



JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE Advertisement for Invitation for Bids

May 14, 2012

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for IFB 12-017/JW, Refurbishment of Jefferson County Courthouse Elevators. **Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Jefferson County 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 three (3) 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: Refurbishment of Jefferson County Courthouse Elevators
BID NO: IFB 12-017/JW
DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 AM, June 19, 2012
MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Jamey West, 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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IFB
Refurbishment of Jefferson County
Courthouse Elevators
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BIDDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING ALL REQUIRED PAGES (MARKED AS "X" ABOVE) WITH THE BID. ADDITIONALLY, BIDDER MUST MONITOR THE PURCHASING WEB SITE (HTTP://WWW.CO.JEFFERSON.TX.US/PURCHASING/MAIN.HTM) TO SEE IF ADDENDA OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN POSTED. FAILURE TO RETURN ALL REQUIRED FORMS COULD RESULT IN A BID BEING DECLARED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

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 Bid Name, 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 investigation 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, and will be posted on the Purchasing web site as soon as possible. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to change or addenda issued, and to monitor the web site. 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 (in writing on the included Bid Form), prices bid will be considered as being based on F.O.B. destination/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 posted on the Purchasing web site. Vendors are responsible for monitoring the web site in order to remain informed on addenda. 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 basis; 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, upon agreement between vendor(s) and Jefferson County, may be renewed annually for four (4) additional years.

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 requested at the time of annual renewal. 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.

4.13 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 shall insure that all parts of the bid are **completed and returned**. The Table of Contents indicates specifically which pages need to be returned; these pages shall constitute the vendor's bid. Vendor shall use an opaque envelope, clearly indicating on the outside the **Bid Number, Bid Name, 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. **Bidders shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of the bid.**

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 coverages 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

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 Jamey West, Contract Specialist (e-mail: jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us; phone: 409-835-8593), regarding any questions or comments. Please reference Bid 12-017/JW, Refurbishment of Jefferson County Courthouse Elevators.

Scope

Vendor shall provide the Refurbishment of Jefferson County Courthouse North & South Elevators subject to the terms and conditions stated for an initial period **beginning on or about date of award**.

Refer questions of a commercial nature to Jamey West, Contract Specialist at 409-835-8593; and questions of a technical nature to David Knight at 835-8511.

General Requirements

Pricing

Prices shall remain firm for the duration of the contract.

Award

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, to waive any formality or irregularity, and to reject any or all bids. In the event the lowest dollar bidder meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the bidder may appear before the Commissioners' Court to present evidence concerning his responsibility. If the contractor fails to perform services in accordance with specifications and the contract is terminated, the County reserves the right to award to the next low bidder without re-bidding.

Vendors Owing Taxes

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.0276, Jefferson County Commissioners' Court has adopted a policy, which requires that vendors' taxes be current as of the date bids/proposals are due. Bidders with delinquent taxes on the due date will not be eligible for award. Whether or not a vendor's taxes are delinquent will be determined by an independent review of the Tax Office records. Vendors who believe a delinquency is reflected in error must contact the Tax Office to correct any errors or discrepancies prior to submitting their bid in order to ensure that their bid will be considered. Tax records are available online at the Tax Office website – www.co.jefferson.tx.us/taxoffice. Prior to submitting a bid, vendors are encouraged to visit the Tax Office website, set up a portfolio of their accounts and make their own determination of the status of their tax accounts. Furthermore, if, during the performance of this contract, a vendor's taxes become delinquent, Jefferson County reserves the right to provide notice to the Auditor or Treasurer pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §154.045. This policy is effective for all bids due on or after May 1, 2006.

Delivery

All delivery and freight charges are to be included in the bid price.

Contract

This bid, when properly accepted by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Jefferson County. No different or additional terms will become a part of this contract.

Scope of Work

Machines to Be Refurbished: North & South Elevators located in Jefferson County Courthouse

Contractor will provide labor and material to furnish and install on the above referenced machine(s) the following:

MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL SYSTEM

Contractor will furnish labor and materials to provide a new" Elevator Controls" microprocessor control system. This system shall be a digital closed-loop microprocessor-based control system specifically designed to meet the particular needs of modernizing UMV traction elevators. This system is also to have a distributed network of modular microprocessor control units and solid-state performance measurement devices. The system shall be integrated using serial-link communication. The control system is to have a Solid-State Safety Circuit. The measurement transducers shall constantly monitor the performance of every elevator function controlled by microprocessor. The control units shall evaluate this performance information and automatically adjust performance as necessary to correct variances within milliseconds. The software shall be designed to maintain optimum elevator system performance by evaluating and reassigning hall calls within milliseconds of changes in elevator demand or performance.

SECTION No.	TITLE
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SECTION I: OPERATION

Duty: The present capacity and speed of the elevators will be retained as follows:

Elevators numbered	Capacity (pounds)	Speed (Feet per Minute)
North & South	3,000	350

Travel: The present travel of the elevators will be retained as follows:

Elevators numbered	From floor to floor	Rise (feet)
North & South	B, 1 to 12	150 feet

Stops and Openings: The present stops and openings will be retained as follows:

Elevators numbered	Number of stops	Number of openings
North	B, 1-7, 12 front	9 front
South	B, 1-7, 9, 10, 12	11 front

Power Supply: The power supply of 480volts, 3 phase, 60 hertz, alternating current will be retained with the new equipment arranged for this power supply.

New Drive System: The present motor drive system will be changed to a Variable Voltage Variable Frequency Self Commissioning Non - Regenerative Drive.

New Operation: The present control system will be changed to Microprocessor control.

A New Controller: A microcomputer-based control system shall be provided to perform all of the functions of elevator motion and elevator door control. This shall include all of the hardware required to connect, transfer and interrupt power, and protect the motor against overloading. The system shall also perform car operational control.

Each controller cabinet containing memory equipment shall be properly shielded from line pollution. The microcomputer system shall be designed to accept reprogramming with minimum system downtime.

SECTION II: MACHINE ROOM EQUIPMENT

New Drive System: The present motor drive system will be changed to a Variable Voltage Variable Frequency Self Commissioning Non-Regenerative Drive. The system shall include a step up or down transformer as required.

New Power Converter Successive Starting: When all power converters in a group are shut down due to lack of demand, only a single converter shall be allowed to start up at one time.

New Machine: A new electric traction machine with Variable Voltage Variable Frequency A.0 motor shall be provided at existing location.

New Motor: A new Alternating Current Variable Frequency 3 phase low slip motor shall be provided.

New Governor: A new centrifugal speed governor that operates the car safety shall be installed at the top of the hoistway in the machine room. The governor shall actuate a switch when excessive speeds occur, disconnecting power to the motor and applying the brake before application of the safety.

New Rope Gripper: A new grope gripper device shall be installed to prevent the elevator from over speeding in the up-direction, as per the latest requirement by ASME/ANSI A17.1 Safety Code for Elevators, and American National Standard.

SECTION III: SYSTEM OPERATING FEATURES

New Automatic Self-Leveling: The elevator shall be provided with automatic self-leveling that shall typically bring the elevator car level with the floor landings + 'A" regardless of load or direction of travel. The automatic self-leveling shall correct for over travel or under travel and rope stretch.

New Special Emergency Service: Special Emergency Service operation shall be provided in compliance with the latest applicable revision of the ASME/ANSI A17.1 Code.

Special Emergency Service Phase I to return the elevator(s) non-stop to a designated floor shall be initiated by an elevator smoke detector system or a keyswitch provided in a lobby fixture.

The smoke detector system, if required, is to be furnished by others. The elevator shall provide contacts on the elevator controller to receive signals from the smoke detector system.

A keyswitch in the car shall be provided for in-car control of each elevator when on Phase II of Special Emergency Service.

If an elevator is on independent service when the elevators are recalled on Phase I operation, a buzzer shall sound in the car and a jewel shall be illuminated, subject to applicable codes.

New Standby Power Operation – Automatic: Through the group control system, elevators are selected and returned automatically to a designated floor at full rated speed. Any car that is unable to move on command within a preset time is passed by to select another car. The number of cars selected automatically to return to the designated floor is customer specified, this same number of cars will be selected automatically to operate after automatic return is complete. For example: if automatic return is two cars at a time, when two cars are also automatically selected to provide the normal service to the building.

After all cars have been returned or after a time interval has expired during which the group control detects a car's inability to respond to the return signal, the last selected car(s) automatically return to the normal operation.

Further attempts to rescue these are made every time a selected car on normal operation returns to the lobby.

SECTION IV: DOOR EQUIPMENT

New Closed Loop Door Operator: Closed Loop Door Operator shall be installed.

Doors on the car and at the hoistway entrances shall be power operated by means of a closed loop

door operator mounted on top of the car. The door operator is a fully closed loop system designed to give consistent door performance with changes in temperature, wind or minor debris in the door track. The system continually monitors door speed and position and adjusts it accordingly to match the pre-determined profile.

Door operation shall be automatic at each landing with door opening being initiated as the car arrives at the landing and closing taking place after expiration of an adjustable time interval. An electric car door contact shall prevent the elevator from operating unless the car door is in the closed position.

Door close shall be arranged to start after a minimum time, consistent with Handicap Requirements.

Doors shall be arranged to remain open for an adjustable time period sufficient to meet ADA requirements.

The time interval for which the elevator doors remain open when a car stops at a landing shall be independently adjustable for response to car calls and response to hall calls.

Retain Interlocks: The present interlocks will be retained. A thorough examination will be made of the interlocks. All replacement components will be the original manufacture replacement parts or equal.

New LAMBDA® Door-Protection Device: A solid state, infrared passenger protection device shall be installed on the car door. This device provides 56 infrared light beams that create an invisible safety net across the elevator entrance. In addition, LAMBDA® adds a triangular coverage area to protect passengers approaching or exiting the landing door zone or entryway. The LAMBDA system aims 12 additional infrared beams out into the entryway at a nominal 30 degree angle away from the direction of door travel. If these beams strike an object in the middle of the entryway, some of the light is reflected into special photo-diode receivers which scan into the entryway at a nominal 30 degree angle. If the receivers detect enough light, a reversal signal is generated to open the doors. The maximum projection of these 12 additional beams at any time is one-third of the door opening width.

If any beam is interrupted, LAMBDA's door-reversal signal will cause the elevator doors to reopen instantly without touching the passenger. After a car stop is made, the door shall remain open for a predetermined interval before closing. If, while the door is closing, the matrix of invisible light beams is interrupted by a passenger entering or leaving the car, the door shall stop and reopen, after which the door shall again start to, close.

Graceful degradation operation is also included. If one or two isolated beams (up to a maximum of 36 beams) are interrupted, LAMBDA's door-reversal signal will cause the doors to reopen instantly. If the beams remain blocked for more than 80 seconds, the beams are considered permanently blocked. LAMBDA then ignores these blockages and the detector will continue to operate as it would without any blockages.

If three or more adjacent beams are interrupted, LAMBDA's door-reversal signal will cause the doors to reopen instantly. If they remain blocked for more than 80 seconds, they are considered permanently blocked. The doors will then remain open indefinitely, go into nudging mode, or remain open for a specified period of time, depending on local codes and the door operating system. The doors will remain in this mode until the blockage is corrected.

Retain Car Door Tracks and Hangers: The present car door tracks and hangers shall be retained and inspected for proper alignment. Any adjustment required will be accomplished.

Retain Hoistway Entrances: The present hoistway entrances shall be retained.

Retain Hoistway Door Tracks and Hangers: The present hoistway door tracks and hangers shall be retained.

New Hoistway Door Restrictors: Folded hoistway door restrictors shall be installed.

SECTION V: HOISTWAY EQUIPMENT

New Hoistway Operating Devices: Terminal stopping devices shall be provided to slow or automatically stop the car at the terminal landings and to automatically cut off the power and apply the brake, should the car travel beyond the terminal landings.

Retain Car Guides: The existing car guides shall be retained.

Retain Counterweight Guides: The existing counterweight guides shall be retained.

Retain Car Frame and Safety: The existing car safety device, designed to stop the car if it attains a descending speed in excess of the preset contract speed, shall be retained.

Retain Ropes: The existing hoist ropes shall be retained.

Retain Platform: The car platform will be retained and reused in place.

Retain Car Interior: The present car interior shall be retained.

New Load-Weighing Device: A new load weighing device set to operate at a predetermined fixed percentage of the car load shall be provided.

Retain Flooring: The present flooring will be retained.

New Pit Switch: An emergency stop switch shall be located in the pit and accessible from the pit access door.

Retain Buffers: The existing buffers shall be retained.

SECTION VI: FIXTURES

Car Fixtures:

New Applied Car Operation Panel: An applied car operating panel shall be furnished; the panel shall contain a bank of mechanical illuminated buttons marked to correspond with the landings served, an emergency call button, emergency stop button, door open and door close buttons, and a light switch. The emergency call button shall be connected to a bell that serves as an emergency signal. All buttons, when applicable, to be long life LED illumination.

New Emergency Car Lighting: An emergency power unit employing a 6-volt sealed rechargeable battery and totally static circuit shall be provided. The power unit shall illuminate the elevator ear and provide current to the alarm bell in the event of normal power failure. The equipment shall comply with the requirements of the latest applicable revision of the ASME/ANSI A17.1 Code.

New Car Position Indicator: A car position indicator shall be installed. The position of the car in the hoistway shall be shown by illumination of the indication corresponding to the landing at which the car is stopped or passing.

New Audible Signal (Indicates Passing or Stopping at a Landing): An audible signal shall sound in the car to signal passengers that the car is either stopping or passing a landing served by the elevator.

Hall Fixtures:

New Hall Buttons: New hall buttons shall be installed at each landing. An up button and a down button at each intermediate landing and a single button at each terminal landing shall be installed.

A call shall be registered by momentary pressure of a landing button. The button shall become illuminated and remain illuminated until the call is answered. All buttons, when applicable, to be long life LED illumination.

New Hall Lanterns: Direction lanterns shall be provided at all hoistway entrances, with "UP" and "DOWN" indicators at intermediate landings and single indicators at terminal landings. When a car is stopping at a landing, the lantern indicating the direction that the car is traveling shall become illuminated prior to arrival of the car. A chime shall sound once for the "UP" direction and twice for the "DOWN" direction to announce the impending arrival of the associated elevator car.

New Lobby Panel: A lobby panel shall be provided with car position indicator, car running status jewel, remote SES key switch, etc., as required by code.

SECTION VII: WORK BY OWNERS - NOT IN CONTRACT

The following work is to be performed by others and provided in accordance with the applicable codes and enforcing authorities:

1. **Air Conditioning**: Provide suitable ventilation and cooling equipment, if required, to maintain the machine-room temperature between 45°F and 95°F. The relative humidity should not exceed 85 percent non-condensing.
2. **Building Power**: Provide electrical power for light, tools, hoists, etc. during installation as well as electric current for starting, testing and adjusting the elevator. Power of permanent characteristics to be provided to properly operate all of the elevators concurrently scheduled to be modernized. Power must be a 3-phase 4 wire system with ground and bonded disconnects. Grounded leg delta systems are not acceptable,
3. **Smoke & Heat System**: Provide a smoke and heat detector system, located as required with wiring from the sensing devices to each elevator controller.
4. **Sprinklers**: Provide code compliant sprinkler system, as required, in the hoistway, pit and machine room.
5. **Cutting & Patching**: Do any cutting, (including cutouts to accommodate hall signal fixtures, entrances and/or machine room access) patching and painting of walls, floors or partitions.
6. **Main Disconnect**: Provide a fused lockable disconnect switch or circuit breaker for each elevator per the National Electrical Code with feeder or branch wiring to the transformer. Size to suit elevator. Provide a SHUNT TRIP disconnect, as required, if sprinklers are being provided. Provide suitable connections from the main disconnect to the elevator control equipment.
7. **Ground Wire**: Provide a properly sized ground wire from the elevator controller(s) to the primary building ground.
8. **Car Light Power Supply & Disconnect**: Provide a 120 volt AC, 15 amp, single-phase

power supply with fused SPST disconnect switch for each elevator, with feeder wiring to each controller for car lights.

9. **Remote Panels:** Provide required conduit, with adequate pull boxes and ells from the elevator hoistway(s) to the location or locations required to facilitate the installation of Lobby Panels, Fire Control Room Panels or Elevator Monitoring Systems. Size and number as specified by Contractor. Leave a measured pull tape in the conduit. Contractor to furnish and pull required conductors.
10. **Standby Power Requirements:** Provide a standby power unit and a means for starting it that will deliver sufficient power to the elevator disconnect switches to operate one or more elevators at a time at full-rated speed. Provide a transfer switch for each feeder for switching from normal power to standby (emergency) power and a contact on each transfer switch closed on normal power supply with two wires from this contact to one elevator controller. Provide a means for absorbing power regenerated by the elevator system when running with overhauling loads such as full load down.
11. **Lighting:** Any modification or installation of lights and/or GFI electrical outlets in the machine room, secondary level and/or pit to be performed by others. Provide sufficient lighting in the buildings common areas to facilitate a safe working environment.
12. **Machine Room Access:** Provide a self-locking and self-closing door for the elevator machine room. Access door to be adequately sized to accept Contractor's equipment. Modify machine room access, as required, to comply with code and facilitate safe egress of all equipment.
13. **Fire Extinguisher:** Provide fire extinguisher in elevator machine room.
14. **Non-Elevator Material in Hoistway:** Remove or encapsulate, as required, any non-elevator related pipes or wiring located in the elevator machine room or hoistway.
15. **Hoistway Ventilation:** Provide code compliant hoistway ventilation, Code requires a means to prevent the accumulation of hot air and gasses at the top of the hoistway. Pressurizing the hoistways, or providing vents from the top of the hoistway to the outside of the building usually accomplishes this. Vents shall not be less than 3 1/2% of the area of the hoistway nor less than 3 sq. ft, for each elevator car, whichever is greater. You may not vent the hoistway to the machine room. If the hoistway vents must run through the machine room, they must be enclosed in a fire rated structure and not violate clearances around owner's equipment.
16. **Hoistway Ledges:** Provide a 75-degree angle constructed of a non-combustible material on all ledges that are 2" or greater in the hoistway, excluding multi-hatch divider beams.
17. **Sump Hole Grating:** Provide a flush grating over the sump hole located in the elevator pit.
18. **Asbestos:** Should any asbestos be found to be present in the building which is related to any of the work, it shall be the responsibility of others to abate, contain or prepare the workplace as safe for work. Contractor will not be responsible for working with asbestos which may be disturbed or uncontained. Contractor will not be responsible for any costs associated with delay of the job should asbestos be detected or require addressing by others.
19. **Storage:** Provide dry, protected, and secure storage space adjacent to the hoistway(s).
20. **Pit Ladders:** Provide a pit ladder, as required, in each pit that does not have walk in access doors. Ladder shall extend 48" above first landing access door.

Offer to Contract

REFURBISHMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELEVATORS

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:

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

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

Acceptance of Offer

REFURBISHMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELEVATORS

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. IFB 12-017/JW Refurbishment of Jefferson County Courthouse Elevators. 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:

Jeff R. Branick
County Judge

Date

Carolyn L. Guidry
County Clerk

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

Bid Form

<i>Bid Description</i>	Lump Sum Bid
Refurbishment of Jefferson County (North & South) Courthouse Elevators	\$

Acknowledgment of Addenda (if any):

Addendum 1 _____ Date Received _____
Addendum 2 _____ Date Received _____
Addendum 3 _____ Date Received _____

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

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: _____

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

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	

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

For vendor or other person doing business with local government entity	
<p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006 Local Government Code.</p> <p>A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.0006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY
<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="margin-left: 40px;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>	
<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>	

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.

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.

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded). Yes No

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 . . .

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Notify in writing a reasonable number of HUBs, allowing sufficient time for effective participation of the planned work to be subcontracted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Negotiate in good faith with interested HUBs, and not reject bids from HUBs that qualify as lowest and responsive bidders? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Document reasons HUBs were rejected? Was a written rejection notice, including the reason for rejection, provided to the rejected HUBs? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded). Yes No

Instructions for Prime Contractor/Consultant: Bidder shall submit this form with the bid; however, the information below may be submitted 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.

Contractor Name: _____ HUB: Yes No

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): _____ Fax (with area code): _____

Project Title & No.: _____

Prime Contract Amount: \$ _____

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: _____

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.

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This information must be submitted with your bid.

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/subconsultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded). Yes No

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.

FOR HUB OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

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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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 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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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 _____, 2012.

Notary Public in and for
the State of _____

Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.