



**CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**ANNUAL FUEL CONTRACT
COMPETITIVE SEALED BID #2022-06**

**DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 BY 10:00 A.M.**

**CITY OF FREEPORT
PUBLIC NOTICE
COMPETITIVE SEALED BID #2022-06
ANNUAL FUEL CONTRACT**

The City of Freeport is accepting Competitive Sealed Bids for all supervision, materials, labor and equipment necessary to furnish and deliver Gasoline and Diesel fuels.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 10 A.M. Thursday, March 17, 2022. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm. The City of Freeport reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting timely bids.

All bids submitted for City consideration must include the original and four (4) copies, be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the words "City of Freeport, Attention: City Secretary, Bid#2022-006 – Annual Fuel Contract, and must contain the name of the company submitting the Bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Freeport City Hall located at 200 West Second Street, Freeport, Texas 77541 on Thursday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Bid documents may be downloaded from the City of Freeport's website at freeport.tx.us/page/public_notices or obtained in person at Freeport City Hall, 200 West Second Street, Freeport, Texas.

Vendors may submit bids for any or all activities.

Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The City of Freeport will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts. Bids shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days from the date they are opened.

The City of Freeport is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids.

1st Advertisement: The Facts, Thursday, March 3, 2022

2nd Advertisement: The Facts, Thursday, March 10, 2017

For inquiries regarding this RFP, please contact Cathy Ezell, Finance Director by phone, 979-871-0107, or email, cezell@freeport.tx.us The deadline for inquiries is Friday, March 11, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL REQUIREMENTS STATED HEREIN. THE INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL BIDS/PROPOSALS AND BECOME A PART OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY BID/PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AND ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED SUBSEQUENT THERETO, UNLESS EXCEPTION IS TAKEN IN WRITING BY BIDDER WHEN SUBMITTING BID.

1. BIDS, PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL

Bidders must utilize the Bid Form and must submit the original and four (4) copies of the sealed bid/written quote/proposal to the City Secretary prior to the response due date and time as described in the Invitation to Bidders. Failure to submit the additional copy may result in the bid being declared unresponsive to specification and may not be further evaluated.

Bidders must include any delivery fees in the prices submitted on the Bid Form. Additionally, Bidders should also be aware that the Contract provides for the automatic renewal of any awarded contract for one (1) additional year unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted and initialed in ink by the person signing the Bid Form. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, e-mailed or facsimile bids will be considered. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Bidders must provide all documentation required with the bid response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of bid. For additional instructions related to bid preparation, please see the General Conditions of Bidding contained herein.

2. INTENT OF BID DOCUMENTS

Bidders should fully inform themselves as to all conditions and matters which can in any way affect the costs thereof. Should a bidder find discrepancies in, or omission from, the bid documents or should there be any doubt as to their meaning and intent they should notify the City at once and obtain clarification prior to submitting a bid.

The submission of a bid by Bidder shall be conclusive evidence that the Bidder is fully acquainted and satisfied as to character, quality and quantity of equipment to be furnished.

3. DELIVERY OF BIDS

Bids received prior to the time of the opening will be kept securely unopened. Bids received after the time specified in the Invitation to Bid shall be considered late and shall be returned unopened. The person whose duty it is to open the bids will decide when the specified time has arrived for the opening of the bids. No responsibility will be attached to an officer of the City for the premature opening of a bid not properly addressed and identified. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, e-mailed or facsimile bids will be considered

5. SIGNATURES

All bid responses are required to be signed by an authorized representative of the bidding entity. Bid responses received unsigned will result in the bid being declared unresponsive to specification and may not be further evaluated.

6. BID ALTERATION/WITHDRAWAL

Bids cannot be altered or amended after the submission deadline. The signer of the bid, guaranteeing authenticity, must initial any interlineations, alteration, or erasure made before bid opening time. Bids may be withdrawn by written request signed by the bidder prior to the time fixed for bid opening; however, such written request must be received by the City in the normal course of business and prior to the time fixed for bid opening. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid represents no right for withdrawal after the bid is opened. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the bids.

7. DISQUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

The bidders may be disqualified and their bids and proposals not considered for the following reasons, including, but not limited to:

- Reason for believing collusion exists between bidders.
- The bidder being an interested party in any litigation against the City.
- Failure to use the Bid Form furnished by the City.
- Failure to comply with any of the requirements contained herein.
- Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the Bid Form.
- Failure to properly complete the Bid Form.
- Bidder is indebted to the City.
- Communicating with an elected official regarding this bid or its award.

8. BID OPENINGS

All bids submitted will be opened publicly at the City Hall, at the date and time shown in the Invitation to Bidders. However, the reading of a bid at bid opening should not be construed as a comment on the responsiveness of such bid or as any indication that the City accepts such bid as responsive.

The City will make a determination as to the responsiveness of bids submitted based upon compliance with all applicable laws, City of Freeport Purchasing Guidelines, and project documents, including, but not limited to, the project specifications and contract documents. The city will notify the successful bidder upon award of the contract, and, according to State law, all bids received will be available for inspection at that time, unless otherwise provided by law.

9. BASIS OF AWARD

It is the intent of the City to award the Contract to the bidder(s) submitting the most efficient and/or most economical for the City. It shall be based on all factors, which have a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user environment. All bids are subject to re-tabulation. Compliance with all bid requirements, delivery and needs of the using department are considerations in evaluating bids

The City of Freeport reserves the right to contact any offeror, or at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to any bid. Unless stipulated in the attached bid specifications, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods and services specified herein at the best value for the City of Freeport in compliance with Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. The City reserves the right to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one offeror, or to reject any or all bids.

The City anticipates awarding the contract by April 4, 2022. The earliest award date may be March 21, 2022. The recommended contractor will be notified prior to Council consideration of award.

The City anticipates awarding both locations and fuel types to one vendor, however; the City reserves the right to split the contract between multiple vendors should there be an opportunity to maximize quantities of scale between locations.

10. BID TABULATION

Bidders desiring a copy of the bid tabulation may request it by enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the bid. BID RESULTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BY TELEPHONE. You may also download a copy on the City of Freeport's website from the Purchasing Page at www.ci.Freeport.tx.us.

11. PROTESTS

All protests regarding the bid solicitation process must be submitted in writing to the City within five (5) working days following the opening of the bids. This includes all protests relating to advertising of bid notices, deadlines, bid opening, and all other related procedures under the Texas Local Government Code, as well as any protests relating to alleged improprieties or ambiguities in the specifications.

This limitation does not include protests relating to staff recommendations as to award of this bid. Protests relating to staff recommendations may be directed to the City Administrator within five (5) days of the staff recommendation memo. Unless otherwise provided by law, all staff recommendations will be made available for public review prior to consideration by the City Council.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

This Bid does not commit the City of Freeport to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred as a result of preparing such a response. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received in response to this request, to negotiate with all qualified respondents or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid if it is in the best interest of the City.

A contract based on the awarded bid will be executed. This should be considered and reflected in the bid.

BIDDING

1. PRICING: Price(s) quoted must be held firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the date of bid closing. In the case of estimated requirement contract bid, the prices must remain firm for the period as specified in the bid. "Discount from list" bids are not acceptable unless specifically requested in the bid.
 - a. OPIS: Please submit pricing for all applicable products listed based on the daily pricing listed in the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) Pad 3 Report for Houston, Texas Rack Prices using the benchmark for Prior Day OPIS Average – 10 a.m. for Houston, Texas. (The City is not a current OPIS subscriber)
 - b. LOAD FEE: The Load Fee included on the bid form is the delivery fee. Texas assesses a delivery fee on all petroleum products when they are withdrawn from a bulk facility (a terminal or a refinery) and delivered into a cargo tank or barge, or imported into the state in a cargo tank or barge for delivery to another location for distribution or sale. For information regarding this fee, please see the Comptroller's website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/fuels/delivery-fee.php>
2. QUANTITIES: In the case of estimated requirements contract bid, quantities appearing are estimated as realistically as possible. However, the City reserves the right to increase, decrease or delete any item or items of material to be furnished while continuing to pay the price quoted on this bid regardless of quantity. The successful bidder shall have no claim against the City for anticipated profits for the quantities called for, diminished, or deleted.
 - a. TANK SPECIFICATIONS AND TYPICAL ORDER INFORMATION:
 - Service Center
 - Tank sizes are 10,000 gallons each (1 unleaded gasoline and 1 diesel)
 - The tanks are underground
 - The City owns the tanks

- Typically, unleaded is ordered twice a month and diesel is ordered once with an unleaded gasoline order.
- Deliveries may be made on the same truck

Golf Course

- Tank size is 500 gallons – diesel
- Tank is above ground
- The City owns the tank
- Deliveries may be made on the same truck

3. ERROR-QUANTITY: Bids must be submitted on units of quantity specified, extended, and show total. In the event of discrepancies in extension, the unit prices shall govern.
4. F.O.B./DAMAGE: Quotations shall be bid freight on board (F.O.B.) delivered to the designated job site in Freeport, Texas and shall include all delivery and packaging costs. The City assumes no liability for goods delivered in damaged or unacceptable condition. The successful bidder shall handle all claims with carriers, and in case of damaged goods, shall ship replacement goods immediately upon notification by the City.
5. DELIVERY: Deliveries will be acceptable only during normal working hours at the designated City Municipal Facility or Job Site. The place of delivery shall be set forth in the purchase order. The terms of this agreement are “no arrival, no sale”.
6. DESCRIPTIONS: Any reference to model and/or make/manufacturer used in bid/proposal specifications is descriptive, not restrictive. It is to be used to indicate the type and quality desired. Qualifications on items of like quality will be considered.
7. EXCEPTIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS: All submittals meeting the intent of this bid/request for proposal will be considered for award. Bidders taking exception to the specifications, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided or by attachment as part of the qualifications. The absence of such a list shall indicate that the Bidder has not taken exceptions and shall hold the Bidder responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications of the invitation. The City of Freeport reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the City.
8. SPECIFICATION-SAMPLES: Any catalog, brand name, or manufacturer’s reference used is considered to be descriptive, not restrictive, and is indicative of the type and quality the City desires to purchase. Bids on brands of like nature and quality may be considered unless specifically excluded. If bidding on other than reference, bid must certify article offered is equivalent to specifications and it is subject to approval by the using department and the Purchasing Division. Samples, if required, shall be furnished free of expense to the City. **SAMPLES SHOULD NOT BE ENCLOSED WITH BID UNLESS REQUESTED.**
9. TESTING: An agent so designated by the City, without expense to the City, may perform testing at the request of the City or any participating entity.
10. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: If a bid/proposal contains proprietary information, the respondent must declare such information as proprietary if respondent does not want information to become public. Any proprietary information must be indicated in the index and clearly identified in the qualifications.
11. CORRESPONDENCE: This bid number must appear on ALL correspondence, inquiries, bid submittal documents, etc. pertaining to this Invitation for Bid.
12. ADDENDA: Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this Invitation for Bid and specifications will be made by addenda. Sole issuing authority of addenda shall be vested in the City of Freeport Director of Public Works. An attempt will be made to mail, fax, or e-mail any addenda to all who are known to have received a copy of this Invitation

for Bid. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the designated area on the bid document. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure receipt of all addenda and to include the changes in this bid document.

13. CHANGE ORDERS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing by the City.
14. TAXES: The City is exempt from Federal Manufacturer's Excise, and State sales taxes. TAX MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN BID PRICING. Tax exemption certificates will be executed by the City and furnished upon request by the Director of Finance.
15. BID SECURITY/BOND REQUIREMENTS: If required, a bid security of 5% shall be submitted with all construction bids. Any bid submitted without bid bond, or cashiers/certified check, shall be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for award. Performance and/or payment bonds, when required, shall be submitted to the City, prior to commencement of any work pursuant to the agreement provisions. A bid bond is **not** required for this bid.
16. CONTRACT: The contract term will begin when the contract is finally executed. The automatic renewal is based on mutual agreement, the contract allows for termination by either party. The contract provided is a Sample Contract. The City may consider modifications to this contract form the awarded contractor to final execution.
17. INQUIRIES: Any inquiries concerning the bid documents shall be addressed to Cathy Ezell, Finance Director, by telephone (281) 337-8839 or e-mail cezell@freeport.tx.us. **Any attempt on the part of a bidder or his representative to contact an elected official regarding this bid or its award will disqualify the bidder.**

CITY OF FREEPORT CONTRACTOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractors providing good, materials and services for the City of Freeport shall, during the term of the contract with the City or any renewal or extension thereof, provide and maintain the types and amounts of insurance set forth herein. All insurance and certificate(s) of insurance shall contain the following provisions:

1. Name the City, its officers, agents, representatives, and employees as additional insureds as to all applicable coverage with the exception of workers compensation insurance.
2. Provide for at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City for cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of the insurance.
3. Provide for a waiver of subrogation against the City for injuries, including death, property damage, or any other loss to the extent the same is covered by the proceeds of insurance.

Insurance Company Qualification: All insurance companies providing the required insurance shall be authorized to transact business in Texas and rated at least "A" by AM Best or other equivalent rating service.

Certificate of insurance: A certificate of insurance evidencing the required insurance shall be submitted with the contractor's bid or response to proposal. If the contract is renewed or extended by the City, a certificate of insurance shall also be provided to the City prior to the date the contract is renewed or extended.

Type of Contract

Type and amount of Insurance

Special Events

General Liability insurance for personal injury (including death) and property damage with a minimum of \$1 Million Dollars per occurrence and \$2 Million Dollars aggregate, including coverage for advertising injury and products coverage
Statutory Workers compensation insurance as required by state law
(If the contractor serves alcoholic beverages) Liquor Liability with a minimum of \$1 Million Dollars per Occurrence and \$2 Million Aggregate.
(If high risk or dangerous activities) Umbrella Coverage or Liability Excess Coverage of \$ 2 Million Dollars
(If automobile or limousine service is involved even if volunteers)

Automobile Liability with a minimum of \$1 Million Dollars combined single limit.

Public Works and Construction

General Liability insurance for personal injury (including death) and property damage with a minimum of \$1 Million Dollars per occurrence and \$2 Million Dollars aggregate, including advertising injury, products coverage and (XCU) Explosion, collapse and underground (If high risk or dangerous activities) Umbrella Coverage or Excess Liability Coverage of \$2 Million Dollars Statutory Workers compensation insurance as required by state law

Professional Services

Professional Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$1 Million Dollars per occurrence and \$2 Million Dollars aggregate.
(If size or scope of project warrant)
Umbrella Coverage or Excess Liability Coverage of \$2 Million Dollars

SCOPE OF WORK

Overview

The City seeks competitive bids for fuel products. The purpose of these specifications is to describe the requirements of the City for the annual fuel contract. This contract is intended for routine and continuous usage.

Items and Estimated Quantities

The following are the items needed and estimated annual* quantities:

Section 1 – Fuel Deliveries

Service Center 510 S Avenue A Freeport, TX 77541	Unleaded Gasoline 87 Octane Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel	74,000 gallons annually – Average 4,900 gallons 15,000 gallons annually – Average 2,500 gallons
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Golf Course 830 Slaughter Road Freeport, TX 77541	Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel	3,000 gallons annually – Average 250 gallons
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Section 2 – Other Fuels to be Delivered

Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 5W20 or equivalent	100 gallons bulk, twice annually
Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 5W30 or equivalent	100 gallons bulk, twice annually
Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 0W20 or equivalent	50 gallons bulk, four times annually
Fluid, Hydraulic – AW68	50 gallons bulk, four times annually

Section 3 – Alternate Fuels

The City may order any of the following products but does not have an annual average. Please provide costs based on the lowest quantities offered:

Motor Oil – Chevron Delo 400 CJ4 15W40 or equivalent
Lube, Gear 75W90 – Fuel Synthetic
Lube, Gear 80W140 – Fuel Synthetic
Fluid, Hydraulic – AW46
Fluid, Hydraulic – – John Deere J20C
Fluid, Transmission –TES 295 Approved
Fluid, Transmission – Dexron III or equivalent
Fluid, Antifreeze – Shellzone Multi-Vehicle ELC or equivalent

*The quantities listed are only estimates based on previous usage amounts. The City does not guarantee to purchase any given quantity and shall not be obligated to purchase any excess stock carried by the vendor at the end of the contract. Any catalog, brand name, or manufacturer’s reference used is considered to be descriptive, not restrictive, and is indicative of the type and quality desired.

Vendor will supply and deliver the grades of oil and gasoline requested at the bid price of a fixed differential in excess of the following formula: The daily pricing listed in the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) Pad 3 Report for Houston, Texas Rack Prices posted for reformulated unleaded gasoline and Ultra Low Sulphur #2 Diesel. The last report published prior to the day of delivery will provide the formula for the price of the product delivered to the City each delivery.

Random samples may be taken from any delivery by the City and tested for compliance. If results, comply with specifications, the City will stand the expense. If results do not comply, the vendor will be required to remove all materials

within twenty-four (24) hours after notification. The vendor will replace a suitable product and bear the cost of all test analyses if the product tested does not comply with the City's specifications.

Deliveries

Motor fuels shall be delivered by the Contractor in appropriate vehicles and all transportation and delivery charges shall be borne by Contractor. Trucks making gasoline deliveries shall be equipped with the proper equipment such as ticket printers and meters to assure accurate measures. All vehicles will properly display State of Texas certification and safety placard. Each delivery will be accompanied with a MSDS sheet pertaining to the product delivered at that point.

All deliveries will be delivered to one of the two locations noted above.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with this requirement, the City reserves the right to purchase motor fuels on the open market and apply all costs in excess of prices established by this contract to the account of the Contractor.

Leakage from tanks shall be reported immediately. Contractor is responsible for site remediation from storage tank overfills and/or delivery spillage.

Office Hours:

- City Hall is open Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM (excluding Federal Holidays)
- Service Center will accept deliveries Monday – Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM
- Golf Course will accept deliveries Monday – Friday between 6 AM and 2 PM and Saturday and Sunday between 6 AM and 9 AM

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DELIVERIES

In order to provide the most effective response to an emergency The City will order fuel (unleaded gasoline and diesel) before the emergency i.e. Tropical storms or hurricanes.

Exhibit B: Required BID Forms:

1. Bid Form (2 Pages)
2. Bidder Information
3. Supplemental Information
4. References
5. System for Award Management (SAM) Verification
6. W-9
7. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
8. Certification Regarding Lobbying
9. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
10. Certificate of Interest Parties (Form 1295)

Bid Form

Bidder agrees to comply with all conditions below, attached specifications, and notes. Bidder has read and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of invitation to bid. Purchases made for city use are exempt from the state sales tax and federal excise tax. Do not include taxes in your bid. Bidder guarantees product offered shall meet or exceed minimum specification identified in this invitation to bid.

Item#	Service	Unit Cost	Unit of Measure
Section 1 – Fuel Deliveries			
<i>Orders Over 2,500 Gallons</i>			
1	Unleaded Gasoline 87 Octane		per gallon
2	Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel		per gallon
3	Load Fee		per delivery
<i>Orders Under 2,500 Gallons</i>			
4	Unleaded Gasoline 87 Octane		per gallon
5	Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel		per gallon
6	Load Fee		per delivery
Section 2 – Other Fuels to be Delivered			
7	Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 5W20 or equivalent		
8	Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 5W30 or equivalent		
9	Motor Oil - Pennzoil Plat 0W20 or equivalent		
10	Fluid, Hydraulic – AW68		
Section 3 – Alternate Fuels			
8	Lube, Gear 75W90 – Full Synthetic		
9	Lube, Gear 80W140 – Full Synthetic		
11	Fluid, Hydraulic – AW46		
12	Fluid, Hydraulic – John Deere J20C		
13	Fluid, Transmission – TES 295 Approved		
14	Fluid, Transmission – Dexron III or equivalent		
15	Fluid, Antifreeze – Shellzone Multi-Vehicle ELC or equivalent		

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

In the event of an emergency, Contractor shall agree to top off all City generators no less than twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours prior to an anticipated event, such as expected hurricane landfall, etc.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DELIVERIES

In order to provide the most effective response to an emergency The City will order fuel (unleaded gasoline and diesel) before the emergency i.e. Tropical storms or hurricanes.

In order to ensure economic recovery to the City community, the City will need emergency deliveries after the disaster. Mark the box below if your company would provide this service to the city.

_____ YES

_____ NO

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

In order to ensure economic recovery to the City, the City may have a need for portable fueling tanks with pumps. Can your company provide this service? Mark the box below.

_____ YES

_____ NO

If yes, what size tank and pump would be provided? _____.

Item#	Service	Unit Cost	Unit of Measure
Emergency Recovery			
	Portable fueling tanks and pumps		
Other Fees (List any other fees that apply)			

Provide the electrical requirements for the use of the portable tanks with pumps:

BIDDER INFORMATION

In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents the following:

- a. Bidder has examined copies of these bidding and contract documents and of the following Addenda (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged):

Addenda: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

- b. Bidder has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of these documents, and all local conditions and Laws and Regulations that in any manner may affect cost of fulfilling the terms of contract.
- c. Bidder has given the owner written notice of all conflict, errors, or discrepancies that it has discovered in these documents and the written resolution thereof by the City is acceptable to Bidder.
- d. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or titles of any group, association, organization or corporation. Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid. Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm, or corporation to refrain from bidding. Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other bidder or over the City.
- e. Bidder hereby certifies that the bid prices contained in this bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final.
- f. This Bid will remain open and subject to acceptance for sixty (60) days after the day of Bid opening.

Bidder further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all product/service upon which prices are extended at the price offered and accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions for Bidding and any Special Conditions contained herein.

Bidder hereby certifies that, if this bid is accepted, the undersigned Bidder shall enter into a contract with the City of Freeport to furnish the services as specified or indicated in these Bid documents for the price indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of such contract documents.

BIDDER:

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Texas Government Code Section 2252.002 Non-resident bidders. A governmental entity may not award a governmental contract to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident underbids the lowest bid submitted by a responsible resident bidder by an amount that is not less than the amount by which a resident bidder would be required to underbid the nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident’s principal place of business is located.

In order to make this determination, please answer the following questions:

1. Address and phone number of your principal place of business:

2. Name and address of principal place of business, and phone number of your company’s majority owner:

3. Name and address of principal place of business, and phone number of your company’s ultimate parent company:

MINORITY/WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

It is the policy of the City of Freeport to involve small businesses and qualified minority/women-owned businesses to the greatest extent possible in the procurement of goods, equipment, services and construction projects. To assist us in our record keeping, please list below the names of the minority or woman-owned firms you would be utilizing in this bid, and note the monetary involvement:

NAME OF FIRM	TELEPHONE #	\$ INVOLVEMENT

REFERENCES

Please provide three references for similar services performed within the last three years:

1. Company: _____
Contact: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Description of services performed:

2. Company: _____
Contact: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Description of services performed:

3. Company: _____
Contact: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Description of services performed:

Submit Insert System for Award Management (SAM) record search for company name and company principal from <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>

Example:

The screenshot shows the SAM.gov search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SAM logo and a 'Log In' button. Below the navigation bar is a menu with options: HOME, SEARCH RECORDS, DATA ACCESS, CHECK STATUS, ABOUT, and HELP. A red alert banner states: 'ALERT: SAM.gov will be down for scheduled maintenance Saturday, 02/15/2020 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM'. The main heading is 'Search Results', followed by a list of instructions. Below this, the current search terms are 'City of Freeport*'. The search results show 4 total records, with the first page displaying two results for 'FREEPORT, CITY OF'. Each result includes DUNS number, CAGE Code, and a 'View Details' button.

Current Search Terms: City of Freeport*

Clear Search

Total records: 4 Save PDF Export Results Print

Result Page: 1 Sort by Relevance Order by Descending

FILTER RESULTS

By Record Status

Active

Inactive

By Record Type

Entity Registration

Exclusion

Apply Filters

Your search for City of Freeport* returned the following results...

Entity	FREEPORT, CITY OF	Status: Active
DUNS: 102914806	CAGE Code: 617M3	View Details
Has Active Exclusion?: No	DoDAAC:	
Expiration Date: 06/05/2020	Debt Subject to Offset?: No	
Purpose of Registration: Federal Assistance Awards Only		

Entity	FREEPORT, CITY OF	Status: Active
DUNS: 005598461	CAGE Code: 5CLE6	View Details
Has Active Exclusion?: No	DoDAAC:	

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

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1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

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

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying 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 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995).

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. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee 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 subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," 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 Bid (BID) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/bid control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "BID-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 Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award	Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.	OFFICE USE ONLY
1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.	
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.	

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

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	§	CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA	§	CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS
	§	_____
STATE OF TEXAS	§	_____

This Contract made this _____, _____, by and between _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), and the City of Freeport, Texas, 200 West Second Street, Freeport, Texas 77541 (hereinafter referred to as "City").

For and in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein, and of the mutual benefits to be obtained hereby, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 1.1. Contractor shall provide services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contractor's Bid in response thereto, (hereinafter "Contractor's Bid"), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Exhibit "A". The Contract consists of the following:
- (a) This Contract by and between the City and Contractor (hereinafter "Contract");
 - (b) The City's Request for Bids (Exhibit "A").
 - (b) The Contractor's Bid (Exhibit "B").
- 1.2. In the event there exists a conflict between any of the terms, clauses, or phrases in the foregoing documents, priority of interpretation shall be in the following order: this Contract, Request for Bids, then Contractor's Bid. These documents shall be referred to collectively as "Contract Documents."

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE & DURATION OF CONTRACT

- 2.1. The Scope and duration are as laid out in Exhibit "A". The effective date of this Contract is the last date of execution by both parties.

ARTICLE 3. PRICE

- 3.1. Compensation for services provided hereunder shall be in an amount not to exceed Contractor's rates therefore as contained in BID, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

ARTICLE 4. PERFORMANCE

- 4.1. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PERFORMANCE: The Contractor agrees to meet the following requirements:
- A. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
 - B. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - C. Have a satisfactory record of performance;
 - D. Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and

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E. Be otherwise qualified and eligible, as determined by the City, to receive an award.

The City may request representation and other information sufficient to determine Contractor's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

- 4.2. **ASSIGNMENT:** The Contractor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the City.
- 4.3. **TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS:** The title and risk of loss of goods shall not pass to the City until the City actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point(s) of delivery.
- 4.4. **PATENT RIGHTS:** The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claim involving patent right infringement or copyrights on goods supplied.
- 4.5. **ETHICS:** The Contractor shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of the City of Freeport.

ARTICLE 5. PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENT

- 5.1. **PURCHASE ORDERS:** A purchase order(s) shall be generated by the City to the successful Contractor. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips. The City will not be held responsible for any work orders placed and/or performed without a valid current purchase order number. Payment will be made for all services rendered and accepted by the contract administrator for which a valid invoice has been received.
- 5.2. **APPROPRIATION CLAUSE:** The City of Freeport is a Texas home-rule municipal corporation operated and funded on an October 1 to September 30 basis. Accordingly, the City reserves the right to terminate, without liability to the City, any contract for which funding is not available.
- 5.3. **TAXES:** The City is exempt from Federal Manufacturer's Excise, and State sales taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be executed by the City and furnished upon request by the Director of Finance.
- 5.4. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Payment terms are Net 30 upon receipt and acceptance by the City for item(s) and/or service(s) ordered and delivered after receipt of a valid invoice, in accordance with the State of Texas Prompt Payment Act, Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code. Prompt payment discounts may be used by the City in determining the lowest responsible bidder. Successful Contractor shall pay a subcontractor the appropriate share of the payment not later than the 10th day after the date the Contractor receives the payment.
- 5.5. **RETAINAGE:** Retainage of five percent shall be held from progress payments on Public Works contracts to be paid to the prime contractor upon final completion of the contract.
- 5.6. **INVOICES:** Invoices must be submitted by the Contractor to the City of Freeport, Finance Department, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas 77541.

ARTICLE 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1. **WARRANTY:** Contractor warrants to the City that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or

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permit otherwise. The Contractor further warrants that the work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will be free from defects. Work, materials or equipment not conforming to these requirements be considered defective. If required the City, the Contract shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

- 6.2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Contractor agrees to extend prices to all entities that have entered into or will enter into joint purchasing Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with the City. The City has executed Interlocal Agreements, as permitted under Section 791.025 of the Texas Government Code with certain other governmental entities in Brazoria County authorizing participation in a cooperative purchasing program. The Contractor may be asked to provide products/services, based upon bid price, to any other participant in which the City has entered into an Interlocal Agreement for purchasing.
- 6.3. AUDIT: The City reserves the right to audit the records and performance of the Contractor during the term of the contract and for three (3) years thereafter.
- 6.4. SAVE HARMESS: The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the City and all its officers, agents and employees and all entities, their officers, agents and employees who are participating in this contract from all suits, actions or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries, including death, or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the Contractor, or of any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against the City and participating entities growing out of such injury or damages.
- 6.5. DEFAULT: The City reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the City in the event of breach or default of this contract. The City reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the Contractor fails to: (1) meet scheduled performance or deadlines contained in Exhibit A; or (2) otherwise perform in accordance with these specifications.

In the event the successful Contractor shall fail to perform, keep or observe any of the terms and conditions to be performed, kept or observed, the City of Freeport shall give the successful Contractor written notice of such default; and in the event said default is not remedied to the satisfaction and approval of the City within seven (7) working days of receipt of such notice by the successful Contractor, default will be declared and all the successful Contractor's rights shall terminate. Contractor, in submitting this bid, agrees that the City of Freeport shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the City declares the Contractor in default.

Breach of contract or default authorizes the City to, among other things, award to another bidder, purchase elsewhere and charge the full increase in cost to the defaulting Contractor.

- 6.6. ACCEPTABILITY: All articles enumerated in the bid shall be subject to inspection by a City officer or employee designated for the purpose. If found inferior to the quality called for, or

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not equal in value to the specifications, deficient in workmanship or otherwise, this fact shall be certified to the City Manager who shall have the right to reject the whole or any part of the same. Work determined to be contrary to specifications must be replaced by the Contractor and at its expense. All disputes concerning quality of supplies utilized in the performance of this bid will be determined at the sole discretion of the City Administrator or designated representative.

- 6.7. REMEDIES: The Contractor and the City agree that the City has all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and any other available remedy, whether in law or equity. The Contractor and the City agree that the Contractor's rights, duties and remedies are limited to those set forth by statute regarding liability of Texas Municipalities.
- 6.8. VENUE: This contract will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This contract is performable in Brazoria County, Texas and the parties agree that any claim, dispute or request for relief under this contract shall exclusively be brought the court or courts of Brazoria County, Texas.
- 6.9. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATION: The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it 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.
- 6.10. NO PROHIBITED INTEREST: The Contractor acknowledges and represents they are aware of the laws regarding conflicts of interest. In compliance with Local Government Code §176.006, as amended, all Contractors shall submit a completed conflict of interest questionnaire as provided herein with their bid submittal.
- 6.11. DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES/UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES: By submission of a bid response, the Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Chapter 17 or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit that the Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.
- 6.12. FELONY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS: The Contractor represents and warrants that neither the Contractor nor the Contractor's employees have been convicted, or have a pending felony criminal offense, or that, if such a conviction has occurred, the Contractor has fully advised the City of Freeport as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the conviction.
- 6.13. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.
- 6.14. FORCE MAJEURE: If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this contract, then such party shall give notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a

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reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines, or canals, or other causes not reasonable within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.

- 6.15. TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2270: Contractor verifies that it: (a) does not “boycott Israel”; and (b) will not “boycott Israel” during the term of this contract. For the purposes of this Section only, the terms “company” and “boycott Israel” have the meaning assigned by Texas Government Code Section 2270.001. Contractor’s obligations under this Section, if any exist, will automatically cease or be reduced to the extent that the requirements of Texas Government Code Chapter 2270 are subsequently repealed, reduced, or declared unenforceable or invalid in whole or in part by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction or by the Texas Attorney General, without any further impact on the validity or continuity of this contract.
- 6.16. TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2252: the Contractor represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither the Contractor, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.
- 6.17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION: The parties agree that they shall first attempt to resolve disputes hereunder by the use of non-binding mediation.
- 6.18. SAFETY: The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs, including all those required by law in connection with performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall promptly remedy damages and loss to property caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, or by any other third party for whose acts the Contractor may be liable.

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- 6.19. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Contract and its attachments embody the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified in writing if executed by both parties.
- 6.20. CONTRACT INTERPRETATION: Although this Contract is drafted by City, should any part be in dispute, the parties agree that the Contract shall not be construed more favorably for either party.
- 6.21. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: This Contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns.
- 6.22. HEADINGS: The headings of this Contract are for the convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any manner any of the terms and conditions hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract by signing below. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date of final execution.

CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Betty Wells, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Printed Name: _____
Title: _____