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Purchasing Director

February 6, 2024

Campbell Transport
Attn: Pramious Campbell
29170 CR 610
Angleton, TX 77515

Email: pramious08@yahoo.com

RE: C# 07-78 Deceased Transport Service – Request to be added to Contract

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for your interest in our Deceased Transport Service contract. Your request to be added to the current contract will be presented to Commissioners' Court on February 27, 2024.

Included with this letter is the terms of the contract. Please sign the bottom of this letter to confirm your acceptance of the County's Standard Terms and Conditions and Special Requirements.

Until such time as the Court approves the addition of your company to the contract, you are not able to provide services to the County. Once approved, your company will be added to the roster of companies that the Justice of the Peace Offices will utilize.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Susan P. Serrano, C.T.P.M., C.T.C.M.
Brazoria County Purchasing Director

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above Request is hereby acknowledged by: Campbell Transport

this 19 day of February, 2024.

Printed Name and Title: Pramious Campbell "Campbell's Transport"

Signature:

C#07-78
BRAZORIA COUNTY
SPECIFICATIONS / SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall:

remove human remains, including dismemberment, from crime scenes. motor vehicle accidents or other situations where remains are to be transported to Office of Medical Examiner (herein referred to as the OME), located 6607 Highway 1764, Texas City, TX, 77591;

Ensure that each body is properly tagged. Contractor shall tag the body if law enforcement agency fails to: be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year by telephone or cell phone;

Supply each vehicle with sufficient staff when responding to a call for service. One (1) staff member alone is insufficient. The attendants shall follow all reasonable instructions of law enforcement personnel with respect to the preservation of evidence. Contractor staff are solely responsible for body removal & must be capable of removing body without assistance from others at the scene;

Conduct themselves in a professional, compassionate manner at all times, whether they are at the scene, en route to the office of the OME., or at that office. Contractor shall insure that all remains are treated with respect and dignity. Contractor shall wear proper attire that is standard to the industry to present a professional appearance at all times;

Use vehicles that are properly designed for the removal of human remains. Vehicles shall be well maintained and clean. Vehicles must be stocked with a sufficient number of sheets, body bags, and bag seals; and carry proper insurance;

Be equipped with sufficient clean body bags and sheets for the proper wrapping of such human remains to prevent the loss of evidence which may adhere to the body. Body bags shall be sufficient to satisfy Galveston County Medical Examiner. Each set of remains shall be placed in the center of a clean white sheet prior to being sealed in a clean body bag for delivery to the OME. Body bags shall be of a disposable type, approved by the OME. The cost of all body bags, sheets, tags, and other supplies required to perform the services shall be the responsibility of the Contractor;

Use body bags with sufficient thickness. Heavy duty body bags should be used if required. All body bags should be suitable to the Medical Examiner;

Arrive on scene no more than sixty (60) minutes from the time of original notification.

Notify the Brazoria County Purchasing Department of any change in ownership or business phone number, contact information, email or business address;

Not use the award of this contract as advertisement or otherwise, for the purpose of soliciting or obtaining business, and shall not include any information relating to this contract in business cards, pins. labels, patches, or any other manner which could be construed as advertising, solicitation, or as an official extension of a Brazoria County department or agency;

Provide all necessary and related supplies in the performance of services hereunder, including rubber gloves, "shroud sheets". plastic sheets, "one-man cots", "highway cots", "back-boards", surgical or odor masks, and any other supplies normally used for this purpose as determined by the contractor;

Keep confidential, the access codes required for entry into the M.E. facility. Failure to comply may result in immediate termination of contract;

Be available to the M.E. twenty-four (24) hours and seven (7) days a week via phone in case the M.E.'s office needs to contact the vendor concerning M.E. matters.

Send invoices to the appropriate JP office for approval.

Brazoria County Justice of the Peace may provide a preliminary call upon request. Contractor may communicate to the JP's that they would like to receive a pre-notification call when the JP receives the call to arrive at the scene;

Brazoria County will ask the Justice of the Peace to notify the awarded vendor during the preliminary call if the cadaver is larger than normal.

The fee set forth in our letter (attached) shall constitute all applicable fees, and no other fees shall apply;

Human deaths may require investigation, autopsy and other law enforcement activity. Transport service employees must not discuss a scene with anyone other than appropriate law enforcement personnel. Discussion of confidential information with anyone outside of appropriate law enforcement personnel may result in immediate termination of contract.

Upon leaving the scene, transportation of the human remains shall be made directly to the OME.

Contractor shall tag body when not tagged by law enforcement personnel.

Awarded vendor will provide service as appropriate to the industry and as directed by the law enforcement personnel at the scene.

Contractor will not be required to draw blood.

In the event of an onset of such inclement weather that the law enforcement agency & Contractor believes that such response would be hazardous to both the citizens of the County and the Contractor's personnel. the response time requirements may be suspended. Hazardous weather could include icy conditions, storms, tropical storms, floods or high winds.

In the event of a catastrophic situation, deemed by and under jurisdiction of Brazoria County, the contract for this service will, at the request of Brazoria County, be negotiated for service and price among any and all vendors meeting specifications required by Brazoria County for that particular catastrophic situation.

Contractor employees performing services under this contract shall be trained and able, fully qualified to handle, protect, load, transport, and perform all services associated with this contract. Contractor shall be responsible to provide any training, licenses, permits, or meet other requirements of any ordinance, law, or regulation of competent authority as applicable.

Brazoria County does not guarantee either a minimum or maximum number of pick-ups or a minimum or maximum amount of compensation under this contract.

The Contractor that removes the body from the scene will return the body to Brazoria County if return is required by the County.

Fees associated with return transport shall be in accordance with the agreed price. Any additional costs associated with intermediary stops shall be borne by the Contractor.

Brazoria County may award additional contracts for a given area and rotate contractors. A contractor may be called out of their contracted zone as a secondary contractor; provided, however, a contractor shall be entitled to decline such call out and to decline to be on rotation with other contractors outside of a contracted zone.

BRAZORIA COUNTY

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. FUNDING:** Funds for payment have been provided through the Brazoria County budget approved by the Commissioners Court for the current fiscal year only. State of Texas statutes prohibit the obligation and expenditure of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Therefore, anticipated orders or other obligations that may arise past the end of the current Brazoria County fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval.
- 2. DELIVERY:** Items ordered from this offer may require delivery to various locations throughout Brazoria County, as specified in this offer or at time of order. All delivery and freight charges (F.O.B. Brazoria County designated location) are to be included in the offer price except as noted herein.
- 3. AWARD OF CONTRACT:** Brazoria County reserves the right to reject any or all offers, and to select any part or parts thereof without accepting the entire offer. All solicitations may be compared with contracts available to the County through other sources such as Interlocal Agreements and other appropriate sources. Brazoria County may purchase through the source that provides the best value to the County. The successful Respondent will be notified of award as promptly as a thorough analysis of offers will permit, and shall have ten (10) calendar days following date of notification of award in which to supply payment and performance bonds and certificate of insurance as may be required herein.
 - 3.1** Brazoria County hereby notifies Respondents that pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.0276 (effective September 1, 2003) Brazoria County is prohibited from entering into a contract or other transaction which requires approval by the Commissioners Court with an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, non-profit corporation, partnership joint venture, limited corporation or other entity which is indebted to the County. Further, that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if awarded Respondent becomes indebted to the County during the term of the Contract.
- 4. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT:** All contracts will be awarded by Brazoria County without consideration as to race, religion, sex, national origin or disability of bidder. Successful bidders are required to adhere to the provisions of 42 USCA Sec. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 5. CONTRACT:** The Contract consists of the Instructions to Respondents, Specifications/Statement of Work, Standard Terms & Conditions, all well as all other documents included in the Invitation to Bid Number «Number» as stated in the Invitation to Bid Package Checklist, and any drawings and other specifications, as well as addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, other documents listed in the Contract, and modifications issued after execution of the Contract. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. No invoices will be paid prior to acceptance of Contract by Brazoria County. No different or additional terms will become a part of this Contract, except as agreed upon by all parties hereto.
- 6. INTERLOCAL PARTICIPATION:** It is hereby made a precondition of any offer for a Contract for supplies or services and a part of these specifications, that the submission of any offer in response to this request constitutes a offer made under the same conditions, for the same price, and for the same effective period as this offer, to any other governmental entity having an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County.
 - 6.1** It is further understood, that any other governmental entity that elects to use a Brazoria County semi-annual or annual award will issue its own Contracts or purchase orders and will require separate billing.
- 7. DEFAULT OF RESPONDENT:** If successful respondent defaults by failing to supply payment and performance bonds and/or certificate of insurance within the ten (10) day period allotted, award shall pass to the next respondent who provides the best value to Brazoria County upon the approval of Commissioners' Court.

- 7.1 Respondent, in submitting this offer, agrees that Brazoria County shall not be liable for damages in the event that the County declares the respondent in default.
8. **ADDENDA:** Any interpretations, corrections or changes to these Contract documents and specifications will be made by addenda. Sole issuing authority of addenda shall be vested in the Brazoria County Purchasing Director. Addenda will be mailed to all that are known to have received a copy of the offer package and/or Contract. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.
9. **SALES TAX:** Brazoria County is exempt by law from payment of Texas Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.
10. **ETHICAL CONDUCT:** The respondent shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value, nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official, or Director of Brazoria County. No public official shall have interest in this Contract, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Annotated Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.
- 10.1 The Respondent affirms that the only person or parties interested in this offer as principals are those named herein, and that this offer is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation.
11. **INSURANCE:** Prior to acceptance of contract by Brazoria County, the successful Respondent must furnish a Certificate of Insurance from an approved insurance carrier for the coverage indicated.
12. **SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of the specifications contained as a part of this package as to any detail or to the apparent omission of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.
13. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The successful Respondent (herein after referred to as Contractor), shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless Brazoria County and all its officers, Directors, officials, agents, and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name, and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages of any negligent act or fault of the Contractor; or on account of or in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding the work; or through use of unacceptable materials in constructing the work; or because of any act of omission, neglect, or misconduct of said Contractor; or because any claims or amount recovered from any infringements of patent, trademark, or copyright; or from any claims or amounts arising recovered under the Worker's Compensation Act, or any other law, ordinance, order, or decree; or of any Director, employee, subcontractor, or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any Contract which may result from award of bid/offer.
- 13.1 Further, Contractor indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless Brazoria County from liability, claim or demand on their part, their Directors, servants, customers, employees, subcontractors, or any employees or agents of subcontractors, whether such liability, claim, or demand arise from event or casualty happening within the job site itself or elsewhere. Contractor shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against Brazoria County growing out of such injury or damages.
- 13.2 Money due the Contractor under and by virtue of his Contract as may be considered necessary by the County for such purpose may be retained for the use of the County, or in case no money is due, his surety may be held until such suit or suits action or actions, claim or claims for injuries or damages as aforesaid shall have been settled and suitable evidence to the effect furnished to the County, except that money due the Contractor will not be withheld when the Contractor produces satisfactory evidence that he is adequately protected by public liability and property damage insurance.
14. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CLAUSE:** It is specifically agreed between the parties executing the Contract that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Contract to create with the public or any member thereof a third party beneficiary or to authorize anyone not a party to the Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of the Contract.

15. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: Termination with Cause:

“Upon written notice to the Contractor of a defect or breach of this Agreement, Contractor has five (5) business days to cure any defect(s) or breach(es) cited in said notice. If Contractor fails to cure the defect(s) or breach(es) within the five (5) business days allowed, Brazoria County may terminate this Agreement. Nevertheless, Brazoria County reserves the right to provide written notice to the Contractor that this Agreement shall continue if Contractor has in good-faith commenced efforts to cure said defect(s) or breach(es) and Contractor agrees, in writing, to continue to act without undue delay to cure said defect(s) or breach(es).

Termination Without Cause:

This contract may be terminated by either the County or the Contractor at any time, without cause, by providing the other Party at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice.

16. DELIVERY OF NOTICES: Any notice provided by this Contract (or required by law) to be given to the Contractor by Brazoria County shall be conclusively deemed to have been given and received on the next day after such written notice has been deposited in the mail in Angleton, Texas, by Registered or Certified mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed to the Contractor at the address so provided; provided this shall not prevent the giving of actual notice in any other manner.

17. PAYMENT: Payment shall be made upon receipt and/or acceptance in accordance with the terms of this Contract by the County of items(s) ordered, and receipt of a valid invoice in accordance with Texas Government Code chapter 2251. Contractor is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days.

18. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY: The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character during the execution of the work, resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in his manner or method of executing the work, including the Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors, and any employees or agents of subcontractors, or at any time due to defective work or materials, and said responsibility will not be released until the project shall have been completed and accepted.

18.1 When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in the execution of the work, or in consequence of the non-execution thereof by the Contractor, including the Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors, and any employees or agents of subcontractors, he shall restore, at his own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing, rebuilding, or otherwise restoring as he may be directed, or he shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.

19. DEFECTIVE MATERIALS: Unless otherwise stated herein, items supplied under this Contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the Contractor at the next service day at no expense to the County. If item is not picked up within one (1) week after notification, the item will become a donation to the County for disposition.

20. ASSIGNMENT: Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Brazoria County.

21. GOVERNING LAW: Contractor is advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Brazoria 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. All disputes arising out of this agreement will be resolved in Brazoria County, Texas.

All documents are subject to the Public Information Act requirements.

22. RIGHT TO AUDIT: At any time during the term of this Contract and for a period of four (4) years thereafter, the State of Texas, Brazoria County, and/or other federal, State and local agencies which may have jurisdiction over this contract and/or purchase order, at reasonable times and at its expense reserve the right to audit successful bidder's records and books. If needed for audit, original or independently certified copies of off-site records will be provided to auditors at successful respondent's expense within two (2) weeks of written request.

- 23. APPLICABLE LAW:** All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas and ordinances and regulations of Brazoria County shall apply.
- 24. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:** Respondent shall at all times observe and comply with all federal, state, local and municipal ordinances, rules, regulations, relating to the provision of the services contracted to be provided by respondent hereunder or which in any manner affect this Contract.
- 25. FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither the County nor the successful respondent shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war riots, rebellions, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation; provided however, that in the event of strikes or labor disputes, an inability to procure raw materials, equipment, power or supplies, or the enactment of any law, order, proclamation, regulation, ordinance, demand, or other requirement of any governmental agency or intergovernmental body, which prevents, restricts, interferes or delays with the performance of this Contract, the party so affected, upon giving notice to the other party, shall be excused from such performance to the extent of such prevention, restriction, delay or interference, so long as the party so affected shall use reasonable efforts under the circumstance to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance, and shall continue performance hereunder with the utmost dispatch whenever such causes are removed.
- 26. SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of this Contract is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect any other provision contained herein, and the remainder of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 27. PURCHASE FROM OTHER SOURCES:** Brazoria County reserves the right to purchase goods and/or services specified herein, or of equal or like kind, through contracts established by other governmental agencies or thorough separate procurement actions due to the unique or special needs of Brazoria County. Further, the County reserves the right to obtain such goods and/or services from others without penalty or prejudice to the County or the respondent and such action shall not invalidate in whole or in part this Contract or any rights or remedies Brazoria County may have hereunder.
- 28. AGREEMENT TO NOT BOYCOTT ISRAEL:** By agreeing to this Purchase Order [or if no formal agreement, by providing the good(s) / services(s)] the vendor verifies it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel, as defined by Chapter 808 of the Texas Government Code, during the term of this contract [during the time necessary to provide the good(s) / services(s)].
- 29. TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 552, SUBCHAPTER J:** Effective January 1, 2020, the requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this contract and the Contractor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.
- 30. PROHIBITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION:** By agreeing to this purchase order (or if no formal agreement, by providing goods/services) the vendor represents and warrants that the equipment, systems, and/or services which it will provide to Brazoria County do not use covered telecommunications equipment or services (as defined in Section 889 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018)) as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system. Additionally, the vendor represents and warrants that the equipment, systems, and/or services it will provide are not prohibited from being procured using grant funds under section 889 of the FY 2019 NDAA.
- 31. AGREEMENT TO NOT BOYCOTT ENERGY COMPANIES:** By agreeing to this Purchase Order [or if no formal agreement, by providing the good(s) / services(s)] the vendor verifies it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies, as defined by Chapter 809 of the Texas Government Code, during the term of this contract [during the time necessary to provide the good(s) / services(s)].

- 32. AGREEMENT TO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A FIREARM ENTITY OR TRADE ASSOCIATION:** By agreeing to this Purchase Order [or if no formal agreement, by providing the good(s) / services(s)] the vendor verifies it does not discriminate against a firearm entity or trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or trade association, as defined by Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, during the term of this contract [during the time necessary to provide the good(s) / services(s)].
- 33. DEBRIEF, PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES:** Please see page 20 of 48, section D. of the Brazoria County Policy and Procedure Manual which can be found on the Brazoria County Purchasing Department's "Doing Business" webpage, <https://www.brazoriacountytexas.gov/departments/purchasing/doing-business>.
- 34. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES FORM 1295:** A person or business, who enters into a contract with the County, meeting the conditions according to Texas Local Government Code Sec. 2252.908, is required to file Form 1295 with Texas Ethics Commission. A contract entered into by a governmental entity is voidable for failure to provide the disclosure of interested parties if the entity submits written notice to the business entity of the failure to submit the form and the business entity has not provided the form on, or before, the 10th business day after the business entity receives written notice to submit the Form 1295. **This form is not required unless there is a contract between the vendor and the Brazoria County. Do not submit this form unless you receive an award letter from the County.**

BRAZORIA COUNTY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS:

READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS. BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THEM.

The following requirements and specifications supersede other requirements where applicable.

General

All bids inclusive of pricing shall remain firm for acceptance for a minimum period of ninety (90) days from opening date unless otherwise specified by Brazoria County.

Prices bid shall reflect the full Specifications/Statement of Work as defined per the ITB documents, inclusive of all associated costs for insurance, taxes, overhead, profit and bonding, if required and so identified.

Bidder must include all incidental costs in his pricing. Brazoria County will not provide or allow for parking or travel reimbursements for the bidder's employees. Bidder's offices, administration and/or place of business will not be on Brazoria County premises and will be the bidder's responsibility. Only those costs shown on the Pricing/Delivery Sheet and confirmed by a purchase order will be paid.

It is also understood that any and all persons who provide services under Contract to Brazoria County, resulting from this Invitation to Bid, shall be and remain employees of the Contractor, not Brazoria County. It is understood and agreed that the bidder is solely responsible for all services being provided and shall provide adequate insurance to cover against any and all losses incurred by the bidder's employees and or equipment during the course of the Contract.

All correspondence relating to this ITB, from receipt to award shall be sent to the Brazoria County Purchasing Director.

No award or acquisition can be made until Commissioners' Court approves such action.

This Invitation to Bid in no manner obligates Brazoria County or any of its agencies to the eventual purchase of any goods and/or service described, implied or which may be bid, until confirmed by a written Contract and purchase order. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of Brazoria County and may be terminated at any time prior to the signing of a Contract.

Brazoria County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in preparing a response to this ITB. Brazoria County makes no guarantee that any goods and/or services will be purchased as a result of this Invitation to Bid, and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids and their accompanying documentation will become the property of Brazoria County.

The bidder is expected to examine all documents, forms, specifications, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at bidder's risk.

ITB Electronic Document Completion (using Bonfire electronic platform)

Bidder shall fill out, electronically **SIGN**, and upload the document into the Bonfire electronic platform. An authorized representative of the bidder **MUST** electronically sign the Bidder Acknowledgement Form. The Contract will be binding upon award and when signed by the Brazoria County Judge and a purchase order authorizing the item(s) desired has been issued.

ALL ITBs are to be F.O.B. Destination, Net Thirty (30) Days.

ITB Hard Copy Document Completion

Bidder shall fill out, **SIGN**, and return to the Brazoria County Purchasing Department one (1) original of the complete ITB document. Bidders are to include with their sealed hard copy bid, a printed copy of Attachment A bid table.

In addition, vendors are to include the bid table (in excel format) saved to a flash drive or CD.

An authorized representative of the bidder **MUST** sign the Contract Sheet upon award. The Contract will be binding only when awarded in court and signed by the Brazoria County Judge and a purchase order authorizing the item(s) desired has been issued.

The use of liquid paper is **NOT** acceptable and may result in the disqualification of ITB. If an error is made, bidder **MUST** draw a line through the error and initial each change.

PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, **ALL** ITBs are to be **F.O.B. Destination, Net Thirty (30) Days**

Exceptions

Bidder/Respondent Terms & Conditions are subject to the review and approval of Brazoria County. In the event of conflicting Terms & Conditions, the terms and conditions contained in the solicitation package shall prevail. Bidder/Respondent must clearly identify any conflict with terms & conditions by denoting them on the same page where the conflicting terms and conditions appear.

Public Information Act

All responses to this solicitation are in their entirety, subject to the Public Information Act. Brazoria County will respond to open records requests in accordance to law by providing all requested response information unless respondent (respondent) has specifically identified, in the response package, any section or part respondent deems confidential and/or proprietary. Respondent must note and identify such information on the page where such information appears in the same manner as other exceptions.

Late Bid - Electronic Submissions

Once the project closes in Bonfire, bidders are not able to upload a finalized submission electronically.

Late Bid – Hard Copy Submissions

Hard Copy bids received in the office of the County Purchasing Director after submission deadline will be considered void and unacceptable. Brazoria County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc., and the date/time stamp in the office of the County Purchasing Director shall be the official time of receipt.

Altering Submissions - Electronic

If an error is made after your bid submission is finalized, click [HERE](#) for instructions. Bonfire allows for bidders to make alterations or amendments and re-submit their submissions before the project closes.

Altering Submissions – Hard Copy

Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineation, alteration, or erasure made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid/offer, guaranteeing authenticity.

Substitutions to Bid

Brazoria County reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the substitutions deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Withdrawal of Bid/Offer

A bid/offer may not be withdrawn or canceled by the bidder without the permission of Brazoria County for a period of ninety (90) days following the date designated for the receipt of bids/offers, and bidder so agrees upon submittal of their bid/offer.

Descriptions

Any reference to model and/or make/manufacture used in bid/offer specifications or scope of work are descriptive, not restrictive. It is used to indicate the type and quality desired. Bids/Offer on items of like quality will be considered. Bid must provide hardware specifications where hardware is offered.

Terms of Payment

Terms of payment shall be Net Thirty (30) Days from receipt of acceptable invoice and/or acceptance of conforming goods, whichever is later. However, alternate terms will be considered and may be bid. Invoices for installed equipment and software will not be paid prior to complete acceptance by Brazoria County unless otherwise specified. If installation of equipment and software is delayed, the County reserves the right (without extra expense or penalty) to delay a portion of the payment until equipment is installed and functioning properly.

Contract Term

Award will be made to the lowest and best bid meeting specifications. Renewal shall be subject to approval by Brazoria County Commissioners Court each period. Once renewal option is exhausted, the Contract must be re-bid.

Brazoria County retains the option to rebid at any time if in its best interest and is not automatically bound to renewal or rebid.

Pricing / Delivery

All items should be priced – FOB Destination Full Freight Allowed, inside delivery. Brazoria County will not pay for any additional transportation and/or shipping charges.

No charges may be billed to the County unless such costs were explicitly included in the bid/proposal. Bidder will incur any costs not explicitly included in the bid/proposal and/or mutually agreed to in writing by the Brazoria County Purchasing Department.

Reduction in Price: If during the life of the contract, the successful bidder's net prices to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to Brazoria County.

Price Increase: Requests for price adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating an increase in the vendor's cost. A request for a pricing increase will be reviewed by Purchasing Department using the Producer Price Index (PPI) and/or Consumer Price Index (CPI) and any other research available to determine market conditions favorable to the increase. If market conditions dictate an increase to an awarded vendor's cost, the awarded vendor may submit a request to increase pricing no later than thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the County's intent to renew the contract. Requests will only be considered at the time of renewal with written approval from the County. Additionally, the vendor must de-escalate pricing on a previously escalated item, if the decrease is appropriate, due to market conditions.

The request must be in writing and substantiated with supporting documentation (i.e., increase in manufacturers direct cost, etc.). The request shall be addressed to the County Purchasing Director, 111 E. Locust, Bldg. A-29, Suite 100, Angleton, Texas 77515. The request may also be emailed to the Contract Specialist listed in the solicitation. The awarded vendor's past history of honoring contracts at the bid/offer price will be an important consideration in the determination of requested price increase. Brazoria County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all of the requests for price adjustments as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. If rejected, either party may terminate the contract in accordance with the termination provisions of the contract.

Contract Obligations

This bid, submitted documents and any negotiations, when properly accepted by Brazoria County, shall constitute a Contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Brazoria County. The selected bidder will be considered as the prime Contractor and shall assume responsibility for the goods and/or services. Failure to meet obligations may result in the cancellation of any Contracts.

The bidder's response may be incorporated into any Contract which results from this ITB, therefore, bidders are cautioned not to make claims or statements which they are not prepared to commit to contractually. Failure by the bidder to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the bidder provide resources necessary to meet submitted claims and/or breach of Contract.