



Invitation to Bid (ITB)

Bid 2017-63

Annual Contract for Produce

Due: **July 27, 2016** before **2:00p.m.**

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Webb County is currently accepting sealed Bids for Produce. All Bids are subject to the Terms, Conditions, & Provisions, of this solicitation.

The accompanying price schedule(s), terms, conditions, provisions, specifications, and all other forms in this Bid package are **due before 2:00p.m. (Central time), on July 27, 2016**. Bids received after the due date and time will not be accepted. All Bids will be formally opened and read publicly at 2:00pm on July 27, 2016 at the Webb County Clerk's Office located at 1110 Victoria-Suite 201, Laredo, TX 78040.

Copies of this Bid package are available on our
website: <http://www.webbcountytexas.gov/PurchasingAgent/SolicitationAnnualContracts/>

Please submit one (1) original Bid package and one(1) copy in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
Bid 2017-63 Annual Contract for Produce

Please Mail or Hand Deliver proposals to:
Webb County Clerk's Office
1110 Victoria-Suite 201
Laredo, TX 78040

1.0 Conditions

- a. All bid quotations must be submitted with specification forms included in this bid package. Webb County will not accept price schedules that are submitted on forms other than those furnished in this bid package.
- b. Webb County reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the public opening, without taking action thereon.
- c. Webb County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive defects and formalities in such bid, and to award a contract to the vendor which it considers has submitted the bid with the overall best value.
- d. It is a requirement of the proposer to acquaint fully with the conditions of the specifications. The failure or omission of any vendor to examine any form, instrument, or document shall in no way relieve him from any obligation of this bid invitation.
- e. Vendor must fill out all portions of the bid unless otherwise stated in the bid package.
- f. **Contract Term/Extension: August 23, 2016 to September 30, 2017** Webb County will consider extending this contract for one (1) additional one (1) year period contingent upon pricing remaining constant during the extension period. *Please indicate below if your company would be interested in an extension.*

YES _____ NO _____

2.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS & PRICE SCHEDULE FORMS

A. INTRODUCTION:

These specifications are written to describe a method of procurement where all purchases are made through an automated/computerized system will assist the user in all areas of food preparation management and provide managerial controls in the following areas:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Ordering | 6. Invoices & Inventory control |
| 2. Receiving Procedure | 7. Pricing & Customer Unit Cost |
| 3. Damages | 8. Cost per meal |
| 4. Shortage | 9. Meal Portions |
| 5. Returns | 10. Menu Preparation |

B. ORDERING PROCEDURE (Ordering Entry)

The food vendor must provide a consistent ordering method via a computer system to provide the Webb County Purchasing Office with a working relationship to establish a consistent practice using a “**ONE STEP DISTRIBUTOR**” concept.

Order Entry: allows the user department to enter orders directly via PC computer system allowing for greater flexibility to place orders to vendor at department’s convenience.

C. DELIVERY

1. The vendor must provide the County with at least five deliveries per week (or as needed) at the following Webb County facilities:

a. Community Action Agency

1. Meals on Wheels
2. Elderly Nutrition
1302 Convent

b. HEAD-START

1. Floyd Kitchen- 4704 Naranjo
2. El Cenizo- 3540 Cecilia Lane
3. Sierra Vista Center- 102 Sierra Vista
4. Palominos Kitchen- LCC- West End Washington St.

***PLEASE NOTE: AS PART HEAD-START REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRMENTS, ALL PROCESSED FOOD MUST HAVE A CHILD NUTRITION LABEL OR A PRODUCT ANALYSIS ON COMPANY LETTER HEAD.**

c. Webb County Solomon Casseb Youth Village

111 Camino Nuevo Rd. Hwy 359

d. Webb County Law Enforcement Center

1000 Washington St. Laredo, TX 78040

e. Casa Blanca Golf Course

3900a Blanca Rd. Laredo, TX 78042

*** If services are necessary, contract will cover all Webb County Departments (A list of county departments and addresses will be provided to successful bidder.)

2. All deliveries must be made by food Vendor in accordance with a pre-arranged delivery schedule.

3. All deliveries will be made Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. (with the exception of certain items i.e. spices, dairy, Orange drink/ fruit juices which need to be delivered between 7:00a.m. 10:00a.m.)

D. PRODUCTION EXPANSION

During the term of this contract, the food vendor may introduce to the purchasing office new product lines that will provide cost savings in the area of meal preparation. All new products require approval of the purchasing office.

E. USAGE REPORTS AND FOOD COST MANAGER

The food vendor will provide the purchasing office with monthly usage reports (broken down by departments) with manufactures' allowances/rebate reports and cost/usage monitoring. These reports should be turned into the food service buyer.

Food Cost Manager: The Vendor must have software capability to enable the user departments to create recipes and menu items. This will allow the user to adjust the food cost percentage by providing an effective tool to meet food cost goals.

F. CREDIT TERMS:

The County of Webb will operate on a thirty (30) day term invoices. All orders will be placed through the ordering department and a purchase order will be issued by the Purchasing Department.

G. SERVICE

Service must be a priority with the successful bidder. Due to the limited storage facilities timely deliveries are critical to the kitchen operations.

H. ORDERING PROCEDURE

The food vendor must provide the County two methods in offering food items.

Method 1: This method consists of an “On-line” system available to link the user department and purchasing department with food vendor to place orders. The online system should have a link in which the user can go and place an order for next day delivery. The system will allow for the county to check for; inventory quantity on hand, available substitutions, pricing, etc. This will provide the purchasing office greater control and accountability. This Online system should have a required field for a purchase order number.

Method 2: The second method consists of the food vendor providing back-up support through a sales representative. The sales representative will be responsible in assisting the County with questions in all areas of food purchasing and invoicing.

I. SUBSTITUTIONS

In the event a food item is unavailable at the time of ordering a vendor may offer a substitution if the following conditions are met:

- a. Substitute food item must be of Equal Value & Cost*
- b. Substitute food item must be of Equal Grade*
- c. Substitute food item must be approved by Ordering Department*

J. RECEIVING PROCEDURE

All orders must adhere to the following delivery procedure:

1. With each shipment, the vendor must provide a signed delivery receipt and an original invoice. All orders must be checked for quantity of cases during delivery to the Webb County user department. The user department will receive all merchandise and sign all documents related to the delivery of items.
2. During time of delivery, should any product be short, damaged, spoiled, or incorrect the driver will be responsible for taking the item back, and issuing credit. The driver will be responsible for leaving the user department the original invoice referencing the credit. (If drivers use “credit codes” a copy of the list of credit codes will be required for any and all departments processing payments)
3. Timely Original Invoices are very important. All invoices are referenced to a purchase order.

K. STANDARD PICK –UPS OR RETURNS

If for any other reason, should a product need to be returned, the following information should be reflected on the vendor's credit form.

1. Purchase order and date
2. Quantity ordered
3. Pack/Size
4. Product description
5. Unit price & Extended Price
6. Breakdown of categories
7. Invoice amount / Credit amounts

L. Invoicing

The County of Webb will only process original invoices for payment. Original invoices should include the following information: vendor name & address, invoice number, invoice date, ordering department, quantities delivered, product description, package size, unit price, extended price, grand total, and must include a receiving signature.

All catch-weight merchandise, (product sold by pound instead of the case) must be billed by vendors' computer automated system, stated price per pound. The weight of the merchandise must be multiplied by the price per pound will result in the invoice case total.

The County of Webb will accept hand written invoices under certain conditions such as computer down time, etc. The hand written invoice will be handled as actual billing invoice, and should include the following: vendor name & address, invoice number, invoice date, ordering department, quantities delivered, product description, package size, unit price, extended price, grand total, and must include a receiving signature.

Inventory Management System: Vendors' computer software must have the ability to generate, maintain and print inventory reports based on departments order guides.

M. PRICING AND CUSTOMER UNIT COST

This Contract requires Food Provider to honor contract pricing for the length of the contract (1 year).

N. COMMITMENT AND SERVICE

Please provide a brief summary on how your company will provide the service that is outlined in these specifications. *Please use form provided at the end of bid package*

O. CONTRACT TERM

This contract will be in effect for one year with a one year option to extend beginning on date of award.

Termination Clause:

This agreement may be terminated by a thirty (30) day written notice issued by either party. All merchandise delivered during the thirty day notice will be paid in full to the successful bidder.

The Webb County Commissioners Court will award the contract to the successful proposer who meets the proposal parameters to include pricing scoring and other evaluation factors.

Best Value Items include:

- Prices
- Timely deliveries
- Bidder's previous record of performance and service
- Quality and conformance to specifications and service.

P. Certification and Licensing

All Bidders must be certified or licensed. All local enterprises are to obtain a City Food License from the City of Laredo Health Department or their local health department. Establishments that do whole selling are considered wholesalers, and these types are required by the State Health Department to obtain a wholesaler permit at the state level. These documents must be submitted with the RFP Package.

Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying Form and Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts are to be submitted with the RFP Package.

Price Schedule Forms

Please fill out entirely the following:

***** Extended Price = Unit Price X Estimated Quantities**

*****Please provide grand totals at the end**

***** Round All Prices to the nearest cent**

3.0 Additional Terms, Conditions, & Provisions

Purchase Orders: Vendor must have a purchase order before making a delivery. Purchase Orders will be issued for each department authorized to place an order against the annual contract. The Purchase Order will list the individual items and or services along with the price.

Invoices: all Original invoices must include invoice number, invoice date, purchase order #, and corresponding department. All items must show a clear description of items purchased, and quantities ordered.

To ensure prompt payment all ORIGINAL invoices must be mailed or hand delivered by the vendor to the following address:

**Webb County Purchasing Dept.
c/o Accounts Payable
1110 Washington, Suite 101
Laredo, TX 78040**

Invoices may also be emailed to the following email address: purchasinginvoices@webbcountytx.gov

Unit Price: Unit prices shall be shown and where there is an error in extended price, the unit price, shall govern.

Discounts:

Vendors providing discounts for items not list on the price schedule form must provide proof of discount on their invoice.

Cost Mark-Ups:

Vendors providing material at a percentage above cost must stipulate unit cost, mark-up, and total cost on their invoice.

Pricing: Pricing provided in the Bid/RFP/RFQ by the vendor must remain constant for the duration of the contract, and all prices must be rounded to the nearest cent. All charges, surcharges, fees, and all costs associated with shipping must be reflected in the price. Webb County will not pay charges that are not stipulated in our contracts.

Other Fees, Charges, Surcharges:

Webb County does not pay for, Overtime charges, Fuel Charges, Rental fee, Travel Fees and or surcharges for entities located out of town, or any other fees that are not stipulated in the contract.

Quote Fees:

If a vendor is providing an estimate for work not under contract, the vendor must provide a quote prior to diagnosing. A purchase order will be necessary if a fee will be applied to quotes and/or estimates.

Estimated Quantities:

The estimated quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount, and the County may purchase any reasonable amount greater than the estimate for the same unit price. Any limit on quantities available must be stated expressly in the proposal. The County will order on an as needed basis.

Changes to Locations/Departments and/or Items:

Webb County reserves the right to add or delete locations/departments on an as-needed basis at the same price as the original locations. In the event such arrangement is unsatisfactory to the vendor Webb County may opt to choose an alternate means of meeting its needs up to and including a re-solicitation of the entire contract. Specifications and requirements stated herein shall also apply to future departments and location unless otherwise noted.

Taxes: Vendor shall not include Federal Taxes or State of Texas Limited Sales Excise and use taxes in RFP/RFP prices. The County of Webb is exempt from payment of such taxes. A signed exemption certificate will be available upon request.

Substitutes: Item substitutes must be authorized by ordering department, and must be billed at contracted price. Substitute items must be equal to or greater.

Capacity: Vendor must prove beyond any doubt to the County that they are duly qualified, and capable to fulfill and abide by the specifications herein listed.

Delivery:

Delivery to be made within 24 hours from request

Additional Terms, Conditions, & Provisions continued

Product Recalls, Returns, and Replacements:

Vendor shall notify Webb County Purchasing Department immediately of any product recall or product alert, voluntary or otherwise. Recalls must be managed and handled by the vendor. Webb County will not be responsible for the return, payment, or cost of return for recalled items.

Contract:

This contract will be awarded to the lowest, responsible vendors. The county reserves the right to award the contract to the vendor with the lowest price and/or overall Best Value. The county may award contracts to various vendors depending on geographic location within Webb County or other criteria. A signed award letter is required for a valid contract.

Award of Proposal:

Vendor must RFP on all items on each section, quantities listed are best estimates actual quantities to be purchased may exceed or may be lower than quantities specified. If vendor is unable to price a particular item, please provide a written explanation.

Availability of Funds for Next Fiscal Year:

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond September 30, 2015. The County's obligation for performance of this contract beyond this date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for the contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the County for payment of any money for performance under this contract beyond September 30, 2015 shall arise unless and until funds are made available to the Purchasing Agent for such performance and notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Purchasing Agent, is given to the contractor.

Payment of Bills:

It is hereby requested by the Webb County Commissioner's Court that all vendors submit requests for payment within 90 days after the providing of goods and/or services to the County. This practice will allow your payment request to be processed efficiently and will expedite payment to you.

Delinquent Taxes:

All vendors seeking to do business with Webb County must owe no delinquent taxes to the County. Attestation of owing no delinquent taxes will be required. If a vendor owes taxes to Webb County, those taxes should be paid before submitting a RFP/proposal.

Legibility: Proposals must be legible and of a quality that can be reproduced.

FOB Destination:

All of the items listed are to be Free On Board to final destination (FOB Destination) with all transportation charges if applicable to be included in the price, the title and risk of loss of goods shall not pass to the County until receipt and acceptance takes place at the FOB point.

Statements:

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms conditions, plans and/or specifications stated in the various RFP packages and/or RFP instructions/ requirements.

Termination: The County of Webb may terminate their participation in this contract upon thirty (30) Days written notice.

Late Bids/RFPs/RFQs or Modifications: modifications received after the time set for a public opening will not be considered. Late Bids/RFPs/RFQs will not be accepted, or considered, and will be returned to the vendor.

Ethics:

The proposer shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, of the Webb County Purchasing Department.

Additional Terms, Conditions, & Provisions Continued

Proprietary Information:

All materials submitted to the County become public property and are subject to the Texas Open Records Act upon receipt. If a Proposer does not desire proprietary information in the RFP to be disclosed, each page must be identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal. The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect such information from disclosure. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General. Failure to identify proprietary information will result in all unmarked sections being deemed non-proprietary and available upon public request.

Furnished Forms: All proposals should be submitted on furnished forms. Proposals submitted on forms other than those provided by Webb County will not be considered.

Open Market: If awarded vendor cannot provide the items under this contract, or abide by the terms & conditions of this contract, The County reserves the right to purchase items from the open market, and or terminate the contract upon a 30 day written notice to the vendor.

Material Safety Data Sheets:

Under the Hazardous Communication Act, commonly known as the "Texas Right to Know Act", an offeror must provide to the County with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act.

Specification Clarification: If any person contemplating submitting a RFP for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications, or other RFP documents or any part thereof, they may submit to the Purchasing Agent on or before 5 days prior to the closing date of the RFP/RFP/RFQ a request for clarification. Changes and or clarifications to the specifications will be done in the form of an addendum. The addendum will be posted on the Webb County website (www.webbcountytx.gov), and emailed to the vendors that are on the Webb County vendor list. Questions may also be submitted 5 days prior to the closing date of the RFP/RFP/RFQ, and will be answered, and posted on the Webb County website.

Insurance Requirements:

Successful Vendor shall furnish the County with original copies of valid insurance policies required upon execution of the contract and shall maintain said policies in full effect at all times during the term of this contract.

Non Construction RFPs:

- a. Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
- b. Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including employers liability coverage a minimum limits of \$1,000,00.00 each occurrence each accident /\$1,000,000 by disease each occurrence/\$1,000,000 by disease aggregate.
- c. Commercial Automobile Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired car coverage.
- d. Any subcontractor(s) hired by the contractor shall maintain insurance coverage equal to that required of contractor. It is the responsibility of the contractor to assure compliance with this provision. Webb County accepts no responsibility arising from the conduct of the subcontractor

4.0 Vendor Information Form

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Proposal:

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Title)

Vendor to indicate status as to: "Partnership", "Corporation", "Land Owner", etc.

(Date)

IMPORTANT

Vendor must complete this RFP document in its entirety in order for it to be valid

5.0 PROOF OF NO DELINQUENT TAXES OWED TO WEBB COUNTY

This is to certify that _____ owes no delinquent property taxes to Webb County.

_____ owes no property taxes as a business in Webb County.
(Business Name)

_____ owes no property taxes as a resident of Webb County. (Business Owner)

Person who can attest to the above information

*** SIGN DOCUMENT AND PROVIDE PROOF OF NO DELINQUENT TAXES TO WEBB COUNTY.**

Webb County

6.0

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filled with the records administrator of Webb County no later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. The questionnaire may be viewed and printed by following the link before:

By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The Webb County Officials who come within Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code relating to filing of Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) include:

1. Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina
2. Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa
3. Commissioner Rosaura Tijerina
4. Commissioner John Galo
5. Commissioner Jaime Canales
6. Judge Joe Lopez, Chairman, 49th Judicial District
7. Judge Becky Palomo, 341st Judicial District
8. Judge Oscar Hale, 406th Judicial District

Please send completed forms to the Webb County Clerk's Office located at 1110 Victoria, Suite 201, Laredo, Texas 78040.

6.1-Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

<p style="margin: 0;">CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</p> <p style="margin: 0;">For vendor doing business with local governmental entity</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">FORM CIQ</p>
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Date Received</p>
<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>	
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(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.)</p>	
<p>3 Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0 0 0 40px;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more?</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>	
<p>4</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">_____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="margin-left: 300px;">_____</p> <p style="margin-left: 280px;">Date</p>	

Adopted 8/7/2015

7.0 CERTIFICATION

REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

PART A.

The County of Webb will follow Federal Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 which requires us to screen each covered potential contractor to determine whether each has a right to obtain a contract in accordance with federal regulations on debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion. Each covered contractor must also screen each of its covered subcontractors.

In this certification “contractor” refers to both contractor and subcontractor; “contract” refers to both contract and subcontract.

By signing and submitting this certification the potential contractor accepts the following terms:

1. The certification herein below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was entered into. If it is later determined that the potential contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, Webb County may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
2. The potential contractor will provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this certification is submitted if at any time the potential contractor learns that the certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The words “covered contract”, “debarred”, “suspended”, “ineligible”, “participant”, “person”, “principal”, “proposal”, and “voluntarily excluded”, as used in this certification have meanings based upon materials in the Definitions and Coverage sections of federal rules implementing Executive Order 12549. Usage is as defined in the attachment.
4. The potential contractor agrees by submitting this certification that, should the proposed covered contract be entered into, it will not knowingly enter into any subcontract with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by Webb County as applicable.

Do you have or do you anticipate having subcontractors under this proposed contract?

Yes

No

5. The potential contractor further agrees by submitting this certification that it will include this certification titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts” without modification, in all covered subcontracts and in solicitations for all covered subcontracts.
6. A contractor may rely upon a certification of a potential subcontractor that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered contract, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A contractor must, at a minimum, obtain certifications from its covered subcontractors upon each subcontract’s initiation and upon each renewal.
7. Nothing contained in all the foregoing will be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this certification document. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
8. Except for contracts authorized under paragraph 4 of these terms, if a contractor in a covered contract knowingly enters into a covered subcontract with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, Webb County may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

PART B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

Indicate in the appropriate box which statement applies to the covered potential contractor:

The potential contractor certifies, by submission of this certification, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any federal department or agency or by the State of Texas.

The potential contractor is unable to certify to one or more of the terms in this certification. In this instance, the potential contractor must attach an explanation for each of the above terms to which he is unable to make certification. Attach the explanation(s) to this certification.

Name of Contractor/Potential Contractor

Vendor ID # or Social Security #

Program #

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

8.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING
(Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements)

PART A. PREAMBLE

Federal legislation, Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 generally prohibits entities from using federally appropriated funds to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the federal government. Section 319 specifically requires disclosure of certain lobbying activities. A federal government-wide rule, "New Restrictions on Lobbying", published in the Federal Register, February 26, 1990, requires certification and disclosure in specific instances.

PART B. CERTIFICATION

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

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

1. No federally 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 any 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, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federally 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 these federally funded contract, subcontract, sub-grant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions. (If needed, contact the Webb County to obtain a copy of Standard Form-LLL.)

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all covered sub-recipients will certify and disclose accordingly.

Do you have or do you anticipate having covered sub-awards under this transaction?

- Yes
 No

Name of Contractor/Potential Contractor	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No.	Program No.

Name of Authorized Representative	Title

Signature – Authorized Representative

Date

9.0

MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

During the term of the Contract, the Contractor at its sole cost and expense shall provide primary commercial insurance of such type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. As a minimum, the Contractor shall provide and maintain the following coverage and limits:

Workers Compensation, as required by the laws of Texas, and Employers' Liability, as well as All States, USL&H and other endorsements if applicable to the project, and in accordance with state law.
Employers' Liability

Each Accident: \$1,000,000
Disease – Each Employee: \$1,000,000
Policy Limit: \$1,000,000

Commercial General Liability, including but not limited to the coverage indicated below. Coverage shall not exclude or limit Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Cross Liability. Webb County shall be named Additional Insured on primary/non-contributory basis.

Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations: \$1,000,000
General Aggregate (per project): \$2,000,000

Automobile Liability, including coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in connection with the contract. Harris County shall be named Additional Insured on primary/non-contributory basis.

Combined Single Limit-Each Accident: \$1,000,000

Umbrella/Excess Liability (Webb County shall be named Additional Insured on primary/non-contributory basis)

Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$1,000,000

Professional/Errors & Omissions Liability (if applicable)

Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$1,000,000

Policies of insurance required by the contract shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents. If any applicable insurance policies are cancelled, materially changed, or non-renewed, contractor shall give written notice to the County at least 30 days prior to such effective date and within 30 days thereafter, shall provide evidence of suitable replacement policies. Failure to keep in force the required insurance coverage may result in termination of the contract. Upon request, certified copies of original insurance policies shall be furnished to the County.

10.0 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295)

Bid/RFP/RFQ # _____

The Texas Government Code §2252.908, and the rules issued by the Texas Ethics Commission found in Title 1, Sections 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, require a business entity to submit a completed Form 1295 to Webb County before the County may enter into a contract with that business entity.

Form 1295 must be completed online. In Box 3 of the form, provide the solicitation number **Bid, RFP, or RFQ #** _____. The form is available from the Texas Ethics Commission by accessing the following web address:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

Print your completed Form 1295 showing the Certification Number and Date Filed in the Certification of Filing box at the upper right corner. Sign Form 1295 in front of a notary and submit it with your response to this solicitation.

The following definitions found in the statute and Texas Ethics Commission rules may be helpful in completing Form 1295.

“Business entity” includes an entity through which business is conducted with a governmental entity or state agency, regardless of whether the entity is a for-profit or nonprofit entity. The term does not include a governmental entity or state agency.

“Controlling interest” means: (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.

“Interested party” means: (1) a person who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity or state agency contracts; or (2) a person who actively participates in facilitating a contract or negotiating the terms of a contract with a governmental entity or state agency, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.

“Intermediary”, for purposes of this rule, means a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:

- (1) Receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;
- (2) Communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
- (3) Is not an employee of the business entity?



CHECK LIST

This check list is required for all Bids, Requests for Proposals (RFPs), and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). Please check off each item that applies.

- Is bid package being submitted within due date & time?
- Is the name and address of the vendor on the top left hand side of envelope
- Is the bid number, bid title, and due date written on the outer part of a sealed envelope?
- Have Specifications been reviewed?
- Have Terms, Conditions, & Provisions been reviewed?
- Has unit pricing for all items been provided in furnished forms (if applicable)?
- Has extended pricing been calculated (if applicable)?
- Have grand totals been provided and reviewed for accuracy (if applicable)?
- Has Vendor Information Form been filled out and signed?
- Has Proof of No Delinquent Taxes (Business or Property) Form been filled out and signed
- Has Conflict of interest questionnaire been filled out and signed?
- Is Certification Regarding Debarment included?
- Is Certification Regarding Federal Lobbying included?
- Is a copy of Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation Certificate included?
- Is a notarized copy of Form 1295 (Certificate of Interested Parties) included?

Signature of person completing Bid/RFP/RFQ