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Request for Statements of Qualification (RFQ 21-044/JW) Professional Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of Main Terminal HVAC at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport

You are invited to submit a statement of qualifications in accordance with (RFQ 21-044/JW) Professional Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of Main Terminal HVAC at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport. Jefferson County is requesting statements of qualifications from qualified Engineering Consulting Firms to provide: project administration services, design services, bidding services, construction oversight services, and other services that may be required for an HVAC Rehabilitation project for the Jack Brooks Regional Airport. This project is intended to be funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP)/CARES Act Grant to the Airport.

All interested individuals and firms should obtain a "Request for Qualifications" packet from the Jefferson County website at: <https://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Purchasing/>

All submittals shall be evaluated by a Review/Selection Committee. The Review/Selection Committee will evaluate submissions to this request and select the firm most qualified, responsive, and experienced.

Responses are to be sealed and addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the request for qualifications number and name marked on the outside of the envelope or box. All responses shall be submitted with an original and (4) four copies, to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department, 1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor, Beaumont, Texas 77701, no later than 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Jefferson County does not accept responses submitted electronically. Responses will be publicly opened and the names of responding firms will be read aloud in the Jefferson County Engineering Department Conference Room (5th Floor, Historic Courthouse) 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 at the time and date below. Statements of Qualifications received after that time will be considered late and will be returned unopened. Inquiries shall be directed to Jamey West, Assistant Purchasing Agent at 409-835-8593 or jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us.

REQUEST NAME: Professional Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of Main Terminal HVAC at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport

REQUEST NO: RFQ 21-044/JW

DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, July 28, 2021

MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, TX 77701

Jefferson County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to participate in the qualifications 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.

We look forward to your active participation in this solicitation.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Clark, Purchasing Agent
Jefferson County, Texas

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Section 1. Background Information, Introduction, and Purpose:

Background Information:

Jack Brooks Regional Airport, located in Jefferson County, serves an expanding regional population in excess of 500,000. Situated on 1,180 acres in the heart of Jefferson County, just minutes away from anywhere in the Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange geographic areas and only an hour away from Houston, TX and Lake Charles, LA.

Introduction:

Jefferson County is seeking interested firms to submit their qualifications to provide professional engineering services for the Rehabilitation of the Main Terminal HVAC at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport. It is intended that this project will be funded by the CARES Act Grant.

The professional engineering services for this project includes, but not limited to: design services, preparation of bid documents (plans, drawings and specifications), construction contract administration, and construction project management.

The County **highly** encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) to participate in the qualifications submission process for this project in order to help the airport meet the participation goal of **1.95%**.

Section 2. Scope of Work

Design Service Scope

BPT – Jack Brooks Regional Airport

Project: **Terminal HVAC Rehab**

The consultant will provide the required professional services to design the rehabilitation and replacement of equipment in the Main Terminal HVAC System at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport. This work will be performed under a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant to the Airport.

The selected firm is expected to demonstrate knowledge and proficiency of all FAA, State and Local standards and guidance, regardless if they are not listed exhaustively in this RFQ. Further, the selected firm is required to have experience with or in-house capabilities, or sub-consultant capabilities, in: Electrical Engineering, Estimating / Cost Analysis, International Building Codes, prevailing Architectural, Engineering and Specialty Disciplines necessary to complete the project as described below.

All work products developed by the selected firm will be subject to FAA and Jefferson County document review.

Consultant will provide cost effective alternatives and solutions to items listed below, longevity and maintenance are priority considerations. ADA compliance on all items not specifically identified.

All respondents will be allowed site visits to inspect the facilities. Respondents are to coordinate site visits with Airport Administration prior to visit. Specific questions regarding the scope are directed to Jefferson County Purchasing Department for full transparency and equitable dissemination of relevant information to all interested parties.

Main Terminal HVAC Rehab:

- Replacement of inoperable chiller
- Replacement of inoperable chilled water pump
- Replacement of corroded pipes, pipe insulation,
- Replacement of air handling units

Phase 1 – Project Administration

Consultant will serve as Owner's representative for the project and furnish consultation and advice to the Owner during the performance of this service. Consultant will attend meetings as necessary with local officials, state and federal agencies, and others regarding the scope of the proposed project, general design, functions, and impacts.

Phase 2 –Design Services

Initially, consultant is to identify and evaluate alternatives to assure cost effective and practical solutions for the work items identified.

Consultant will complete its evaluation of alternatives and practical design approach with Airport personnel. The design will take advantage of local knowledge and experience and utilize expertise from previous projects to design a cost-effective project and ensure competitive construction bids.

Consultant will prepare detailed construction drawings, specifications, instructions to bidders, and general and specific provisions, all based on guides furnished by Consultant and FAA, or internally provided by Consultant.

Contract Documents, plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction timelines, will be prepared for award of one construction contract. These designs shall conform to the standards of practice ordinarily used by members of Consultant's profession practicing under similar conditions and shall be submitted to the FAA, the Airport, and Jefferson County, as necessary, to receive approval.

Activities include:

1. Coordinate and meet with Airport personnel and Main Terminal tenant's personnel to minimize day-to-day operations.
 - a. Special Note 1: This project will be time sensitive as GSA/TSA lease and Federal Employee guidelines specify environmental conditions in which Federal employees can work in, i.e. temperature extremes in office settings.
 - b. Special Note 2: This work will be conducted in and near sensitive security areas. Consultant will need to incorporate appropriate security provisions in construction contract to address TSA and FAA regulations.
2. Prepare a preliminary estimate of probable construction costs and schematic design for each project element.
 - a. Consultant will develop, reviewing previous cost data and market condition, and Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs.
3. Preparation of a Quality Control Plan will include the project background and scope, stakeholder contact information, project team and roles, design criteria, project schedule, and quality control procedures
 - a. Quality control review will be conducted prior to design submission to Airport.
4. Record Document Review: Consultant will review construction documents provided by the Airport to evaluate existing conditions, may include record drawings, record surveys, utility maps, and previous design reports.
5. Site Visits: Consultant will perform site visits as required to review and verify existing condition.
6. Technical Design: consultant will develop a detailed listing of the applicable HVAC design conditions, temperatures, air changes, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, etc. Consultant will provide HV AC design for renovated terminal HVAC systems including:
 - a. replacement of the existing air handlers (AHU-1, AHU-2, AHU-3, & AHU-4)
 - b. replacement of the existing Trane air cooled chiller which is currently inoperable.
 - c. replacement of the existing chilled water pump associated with the existing inoperable air-cooled chiller.
 - d. replacement of the existing heating water boiler in associated pumps
 - e. replacement of exterior chilled water in heating water piping, piping insulation, and jacketing. new HVAC controls from new equipment compatible with existing control systems.
 - f. Consultant will perform necessary HVAC load calculations to identify the peak requirements for heating, air conditioning, ventilation, humidification, and total airflow.
 - g. consultant will perform all necessary electrical design associated with the HVAC modifications. analysis includes existing in new equipment loads and panel capacity, and providing design for electrical provisions, if necessary, of new and replaced equipment.
7. Technical Specifications:
 - a. Detailed specifications shall be developed using FAA Standards for Specifying Construction for Airports AC 150 /5370-10 (latest edition) or other appropriate standards approved for use by the FAA. Additional supplementary specifications will be developed, as necessary, when not covered by existing FAA or local standards.
8. Contract Document Construction:
 - a. Consultant will develop construction documents that include all necessary provisions of 2 CFR 200, AC 150/5370-10, and any other federal, state, and local requirements. Special provisions of related to the CARES Act must be included in the construction contract as well.

9. 100% Final Design
 - a. Consultant will develop 100% final design plans, specifications, and engineer's reports and submit these to owner for review. Owner estimates review of the design submission will take 2 weeks. Consultant will then develop 100% Invitation for Bid (IFB) plans and specifications, that include all necessary provisions to meet 2 CFR 200, and relevant FAA and Federal guidelines.
 - b. Develop Security Plan – contractors will have access to sensitive security areas, Consultant to coordinate security plan to meet Airport's ASP, ACM, and TSA and FAA security provisions.
 - c. Obstruction Analysis – Consultant to file an OA due to use of hoists/cranes.
 - d. Final design documents are to provide sufficient information and detail to illustrate, describe, and clearly delineate the design intent of the Consultant and enable all contractors to bid uniformly.
 - i. Provide final estimate of probable construction costs and quantities and schedule for the project.
 - ii. Incorporate specifications required in AC 150/5370-10 Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports, and any other FAA Advisory Circular relevant to the project.
 - iii. Prepare project specifications and contract documents.

Phase 3 – Bidding Services

Consultant will assist the Owner with the County's bidding process for one prime contract for construction, materials, equipment, and services. Consultant will maintain a record for prospective bidders to whom Bidding Documents have been issued and attend pre-bid meeting(s). All advertising costs are paid by the Owner.

1. Assist Jefferson County Purchasing Department with advertising and interpretation of project requirements.
2. Attend Pre-Bid meeting(s) to provide clarity and answer technical questions.
 - a. Issue addenda to the bid, as appropriate and necessary, to interpret, clarify, or expand the Bidding Documents.
3. Assist with bid-opening, if necessary and assist Jefferson County Purchasing Department in recommended of award for contractor selection based on received construction bids.
 - a. Return bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders.
4. Consultant will make recommendations and determine the acceptability of substitute materials and equipment proposed by contractor(s) when substitution prior to the award of contracts is allowed by Bidding Documents and local, state and federal procurement guidelines.
5. Assist Purchasing Department with Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.
 - a. Solicit and review bonds, insurance certificates, construction schedules.

Consultant does not have to be present at bid opening. Consultant will prepare a bid tabulation and assist the Owner in evaluating bids or proposals and in assembling and awarding contracts for construction, materials, equipment, and services. Consultant will assist the Owner in the execution of all contract documents and furnish a sufficient number of executed documents for the Owner, Contractor, and FAA.

Consultant will coordinate with Owner to review and update DBE goals and make sure all available DBEs are contacted and included in bidding opportunities.

Project Deliverables:

- Construction Cost Estimate
- 60% Preliminary Design
- 100% Preliminary Design
- 100% Issued for Bid

Phase 4 – Construction Phase Services

During construction, the consultant will assist the Owner to monitor and document progress for quality and cost.

Activities Include:

1. Conduct pre-construction conference.
 - a. Review sensitive aspects of the project (Security, Timelines, Federal Requirements during Construction, etc.)

2. Provide resident project representative (RPR) services. At the owner's discretion to utilize consultant or choose to have a separate consultant perform RPR services. RPR activities include:
 - a. Monitor and document construction progress for quality and cost.
 - i. Submit weekly construction progress reports to Airport to forward to FAA (required).
 - b. Confirm conformance with schedules, plans, and specifications,
 - c. Measure and document construction pay quantities,
 - d. Document significant conversations or situations,
 - e. Document input or visits by local authorities.
 - f. Conduct and document periodic wage rate interviews, as necessary to conform to 2 CFR 200 and 29 CFR Part 5.
3. Continually update Airport on project progress and problems. Consultant to provide solutions and or alternatives during the construction phase when in the best interest of the Airport and Sponsor.
4. Prepare and submit inspection reports (FAA Form 5370-1) to Owner and FAA as required in AC 150/5370-12B.
5. Prepare changes orders and submit to Purchasing to formally execute in Commissioner's Court.
 - a. Change orders are only enforceable after approval and execution by Commissioners Court.
6. Prepare and confirm monthly payment request
7. Conduct or monitor quality control testing
8. Conduct final project inspection with airport personnel and recommend release of retainage.
9. Prepare and deliver as-built construction plans (hard copy and electronic) to Airport and County Engineer's Office.
 - a. Consultant will provide the owner a manual that contains the relevant documentation as to the specific equipment installed, warranty information, owners manuals, training required, etc.
10. Prepare project closeout report for submittal to FAA.

Section 3. Minimum Respondent Qualifications

The County intends to negotiate an agreement with the firm selected through this competitive RFQ process to provide all, some, or none of the consultant technical services related to the project(s) described herein. Respondents may form a team with other firms to perform the required tasks. The best qualified firm will have a Consultant Project Manager as well as key technical leads, all who are best qualified to serve the Airport in a consistent and efficient manner. In addition, the best qualified firm will have evidenced in their approach, with supporting prior experience, an understanding that demonstrates the firm's ability to meet the Airport's specific needs for this solicitation and experience coordinating with key stakeholders.

All respondents to this request must:

- Be an experienced firm or team that can demonstrate having had a broad background and extensive experience in project design, bidding phase services, and construction project management.
- Have no record of unsatisfactory performance. Proposers who are or have been seriously deficient in current or recent contract performance, in the absence of circumstances properly beyond the control of the Consultant, shall be presumed to be unable to meet this requirement.
- Have an active registration status with no exclusion(s) with the System for Award Management (SAM).
- Have the ability to maintain adequate files and records and meet statistical reporting requirements.
- Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide and manage the proposed services and to ensure an adequate audit trail.

Section 4. Procedure

Firms are encouraged to submit statements of qualifications and experience. The Purchasing Agent will appoint a selection committee, which will evaluate qualified responses. Responses will be ranked on the basis of demonstrated experience, competence, and qualifications. Fees, price, work hours, or any other cost information will not be considered in the development of the short list. *Discussions and questions related to budgetary considerations are prohibited. Negotiation of the fee will commence after the selection process has finished.*

Jefferson County will then enter into negotiations with the highest qualified firm. The negotiations will first establish the scope, terms and conditions, and time limits for the proposed contract. Once agreement is reached between Jefferson County and the selected firm, the County will request a fee proposal from the firm. If agreement is reached, the County will retain the firm and enter into a written contract with it. If an agreement cannot be negotiated with the selected firm, the County will then enter into negotiations with the next most qualified firm. This procedure will continue until agreement is reached and a contract is produced. If the County cannot negotiate an agreement, the procedure will be terminated.

Section 5. Selection Committee

Because of the diversity of the departments and activities of the County, the Purchasing Agent will appoint the selection committee for this Request for Qualifications. The Purchasing Agent may appoint a chairperson and no less than two (2) other members for the committee. Typically, the committee will consist of at least one professional in the task required, a person knowledgeable about procurement practices, and either a representative of the department requesting the project, or the department executing the project. However, this structure is not binding. Other members may be appointed as necessary and appropriate, but the total number of persons on the selection committee shall not exceed four (4) persons. Committee appointments shall be in writing and shall briefly describe the scope of the project and, if necessary, the primary disciplines required to accomplish the project, in order to assist the committee in developing a list of firms that might best accomplish the work required. Committee membership and project requirements will vary from project to project; therefore, a firm rated number one for one project could very well not even be rated for another.

Section 6. Laws and Regulations

The Professional Engineering Firm(s) must comply with all laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations which govern the work specified in this contract.

This RFQ will follow guidelines set forth in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E (or current version) and 2 CFR 200, for the purpose of selection engagement of architectural, engineering, and planning consultants.

Section 7. Insurance

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 8 below) must provide proof of insurance at the time of award and at all times during the term of any contract as a direct result of this RFQ, and maintain insurance coverages with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the contractor. These requirements do not establish limits of the contractor's liability.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents. Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured. All insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas.

Minimum Insurance Requirements:

Public Liability, including Products & Completed Operations	\$1,000,000
Excess Liability	\$1,000,000

Property Insurance

Policy below that is applicable to this project:

Improvements & Betterments Policy: Improvements/Remodeling (for Lease Tenants)

Builder's Risk Policy: Structural Coverage for Construction Projects

Installation Floater Policy: Improvements/Alterations to Existing Structure

Workers' Compensation: Statutory Coverage

See Section 8 Below:

Section 8. Workers' Compensation Insurance

7.1 Definitions:

7.1.1 **Certificate of coverage ("Certificate")** – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement, DWC-81, DWC-82, DWC-83, or DWC-84 showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

7.1.2 **Duration of the project** – Includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

7.1.3 **Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor") in article 406.096** – Includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services under the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractor, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" includes, without limitation, providing, hauling or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

7.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification code and payroll amounts and filing any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

7.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract – refer to Section 6 above.

7.4 If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

- 7.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
- 7.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
 - 7.5.2 No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate ends during the duration of the project.
- 7.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
- 7.7 The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.
- 7.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas 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.
- 7.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
- 7.9.1 Provide coverage, based on reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.2 Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.3 Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
 - 7.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - 7.9.4.2 the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
 - 7.9.6 Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - 7.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 7.1. – 7.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 7.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services of the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- 7.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

Section 9. Qualifications Statement Format Requirements

- Responses must be prepared in such a way as to provide a straight-forward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFQ. Expensive bindings and promotional materials are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be on conformance to the RFQ instructions, responsiveness to the RFQ requirements, and on completeness and clarity of content.
- **Minimum of (5) copies (to include: one original, four copies)** of the written responses are required.
All Copies are to include RFQ specifications document with all forms completed, **in its entirety**.
Note: The inclusion of these specifications (32 pages) in their entirety, completed FORM 1295, SAM Registration Status/Proof, and Certificate of Insurance documents are not to be included in response page count.
- **Maximum of (30) pages**, typed, front and back or single sided, with each page clearly numbered at the bottom of the page.

Section 10. Statement of Qualifications and Experience

Firms desiring to be considered for this project for are required to submit a Statement of Qualifications and Experience in order to be considered for contracts under this procedure. Only firms with statements submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications will be evaluated. The statement should contain, as a minimum, the following:

1) Company Information

- a) Business name and legal entity.
 - i) Federal Tax ID number
 - ii) Local and Corporate/Main Office address and mailing address, telephone, and email contact information
 - iii) Whether the prime consultant is a single entity, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity recognized in the State of Texas.
 - iv) Controlling interest in any other firms providing equivalent or similar services, as well as financial interest in other lines of business.
 - v) Brief history of your company, include number of years in business under present name, prior business names.
- b) Organization chart, (clearly define respondent if working alone or with a team)
- c) Statement that demonstrates capacity to perform the required services (minimum qualifications), including other firms if a team.
- d) Contact information of person(s) who are authorized to negotiate and contractually obligate the firm, one of these people must sign the RFQ response.

2) Experience and Expertise of the Prime Consultant and Sub Consultants

- a) Brief introduction of all participating firms.
- b) DBE participation (*If the firm responding is a certified DBE or in the process of becoming a DBE, that fact needs to be clearly stated in response*).
 - i) Identify any DBE's and Minority Businesses that will be a part of the team and approximate percentage of the work they will be performing.
 - ii) Firm's experience working together.
 - iii) Statement signed by any sub-consultant that the sub will perform all work as described.
- c) Description of representative work accomplished for all jobs within the past five (5) years.
- d) Describe reasons why the firm(s) would be uniquely qualified to provide the services (as described within this RFQ) to Jefferson County/Jack Brooks Regional Airport.
- e) List of applicable licenses presently held and indicate ability to obtain any additional licenses or permits that may be required.

3) Personnel and Team Organization

- a) Confirmation that firm has adequate and experienced staff that are trained to perform the tasks requested in this RFQ.
- b) Experience of principal individuals, of the consultant or team, stating current positions, years of service experience, and identify specific projects worked on that are similar in nature to the project(s) described in this RFQ and roll in said projects.

- c) Provide resumes of the proposed staff for this solicitation (limit 1 resume to 1 page, does not count against the maximum page limit)
- 4) Project Approach**
 - a) Provide an overview describing the general approach and methodology of conducting the general services identified in this RFQ. Please use this section to describe any services above and beyond previous identified projects that your firm believes are important and relevant to this project.
 - b) Provide a project schedule illustrating the firm's approach and expected outcomes. Include any governmental review steps (Federal, State, Local, etc.)
- 5) Identification of any pending debarment, litigation, convictions, or adverse court rulings of all officers, consultants, and employees, and any conflict disclosure.**
 - a) Affirmation that commitments, current or potential, may impact the proposer's ability to perform.
- 6) List of references, other than Jefferson County/Jack Brooks Regional Airport, who have contracted the type(s) of work that your firm is offering to perform. A reference form "Vendor References" is included in this package on Page 24.**
- 7) Evidence of insurance.**
- 8) Proof of Registration with the System for Award Management.** See Section 13 (Item E), Page 10.

Section 11. Additional Information

Provide a listing of all current litigation(s), outstanding judgements and liens affecting the firm.

Section 12. Confidential/Proprietary Information

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

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

Section 13. Terms and Conditions

- A. Jefferson County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more respondents.
- B. Any agreement or contract resulting from this RFQ shall be on forms approved by Jefferson County and shall contain, at minimum, applicable provisions of this document. Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to this document and any County requirements and contracts.
- C. The Engineering Individual/ Firm shall not assign any interest in the contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same without prior written consent of the County.
- D. No reports, information, or data given to or prepared by the Engineering Individual/Firm under contract shall be made available to any individual or organization by the Engineering Individual/Firm without the prior written approval of the County.
- E. Vendor Registration: SAM (System for Award Management):
 - a. Vendors doing business with Jefferson County are required to be registered with The System for Award Management (SAM) with an "active" status. SAM is the official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReq, ORCA, and EPLS. There is NO fee to register for this site.
 - b. Entities may register at no cost directly to the SAM website at: <https://www.sam.gov>
 - c. Respondents are required to submit proof of their SAM Registration with their response.

- F. Awarded Vendor(s): Submission of FORM 1295 (Texas Ethics Commission)
- a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.”
 - i. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:
 1. a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education;
 2. an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;
 3. 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 or any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;
 4. a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;
 5. a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;
 6. a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code
 - d. Upon entering into a contract or professional agreement, the Jefferson County Purchasing Department will submit a request to the Vendor to both:
 - i. Submit a FORM 1295 online via the Texas Ethics Commission website link below.
 1. Vendors must enter the required information on Form 1295, and print a copy of the completed form.
 2. The form will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number.
 - ii. Submit a FORM 1295 hard copy (completed and signed by an Authorized Agent of the Awarded Vendor) to the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.
 - e. FORM 1295 Completion Instructions and Login Instructions are available the Texas Ethics Commission Website at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

Section 14. Minority-Business 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.

Affirmative Steps pursuant to 2 CFR §200.321

Good faith efforts will be taken to assure small and minority firms are used whenever possible, consistent with 49 CFR part 26. These steps and efforts include, but not limited to:

- Including qualified small business and minority firms on solicitation lists
- Assure that small businesses and minority firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources. Consultation with Airports Division, Office of Civil Rights and or State transportation offices is used.
- When economically feasible, the total requirements will be divided into tasks to permit maximum small business and DBE firm participation.
- Encourage consultants to subcontract portions of the work, even when they might otherwise perform the work with their own forces.

For the purposes of this RFQ, respondents are to provide the following information:

- Certification of any DBEs on this project.
- Percentage of project DBEs will work on, if part of a team.
- The Consultant must clearly state that they have no DBEs on their team, if applicable. If Consultant has minority businesses as part of a team or is a minority business registered with the State of Texas but is not certified as a DBE, that information must also be clearly stated in response.

Section 15. Federal Mandated Contract Provisions

Some or all of the provisions in this section will be incorporated into a professional service agreement as a result of this solicitation.

A. Breach of Contract Terms / Remedies

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (A)

Applicability: This provision requires Jefferson County, as the Airport Sponsor, to incorporate administrative, contractual, or legal remedies if contractor/consultant violate or breach contract terms. The sponsor must also include appropriate penalties and sanctions. Language acceptable to meet the intent of this requirement will be included in contractual documents.

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs

Contract Types: This provision is required for all contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold as stated in 2 CFR § 200, Appendix II (A). This threshold is occasionally adjusted for inflation and is now equal to \$150,000.

B. Termination of Contract (for Cause and Convenience)

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (B)

FAA Advisory Circular 150/5370-10, Section 80-09

Applicability: This provision requires Jefferson County, as the Airport Sponsor, to incorporate in all contracts over \$10,000, a provision that addresses termination for cause and termination for convenience, by the sponsor. The contractual provision must address the manner by which the sponsor's contract will be affected and the basis for settlement. Language acceptable to meet the intent of this requirement will be included in contractual documents.

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

Contract Types: This provision is required for all contracts that exceed \$10,000.

C. Equal Employment Opportunity

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (C) 41 CFR § 60-1.4

Executive Order 11246 41 CFR § 60-4.3

Applicability: The purpose of this provision is to provide equal opportunity for all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin who are employed or seeking employment with contractors performing under a federally assisted construction contract. There are two provisions, a construction clause and a specification clause.

The equal opportunity contract clause must be included in any contract or subcontract when the amount exceeds \$10,000. Once the equal opportunity clause is determined to be applicable, the contract or subcontract must include the clause for the remainder of the year, regardless of the amount of the contract.

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

Contract Types: This provision is required for all contracts that exceed \$10,000.

Use of Provision: 41 CFR 60-1.4 provides the mandatory **contract** language. 41 CFR 60-4.3 provides the mandatory **specification** language. The sponsor will incorporate these clauses without modification.

Note: Any contracts resulting from this RFQ will have the requisite language as set forth in 2 CFR 200 App II, 41 CFR 60-1.4, 41 CFR 60-4.3, and Executive Order 11246.

D. Davis-Bacon Requirements

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (D)

29 CFR Part 5

Applicability: The Davis-Bacon Act ensures that laborers and mechanics employed under the contract receive pay no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits as determined by the Department of Labor.

For Professional Services: The emergence of different project delivery methods has created situations where Professional Service Agreements (PSAs) includes tasks that meet the definition of construction, alteration, or repair as defined in 29 CFR Part 5. If such tasks result in work that qualifies as construction, alteration, or repair and it exceeds \$2,000, the PSA must incorporate this clause.

Use of Provision: 29 CFR 5 establishes the specific language the sponsor must use without modification. A/E firms that employ laborers and mechanics on a task that meets the definition of construction, alteration, or repair are acting as a contractor. The sponsor may not substitute the term "Contractor" for "Consultant" in such instances.

E. Copeland Anti-Kickback

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (D)

29 CFR Part 3 & Part 5

Applicability: The Copeland Act (18 USC 874 and 40 USC 3145) makes it unlawful to induce by force, intimidation, threat of dismissal from employment, or by any other manner, any person employed in the construction or repair of public buildings or public works, financed in whole or in part by the United States, to give up any part of the compensation to which that person is entitled under a contract of employment. The Copeland Act also requires each contractor and subcontractor to furnish weekly a statement of compliance with respect to the wages paid each employee during the preceding week.

It DOES NOT apply to the FEMA Public Assistance Program.

For Professional Services: The emergence of different project delivery methods has created situations where Professional Service Agreements (PSAs) includes tasks that meet the definition of construction, alteration, or repair as defined in 29 CFR Part 5. If such tasks result in work that qualifies as construction, alteration, or repair and it exceeds \$2,000, the PSA must incorporate the Copeland Anti-kickback provision.

Use of Provision: 29 CFR 5 establishes the specific language the sponsor must use without modification. A/E firms that employ laborers and mechanics on a task that meets the definition of construction, alteration, or repair are acting as a contractor. The sponsor may not substitute the term "Contractor" for "Consultant" in such instances.

F. Contract Workhours and Safety Standards Act Requirements

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (E) 29 CFR Part 5

40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708

Applicability: Contract Workhours and Safety Standards Act Requirements (CWHSSA) requires contractors and subcontractors on covered contracts to pay laborers and mechanics employed in the performance of the contracts one and one-half times their basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek and prohibits unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous working conditions on federally assisted projects. The Wage and Hour division (WHD) within the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) enforces the compensation requirements of this Act, while DOL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enforces the safety and health requirements.

Jefferson County urges all contractors, regardless of funding sources for projects, to follow all applicable Federal and State labor laws.

For Professional Services: This provision applies to professional service agreements that exceed \$100,000 and employs laborers, mechanics, watchmen, and guards This includes members of survey crews and exploratory drilling operations.

Use of Provision: The following text will be included in applicable contracts without modification:

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 clause, 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 \$27.00 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 clause.
3. *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* Jefferson County 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 clause.
4. *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this clause.

G. Rights to Inventions

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (F)
 37 CFR § 401

Applicability: This provision applies to all contracts and subcontracts with small business forms or nonprofit organizations that include performance of *experimental, developmental, or research work*. This clause is not applicable to construction, equipment, or professional service contracts unless the contract includes *experimental, developmental, or research work*. This requirement applies to “funding agreements,” but it DOES NOT apply to the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor’s language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200.

H. Clean Air and Water Pollution Control

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (G)
 29 CFR Part 5

Applicability: This provision is required on all contracts and lower tier contracts that exceed \$150,000.

Use of Provision: The following language will be included in applicable contracts:

1. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, and regulations 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. § 1251-13870). The contractor agrees to report any violation to the owner immediately upon discovery. The owner assumes responsibility for notifying the EPA and the FAA.

I. Debarment and Suspension

Source: 2 CFR Part 180 (Subpart C) 2 CFR Part 3000
 2 CFR Part 1200 DOT Order 4200.5

Applicability: Required in all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs, regardless of amount. This requirement applies to covered transactions as defined in 2 CFR part 180. AIP funded contracts are non-

procurement transactions as defined by §180.970. Covered transactions include any AIP-funded contract, regardless of tier, that is awarded by a contractor, subcontractor, supplier, consultant, or its agents or representative in any transaction, if the amount of the contract is expected to equal or exceed \$25,000. Jefferson County must verify that the firm or individual that is entering into a contract with is not presently suspended, excluded, or debarred by any Federal department or agency from participating in federally assisted projects. This is accomplished by:

1. Checking SAM.gov to verify the firm's or individual's status;
2. Collecting a certification from the firm or individual that is not suspended, debarred, or excluded; and
3. Incorporating a clause into the contract that requires lower tier contracts to verify that no suspended, debarred, or excluded firm or individual is included in the project.

See Section 13, Paragraph E above for more information on SAM.gov.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200.

J. Lobbying and Influencing Federal Employees

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (J) 31 USC § 1352 – Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment
49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A 44 CFR Part 18

Applicability: This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs. Consultants and contractors that apply or bid an award of \$100,000 or more must certify 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 another award covered by 31 USC 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200 Appendix (J) and 31 USC 1352.

If applicable, contractors **must sign and submit** to Jefferson County the “**Certification Regarding Lobbying**” Form included in this bid specification.

K. Procurement of Recovered Materials

Source: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II (J) Solid Waste Disposal Act
40 CFR Part 247 2 CFR § 200.322

Applicability: Sponsors of AIP funded development and equipment projects must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Section 6002 emphasizes maximizing energy and resource recovery through use of affirmative procurement actions for recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines. When acquiring items designated in the guidelines, the sponsor must procure items that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

This requirement applies to:

- All contracts awarded by a non-Federal entity under FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- All construction and equipment projects.
- Any contract, professional and property acquisition, that includes procurement of a product that exceeds \$10,000.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.” The Uniform Rules authorize FEMA to require additional provisions for non-Federal entity contracts.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200.

L. Access to Records and Reports

Source: 2 CFR § 200.333

FAA Order 5100.38

2 CFR § 200.336

Applicability: 2 CFR § 200.333 requires a sponsor to retain records pertinent to a federal award for a period of three years from submission of final closure documents. 2 CFR § 200.336 establishes that sponsors must provide Federal entities the right to access records pertinent to the Federal award. FAA policy extends these requirements to the sponsor's contracts and subcontracts of AIP funded projects.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of Appendix II to 2 CFR part 200. The following will be in applicable contracts:

1. The contractor must maintain an acceptable cost accounting system. The Contractor agrees to provide the local/state/federal entity providing funding for this project, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
2. The contractor agrees to maintain all books, records and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after final payment is made and all pending matters have been resolved.
3. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
4. The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or their representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
5. In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

M. Affirmative Action Requirement

Source: 41 CFR Part 60-4

FAA Order 5100.38

Executive Order 11246

Applicability: Sponsors are required to set goals for minority participation in AIP funded projects exceeding \$10,000. The goals for minority participation derive from Economic Area (EA) and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) as established in Volume 45 of the Federal Register dated 10/03/80. Page 65984 contains a table of all EAs and SMSAs and the associated minority participation goals.

Executive Order 11246 has set a goal of 6.9% nationally for female participation for all construction projects. This value remains constant for all counties and states.

Contract Types:

- **Construction:** The sponsor must incorporate this notice in all solicitations for bids or requests for proposals for AIP funded construction work contracts and subcontracts that exceed \$10,000.
- **Equipment:** The sponsor must incorporate this notice in all solicitations for equipment project exceeding \$10,000 that involves installation of equipment onsite (e.g. electrical vault equipment, generators). This provision does not apply to equipment acquisition projects where the manufacturer of the equipment takes place offsite at a manufacturer's plant (e.g. firefighting and vehicles).
- **Professional Services:** The sponsor must incorporate this notice in any professional service agreement if the agreement includes tasks that meet the definition of construction work, as defined by the DOL, and exceeds \$10,000.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60-4. The following will be in applicable contracts:

Solicitation Clause:

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractors aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:
 - a. Goals for minority participation for each trade: 1.95%
 - b. Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.90%

These goals are applicable to all of the contractor's construction work, whether or not it is federal or federally assisted, performed in the covered area. If the contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR Part 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with these goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

The contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of these subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the covered area is Texas, Jefferson County, Beaumont.

N. Buy American Preferences

Source: 49 USC § 50101

Applicability: the buy American preference requirement in 49 USC § 50101 requires that all still in manufactured goods used on AIP projects be produced in the United States. This statute gives the FAA the ability to issue a waiver to a sponsor to use non-domestic material on an AIP funded project subject to meeting certain conditions a sponsor may request that the FAA issue a waiver from the by American preference requirements if the FA finds that:

1. Applying the provision is not in the public interest;
2. The steel or manufactured goods are not available in sufficient quantity or quality in the United States;
3. The cost of components in subcomponents produced in the United States is more than 60% of the total components of a facility or equipment, and final assembly has taken place in the United States. Items that have an FAA standard specification item number, such as specific airport lighting equipment, are considered the equipment.
4. Applying this provision would increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

For construction and equipment procurement projects, language, forms, and references to 49 USC § 50101 will be included in the solicitation.

Professional Service Agreements typically do not result in a deliverable that meets the definition of a manufactured product. If a PSA includes providing a manufactured good as a deliverable under the contract, the sponsor must include the Buy American Preference provision in the agreement.

Use of Provision: When applicable, the sponsor's language in the contract must fully satisfy the requirements of 49 USC § 50101.

O. Civil Rights

Source: 49 USC § 47123

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

FAA Order 1400.11

US DOT Order 1050.2

Applicability: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI, prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Sponsors must include appropriate clauses from the Standard DOT Title VI Assurances in all contracts and solicitations.

The text of each individual clause comes from the U.S. DOT Order 1050.2 Standard Title VI Assurances and Nondiscrimination Provisions, effective 04/24/2013. These assurances require the sponsor insert the appropriate clauses in the form provided by the DOT. Where the clause refers to the applicable activity, project, or program, it means the AIP project.

Title VI Solicitation Notice

Jefferson County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC § 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

During the performance of any contract as a result of this bid, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities, including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 49 CFR part 21
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination Statute
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

P. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Source: 49 CFR part 26

Applicability: A sponsor that anticipates awarding \$250,000 or more in AIP funding prime contracts in a federal fiscal year must have an approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program on file with the FAA Office of Civil Rights (§26.21). The approved DBE program will identify a 3-year overall program goal that the sponsor bases on the availability of ready, willing, and able DBEs relative to all businesses ready, willing, and able to participate on the project. (§26.45).

Sponsors with a DBE program on file with the FAA must include the three following provisions, if applicable:

- Clause in all solicitations for proposals for which a contract goal has been established;
- Clause in each prime contract, and;
- Clause in solicitations that are obtaining DBE participation through race/gender neutral means.

Applicability: FEMA recommends that all non-Federal entities place into their contracts an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract along with the requirement that the contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, and FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

“This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.”

S. No Obligation by Federal Government

The FAA and or FEMA is not a party to any transaction between the recipient and its contractor. The FAA and or FEMA is not subject to any obligations or liable to any party for any matter relating to the contract.

Applicability: FEMA recommends that the non-Federal entity include a provision in its contract that states that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

“The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.”

T. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions: Version 8.1 (2018); and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812, which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made. The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.

FEMA recommends that the non-Federal entity include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.

“The 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.”

Section 16. Rating Criteria

The appointed Selection Committee will consider the following criteria in evaluating responses:

- **Firm's Capability to Provide the Services – 35%**
 - Capability to perform all or most aspects of the project.
- **Project Understanding and Approach – 10 %**
 - Project understanding and approach; must be able to demonstrate an understanding and familiarity of these types of projects and describe your approach to completing projects.
- **Comparable Projects – 10%**
 - Provide recent experience with comparable airport improvement projects.
- **Familiarity with FAA Regulations – 10%**
 - Provide examples and or experience in incorporating FAA Regulations and guidelines into similar projects.
- **Staff Qualifications – 10 %**
 - Key personnel, including subs, professional qualifications and experience and availability, and knowledge of FAA/Federally-Funded/CARES Act Grant funded project regulations, policies, and procedures.
- **Ability to Meet Timeline/Deadlines – 10%**
 - Demonstrated capability to deliver services in a timely manner.
- **DBE Goals & Good Faith Efforts – 15 %**
 - Ability to meet DBE goal of **1.95%** and documenting good faith efforts.
 - Must include what % of the project work DBEs will be responsible for.

Evaluation:

All submittals received will be evaluated and ranked upon the responsiveness to the RFQ. A minimum of two firms may be selected for further evaluation and requested to participate in a formal interview as part of the selection process. Alternatively, the most qualified firm or team may be selected directly following the evaluation.

Scope of Work/Fee Proposal:

Following the selection process, the County/Airport will enter into contract negotiations with the selected individual/firm. The County and individual/firm will meet to discuss the proposed services and scope of work. The firm will then be expected to prepare and submit a detailed breakdown proposal detailing hourly rates, markups, anticipated reimbursable expenses, direct salary costs, labor, general and administrative overhead, and profit data for the project. A cost analysis may be performed for each of these negotiations. Work will be performed under a lump sum basis or a not to exceed basis. If negotiations fail, either in scope of work or other contract items, the County will then enter into negotiations with the next highest qualified consultant.

Fees, rates, and other monetary considerations are not to be discussed during the Qualification process.

Section 17. Submission Requirements

Respondents are responsible for submitting: **One (1) original and four (4) proposal copies; with all copies to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.**

Additionally, Respondent must monitor the Jefferson County Purchasing Department Website 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.

Responses shall be mailed or delivered to:

Jefferson County Purchasing Department
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, TX 77701

All submissions must be received by 11:00 am CT, Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

Jefferson County will not accept any submissions received after the stated time and date and shall return such submissions unopened to the Respondent.

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

Submissions shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope or box and plainly marked with the RFQ Number, RFQ Name, RFQ Due Date, and the Respondent's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.

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

Submissions will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents, however only the names of Respondents will be read aloud.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS:

The deadline for asking questions in writing or requesting additional information (in writing or in person) is:

5:00 pm CT, Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

Please direct all questions to Jamey West, Assistant Purchasing Agent via email at: jwest@co.jefferson.tx.us

Questions regarding the scope of work must be directed to Jamey West in order to keep an accurate record of communication among all parties.

Courthouse Security:

All visitors to the Courthouse must pass through Security. Respondents planning to hand deliver bids 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.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Jefferson County has implemented precautionary measures recommended by the CDC within its facilities.

Respondents are strongly urged to plan accordingly.

County Holidays – 2021:

July 5, 2021	Independence Day	Monday
September 6, 2021	Labor Day	Monday
November 11, 2021	Veteran's Day	Thursday
November 25 & 26, 2021	Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday
December 23 & 24, 2021	Christmas	Thursday & Friday
December 31, 2021	New Year's	Friday

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/statement of qualifications submission deadline, the bid 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 RFQ and urgent County requirements preclude amendment to the RFQ, the time specified for receipt of Statements of Qualifications 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.

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: _____

Respondent: Complete & Return this Form with Qualifications Submission.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official *(Please Print)*

Date

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub-awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1) Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2) Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3) Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or sub-award recipient. Identify the tier of the sub-awardee, e.g., the first sub-awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Sub-awards include but are not limited to subcontracts, sub-grants and contract awards under grants.
- 5) If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub-awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6) Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7) Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8) Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9) For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10)
 - a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
 - b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11) The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Red

House Bill 89 Verification

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

Respondent: Complete & Return this Form With Response Submission.

Senate Bill 252 Certification

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

Respondent: Complete & Return this Form With Response Submission.

SIGNATURE PAGE

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the undersigned certifies that at the time of submission, he/she is not on the Federal Government's list of suspended, ineligible, or debarred contractors. In the event of placement on the list between the time of bid/proposal/qualifications submission and time of award, the undersigned will notify the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating a contract for default.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute the contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this Statement of Qualifications in collusion with any other Respondent, and that the contents of this Statement of Qualifications as to prices, terms or conditions of said Statement of Qualifications have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Respondent or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this Statement of Qualifications. And further, that neither the Respondent 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 Statement of Qualifications or not submit a Statement of Qualifications thereon.

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

Respondent: Complete & Return this Form with Qualifications Submission.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I have carefully examined the Request for Statements of Qualifications, Scope of Services Background, and any other documents accompanying or made a part of this Request for Qualifications.

I hereby propose to furnish the goods or services specified in the Request for Qualifications. I agree that my proposal will remain firm for a period of up to 120 days in order to allow the County adequate time to evaluate the qualifications submitted.

I verify that all information contained in this proposal is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am duly authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of the firm as its act and deed and that the firm is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded the contract.

I further certify, under oath, that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any other person, firm or corporation submitting a proposal for the same product or service: no officer, employee or agent of Jefferson County or any other Respondent is interested in said proposal: and that the undersigned executed this Respondent's Certification with full knowledge and understanding of the matters therein contained and was duly authorized to do so.

NAME OF BUSINESS

BY:

SIGNATURE

NAME & TITLE, TYPED OR PRINTED

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

() _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this _____ day of

_____, 2021

Notary Public

State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Respondent: Return this Form with Qualifications Submission.