



# JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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## LEGAL NOTICE Advertisement for Request for Proposal

April 14, 2020

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department for RFP 20-013/YS, Auditing Services for Jefferson County. **Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Jefferson County website, <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>, or by calling 409-835-8593.**

Proposals are to be sealed and addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the proposal number and name marked on the outside of the envelope or box. Offerors shall forward an original and five (5) hard copies of their proposal to the address shown below. Late proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened and only the firm name will be read aloud in the Jefferson County Engineering Conference Room (5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Historic Courthouse) 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 at the time and date below. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing offerors and maintains the confidentiality of the proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for public inspection after the award of the contract, except for trade secrets and confidential information. Offerors are invited to attend the sealed proposal opening.

There will be a pre-proposal conference on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 2:00 pm CT in the Commissioners Courtroom, 1149 Pearl Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Beaumont TX, 77701.

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| <b>PROPOSAL NAME:</b>      | <b>Auditing Services for Jefferson County</b>   |
| <b>PROPOSAL NO:</b>        | <b>RFP 20-013/YS</b>  |
| <b>DUE DATE/TIME:</b>      | <b>11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 27, 2020</b>   |
| <b>MAIL OR DELIVER TO:</b> | <b>Jefferson County Purchasing Department<br/>1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor<br/>Beaumont, Texas 77701</b> |

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Yea-Mei Sauer, Contract Specialist, [ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us](mailto:ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us).

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in the proposal submission process. Jefferson County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at 409-835-8593 to make arrangements no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the submittal deadline. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of Jefferson County.

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

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

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Jefferson County, Texas

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the Total, All-Inclusive, Maximum Price.

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#### **Proposal Submissions:**

**Offeror is responsible for submitting:**

- One (1) original and five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specification packet, in its entirety.

**Additionally, Offeror must monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website (below) to see if addenda or additional instructions have been posted. Failure to return all required forms could result in a response being declared as non-responsive.**

<https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>

## Proposal Submittal Checklist

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The Offeror's attention is especially called to the items listed below, which must be submitted in full as part of the proposal.

Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your proposal, or failure to acknowledge any addendum in writing with your proposal, or submitting a proposal on any condition, limitation, or provision not officially invited in this Request for Proposal (RFP) may cause for rejection of the proposal.

Offeror shall check each box indicating compliance.

### THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PACKAGE

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of the Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the email address, telephone, and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided Auditing Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- One (1) original and five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.**

Each Offeror shall ensure that required parts of the response are completed with accuracy and submitted as per the requirements within this specifications packet, including any addenda.

**PLEASE READ THE "PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST" INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE.**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| _____<br>Company                                  | _____<br>Telephone Number |
| _____<br>Address                                  | _____<br>Fax Number       |
| _____<br>Authorized Representative (Please print) | _____<br>Title            |
| _____<br>Authorized Signature                     | _____<br>Date             |

**Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.**

## **1. Introduction to Offerors**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is to receive proposals from qualified firms regarding services for Auditing Services.

The following items are provided as general information and specifications as required by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

### **1.1 Vendor Instructions**

**Read the document carefully. Follow all instructions. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure you have a clear understanding of the proposal.**

General Requirements apply to all advertised requests for proposals; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by the **Scope of Services, Guidelines and Specifications, Requested Responses and Information, or other data contained herein.** Be sure your proposal package is complete.

### **1.2 Governing Law**

Offeror is advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Jefferson County may request and rely on advice, decisions, and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.

### **1.3 Ambiguity, Conflict, or other errors in the RFP**

If Offeror discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, Offeror shall immediately notify the County of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. Written notice will be given to all parties who have been furnished with the RFP without divulging the source of the request for the same. If the Offeror fails to notify the County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals of an error or ambiguity in the RFP known to Offeror, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Offeror, then Offeror shall not be entitled to compensation or additional time by reason of the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

The County may also modify the RFP, no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals, by issuance of an Addendum to all parties who have received the RFP. All addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with 1.

### **1.4 Notification of Most Current Address**

Firms in receipt of this RFP shall notify Deborah L. Clark, Jefferson County Purchasing Agent, of any address changes, contact person changes, and/or telephone number changes no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of proposals.

### **1.5 Proposal Preparation Cost**

Cost for developing proposals is entirely the responsibility of Offerors and shall not be charged to Jefferson County.

### **1.6 Signature of Proposal**

A transmittal letter, which shall be considered an integral part of the proposal, shall be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the Offeror contractually. If the Offeror is a corporation, the legal name of the corporation shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.

If the Offeror is a partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of the partner or partners authorized to sign.

If the Offeror is an individual, that individual shall sign. If signature is by an agent, other than an officer of a corporation or a member of a partnership, a power of attorney or equivalent document must be submitted to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department prior to the submission of the proposal or with the proposal.

### **1.7 Economy of Presentation**

Proposals shall not contain promotional or display materials, except as they may directly answer in whole or in part questions contained in the RFP. Such exhibits shall be clearly marked with the applicable reference number of the question in the RFP. Proposals must address the technical requirements as specified in the RFP. All questions posed by the RFP must be answered concisely and clearly. Proposals that do not address each criterion may be rejected and not considered.

### **1.8 Proposal Obligation**

The contents of the proposal and any clarification thereof submitted by the selected Offeror shall become part of the contractual obligation and incorporated by reference into the ensuing contract.

### **1.9 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence**

This Agreement is derived from (1) the RFP, written clarifications to the RFP and County's response to questions; (2) the Contractor's Best and Final Offer, and (3) the Contractor's response to the RFP.

In the event of a dispute under this Agreement, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) Amendments to the Agreement in reverse chronological order; (2) the Agreement, including the Scope of Work; (3) the Contractor's Best and Final Offer; (4) the RFP, including attachments thereto and written responses to questions and written clarifications; and (5) the Contractors response to the RFP.

### **1.10 Governing Forms**

In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Jefferson County's interpretation shall govern.

### **1.11 Implied Requirements**

Products and services not specifically mentioned in the RFP, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the Offeror, shall be included in the proposal.

### **1.12 Compliance with RFP Specifications**

It is intended that this RFP describe the requirements and the response format in sufficient detail to secure comparable proposals. Failure to comply with all provisions of the RFP may result in disqualification.

### **1.13 Vendor Registration: SAM (System for Award Management)**

Vendors doing business with Jefferson County are required to be registered with The System for Award Management (SAM), with an “active” status.

The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. There is NO fee to register for this site. Entities may register at no cost directly from the SAM website at: <https://www.sam.gov>

**Offerors are strongly encouraged to review their firm’s SAM (System for Award Management) status prior to Proposal Submission.**

### **1.14 Awarded Vendor(s): Submission of FORM 1295 (Texas Ethics Commission)**

In accordance with House Bill 1295 (passed January 1, 2016), Vendors entering into contracts and professional agreements with Jefferson County will be required to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties (FORM 1295), unless contract is considered exempt as described below.

In 2017, the Texas legislature amended the law to require Form 1295 to include an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form. The unsworn declaration, including the date of birth and address of the signatory, replaces the notary requirement that applied to contracts entered into before January 1, 2018. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

Changes to the law requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an “unsworn declaration.”

FORM 1295 Exemptions: What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law? The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

- a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education
- an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education
- a contract related to health and human services if: the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and o any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract
- a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity
- a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code
- a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code

Upon entering into a contract or professional agreement, the Jefferson County Purchasing Department will submit a request to the Vendor to both:

**1. Submit a FORM 1295 online via the Texas Ethics Commission website link below.**

Vendors must enter the required information on Form 1295, and print a copy of the completed form. The form will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number.

**2. Submit a FORM 1295 hard copy (completed & signed by an Authorized Agent of the Awarded Vendor), to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.**

FORM 1295, Completion Instructions, and Login Instructions are available via the Texas Ethics Commission Website at: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

## **1.15 Emergency/Declared Disaster Requirements**

In the event of an emergency or if Jefferson County is declared a disaster area, by the County, State, or Federal Government, a contract (executed in response to this Request for Proposal) may be subjected to unusual usage. Contractor shall service the County during such an emergency or declared disaster under the same terms and conditions that apply during non-emergency/disaster conditions. The pricing as specified in the contract shall apply to serving the County's needs regardless of the circumstances. If Contractor is unable to supply the services under the terms of the contract, then Contractor shall provide proof of such disruption and a copy of the invoice from Contractor's supplier(s). Additional profit margin as a result of supplying services during an emergency or declared disaster shall not be permitted. In the event that additional equipment, supplies, and materials are required during the declared disaster, additional shipping, handling and drayage fees may apply.

## **1.16 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mandated Contract Clauses**

If applicable to the work and services being performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, the following provisions are adopted and form part of this AGREEMENT:

### **(A) DAMAGES, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (A)**

- (1) All work to be performed under this AGREEMENT shall be timely commenced. A breach of this AGREEMENT by Contractor would cause substantial delay in the completion of the required services affecting the safety and welfare of the public.
- (2) In the event of Contractor's breach of its performance obligations, County shall have all rights and remedies against Contractor as provided by law.

### **(B) TERMINATION RIGHTS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (B)**

Termination for Convenience: Whenever the interests of the County so require, County may terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the County. County shall give Contractor thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination specifying the portions of the Agreement to be terminated and when such termination will become effective. If only portions of the parties' agreement are terminated, Contractor has the right to withdraw from the parties' Agreement, without adverse action or claims. In the event of a termination for convenience by County, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and services performed by it up to the effective date of such termination.

Termination for Cause: The County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate the parties' Agreement, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to satisfactorily perform any provisions of the parties' agreement after a period of ten (10) following Contractor's receipt of a Notice of Deficiency provided by County.

### **(C) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (C))**

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the AGREEMENT, during the performance of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4(b)):

- (1) CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination;

rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. AGREEMENTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this AGREEMENT or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this AGREEMENT may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of subparagraphs 1 through 7 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or contractor. CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: provided, however, that in the event CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or contractor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

#### **D. DAVIS-BACON ACT AND COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appen. II to Part 200 (D)**

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

(1) Bacon-Davis Act: Applicable to construction or repair of public buildings or public works. see FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, Ch.2(V)(G)(2), page 32 (FP 104-009-2/January 2016);

(2) Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act: In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. §3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that the contractor and subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The GOVERNMENT must report all suspected or reported violations to the appropriate Federal agency.

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

- (a) CONTRACTOR shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this AGREEMENT.
- (b) CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontract with all of these contract clauses.
- (c) A breach of the AGREEMENT clause above may be grounds for termination of the AGREEMENT, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12.

**E. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (E) (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)**

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor and its subcontractors shall compute the wages of every mechanic

and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation: liability for unpaid wages: liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The GOVERNMENT shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) The contractor and subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

**F. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (F)**

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT and if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the GOVERNMENT wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the GOVERNMENT must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business."

#### **G. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (G)**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

CONTRACTOR shall include the foregoing requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.

#### **H. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (H)**

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies of the state regulation promulgated in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201).

#### **I. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (I)**

(1) This AGREEMENT is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the CONTRACTOR is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by GOVERNMENT. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to GOVERNMENT, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C AGREEMENT is valid and throughout the period of performance. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### **J. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (J)**

CONTRACTOR must file with the GOVERNMENT the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. If not provided with the bid response, CONTRACTOR must complete and submit the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form.

## **K. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS, 2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (K) and 2 CFR §200.322)**

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired-

- (a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (c) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>.

The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/htm>.

## **L. AGREEMENTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR §200.321)**

Should the CONTRACTOR subcontract any of the work under this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall take the following affirmative steps: place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

## **M. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

(1) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide GOVERNMENT, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this AGREEMENT for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) CONTRACTOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

## **N. SEAL, LOGO AND FLAGS**

CONTRACTOR shall not use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

## **O. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the AGREEMENT only. CONTRACTOR will comply will all federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

## **P. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this AGREEMENT and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

## **Q. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR'S actions pertaining to this contract.

### **1.17 Evaluation**

Jefferson County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the RFP process) that might affect the County's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the best evaluated Offeror. This information may be appended to the proposal evaluation process results. Information on a service provider from reliable sources, and not within the service provider's proposal, may also be noted and made part of the evaluation file. Jefferson County shall have sole responsibility for determining a reliable source. Jefferson County reserves the right to conduct written and/or oral discussions/interviews after the proposal opening. The purpose of such discussions/interviews is to provide clarification and/or additional information to make an award in the best interest of Jefferson County.

### **1.18 Withdrawal of Proposal**

The Offeror may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written request over the signature of an authorized individual, as described in paragraph 1.6, to the Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline. The Offeror may thereafter submit a new proposal prior to the deadline. Modification or withdrawal of the proposal in any manner, oral or written, will not be considered if submitted after the deadline.

### **1.19 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.

### **1.20 Award**

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of the **Best Offer** in accordance with the laws of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make award to more than one Offeror, and/or to reject any or all proposals. In the event the highest dollar Offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the Offeror may appear before Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning his responsibility.

### **1.21 Ownership of Proposal**

All proposals become the property of Jefferson County and will not be returned to Offerors.

### **1.22 Disqualification of Offeror**

Upon signing this proposal document, a contractor offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Jefferson County certifies that the Offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Section 15.01, et seq, Business & Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the offer made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all proposals may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Offerors.

### **1.23 Contractual Development**

The contents of the RFP and the selected proposal will become an integral part of the contract, but may be modified by provisions of the contract as negotiated. Therefore, the Offeror must be amenable to inclusion in a contract of any information provided (in writing) either in response to this RFP or subsequently during the selection process.

### **1.24 Assignment**

The selected vendor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this contract without written permission of the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court.

### **1.25 Contract Obligation**

Jefferson County Commissioners' Court must award the contract, and the County Judge or other person authorized by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Jefferson County or the Offeror. **Department heads are not authorized to sign agreements for Jefferson County.** Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this proposal have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.

### **1.26 Termination**

Jefferson County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if the awarded vendor breached any of the terms therein, including warranties of Offeror, or if the Offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies 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 services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements 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.

### **1.27 Inspections**

Jefferson County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location(s) for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the using department. If a proposal cannot furnish a sample of a proposed item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the Offeror as inadequate.

### **1.28 Testing**

Jefferson County reserves the right to test equipment, supplies, material and goods proposed for quality, compliance with specifications, and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, the offer is subject to rejection.

### **1.29 Loss, Damage, or Claim**

The Offeror shall totally indemnify Jefferson County against all claims by its employees, agents, or representatives or personal injury arising from any cause. In addition, the Offeror shall totally indemnify Jefferson County against all claims of loss or damage to the Offeror's and Jefferson County's property, equipment, and/or supplies.

### **1.30 Taxes**

The contractor and its subcontractors, agents and employees, as the case may be, will be responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, and deposits or contributions imposed or required by law.

### **1.31 Non-Discrimination**

The successful offeror will be required to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and with all provisions of federal, state, county and local (if any) laws and regulations to ensure that no employee or applicant for employment is discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

### **1.32 Conflict of Interest**

The agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP will contain the Contractor's warranty that, except for bona-fide employees or selling agents maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business, no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage or contingency.

Further, the contractor will warrant that no kickbacks, gratuities, or contingency fees have been paid in connection with this RFP or contract and none has been promised contingent upon the award of contract. And, will still further warrant that to its knowledge and best belief, no one being paid under the agreement between the County and the contractor, is engaged in any activities which would constitute a conflict of interest with respect to the purposes of said agreement.

### **1.33 Waiver of Subrogation**

Offeror and Offeror'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 the Offeror's performance under this agreement.

### **1.34 Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirements**

By signing its proposal, Offeror acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for this proposal. Offeror also understands that evidence of required insurance must be submitted within fifteen (15) working days following notification of acceptance of its offer; otherwise, Jefferson County may rescind its acceptance of the Offeror's proposal. The insurance requirements are part of this package.

### **1.35 Insurance**

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 1.36.1.3 below) 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; a copy of the policy wording or endorsement is required.

Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured and will provide the actual policy wording or endorsement showing as such.

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



- 1.36.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
- 1.36.7 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.
- 1.36.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Department of Workers' Compensation, 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.
- 1.36.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
  - 1.36.9.1 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.
  - 1.36.9.2 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.
  - 1.36.9.3 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.
  - 1.36.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
    - 1.36.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
    - 1.36.9.4.2 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.
  - 1.36.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
  - 1.36.9.6 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
  - 1.36.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 1.36.1. – 1.36.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 1.36.10 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.
- 1.36.11 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.

**1.37 Pre-Proposal Conference**

There will be a pre-proposal conference on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 2:00 PM CT, at Commissioners’ Courtroom, 1149 Pearl Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Beaumont TX, 77701.

**1.38 Delivery of Proposals**

All proposals are to be delivered by 11:00 AM CT, Wednesday, May 27, 2020, to:

**Jefferson County Purchasing Department  
Attention: Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, Texas 77701**

**Courthouse Security:** Offerors are advised that all visitors to the Courthouse must pass through Security. Offerors planning to hand deliver proposal must allow time to get through Security, as a delay in entering the Courthouse will not be accepted as an excuse for late submittal. Mondays and Tuesdays are particularly heavy days. Offerors are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

**County Holidays – 2020:**

|                  |                   |                             |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| January 1        | Wednesday         | New Year’s                  |
| January 20       | Monday            | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| February 17      | Monday            | President’s Day             |
| April 10         | Friday            | Good Friday                 |
| May 25           | Monday            | Memorial Day                |
| July 3           | Friday            | Independence Day            |
| September 7      | Monday            | Labor Day                   |
| November 11      | Wednesday         | Veteran’s Day               |
| November 26 & 27 | Thursday & Friday | Thanksgiving                |
| December 24 & 25 | Thursday & Friday | Christmas                   |

Jefferson County will not accept any proposals received after the stated time and date, and shall return such proposals unopened to the Offeror.

Jefferson County will not accept any responsibility for proposals being delivered by third party carriers.

**Proposal Submissions shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope or box and plainly marked “SEALED PROPOSAL.” The outside of the envelope or box shall also include: Proposal Number, Proposal Name, Proposal Due Date, Offeror’s Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.**

Proposals will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents; however, only names of Offerors will be read aloud.

**1.39 Proposal Submissions During Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency**

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal/request for statement of qualifications submission deadline, the bid/proposal/request closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day that County offices are open to the public. Should inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event cause delays in courier service operations, the County may issue an addendum to all known vendors

interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to notify the county of their interest in the project should these conditions impact their ability to submit a bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submission before the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgement call to extend any deadline.

Should an emergency or unanticipated event interrupt normal County processes, and bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submissions cannot be received by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department's office by the exact time specified in the RFP and urgent County requirements preclude amendment to the RFP, the time specified for receipt of proposal will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first business day on which normal County processes resume.

#### 1.40 Questions

Questions may be emailed to Yea-Mei Sauer, [ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us](mailto:ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us).

#### 1.41 Tentative Schedule of Events

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| April 14, 2020 | Issuance of Request for Proposal  |
| May 5, 2020    | Pre Proposal Conference   |
| May 27, 2020   | Deadline Submission (late proposals will not be considered)                 |
| May 29, 2020   | Proposals distributed to Evaluation Committee                               |
| June 4, 2020   | Evaluation Committee Convenes to Tabulate Scoring and Determines Short List |
| June 11, 2020  | Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List                           |
| June 22, 2020  | Recommendation for Award  |

**Please note:**

**The above schedule of events is *tentative* in nature. Dates listed are subject to change.**

## **2. Response Format**

### **2.1 Introduction**

Each proposal submitted in response to this RFP must be organized to correspond with those numbered sections of this RFP that require a response. Failure to arrange the proposal as requested may result in the disqualification of the proposal. Conciseness and clarity of content are emphasized and encouraged. Vague and general proposals will be considered non-responsive, and will result in disqualification. The response must be complete. Failure to provide the required information may result in the disqualification of the proposal. All pages of the proposal must be numbered and the proposal must contain an organized, paginated table of contents corresponding to the sections and pages of the proposal.

The County requests that proposal submissions NOT be bound by staples or glued spines.

### **2.2 Organization of Proposal Contents**

Each proposal must be organized in the manner described below.

- a. Transmittal Letter
- b. Executive Summary
- c. Table of Contents
- d. Offeror Identifying Information
- e. Offeror Personnel and Organization
- f. Project Requirements
- g. Scope of Services (Appendix A)
- h. Other information that may be helpful in the evaluation

### **2.3 Transmittal Letter**

The Offeror must submit a transmittal letter that identifies the entity submitting the proposal, and includes a commitment by that entity to provide the services required by the County. The transmittal letter must state that the proposal is valid for ninety (90) days from the deadline for delivery of proposals to the County. Any proposal containing a term of less than ninety (90) days for acceptance will be rejected as non-responsive.

The transmittal letter must be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the Offeror to the representations in the response. In the case of a joint proposal, each party must sign the transmittal letter. The Offeror also must indicate, in its transmittal letter, why it believes that it is the most qualified Offeror to provide the services described in this RFP.

The transmittal letter must include a statement of acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this RFP. If Offeror takes exception to any of the proposed terms and conditions stated in this RFP, those exceptions must be noted in the transmittal letter.

However, Offeror must realize that failure to accept the terms specified in this proposal may result in disqualification of the proposal.

### **2.4 Executive Summary**

The Offeror must provide an executive summary of its proposal that asserts that the Offeror is providing in its response all of the requirements of this RFP. The executive summary must not exceed three (3) pages, and must represent a full and concise summary of the contents of the proposal. The executive summary must not include any information concerning the cost of the proposal. The Offeror must identify any services that are provided beyond those specifically requested. If the Offeror is providing services that do not meet the specific requirements of this RFP, but in the opinion of the Offeror are equivalent or superior to those specifically requested, any such differences must be noted in the executive summary. However, the Offeror must realize that failure to provide the services specifically required may result in disqualification of the proposal.

### **2.5 Table of Contents**

Each proposal must be submitted with a table of contents that clearly identifies and denotes the location of each title and subtitle of the proposal. Additionally, the table of contents must clearly identify and denote the location of all enclosures of the proposal. The table of contents must follow the RFP's structure as much as is practical.

### **2.6 Offeror Identifying Information**

Offerors must provide the following identifying information:

- a. Name and address of business entity submitting the proposal;
- b. Type of business entity (i.e., corporation, partnership);
- c. Place of incorporation, if applicable;
- d. Name and location of major offices and other facilities that relate to the Offeror's performance under the terms of this RFP;
- e. Name, address, business and fax number of the Offeror's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this RFP;
- f. The Offeror's Federal Employer Identification Number, Jefferson County Vendor Number and Jefferson County Business License Number, if any;
- g. Full name and address for each member, partner, and employee of the Offeror (and any subcontractors) who will perform service's on this project; and
- h. A statement regarding the financial stability of the Offeror, including the ability of the Offeror to perform the functions required by this RFP and to provide those services represented by the Offeror in its response.

## **2.7 Conflict of Interest**

Each Offeror must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this RFP. Examples of potential conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Offeror, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with the County or any other entity or person involved in any way in the project that is the subject of this RFP. Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Offeror, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any employee of the County or its suppliers must be disclosed. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. Failure to disclose any such relationship or reveal personal relationships with state employees may be cause for contract termination. The County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in proposal disqualification.

Each Offeror must reveal any past or existing relationship between the Offeror, its principal, employees, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any county agency, entity, county employee, or other person in anyway involved in the county's procurement and/or contracting processes. It shall be the sole prerogative of the County to determine if such relationship constitutes a conflict of interest.

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

## 2.8 Confidential/Proprietary Information

If any material in the proposal submission is considered by Offeror to be confidential or proprietary information (including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the Offeror), Offeror must clearly mark the applicable pages of Offeror's proposal submission to indicate each claim of confidentiality. Additionally, Offeror must include a statement on company letterhead identifying all Proposal section(s) and page(s) that have been marked as confidential. Jefferson County will protect from public disclosure such portions of a proposal, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing open records acts. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire proposal submission is protected from disclosure because it contains some proprietary information is not acceptable, and will make the entire proposal submission subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

By submitting a proposal, Offeror agrees to reproduction by Jefferson County, without cost or liability, of any copyrighted portions of Offeror's proposal submission or other information submitted by Offeror.

**FAILURE BY OFFEROR TO INCLUDE ALL LISTED ITEMS  
MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF ITS PROPOSAL.**

## 3. Proposal Submittal

The Proposal is due no later than 11:00 AM CT, May 27, 2020, and shall include the following:

- Cover sheet identifying the contract/project being proposed, the name and address of Offeror, the date of the proposal, and the telephone and facsimile numbers of Offeror.
- An acknowledgment and/or response to each section of the proposal.
- Form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership); if corporation the date and state of incorporation.
- Identification of three (3) entities for which the Offeror is providing or has provided Auditing Services of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity.
- Identification of all legal claims, demands, contracts terminated or lawsuits filed, threatened, or pending against the Offeror and/or its principal/officers for the last three (3) years, as well as identification of any administrative actions or warnings taken or issued by any federal, state, or local governmental agency to Offeror and/or its principals/officers with regard to the provision of the same or similar service as covered by this RFP, or the payment of moneys under the terms of any agreement(s) relating to such services.
- One (1) original and five (5) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet in its entirety and any other documentation requested within these specifications, should be mailed or delivered to:

Jefferson County Purchasing Department  
1149 Pearl Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Beaumont, TX 77701

- Explanations, exceptions, comments, etc., pertaining to the specific sections of the specifications. All comments shall be listed and numbered in order of the respective article of the specification.

## **4. Scope of Services**

### **4.1 General Information**

- 4.1.1. Jefferson County is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the two (2) subsequent years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* "Uniform Guidance"; and the State of Texas *Uniform Grant Management Standards* ("UGMS").
- 4.1.2 There is no expressed or implied obligation for Jefferson County to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.
- 4.1.3 A pre-proposal conference for all interested firms will be held at 2:00 pm CDT on May 27, 2020 at 1149 Pearl Street, Fourth Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, Beaumont, Texas to answer questions about the engagement.
- 4.1.4 Proposals submitted will be evaluated by an Audit Committee selected by Commissioners' Court.
- 4.1.5 During the evaluation process, the Audit Committee and Jefferson County reserve the right, where it may serve Jefferson County's best interest, to request additional information or clarification from Offerors, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of Jefferson County or the Audit Committee, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.
- 4.1.6 Jefferson County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of the firm of the conditions contained in this RFP, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between Jefferson County and the firm selected.

### **4.2 Terms of Contract**

A one (1) year contract with up to two (2) one (1) year mutually agreed upon renewals is contemplated, subject to the annual review and recommendations of the Audit Committee, the satisfactory negotiation of terms (including a price acceptable to both Jefferson County and the selected firm), the concurrence of Commissioners' Court, and the annual availability of an appropriation.

### **4.3 Subcontracting**

Firms submitting proposals are encouraged to consider subcontracting portions of the engagement to small audit firms or audit firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. If this is to be done, that fact, and the name of the proposed subcontracting firms, must be clearly identified in the proposal. Following the award of the audit engagement, no additional subcontracting will be allowed without the express prior written consent of Jefferson County.

## **5. Project Requirements**

### **5.1 Objective**

Each proposal must include a detailed work plan that addresses how work for Jefferson County would be performed. It shall include detailed personnel assignments. A detailed description of major deliverables to be provided must also be included.

The proposal must include a sample timeline for the completion of each major task included in the proposal to the extent practicable, as well as projected completion dates for each major activity required. All proposals submitted in response to this RFP become the property of Jefferson County.

## **5.2 Offeror Experience**

The successful Offeror must demonstrate extensive experience in and understanding of the nature of research and analysis required in order to carry out the intent of this project.

The proposal must identify all key personnel who are to be part of the proposed consultant team and detail their experience. Jefferson County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to approve each member of the team and to request substitutions.

The Offeror must describe in detail the current and historical experience the Offeror and its subcontractors have that would be relevant to completing the project. The Offeror must provide descriptions and references for all engagements of comparable complexity and sensitivity to the requirements of this RFP that have been conducted within the past five (5) years. References must contain the name of key contacts and a telephone number.

The description of experience must be detailed and cover all relevant contracts that the Offeror and its subcontractors, as applicable, have had and all experience similar to this contract that qualifies the Offeror to meet the requirements of this contract. Included must be the names, titles, addresses, and current telephone numbers of organizations that may be contacted to verify qualifying experience. The Offeror must indicate whether the organizations so listed are included for the purpose of verifying the Offeror's qualifying experience, or the qualifying experience of its subcontractors. Each experience statement also must include the name and types of services directly provided by the Offeror under the contract, and whether the Offeror was the contractor or subcontractor.

The Offeror must briefly state why it believes its proposed services best meet the County's needs and RFP requirements, and the Offeror also must concisely describe any additional features, aspects, or advantages of its services in any relevant area not covered elsewhere in its proposal.

## **5.3 Offeror Personnel and Organization**

The Offeror must provide resumes of all key personnel that will be involved in performing the project, and must provide for each person:

- a. Full name (including full middle name);
- b. An employment history;
- c. A specific description of relevant experience and skills that person has in connection with the conduct of financial advisory services that is the subject of this RFP (limit one page);
- d. A specific indication of what role the individual will have in this project; and
- e. Any additional helpful information to indicate the individual's ability to aid the Offeror in successfully performing the work involved in this RFP (limit to one page).

The resumes must present the required personnel in sufficient detail as to provide the County an indication that the personnel involved can perform the work specified in this RFP. All proposed personnel will be subject to the County approval.

Jefferson County is committed to using the selected Performance Review Company according to reasonable and well-planned timeframes, to the extent possible. Jefferson County is committed to making available its personnel in a similar manner to enable the Performance Review team able to

perform its duties in a timely basis. Each Offeror is required to make a statement as to the availability of key personnel to Jefferson County when required.

The key personnel who are to work on this project, identified in the proposal as such, are considered to be essential to the services to be provided. No substitutions of key personnel following contract award will be made without the prior written consent of Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. All requested substitutes must be submitted to the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, or, together with their resumes, for approval.

Each of the successful Offeror's personnel is subject to removal from this project by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. In addition, if the person removed is among the project's key personnel, the replacement must be approved by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. All replacements of key personnel will be paid at the same rate as the person who was replaced, unless the rate normally charged by the replacement is lower, in which case the lower rate will be paid. All replacements of key personnel must be of equal or superior experience as the person replaced.

If applicable, each Offeror must provide a detailed statement setting forth the proposed hourly billing rate for all key personnel, and for each additional staff member to be assigned to the project. The hours each of the key personnel and other staff members are projected to work on the project.

Each Offeror must provide any equipment, software, or data communication lines required by the successful Offeror's personnel to complete the work specified in this document. Each Offeror also must identify any personnel related through blood or marriage to the County or to any current employee of the County.

Each Offeror must provide an organizational chart covering the services offered in its proposal, indicating lines of authority, names, titles, and functions of individuals assigned. The Offeror must assign a contact person to the project.

## **6. Nature of Services Required**

### **6.1 General**

Jefferson County is soliciting the services of qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the two (2) subsequent years. These audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this RFP.

### **6.2 Scope of Work**

- 6.2.1 Jefferson County desires the Contractor\* to express an opinion of the fair presentation of its general purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 6.2.2 Jefferson County also desires the Contractor to provide an "in-relation-to" opinion on the combined and individual fund financial statements based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the general purpose financial statements. The Contractor is not required to audit the statistical section of the report.
- 6.2.3 The Contractor shall also be responsible for performing certain limited procedures involving supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board as mandated by generally accepted auditing standards.
- 6.2.4 The Contractor is not required to audit the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. However, the Contractor is to provide an "in-relation-to" report on that schedule, based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the financial statements.

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\* "Contractor" refers to the Offeror whose proposal is selected for award.  
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- 6.2.5 The Contractor is not required to audit the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) compliance and schedule. However, the Contractor is to provide an “in-relation-to” report on that schedule, based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the financial statements.

### 6.3 Auditing Standards

To meet the requirements of this RFP, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts, the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”); and the *State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards* (“UGMS”).

### 6.4 Reports

- 6.4.1 Following completion of the audit of the fiscal year’s financial statement, the Contractor shall issue the following:
- A report on the fair presentation of the general purpose financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
  - A report on compliance and on internal controls over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
  - A report on compliance requirements applicable to each major program and internal controls over compliance in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”); and the State of Texas *Uniform Grant Management Standards* (“UGMS”).
  - An “in-relation-to” report on the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards.
  - A report on compliance requirement applicable to the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program and on Internal Control over Compliance.
  - An “in-relation-to” report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) charges.
- 6.4.2 In the required report(s) on internal controls, the Contractor shall communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit to the Jefferson County Audit Committee, which shall convene at periodic intervals during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structures that could adversely affect the organization’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.
- 6.4.3 Reportable conditions that are also material weaknesses shall be identified as such in the report.
- 6.4.4 Non-reportable conditions discovered by the Contractor shall be reported in a separate letter to management, which shall be referred to in the report(s) on internal controls.
- 6.4.5 The reports on compliance shall include **all** instances of noncompliance.
- 6.4.6 The Contractor shall be required to make an immediate, **written** report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware to the Audit Committee.
- 6.4.7 The Contractor shall assure itself that the Audit Committee is informed of each of the following:
- The Contractor’s responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards,
  - Significant accounting policies,
  - Management judgments and accounting estimates,

- Significant audit adjustments,
- Other information in documents containing audited financial statements,
- Disagreements with management,
- Management consultation with other accountants,
- Major issues discussed with management prior to retention, and
- Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

## **6.5 Special Considerations**

- 6.5.1 Jefferson County will send its comprehensive annual financial report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for review in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program. It is anticipated that the Contractor will be required to provide special assistance to Jefferson County to meet the requirements of that program.
- 6.5.2 Jefferson County currently anticipates it will prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities containing the general purpose financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The Contractor shall be required, if requested by the fiscal advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the auditor and any necessary "comfort letters."
- 6.5.3 The schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and related auditor's report, as well as the reports on the internal controls and compliance are to be issued separately from the comprehensive annual financial report.
- 6.5.4 The schedule of expenditures of Passenger Facility Charges, as well as the reports on the internal controls and compliance are to be issued separately from the comprehensive annual financial report.

## **6.6 Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers**

- 6.6.1 All working papers and reports must be retained, at the Contractor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by Jefferson County of the need to extend the retention period. The Contractor will be required to make working papers available upon request to the following parties or their designees:
- Jefferson County,
  - United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency,
  - U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO),
  - Parties designated by the federal or state government or Jefferson County as part of an audit quality review process,
  - Auditors of entities of which Jefferson County is a sub recipient of grant funds.
- 6.6.2 In addition, the Contractor shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

## **7. Description of the Government**

### **7.1 Contact**

The Contractor's principal contact with Jefferson County will be Patrick Swain, County Auditor (409-835-8500) or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by Jefferson County to the Contractor.

An organizational chart is provided at Attachment 2.

## 7.2 Background Information

- 7.2.1 Jefferson County serves an area of 904 square miles, with a population of 255,001. Jefferson County's fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.
- 7.2.2 Jefferson County provides services to the citizens, including, but not limited to, the maintenance and construction of roads and bridges, judicial and law enforcement services, and health and welfare services.
- 7.2.3 Jefferson County has a total payroll of approximately \$68,643,857.00, covering 1,166 employees.
- 7.2.4 Jefferson County is organized into approximately 100 departments and agencies. The accounting and financial reporting functions are centralized.
- 7.2.5 Ford Park-Operations are managed by Spectra. A separate accounting system is used for Ford Park-Operations. Spreadsheets are used for consolidation and financial reporting for the Enterprise Fund – Ford Park,
- 7.2.6 More detailed information can be found in the Annual Financial Statements and Annual Budget, which are available for interested parties at the County Auditor's Office, 1149 Pearl Street, Seventh Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Telephone 409-835-8500, or at the Jefferson County website ([www.co.jefferson.tx.us](http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us), select the link for the Auditor's Office).

## 7.3 Fund Structure

Jefferson County uses the following fund types and accounting groups in its financial reporting:

| <b>Fund Type/Account Group</b> | <b>Number of Individual Funds</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General Fund                   | 1                                 |
| Special revenue funds          | 54                                |
| Debt service funds             | 2                                 |
| Capital projects funds         | 5                                 |
| Enterprise funds               | 2                                 |
| Internal service funds         | 3                                 |
| Expendable trust funds         | -                                 |
| Nonexpendable trust funds      | -                                 |
| Pension trust funds            | -                                 |
| Agency funds                   | 11                                |

## 7.4 Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Jefferson County prepares its budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

## 7.5 Federal and State Financial Assistance

During the prior fiscal year, Jefferson County's total expenditures of federal awards was \$7,136,049.86. The County's total expenditures of state awards was \$700,676.63.

## 7.6 Pension Plans

Jefferson County participates in the following pensions plans:

- Texas County and District Retirement System
- Employee IRC Section 457 Plan/Deferred Compensation Fund

## 7.7 Component Units

- 7.7.1 As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity includes those of Jefferson County (the primary government).

7.7.2 The following are excluded from the reporting entity:

- Jefferson County Navigation District, Drainage District #3, Drainage District #6, and Drainage District #7. These potential component units have separate governing boards and provide services to the residents of Jefferson County. They have been excluded from the reporting entity because Jefferson County does not have the ability to exercise influence over their daily operations, approve budgets, or provide funding. In addition, the Drainage Districts were created under the provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 128, Article 16, Section 59a, of the State Constitution, Vernon’s Annotated Statutes, thus establishing them as political subdivisions of the state.
- The Foreign Trade Zone, which was established by the voters of Jefferson County. The board is jointly appointed by the boards of the three area ports and Commissioners’ Court. The County does not have the ability to influence the daily operations, select management, or hold title to any or the Foreign Trade Zone’s assets. Funding is provided equally by the three area ports and the County.
- Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Jefferson County Housing Finance Corporation, and Jefferson County Industrial Development Corporation. These nonprofit independent corporations have a board appointed by the County Commissioners. The County does not have the ability to significantly influence the operation of, provide funding to, or have any obligation to pay off the bonds issued by these corporations.
- Pleasure Island Park Board
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

**7.8 Magnitude of Financial Operations**

The County Auditor’s Department is headed by Patrick Swain, County Auditor, and consists of 15 employees.

Ford Park-Operations has a financial staff of three (3) employees.

**7.9 Computer Systems**

7.9.1 Hardware

| <u>Type of Equipment</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| IBM                      | AS400         |

7.9.2 Software:

County

| <u>Make</u>              | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Major Applications</u>   |
|--------------------------|---------------|---|
| Superion, Central Square |               | Government Management & Budgetary Accounting – General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Budgeting, Project/Grant Accounting, Investment Tracking, Payroll, Cash Receipts |

Ford Park-Operations

| <u>Make</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Major Applications</u>                       |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| Sage        |               | General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Cash Receipts |

**7.10 Internal Audit Function**

Jefferson County maintains an internal audit function, which reports to Patrick Swain, County Auditor.

### 7.11 Availability of Prior Audit Reports and Working Papers

Interested Offerors who wish to review prior years' audit reports and management letters should contact Patrick Swain, County Auditor, at 1149 Pearl Street, Seventh Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701, Telephone 409-835-8500 or at the Jefferson County website ([www.co.jefferson.tx.us](http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us), select the link for the Auditor's Office). Jefferson County will use its best efforts to make prior audit reports and supporting working papers available to Offerors to aid their response to this RFP.

## **8. Important Dates**

### 8.1 RFP and Proposal Dates

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Request for proposal issued | April 14, 2020        |
| Pre-proposal conference     | May 5, 2020, 2:00 pm  |
| Due date/time for proposals | May 27, 2020 11:00 am |

### 8.2 Estimated Notification and Contract Dates

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Selected firm notified | June 22, 2020 |
| Contract date          | June 30, 2020 |

### 8.3 Date Audit May Commence

Jefferson County will have all records ready for final audit fieldwork and all management personnel available to meet with the Contractor's personnel as of January 15, 2021. Interim work may be performed during August and September of each audit year.

### 8.4 Schedule for the 2020 Fiscal Year Audit\*

Jefferson County will have all records ready for final audit fieldwork and all management personnel available to meet with the Contractor's personnel as of January 15, 2021. Interim work may be performed during August and September of each audit year.

Each of the following should be completed by the Contractor no later than the dates indicated:

- The auditor shall complete all field work by February 28, 2021.
- The auditor shall have drafts of the audit report(s) and recommendations to management (including the final review of the financial statements) available for review by the Audit Committee and the County Auditor by March 10, 2021.

## **9. Reports**

### 9.1 Entrance Conferences, Progress Reporting, and Exit Conferences\*

At a minimum, the following conferences should be held by the dates indicated:

| Conference   | Purpose  | Week of     |
|--|--|-------------|
| Entrance conference with Patrick Swain, County Auditor | To establish overall liaison for the audit and to make arrangements for work space and other needs of the auditor related to the beginning of field work | Aug 3, 2020 |

\* A similar time schedule will be developed for audits of future fiscal years if Jefferson County exercises its option for additional audits.

|   |   |                |
|---|---|----------------|
| Exit conference with Patrick Swain, County Auditor, and Audit Committee | To summarize the results of field work and to review significant findings | March 10, 2021 |
| Progress Report   | As needed   | As requested   |

## 9.2 Final Report

- 9.2.1 The County Auditor shall prepare draft financial statements, notes, and all required supplementary schedules by February 20, 2021. The auditor shall provide all recommendations, revisions, and suggestions for improvement to the County Auditor by March 10, 2021.
- 9.2.2 The County Auditor and the Audit Committee will complete their review of the draft report as expeditiously as possible. It is not expected that their process shall exceed one week. During that period, the Contractor shall be available for any meetings that may be necessary to discuss the audit reports. Once all issues for discussion are resolved, the final signed report shall be delivered to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court.
- 9.2.3 The final audit report shall be delivered to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, 1149 Pearl Street – Fourth Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701 by March 24, 2021.

## **10. Assistance to be Provided and Report Presentation**

### 10.1 County Auditor's Office and Clerical Assistance

The County Auditor's staff and responsible management personnel will be available during the audit to assist the Contractor by providing information, documentation, and explanations. The preparation of confirmations will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

### 10.2 Statements and Schedules to be Prepared by Jefferson County

The staff of Jefferson County will assist with the preparation of various schedules. A list shall be developed and presented to the County Auditor prior to the beginning of field work.

### 10.3 Work Area, Telephones, Photocopying, and Fax Machines

Jefferson County will provide the Contractor with reasonable work space, desks, and chairs. The Contractor will also be provided with access to a telephone line, photocopying facilities, fax machines, and inquiry-only on the AS400.

### 10.4 Report Preparation

CAFR – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of Jefferson County.

Single Audit – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Passenger Facility Charge Program – Report preparation, editing, and printing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

## **11. Proposal Requirements**

### 11.1 General Requirements

- 11.1.1 Pre-proposal Conference and On-site Inspections

A conference for firms interested in submitting proposals will be held at 2:00 pm, May 5, 2020, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1149 Pearl Street – Fourth Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701. Both verbal and written questions will be accepted during this conference.

#### 11.1.2 Inquiries

Inquiries concerning the RFP must be made to the Yea-Mei Sauer, Contract Specialist, Jefferson County Purchasing Department, [ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us](mailto:ysauer@co.jefferson.tx.us).

#### 11.1.3 Submission of Proposals

The following material must be received by May 27, 2020 (bid due date) in order for an Offeror to be considered:

##### 11.1.3.1 An original of the Technical Proposal and five (5) copies, including the following:

- Title page: showing the RFP Number and Title, the Offeror's name (including name, address and telephone number of point of contact), and the date of the proposal.
- Table of Contents.
- A signed transmittal letter briefing stating the Offeror's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period given, a statement of why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the work, and a statement that the proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for thirty (30) days.
- A detailed proposal following the order set for in Section 11.2 of this RFP.
- Executed copies of the **Proposer Warranties**, attached to this report at Exhibit B.

##### 11.1.3.2 The Offeror shall submit an original and five (5) copies of a dollar cost bid in a separate, sealed envelope marked as follows:

**Sealed Dollar Cost Request for Proposal  
(RFP 18-015/YS), Auditing Services for Jefferson County  
May 27, 2020**

## 11.2 Technical Proposal

### 11.2.1 General Requirements

The purpose of the Technical Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence, and capacity of Offerors seeking to undertake an independent audit of Jefferson County in conformity with the requirements of this RFP. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical Proposal shall demonstrate the qualifications of the Offeror and of the particular staff to be assigned to this contract. It shall also specify an audit approach that meets the RFP requirements.

**There shall be no dollar units or total costs included in the technical proposal document.**

The Technical Proposal shall address all the points outlined in the RFP (excluding any cost information, which shall only be included in the sealed dollar cost bid). The proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Offeror's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. While additional data may be presented, the following subjects, items 11.2.2 through 11.2.9, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

### 11.2.2 Independence

The Offeror shall provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of Jefferson County as defined by generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Offeror shall also provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of all component units of Jefferson County as defined by those same standards/

The Offeror shall also list and describe the firm's (or proposed subcontractors') professional relationships involving Jefferson County for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

11.2.3 License to Practice in Texas

An affirmative statement shall be included that the Offeror and all assigned key professional staff are properly licensed to practice in Texas.

11.2.4 Firm Qualifications and Experience

The Offeror shall state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on the contract is to be performed, the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed on this contract on a full-time basis, and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

If the Offeror is a joint venture or consortium, the qualifications of each firm comprising the joint venture or consortium shall be separately identified. The firm that is to serve as the principal auditor shall be noted, if applicable.

The Offeror is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific **government** engagements.

The Offeror shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, the Offeror shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the Offeror during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

11.2.5 Partner, Supervisory, and Staff Qualifications and Experience

Identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including contract partners, managers, other supervisors, and specialists who would be assigned to the contract. Indicate whether each such person is registered or licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Texas. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this contract. Indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the contract will be assured.

Contract partners, managers, other supervisory staff, and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted, or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of Jefferson County. However, in either case, Jefferson County retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and specialists mentioned in response to this RFP can only be changed with the express prior written permission of Jefferson County, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the Offeror, provided the replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

11.2.6 Prior Contracts with Jefferson County

List separately all contracts within the last five (5) years, ranked on the basis of total staff hours, for Jefferson County by type of engagement (i.e., audit, management advisory

services, other). Indicate the scope of work, date, contract partners, total hours, the location of the firm's office from which the contract was performed, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

#### 11.2.7 Similar Contracts with Other Government Entities

For the Offeror's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant contracts (maximum – five (5)) performed in the last five (5) years that are similar to the contract described in this RFP. These contracts shall be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, contract partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

#### 11.2.8 Specific Audit Approach

Offerors will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the contract.  
**No dollar amounts shall be included in the technical proposal.**
- Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the contract.
- Extent of use of EDP software in the contract.
- Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the contract.
- Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of Jefferson County's internal control structure.
- Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work.
- Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.

#### 11.2.9 Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal shall identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the Offeror's approach to resolving these problems, and any special assistance that will be requested from Jefferson County.

**No dollar amounts shall be included in the technical proposal.**

### 11.3 Sealed Dollar Cost Bid

#### 11.3.1 Total, All-Inclusive, Maximum Price

11.3.1.1 The sealed dollar cost bid shall contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this RFP. The total, all-inclusive, maximum price to be bid is to contain all direct and indirect costs, including all out-of-pocket expenses.

11.3.1.2 Jefferson County will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the seal dollar cost bid. Such costs shall not be included in the proposal.

11.3.1.3 The first page of the sealed dollar cost bid shall include the following information:

- Name of firm.
- Certification that the person signing the proposal is entitled to represent the firm, empowered to submit the bid, and authorized to sign a contract with Jefferson County.
- A total, all-inclusive, maximum price for the 2020 engagement.

#### 11.3.2 Rates by Partner, Specialist, Supervisory, and Staff Level Times Hours Anticipated for Each

The second page of the sealed dollar cost bid shall include a schedule of professional fees and expenses, presented in the format provided in Exhibit D, which supports the total, all-inclusive, maximum price.

11.3.3 Out-of-Pocket Expenses Included in the Total, All-Inclusive, Maximum Price and Reimbursement Rates

11.3.3.1 Out-of-pocket expenses for firm personnel (e.g., travel, lodging, and subsistence) will be reimbursed at the rates used by Jefferson County for its employees. All estimated out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursed shall be presented on the second page of the sealed dollar cost bid in the format provided in Exhibit D. All expense reimbursements will be charged against the total, all-inclusive, maximum price submitted by the Offeror.

11.3.3.2 In addition, a statement must be included in the sealed dollar cost bid stating the firm will accept reimbursement for travel, lodging, and subsistence at the prevailing Jefferson County rates for its employees.

11.3.4 Rates for Additional Professional Services

If it shall become necessary for Jefferson County to request the auditor to render any additional services to either supplement the services requested in this RFP or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued on this engagement, then such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between Jefferson County and the Contractor. Any such additional work agreed to between Jefferson County and the Contractor shall be performed at the same rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the sealed dollar cost bid.

11.3.5 Manner of Payment

Progress payments shall be made on the basis of hours of work completed during the course of the engagement and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in accordance with the Contractor's dollar cost bid proposal. Interim billing shall cover a period of not less than one (1) calendar month.

## **12. Evaluation Procedures**

### **12.1 Audit Committee**

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by an Audit Committee selected by Commissioners' Court.

### **12.2 Review of Proposals**

12.2.1 The Audit Committee will use a point formula during the review process to score proposals. The full Audit Committee will score each technical proposal by each of the criteria described in Sections 12.3.2 through 12.3.4 below. Offerors with an unacceptably low score will be eliminated from further consideration.

12.2.2 After the technical score for each Offeror has been established, the sealed dollar cost bid will be opened and additional points will be added to the technical score based on the price bid. The maximum score for price will be assigned to the Offeror offering the lowest total, all-inclusive, maximum price. Appropriate fractional scores will be assigned to other Offerors.

12.2.3 Jefferson County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and use any idea in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected.

### **12.3 Evaluation Criteria**

12.3.1 Proposals will be evaluated using three sets of criteria. Firms meeting the mandatory criteria will have their proposals evaluated and scored for both technical qualifications and

price. Section 11.3.2 through 11.3.4 represent the principal selection criteria to be considered during the evaluation process.

12.3.2 Mandatory Elements (Maximum Points: 10)

- The Offeror is independent and licensed to practice in Texas.
- The Offeror has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the Offeror for Jefferson County.
- The Offeror adhered to the instructions in this RFP on preparing and submitting the proposal.
- The Offeror submitted a copy of its last external quality control review report, which shows that the firm has a record of quality audit work.

12.3.3 Technical Qualifications (Maximum Points: 70)

- Expertise and Experience
  - The Offeror's past experience and performance on comparable government contracts.
  - The quality of the Offeror's professional personnel to be assigned to the contract and the quality of the Offeror's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.
- Audit Approach
  - Adequacy of proposed staffing plan for various segments of the engagement.
  - Adequacy of sampling techniques.
  - Adequacy of analytical procedures.

12.3.3 Price (Maximum Points: 20)

**Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of an audit firm.**

**12.4 Oral Presentation**

During the evaluation process, the Audit Committee may, at its discretion, request any one or all Offerors to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide Offerors with an opportunity to answer any questions the Audit Committee may have on a Offeror's proposal. Not all Offerors may be asked to make such oral presentations.

**12.5 Final Selection**

12.4.1 Jefferson County Commissioners' Court will select a Contractor based upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

12.4.2 It is anticipated that a Contractor will be selected by June 22, 2020. Following notification of the firm selected, it is expected that a contract will be executed between both parties by June 30, 2020.

**12.6 Right to Reject Proposals**

12.5.1 Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the Offeror of the conditions contained in this RFP unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between Jefferson County and the Contractor selected.

12.5.2 Jefferson County Commissioners' Court reserves the right without prejudice to reject any or all proposals.

## Non-Disclosure Agreement

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In consideration of Jefferson County retaining the services of a consultant and because of the sensitivity of certain information which may come under the care and control of Consultant, both parties agree that all information regarding the County or any selected County agency subject to this Contract; \_\_\_\_\_ or gathered, produced, or derived from this project (Confidential Information) must remain confidential subject to release only by permission of the County, and more specifically agree as follows:

Media releases pertaining to this RFP and/or any resulting contract, or the services to which they relate, will not be made without the prior written consent of the County, and then only in accordance with explicit written instructions from the County. The disclosure of the contents of proposals prior to the award of a contract under this RFP, or any other violation of this section, may result in disqualification.

1. The Information may be used by Consultant only to assist Consultant in connection with its engagement with the County.
2. Consultant will not, at any time, use the Information in any fashion, form, or manner except in its capacity as independent consultant to the County.
3. Consultant agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any and all deliverables resulting from this Contract in the same manner that it protects the confidentiality of its own proprietary products of like kind.
4. The Information may not be copied or reproduced without the County's written consent.
5. All materials made available to Consultant, including copies thereof, must be returned to County upon the first to occur of; (a) completion of the project, or (b) request by the County.
6. The foregoing must not prohibit or limit Consultant use of the information (including, but not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques and methodologies) (a) previously known to it, (b) independently developed by it, (c) acquired by it from a third party, or (d) which is or becomes part of the public domain through no breach to Consultant of this agreement.
7. This agreement shall become effective as of the date Information is first made available to Consultant and must survive the contract and be a continuing requirement.
8. The breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement by Consultant shall entitle the County to immediately terminate the Agreement upon written notice to Contractor for such breach. The parties acknowledge that the measure of damages in the event of a breach of this Nondisclosure Agreement may be difficult or impossible to calculate, depending on the nature of the breach. Regardless of whether the County elects to terminate the Agreement upon the breach hereof, the County may require Consultant to pay to the County the sum of \$1,000 for each breach as liquidated damages. This amount is not intended to be in the nature of a penalty, but is intended to be a reasonable estimate of the amount of damages to the County in the event of a breach hereof by Consultant. Comptroller does not waive any right to seek additional relief, either equitable or otherwise, concerning any breach of this Agreement.

[Printed Name of Consultant]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## 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 OFFER.***

### REFERENCE ONE

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

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

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE TWO

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

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

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE THREE

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

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

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Signature Page

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

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

The undersigned agrees, if this proposal 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 Request for Proposal, Conditions of Request for Proposal, 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 proposal in collusion with any other Offeror, and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said proposal have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Offeror or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal. And further, that neither the Offeror 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 submit a proposal or not to submit a proposal thereon.

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Offeror (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>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b><br>For vendor doing business with local governmental entity  |   | <b>FORM CIQ</b> |
|--|---|-----------------|
| <p><b>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</b></p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p> | <b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b><br><hr/> Date Received<br><br><br> |                 |
| <b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.  |   |                 |
| <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.<br>(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)  |   |                 |
| <b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.   |   |                 |
| <hr style="width: 30%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Name of Officer  |   |                 |
| This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. 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, other than investment income, from the vendor?   |   |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |   |                 |
| B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?  |   |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |   |                 |
| C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more?   |   |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   |   |                 |
| D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.   |   |                 |
| <hr style="width: 100%;"/>   |   |                 |
| <b>4</b>   |   |                 |
| <hr style="width: 40%; margin-left: 0;"/> Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity  | <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> Date            |                 |

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# Local Government Officer Conflicts Disclosure Statement - OFFICE USE ONLY

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| <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER<br/>CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  |   | <b>FORM CIS</b>        |
| This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.<br>This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code. |   | <b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b> |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Name of Local Government Officer</b>   | Date Received          |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Office Held</b>  |                        |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code</b>  |                        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Description of the nature and extent of employment or other business relationship with vendor named in item 3</b>  |                        |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).</b><br><br>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____<br><br>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____<br><br>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____<br><br>(attach additional forms as necessary)  |                        |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>AFFIDAVIT</b><br><br>I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.<br><br><div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">                     _____<br/>                     Signature of Local Government Officer                 </div><br><br>AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE<br><br>Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.<br><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <span>_____</span> <span>_____</span> <span>_____</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Signature of officer administering oath</span> <span>Printed name of officer administering oath</span> <span>Title of officer administering oath</span> </div> |                        |

Adopted 8/7/2015

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# Good Faith Effort (GFE)

## DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

*This information must be submitted with your proposal.*

**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 contact 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.***

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub-consultants 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/Sub-consultant 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/Sub-consultant Change Form" must be completed and faxed to 409-835-8456.

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# Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Subcontracting Participation Declaration Form

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

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub-consultants 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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# 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 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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## House Bill 89 Verification

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned representative of (company or business name) \_\_\_\_\_ (heretofore referred to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

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

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared

\_\_\_\_\_, the above named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

Notary Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.**

## Senate Bill 252 Certification

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On this day, I, Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent for Jefferson County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153, certify that I did review the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that is identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051, or Section 2253.253 and I have ascertained that the below named company is not contained on said listing of companies which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
IFB/RFP/RFQ number

Certification check performed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchasing Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Bidder Shall Return Completed Form with Offer.**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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

**Offeror Must Complete and Return This Page With Offer.**

# EXHIBIT A

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## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

(Provide Scope of Services)

**EXHIBIT B**

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**PROPOSER WARRANTIES**

- 1. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to comply with State of Texas laws.
- 2. Proposer warrants that it is willing and able to obtain an errors and omissions insurance policy providing a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts, or omissions of any officers, employees, or agents thereof.
- 3. Proposer warrants that it will not delegate or subcontract its responsibilities under an agreement without the prior written permission of Jefferson County.
- 4. Proposer warrants that all information provided by it in connection with this proposal is true and correct.

Signature of Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (typed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## EXHIBIT C

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### **FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY**

(Specify all equipment and facilities to be provided or made available by County,  
and other County obligations.)

## EXHIBIT D

### FORMAT FOR SCHEDULE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

#### TO SUPPORT THE TOTAL, ALL-INCLUSIVE, MAXIMUM PRICE

### Schedule of Professional Fees and Expenses for the Audit of the FY 2020 Financial Statements

|   | Hours | Standard<br>Hourly Rate | Quoted<br>Hourly Rate | Total |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Partners  | \$    | \$                      | \$                    | \$    |
| Managers  | \$    | \$                      | \$                    | \$    |
| Supervisory Staff   | \$    | \$                      | \$                    | \$    |
| Staff   | \$    | \$                      | \$                    | \$    |
| Other (specify)   | \$    | \$                      | \$                    | \$    |
| Subtotal  |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| Total for services described in Section 6 of the RFP (detail on subsequent pages) |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| Out-of-pocket expenses  |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| Meals and lodging   |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| Transportation  |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| Other (specify)   |       |                         |                       | \$    |
| <b>Total, all-inclusive, maximum price for FY 2020 Audit</b>                      |       |                         | <b>\$</b>             |       |