness**

A responsive bid shall substantially conform to the requirements of this Invitation to Bid and/or specifications contained herein. Bidders who substitute any other terms, conditions, specifications and/or requirements or who qualify their bids in such a manner as to nullify or limit their liability to the contracting entity shall have their bids deemed non-responsive. Also, bids containing any clause that would limit contracting authority shall be considered non-responsive. Examples of non-responsive bids include but shall not be limited to: a) bids that fail to conform to required delivery

schedules as set forth in the bid request; b) bids with prices qualified in such a manner that the bid price cannot be determined, such as with vague wording that may include "price in effect at the time of delivery," and c) bids made contingent upon award of other bids currently under consideration.

#### **1.19 Responsible Standing of Bidder**

To be considered for award, bidder must at least: have the ability to obtain adequate financial resources, be able to comply with required or proposed delivery/completion schedule, have a satisfactory record of performance; have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics, and be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive award.

#### **1.20 Proprietary Data**

Bidder may, by written request, indicate as confidential any portion(s) of a bid that contain proprietary information, including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the vendor. Jefferson County will protect from public disclosure such portions of a bid, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing Open Records Acts.

#### **1.21 Public Bid Opening**

Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids. After the official opening of bids, a period of not less than one week is necessary to evaluate bids. The amount of time necessary for bid evaluation may vary and is determined solely by the County. Following the bid evaluation, all bids submitted are available for public review.

### **2. Performance**

#### **2.1 Design, Strength, and Quality**

Design, strength, and quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practices. The apparent silence of specifications and/or plans as to any detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications and/or plans shall be made on the basis of this statement.

#### **2.2 Age and Manufacture**

All tangible goods being bid must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition, of current manufacture, and furnished ready to use. All items not specifically mentioned that are required for a complete unit shall be furnished.

#### **2.3 Delivery Location**

All deliveries will be made to the address(es) specified on the purchase order during normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise authorized by the Purchasing Agent or designee.

#### **2.4 Delivery Schedule**

Delivery time may be an important consideration in the evaluation of best value. The maximum number of days necessary for delivery ARO shall be stated in the space, if provided, on the bid form.

#### **2.5 Delivery Charges**

All delivery and freight charges, F.O.B. destination shown on Jefferson County purchase order, as necessary to perform contract are to be included in the bid price.

#### **2.6 Installation Charges**

All charges for assembly, installation and set-up shall be included in the bid price. Unless otherwise stated, assembly, installation and set-up will be required.



## **2.7 Operating Instructions and Training**

Clear and concise operating instructions and descriptive literature will be provided in English, if requested. On-site detailed training in the safe and efficient use and general maintenance of item(s) purchased shall be provided as needed at the request of Jefferson County. Instructions and training shall be at no additional cost to the County.

## **2.8 Storage**

Bidder agrees to provide storage of custom ordered materials, if requested, for up to thirty (30) calendar days.

## **2.9 Compliance with Federal, State, County, and Local Laws**

Bids must comply with all federal, state, county and local laws, including, but not limited to, all applicable standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements. Any vehicles or equipment shall contain all standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements required for the types and sizes of equipment at the time of their manufacture. The contractor agrees, during the performance of work or service, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of Jefferson County or the State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read, or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.

## **2.10 OSHA**

The bidder will certify all equipment complies with all regulations and conditions stipulated under the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1971, as amended. The successful bidder will further certify that all items furnished under this project will conform and comply with federal and State of Texas OSHA standards. The successful bidder will agree to indemnify and hold harmless Jefferson County for any and all damages that may be assessed against the County.

## **2.11 Patents and Copyrights**

The successful vendor agrees to protect the County from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.

## **2.12 Samples, Demonstrations and Testing**

At Jefferson County's request and direction, bidder shall provide product samples and/or testing of items bid to ensure compliance with specifications. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested at any point prior to or following bid award. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested upon delivery and/or any point during the term of resulting contract. All samples (including return thereof), demonstrations, and/or testing shall be at the expense of the bidder/vendor.

## **2.13 Acceptability**

All articles enumerated in the bid shall be subject to inspection by an officer designated for that purpose by Jefferson County. If found inferior to the quality called for, or not equal in value to the specifications, deficient in workmanship or otherwise, this fact shall be certified to the Purchasing Agent, who shall have the right to reject the whole or any part of the same. Items and/or work determined to be contrary to specifications must be replaced at the vendor's expense. Inferior items not retrieved by the vendor within thirty (30) calendar days or an otherwise agreed upon time, shall become the property of the County. If disposal of such items warrants an expense, an amount equal to the disposal expense will be deducted from amounts payable to the vendor.

## **2.14 Maintenance**

Maintenance required for equipment bid should be available in Jefferson County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Cost for this service shall be shown on the bid sheet as requested or on a separate sheet, as required. If Jefferson County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.

## **2.15 Material Safety Data Sheets**

Under the "Hazardous Communications Act," common known as the "Texas Right to Know Act," a bidder must provide the user department, with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the bidder to furnish this documentation will be cause to reject any bid applying thereto.

## **2.16 Evaluation**

Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County. It shall be based on all factors having a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user environment. All bids are subject to tabulation by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department and recommendation to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. Compliance with all bid requirements and needs of the using department are considered in evaluating bids. Pricing is **not** the only criteria for making a recommendation. The Jefferson County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any bidder, at any time, to clarify, verify or requirement information with regard to this bid.

## **3. Purchase Orders and Payment**

### **3.1 Purchase Orders**

A purchase order(s) shall be generated by the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent to the successful vendor. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips. The County will not be held responsible for any work orders placed and/or performed without a valid current purchase order number. Payment will be made for all services rendered and accepted by the contract administrator for which a valid invoice has been received.

### **3.2 Invoices**

All invoices shall reference the Purchase Order number. Invoices shall reference the bid item number or a detailed description for each item invoiced. If an item purchased and itemized on the invoice does not correspond to an item in any of the categories awarded to the vendor, invoice shall reference the item as "N/C" to indicate that it is a non-contract item. This requirement is to assist the County in verifying contract pricing on all invoices. Payment will be made under terms of net thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed upon by seller and the purchasing department.

### **3.3 Prompt Payment**

In accordance with the State of Texas Prompt Payment Act, Article 601f V.T.C.S., payment will be made after receive and acceptance by the County of the merchandise ordered and of a valid invoice. Successful bidder(s) is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days after the successful bidder receives payment from the County.

### **3.4 Funding**

Jefferson County is operated and funded on an October 1 to September 30 bases; accordingly, the County reserves the right to terminate, without liability to the County, any contract for which funding is not available.

## **4. Contract**

### **4.1 Contract Definition**

The General Conditions of Bidding and Terms of Contract, Specifications, Plans, Bidding Forms, Addenda, and any other documents made a part of this bid shall constitute the complete bid. This bid, when duly accepted by Jefferson County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Jefferson County.

### **4.2 Contract Agreement**

Once a contract is awarded, the unit prices offered by the successful bidder shall remain firm for the term of the contract. **Contract shall commence on date of award and continue with an option for up to a four (4) year period.**

#### **4.3 Change Order**

No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of a change order. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing and at the discretion and approval of Jefferson County. No change order will be binding unless signed by an authorized representative of the County and the vendor.

#### **4.4 Price Re-determination**

A price re-determination may be considered by Jefferson County only at the twelve (12) month and twenty-four (24) month anniversary dates of the contract. All requests for price re-determination shall be in written form. Cause for such request, i.e., manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, Federal/State minimum wage law, Federal/State unemployment taxes, F.I.C.A, Insurance Coverage Rates, etc., shall be substantiated in writing by the source of the cost increase. The bidder's past experience of honoring contracts at the bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and best bid. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all requests for price re-determination as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

#### **4.5 Termination**

Jefferson County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if the bidder breached any of the terms therein, including warranties of bidder or if the bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Jefferson County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or service within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Jefferson County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Contracts may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to either party unless otherwise specified. Jefferson County reserves the right to award canceled contract to the next lowest bidder. Bidder, in submitting this bid, agrees that Jefferson County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the County declares the bidder in default.

#### **4.6 Conflict of Interest**

Employees of the County are not permitted to maintain financial interest in, or receive payment, directly or indirectly, borrow from, lend to, invest in, or engage in any substantial financial transaction with any individual, organization, supplier, or subcontractor who does business with the County without disclosure.

When conflict of interest is discovered, it shall be grounds for termination of contract.

#### **4.7 Injuries or Damages Resulting from Negligence**

Successful vendor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Jefferson County and all its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful vendor, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award. Successful vendor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against Jefferson County growing out of such injury or damages.

#### **4.8 Interest by Public Officials**

No public official shall have interest in this contract, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code.

#### **4.9 Warranty**

The successful vendor shall warrant that all materials utilized in the performance of this contract shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.

**4.10 Uniform Commercial Code**

The successful vendor and Jefferson County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.

**4.11 Venue**

This agreement will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This agreement is performable in the County of Jefferson, Texas.

**4.12 Sale, Assignment, or Transfer of Contract**

The successful vendor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Jefferson County.

**4.12 Silence of Specifications**

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

# SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

The following requirements and instructions supersede General Requirements where applicable.

## 1. Bid Requirement

Each bidder should submit as a bid this entire IFB, completed where necessary, for example, the IFB cover sheet, the Price Sheets, etc. Use an opaque envelope, **clearly indicating on the outside the Job Number, Job Description**, and marked "SEALED BID". Jefferson County shall not be responsible for any effort or cost expended in the preparation of a response to this IFB. All protests should be coordinated through the Purchasing Office prior to award recommendation to Commissioners' Court.

## 2. Multiple Vendor Award

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor at the County's discretion.

## 3. Delivery

If delivery is required, all items must be packaged so as to be protected from damage during shipping and handling. Any item(s) damaged in shipping must be replaced in kind, or repaired, by the contractor, at the discretion of, and at no additional charge to, Jefferson County.

## 4. Payment

Jefferson County will pay original invoices that clearly itemize the goods and/or services provided as to quantity, part number, description, price, applicable discount (if any), labor charges showing time differential, if applicable and if previously agreed to, and delivery, installation, and set-up costs, if applicable and if previously agreed to. Only charges as stated on the Bid Form(s) submitted as a part of the bid will be considered.

Invoices must indicate Jefferson County as applicable, the address to which the product(s) and/or service(s) were delivered, and the applicable purchase order number. Invoices will be matched to delivery tickets prior to payment; therefore, all delivery tickets should have an accurate description of the product(s) and/or service(s).

## 5. Usage Reports

Jefferson County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost, up to two (2) times during the contract period, a usage report detailing the products and/or services furnished to date under a contract resulting from this IFB. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Jefferson County department, description of each item purchased, including manufacturer, quantity of each item purchased, per unit and extended price of each item purchased, and total amount and price of all items purchased.

## 6. Insurance

The contractor shall, at all times during the term of this contract, maintain insurance coverage's with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the contractor. These requirements do not establish limits of the contractor's liability.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents.

Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured.

All insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas.

### Minimum Insurance Requirements

Public Liability	\$300,000.00
Property Damage	\$300,000.00
Bodily Injury	\$300,000.00
Excess Liability	\$1,000,000.00
Workers' Compensation	Statutory Coverage (see attached)

## 7. Workers' Compensation Insurance

### 7.1 Definitions:

- 7.1.1 **Certificate of coverage ("Certificate")** – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement, TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84 showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.
  - 7.1.2 **Duration of the project** – Includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.
  - 7.1.3 **Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor") in article 406.096** – Includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services under the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractor, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" includes, without limitation, providing, hauling or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.
- 7.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification code and payroll amounts and filing any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
  - 7.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
  - 7.4 If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
  - 7.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
    - 7.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
    - 7.5.2 No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate ends during the duration of the project.
  - 7.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
  - 7.7 The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

- 7.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- 7.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
  - 7.9.1 Provide coverage, based on reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
  - 7.9.2 Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
  - 7.9.3 Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
  - 7.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
    - 7.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
    - 7.9.4.2 the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
  - 7.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
  - 7.9.6 Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
  - 7.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs I.1. – I.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 7.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services of the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- 7.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

# MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

The following requirements and specifications supercede General Requirements where applicable. Contact Joe Newkirk Contract Specialist (e-mail: jnewkirk@co.jefferson.tx.us, Phone: 409-835-8593), regarding any questions or comments. Please reference bid number 08-057JN.

## 1 Objective

Jefferson County seeks a contractor to provide interment (cremation and/or burial) services in Jefferson County, Texas. The term contract shall be for one year beginning approximately June 1, 2008 with the option for four (4) one-year renewals under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. Although Jefferson County does not have a cremation first policy, the Jefferson County Commissioner Court can dispose of Indigent remains by donation, cremation or burial.

## 2 Scope

Jefferson County expects to conduct approximately 90 cremations and/or burials of infants, children and adults per year. The successful contractor will provide simple, yet dignified, cremations and /or burials on a unit price basis, burials shall include plot and headstone.

Contractor will be licensed by the state of Texas Funeral Service Commission to perform all aspects of this contract. Bidders will provide a copy of the Texas Funeral Service Commission license with their bid. Contractors who have this license suspended, repealed, or in any way restricted from performing services may not be paid for services rendered while this suspension, repeal or restriction is in effect. If the contractor has its license suspended, repealed or restricted in any way during the term of this contract, the contract may be terminated.

Contractor may subcontract any part of these contracted services. However the contractor shall be the party liable to Jefferson County for strict compliance with all contract specifications.

Jefferson County will give authorization to the contractor to claim the body and prepare it for cremation or burial. Contractor will provide vehicles specifically designed for removal of corpses to claim all bodies in a timely manner. If it has been determined that the deceased had insufficient resources to be interred with private funds, Jefferson County will pay the rates described in the Pricing/Delivery Information sheet. If Jefferson County determines that the deceased had private resources available, the contractor will aggressively pursue such resources toward paying for arrangements. Private resources include, but are not limited to, bank accounts, real property, personal property, insurance, and personal effects.

The contractor shall obtain the death certificated and cremation or burial permits. All such documents must be approved by Jefferson County Health Department and be present at the time of the interment, if applicable.

Jefferson County reserves the right to set the date, time, and location of the interment. Burials generally occur between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays. Interment will be completed within a reasonable length of time after death, but in no instance shall it be later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of the remains whether the contractor is paid from Jefferson County funds or private resources of the deceased. Jefferson County may make exceptions to this requirement as circumstances dictate, but such exception must be stated in writing in advance by Jefferson County. Contractor must be able to transfer two or more caskets at one time without causing damage to the caskets.

Interment shall be carried out with the utmost dignity, decorum, and solemnity, with at least one agent of the contractor who is licensed by the Texas Funeral Service Commission in attendance and in accordance with applicable Texas laws and the rules and regulations of the Texas Funeral



Service Commission. Any exhumation shall not be the responsibility of Jefferson County, and will be undertaken at the expense of the party requesting such exhumation.

In the event Jefferson County requests a burial, a Jefferson County representative may be present. Jefferson County may inspect the procedures of the contractor from the time the contractor claims the body until the grave is covered or the cremation is complete. The contract facility must be neat and clean and have adequate cold storage to handle decedents from Jefferson County. The contractor should provide access for media and/or public scrutiny at any time, and promptly notify Jefferson County as soon as the possibility of such media or public inquiry is made known to the contractor.

In the event a burial is determined to be necessary, the family or friends of the deceased may provide a minister or pastor of their choice. If no family or friend is found, or, at the request of family or friend, contractor shall provide a minister or pastor to provide a religious service at the graveside. Such religious service shall be sensitive to the cultural and language preferences of the family and friends of the deceased.

The family or friends of the deceased may make arrangements to have a licensed funeral director claim the body from the contractor. Services provided prior to transfer shall be billed to a private funeral director.

Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County an itemized invoice for services performed, stating that these specifications have been strictly adhered to, and that the contractor has not received, and will not receive, any money or other type of compensation from any party for the services for which Jefferson County is paying. Invoiced amounts shall be based on weight as determined by the Medical Examiner when the body is referred by the Medical Examiner's Office. Other remains not referred by Medical Examiner and bone fragments and body parts shall have the weight verified by a representative of Jefferson County.

### **Burials**

The body shall be prepared and embalmed as is normal and customary, under the supervision of a licensed funeral director. The body shall be cleaned, groomed and dressed in presentable attire and placed in a natural position when placed in a casket. The contractor shall transport the body to the gravesite in an appropriate vehicle specifically designed for this purpose.

Burials may include, but are not limited to, a new casket, preparation of the body, burial plot, a simple graveside service, and headstone. The casket will be either metal or wood, lined with doeskin or some comparable material, appropriate to the body size and complete with pillow and bed. At the option of the family or friends of the deceased, the casket may be opened, except in cases which would put the public health at risk. Jefferson County shall exercise the final discretion on whether to allow a viewing of the deceased. Pricing for burials will be indicated as items 1-a through 1-f. on the Pricing Delivery Information Sheet.

Opening and closing of a gravesite includes providing a backhoe to dig a gravesite, place of a casket or vault into a gravesite and then replacing the dirt to fill the gravesite. The grave shall be properly covered with contractor-provided earth consistent with surrounding area. The contractor is responsible for filling the gravesite as it settles for a period of up to six months after each interment until the grave is level and prepared for a gravestone. The top of the casket shall be no less than twenty-four (24) inches below the natural surface of the ground. Pricing for opening and closing of gravesites will be indicated on the bid form.

### **Cremations**

The Contractor shall transport the body to a licensed crematory in an appropriate vehicle. The body shall be prepared as is normal and customary under the supervision of a licensed funeral director. Cremated remains will be placed in a suitable, but simple, container in which the remains will be stored. Shipping of cremated remains will be at the expense of the family. Contractor shall

maintain a log of those cremated remains that have been picked up by family members. Pricing for cremations will be indicated on the Bid form.

The contractor may store the remains for a maximum of 12 months. If the remains are not claimed within 12 months of cremation, the contractor shall dispose of the remains in accordance with current Texas Health and Safety Code.

# BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Items checked below represent components comprising this bid package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this bid. Bidders are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. It is the Bidder's responsibility to be thoroughly familiar with all Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your bid packet.

- 1. **Cover Sheet –**
- 2. **Table of Contents**
- 3. **Offer and Acceptance Form**
- 4. **General Requirements**  
You should be familiar with all of the General Requirements.
- 5. **Special Requirements/Instructions**  
Provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- 6. **Specifications**  
Contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.
- 7. **Bid Form**  
Used to solicit exact pricing of goods/services and delivery costs.
- 8. **Attachments**
  - a. **Bid Guaranty & Performance Bond Information & Requirements**  
Applies only to certain bids/proposals. Read carefully and fill out completely.
  - b. **Bid Check Return Authorization Form**  
Applies only to certain forms. Read carefully and fill out completely.
  - c. **Vehicle Delivery Instructions**  
Included only when purchasing vehicles.
  - d. **Minimum Insurance Requirements**  
Included when applicable (does not supersede "Hold Harmless" section of General Requirements).
  - e. **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage Rule 110.110**  
Applicable for a building or construction contract.
  - f. **Financial Statement**  
When this information is required, you must use this form.
  - g. **Reference Sheet**
  - h. **Other -** From time to time other attachments may be included.
  - i. **Signature Page**
  - j. **Conflict of Interest**
  - k. **Good Faith Effort**
  - l. **Notice of Intent (HUB)**
  - m. **Declaration Form (HUB)**
  - n. **Residence Certification/Tax Form**
  - o. **Bid Affidavit**

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# OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORM

## OFFER TO CONTRACT

To Jefferson County:

We hereby offer and agree to furnish the materials or service in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and amendments in the Invitation for Bid and any written exceptions in the offer. We understand that the items in this Invitation for Bid, including, but not limited to, all required certificates are fully incorporated herein as a material and necessary part of the contract.

The undersigned hereby states, under penalty of perjury, that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete, and states that he/she has the authority to submit this bid, which will result in a binding contract if accepted by Jefferson County.

We acknowledge receipt of the following amendment(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authorization to bind the firm hereunder:**

_____	For clarification of this offer, contact:
Company Name	
_____	_____
Address	Name
_____	_____
City                      State                      Zip	Phone                                      Fax
_____	_____
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign	E-mail
_____	
Printed Name	
_____	
Title	

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## **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER**

The Offer is hereby accepted for the following items: Term Contract for Indigent Burial and/or Cremation for Jefferson County. Contract Term: One (1) year from date of award with an option to renew for four (4) additional years.

The Contractor is now bound to sell the materials or services listed by the attached contract and based upon the Invitation for Bid, including all terms, conditions, specifications, amendments, etc., and the Contractor's Offer as accepted by Jefferson County.

This contract shall henceforth be referred to as Contract No. 08-057JN. The Contractor has not been authorized to commence any billable work or to provide any material or service under this contract until Contractor receives a purchase order and/or a notice to proceed from the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent.

**Countersigned:**

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Ronald L. Walker  
County Judge

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Date

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Carolyn L. Guidry  
County Clerk

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# BID FORM

Using this form, each Offeror must state its proposed charges. Each Offeror's charges must include the entire cost of providing the services identified in this IFB.

Cost/Fee Proposals may be submitted in any form(s). Cost will be a factor in the County's selection process.

Pricing: Bidder must complete open boxes to right of double vertical lines. Quantities are estimated, Jefferson County may require more or less. In case of discrepancy between unit and extended pricing, unit pricing governs. Jefferson County reserves the right to award as it best serves the County's interest.

Item	Description	UM	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Burials (Burials to include burial plot & headstone)			
	a. Premature, still born or other child (up to 12 months old)	ea		
	b. Bodies up to 250 lbs.	ea		
	c. Bodies from 251 to 400 lbs.	ea		
	d. Bodies over 400 lbs.	ea		
	e. Burial Plot with Headstone	ea		
	f. Opening of Grave	ea		
	g. Closing of Grave	ea		
2	Cremations			
	a. Premature, still born or other child (up to 12 months old)	ea		
	b. Bodies up to 250 lbs.	ea		
	c. Bodies from 251 to 400 lbs.	ea		
	d. Bodies over 400 lbs.	ea		

**Acknowledgment of Addenda (if any):**

Addendum 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

# VENDOR REFERENCES

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies (preferably a municipality) where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

***THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID.***

## REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SIGNATURE PAGE

As permitted under Article 4413 (32c) V.A.C.S., other governmental entities may wish to participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (i.e., piggyback). In the event any other entity participates, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. Jefferson County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by another entity. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

Would bidder be willing to allow other governmental entities to piggyback off this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions? ..... **Yes**  **No**

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

The undersigned agrees, if this bid is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Invitation for Bid, Conditions of Bidding, Terms of Contract, and Specifications and all other items made a part of the accepted contract.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute the contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other bidder or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid. And further, that neither the bidder nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to bid or not to bid thereon.

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

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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>For vendor or other person doing business with local government entity</b>	
<p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006 Local Government Code.</p> <p>A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.0006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
<p>1. Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.</p>	
<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>	
<p>3. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local government entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money.</p>	
<p>4. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who is a local government officer and who appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of this questionnaire.</p>	

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**For vendor or other person doing business with local government entity**

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

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or business relationship. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship:

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

7.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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# GOOD FAITH EFFORT (GFE) DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

***This information must be submitted with your bid.***

**Instructions:** In order to determine if a “Good Faith Effort” was made in soliciting HUBs for subcontracting opportunities, the following checklist and supporting documentation shall be completed by the Prime Contractor/Consultant, and returned with the Prime Contractor/Consultant’s bid. This list contains the **minimum** efforts that should be put forth by the Prime Contractor/Consultant when attempting to achieve or exceed the goals of HUB Subcontractor participation. The Prime Contractor/Consultant may extend his/her efforts in soliciting HUB Subcontractor participation beyond what is listed below.

**Did the Prime Contractor/Consultant . . .**

- Yes     No    1. To the extent practical, and consistent with standard and prudent industry standards, divide the contract work into the smallest feasible portions, to allow for maximum HUB Subcontractor participation?
  
- Yes     No    2. **Notify** in writing a reasonable number of HUBs, allowing sufficient time for effective participation of the planned work to be subcontracted?
  
- Yes     No    3. **Provide** HUBs that were genuinely interested in bidding on a subcontractor, adequate information regarding the project (i.e., plans, specifications, scope of work, bonding and insurance requirements, and a point of contract within the Prime Contractor/Consultant’s organization)?
  
- Yes     No    4. **Negotiate** in good faith with interested HUBs, and not reject bids from HUBs that qualify as lowest and responsive bidders?
  
- Yes     No    5. **Document** reasons HUBs were rejected? Was a written rejection notice, including the reason for rejection, provided to the rejected HUBs?
  
- Yes     No    6. If Prime Contractor/Consultant has zero (0) HUB participation, **please explain the reasons why.**

**If “No” was selected, please explain and include any pertinent documentation with your bid. If necessary, please use a separate sheet to answer the above questions.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Title

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)  
To SUBCONTRACT WITH  
HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB)**

***This information must be submitted with your bid.***

**Instructions for Prime Contractor/Consultant: Please submit the form to the Purchasing Agent’s Representative after contract award**, but prior to beginning performance on the contract. Please submit one form for each HUB Subcontractor/Subconsultant with proper signatures, per the terms and conditions of your contract.

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Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB:  Yes  No  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip  
Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Title & No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prime Contract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Agency:    TX. Bldg & Procurement Comm.    Jefferson County    TX Unified Certification Prog.  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip  
Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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_____ Printed Name of Contractor Representative	_____ Signature of Representative	_____ Date
_____ Printed Name of HUB	_____ Signature of Representative	_____ Date

**NOTE: NOTHING ON THIS NOTICE OF INTENT FORM IS INTENDED TO CONFER ANY RIGHTS, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, TO ANY THIRD PARTIES.**

Pre-Approval for Subcontractor Substitutions must be obtained from the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent’s Representative. The “HUB Subcontractor/Subconsultant Change Form” must be completed and faxed to 409-835-8456.

# HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) SUBCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM

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*This information must be submitted with your bid.*

Prime Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB:  Yes  No

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title & No.: \_\_\_\_\_ IFB/RFP No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Contract: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total HUB Subcontract(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Construction HUB Goals: 12.8% MBE: \_\_\_\_\_ % 12.6% WBE: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Sub-goals: 1.7 African-American, 9.7% Hispanic, 0.7% Native American, 0.8% Asian American.  
Use these goals as a guide to diversify.

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## FOR HUB OFFICE USE ONLY:

Verification date HUB Program Office reviewed and verified HUB Sub information Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART I. HUB SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency:  Texas Bldg & Procurement Comm.  Texas Unified Certification Prog.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB)  
SUBCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM**  
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**HUB SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE**

**PART I: Continuation Sheet**

**(Duplicate as Needed)**

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency:  TX. Bldg & Procurement Comm.  Jefferson County  TX Unified Certification Prog.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
State
Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency:  TX. Bldg & Procurement Comm.  Jefferson County  TX Unified Certification Prog.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
State
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Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

**All HUB Subcontractor Participation may be verified with the  
HUB Subcontractor(s) listed on Part I.**

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**PART II: STATEMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR NOT MEETING HUB SUBCONTRACTING GOALS**

*Please complete Good Faith Effort (GFE) Checklist and attach any supporting documentation.*

Our firm was unable to meet the HUB goals for this project for the following reasons:

- All subcontractors to be utilized are "Non-HUBs." (Complete Part III)
- HUBs were solicited but did not respond.
- HUBs solicited were not competitive.
- HUBs were unavailable for the following trade(s):
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the Jefferson County HUB Office contacted for assistance in locating HUBs?  Yes  No

**PART III: DISCLOSURE OF OTHER "NON-HUB" SUBCONTRACTS**

The bidder shall use this area to provide a listing of all "Non-HUB" Subcontractors, including suppliers that will perform under this project. A list of those "Non-HUB" Subcontractors the bidder selects, after bid submission, shall be provided to the Purchasing Office not later than five (5) calendar days after being notified that bidder is the apparent low bidder. A list of those "Non-HUB" Subcontractors that are selected after contract award must be provided **immediately** after their selection.

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                        Street  City  State  Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                        Street  City  State  Zip

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that I have read the *HUB Program Instructions and Information*, truthfully completed all applicable parts of this form, and **attached any necessary support documentation as required**. I fully understand that intentionally falsifying information on this document may result in my not receiving a contract award or termination of any resulting contract.

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person that will be in charge of invoicing for this project:

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION/TAX FORM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Jefferson County requests Resident Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

- I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ [company name] is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.
- I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ [company name] is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_ (city and state).

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.):	
Company Name submitting bid/proposal:	
Mailing address:	
If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner:	

**Property:** List all taxable property owned by you or above partnerships in Jefferson County.

Jefferson County Tax Acct. No.*	Property address or location**

\* This is the property amount identification number assigned by the Jefferson County Appraisal District.  
 \*\* For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored as a warehouse or other location.

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# BID AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned certifies that the bid prices contained in this bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. Bidder further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all commodities upon which prices are extended at the price offered, and upon the conditions contained in the specifications and the Notice to Bidders.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_,

on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who  
(name)

after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a duly authorized officer of/agent  
(name)

for \_\_\_\_\_ and have been duly authorized to execute the  
(name of firm)

foregoing on behalf of the said \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of firm)

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 bid or not to bid thereon.”

Name and address of bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named

\_\_\_\_\_ on

this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of \_\_\_\_\_

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