

COOKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE 101 S. DIXON ST GAINESVILLE, TEXAS 76240

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

"Disaster and/or Storm Debris Removal and Disposal Services"

FOR COOKE COUNTY

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 24-04

PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: 2:00 P.M. JULY 17, 2024

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: Completed proposals must be received in the Cooke County Auditor's Office on or before <u>2:00 p.m. on July 17, 2024</u>. Proposals will be publicly opened immediately thereafter in the Cooke County Commissioner's Court Room (1st floor) in the Cooke County Courthouse, 101 S. Dixon St, Gainesville, Texas 76240.

In the case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business or delay opening, Proposals will be received and opened the following business day at the designated time and place stated herein. For example, if Proposals are due on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and the County is closed on Wednesday for bad weather or an unforeseen event, the Proposals will be accepted until Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

METHOD: Only sealed proposals may be hand delivered or mailed to:

Cooke County Auditor's Office (located on the 1st Floor of Cooke County Courthouse) 101 S. Dixon St Gainesville, Texas 76240

FAX/EMAIL: Facsimile and electronic mail submissions **are not** acceptable.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

SUBMITTAL: Two (2) electronic copies (via CD or jump drive), one (1) unbound original proposal and three (3) bound copies should be submitted. The proposals should be marked "original" or "copy". Electronic copies should be in MS Word or pdf, unencrypted, and non-password protected format. A "complete proposal" consists of all the required proposal documents with appendices filled out and signed. All copies must have the same attachments as the original.

Please address the Proposals to Cooke County with the Respondent's name, address, proposal name, number, opening date and time clearly marked on the outside. <u>If an overnight delivery</u> <u>service is used</u>, the Respondent's 's name, address, proposal name, number, opening date and time should be clearly marked on the outside of the delivery service envelope.

Respondents are responsible for checking the County's electronic website regularly for any changes to the Proposal documents, such as addenda, clarifications and questions located at <u>https://www.co.cooke.tx.us/</u>. The County can only guarantee the accuracy and completeness of information on the Cooke County website. **If another agency or construction data website references this project, please also refer to the Cooke County website mentioned above to verify completeness of the data.**

<u>REFERENCES</u>: Cooke County may require Respondent to supply a list of references where like services have been supplied by their firm. (**See Appendix G**).

DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION: All Participants are required to have an account through SAM.gov (<u>https://sam.gov/</u>). All participants are required to sign a certification or acknowledgement stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76 (See Appendix D). *This form must be signed and submitted with your Proposal.*

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

<u>FORMS</u>: All proposals will be submitted on the forms provided in this proposal document. Changes to proposal forms made by Respondent may disqualify the proposal. Proposals cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline.

LATE PROPOSAL: Proposals received after submission deadline will be returned to the Respondent as they are considered void and unacceptable. Cooke County is not responsible for lateness of mail, courier service, etc.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL: A Respondent may withdraw a proposal that has been submitted at any time up to the proposal opening due date and time. To accomplish this, a written request signed by an authorized representative of the Respondent shall be submitted to the proposal contacts listed within this proposal. Once the proposals are opened, all proposals shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days after the proposal opening.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

<u>NINETY DAYS</u>: The bid award(s) are anticipated to be made within five (5) days after the bid opening date. The Commissioners Court may reject or award a bid on a per item basis. Results

may be obtained by contacting the Cooke County Auditor's Office at 940-668-5430 or by email at purchasing@co.cooke.tx.us.

AWARD OR REJECTION: The County may reject any or all proposals. The County may waive any informality or irregularity.

<u>CONTRACT</u>: This proposal, when properly accepted by Cooke County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful Respondent and Cooke County. The successful Respondent may be required to sign an additional agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the proposal.

<u>CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION</u>: After the award, Ray Fletcher, Emergency Management Coordinator phone 940-668-5400 shall be the contract administrator/Owner's Designated Representative (ODR) with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection, and delivery. The contract administrator/ODR shall serve as liaison between Cooke County and the successful Respondent.

CONTRACT PERIOD(S): Contract term shall commence on 22 July, 2024 and shall continue through December 31, 2024, and may be extended for two (2) additional 6 month period(s) if so agreed to by awarded Respondent and approved by the County. If the County or awarded Respondent should decline any renewal period or after the exhaustion of the entire contract term, the County may request up to an additional sixty (60) days past any contract term to advertise and award a new proposal for such items without any pricing adjustments.

CONTRACT PRICE AND TERM RENEWALS: Pricing shall remain firm during the initial term of the contract. Should market conditions prevail which dictate an increase, the successful contractor may submit documentation requesting permission to increase pricing no later than 30-days after receiving notice from the County of its intent to extend the agreement. Escalation may only occur at the time of renewal and only upon securing the approval from the County in writing. Request for price adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating an increase in the contractor's cost, not profit.

PROPOSAL CONTACTS

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS OR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS: Any questions or requests for clarification must be submitted to the Cooke County Auditor's Office, in writing to purchasing@co.cooke.tx.us prior to **2:00 P.M. on July 17, 2024**. Please indicate "Proposal 24-04 Questions" in the subject line of your email. There will be no exceptions. All responses to the questions will be sent to all known Respondents who have expressed interest in this proposal. Unauthorized contact regarding this Request for Proposal with any Cooke County employees or contractors may result in disqualification. Any oral communications will be considered unofficial and non-binding for this proposal. All Respondents should rely only on written statements only.

PURCHASING CONTACT:

Cooke County Auditor's Office 940-668-5430 purchasing@co.cooke.tx.us

PROPOSAL PROTEST: Any Respondent wishing to file a protest concerning alleged improprieties with this solicitation must submit the protest in written format to the named

contacts above within ten (10) business days after proposal award. The formal written protest must identify the name of the Respondent contesting the solicitation, the project name and number, and the specific grounds for the protest with all supporting documentation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

<u>FIRM PRICING</u>: All of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. No price adjustment or penalty shall be charged by the Respondent for variances to the estimated amounts needed.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES: The estimated quantity of each item listed in the notice is only an estimate as the actual 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.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Funds for payment have been provided through the Cooke County budget approved by Commissioners Court for the current fiscal year.

SALES TAX: Cooke County is by statute, exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. The County qualifies for exemption from State and Local Sales and Use Taxes pursuant to the provision of Article 20.04(f) of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act. Taxes normally levied on the purchase, rental and lease of materials, supplies and equipment used or consumed in performance of the Contract may be exempted by issuing to suppliers an exemption certificate in lieu of tax. Exemption certificate issued in lieu of tax shall be subject to State Comptroller of Public Accounts Ruling No. 95-0.07. Any such exemption certificate issued in lieu of tax shall be subject to State Comptroller of Public Accounts Ruling No. 95-0.09, as amended. Failure by the Respondent or the Respondent's Subcontractors to take advantage of the County's exemption and to obtain such exemption certificate shall make him responsible for paying taxes incurred on materials furnished on the Project without additional cost to or reimbursement by the County. Sales Tax Exemption Forms are available upon request from the Cooke County Auditor's Office.

<u>ADDENDA</u>: Any interpretations, corrections, or changes to this Request for Proposal (RFP) will be made by addenda. Sole issuing authority of addenda shall be vested in Cooke County Auditor's Office. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of this RFP. Vendor shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

<u>CHANGE ORDERS</u>: 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 Cooke County Auditor's Office.

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>: The successful vendor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey any contract resulting from this RFP, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Cooke County Commissioners.

<u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>: All information disclosed by Cooke County to successful vendor for the purpose of the work to be done or information that comes to the attention of the successful vendor during the course of performing work is to be kept strictly confidential.

<u>COPYRIGHT MATERIALS</u>: Materials listed in your bid submission that are copyrighted shall be listed clearly under a copyrighted materials section within your bid submission (see Appendix B

for more information).

<u>PURCHASE ORDER</u>: A purchase order(s) will be required and will be generated to the successful Respondent for items and/or services. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and/or requests for payment.

PAYMENT: Payment shall be made by check from the County upon satisfactory completion and acceptance of items and submission of a correct invoice to the ordering department for work specified by this Contract. No down payment or advance payment of any kind shall be made. Payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of an accurate invoice, unless discount payment terms are offered, such as 2% 15 net 30 days. All invoices shall be submitted to the Cooke County Emergency Management Coordinator. As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of Vendor and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address.
- (2) County contract, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number, if applicable.
- (3) Identification of items or service as outlined in the contract.
- (4) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices, and total amount.
- (5) Any additional payment information which may be called for by the contract.
- (6) A current W-9 Form filled out and on file with the Auditor's Office.

Payment inquiries should be directed to the Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department: Gabriella Young at 940-668-5431.

If a discrepancy is found on any invoice, the County will phone your customer service point of contact for correction. Payment of any corrected invoice will be made in thirty (30) days once the corrected invoice has been received unless the proposer has provided discount payment terms. In no circumstances should any invoice dispute last longer than thirty (30) days.

<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>: No public official shall have interest in a contract, in accordance with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171. As of January 1, 2006, Vendor's are responsible for complying with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. *The Conflict of Interest Statement is attached (see Appendix C) to this Request for Proposals packet. This form should be completed, signed, and submitted with your Proposal.*

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES: In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million, or (3) is for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305 of the Government Code. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295. Information regarding the 1295 Form is attached (see Appendix E) to this bid packet. The successful bidder will be required to submit a signed 1295

Form to the County prior to the award of this bid and/or prior to signing a contract with the County.

<u>ETHICS</u>: The Respondent shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Cooke County prior to an award of contract or during the contract performance dates.

HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION: House Bill 89 prohibits governmental entities from contracting with companies who boycott Israel and from investing in companies that boycott Israel. Participants are required to sign form HB 89 Verification Form (see Appendix F) verifying that they do not boycott Israel nor do they invest in companies that boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel or invest in companies that boycott Israel during the term of the contract. Section only applies to a contract that is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

SENATE BILL 252: Governmental agencies may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that does business with Iran, Sudan, or any known terrorist organization. The State Comptroller's Office will publish/maintain a list of companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization. The County is required to verify prior to entering into a contract.

DOCUMENTATION: Respondent shall provide with this proposal response, all documentation required by this proposal. Failure to provide this information may make the proposal non-responsive and as a result the proposal may be rejected by the County.

<u>TERMINATION OF CONTRACT</u>: This contact shall remain in effect until contract expires, completion and acceptance of services or default. Cooke County reserves the right to terminate this contract immediately in the event the successful vendor fails to:

- 1. meet delivery or completion schedules, or
- 2. otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted proposal

Breach of contract or default authorizes the County to award to another offeror, purchase elsewhere and charge the full increase cost to the defaulting offeror.

Either party may terminate this contract with a thirty (30) day written notice prior to either party stating cancellation. The successful vendor shall state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Prior written notice shall be delivered in person or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, proper postage paid, and properly addressed to the other part at the address on the affidavit for the contractor or to Cooke County at 101 S. Dixon St, Gainesville, TX 76240.

<u>PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT</u>: Cooke County 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 County in the event of breach or default of this contract.

DISPUTES: The parties agree that, in the event of a dispute or alleged breach subject to termination for above, they will work together in good faith first to resolve the matter internally by escalating it to higher levels of management prior to resorting to litigation, other than disputes involving confidentiality or infringement of intellectual property rights (in which case either party shall be free to seek available remedies in any forum). Any disputes arising under this agreement that cannot be successfully resolved by the parties within seven (7) business days

may be settled by appropriate legal proceedings. The rights and obligations described herein shall survive completion of and final payment under this agreement. This agreement shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for purposes of any and all lawsuits, causes of actions, claims or disputes shall be in Cooke County, Texas.

<u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>: This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement.

INDEMNIFICATION: TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE CONTRACTOR AND ITS AGENTS, PARTNERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONSULTANTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITORS") SHALL AND DO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY OWNER, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE OWNER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNER. THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW TRYING CRIMINAL CASES IN COOKE COUNTY, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION (COLLECTIVELY "LIABILITIES") OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHOMSOEVER ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES OR ANY PART THEREOF WHICH ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF THE CONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY IT OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS IT MAY BE LIABLE, EVEN IF IT IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OMISSION OF ANY INDEMNITEE, SO LONG AS IT IS NOT CAUSED BY THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY INDEMNITEE. IN THE EVENT MORE THAN ONE OF THE INDEMNITORS ARE CONNECTED WITH AN ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE COVERED BY THIS INDEMNIFICATION, THEN EACH OF SUCH INDEMNITORS SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE INDEMNITEES FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AMONG SUCH INDEMNITORS FOR THE LOSS AND EXPENSE OF ANY SUCH INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE SETTLED BY SEPARATE PROCEEDINGS AND WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO ANY INDEMNITEE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION OR RIGHT WHICH OWNER OR ANY OF THE INDEMNITEES HAS BY LAW.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: 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 practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

<u>COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS</u>: The successful Respondent shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession and the execution of duties under this proposal including the TEXAS HAZARD COMMUNICATION ACT.

<u>CONTRACTORS EMPLOYEES/SUBCONTRACTORS</u>: Cooke County shall have the right at any time to request replacement of any of the contractor's employees/subcontractors. Upon such request, the contractor shall use all reasonable efforts to promptly replace such

employee/subcontractor with a team member having skills and training that are equal to or exceed those of the individual to be replaced. All such replacement personnel shall require prior written approval by Cooke County.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: The agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the award contractor and Cooke County. It is Cooke County's intention that the awarded contractor will be an independent contractor and not an employee of Cooke County's for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and all State of Texas revenue, workers compensation, and unemployment insurance laws. The contractor will retain sole and absolute discretion over the manner and means of carrying out the activities and all responsibilities listed herein. The contractor agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from Cooke County and that it has full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the contractor and Cooke County, and Cooke County will not be liable for any obligation incurred by the contractor, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Contractor, the successful bidder shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this bid, insurance coverage. The Contractor will maintain, at its expense, insurance with limits not less than those prescribed below that may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this bid. The Contractor must provide the Auditor's Office/Purchasing a Certificate of Insurance with the required coverage upon execution of Agreement. The Contractor must submit a Certificate of Insurance reflecting coverage as follows:

Type of Coverage			Limits of Liability			
a.	Worker's Compensation		Statutory			
b.	Employer's Liability Bodily Injury by Accident		\$500,000 Ea. Accident			
	Bodily Injury by Disease		\$500,000 Ea. Employee			
	Bodily Injury by Disease		\$250,000 Policy Limit			
C.	Comprehensive general liability includi contractual liability insurance for bod damages in the following amounts:		• •			
	COVERAGE	PER PERSON	I PER OCCURRENCE			
	Comprehensive					
	General Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			
	(including premises,					
	completed operations					
	and contractual)					

Endorsement for Waiver of Transfer of Recovery Against Others.

Comprehensive automobile and auto liability insurance (covering owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
Bodily injury (including death)	\$500,000	\$500,000
Property damage	\$500,000	\$500,000
Aggregate policy limits	No aggregate	e limit

The above insurance requirements are not intended to be compounded with the Contractor's standing insurance policies. If the Contractor already has in force insurance policies which provide the required coverage, there is no need to purchase duplicate coverage for this project.

Policies must include the following clauses, as applicable.

- a. "This insurance shall not be canceled, limited in scope or coverage, or nonrenewed until after thirty (30) days prior written notice, or ten (10) days for non-payment of premium, has been given to Cooke County."
- b. "It is agreed that the Contractor's insurance shall be deemed primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by Cooke County for liability arising out of operations under the Agreement with Cooke County."
- c. "Cooke County, it officials, directors, employees, representatives, and volunteers are added as additional insured as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of the named insured performed under Agreement with the Owner." This is not applicable to the workers' compensation policy.
- d. "The workers' compensation and employers' liability policy will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of Cooke County."
- e. Policies and/or endorsements shall show the following address for Cooke County as additional insured, and all notices shall be sent to this address:

Cooke County Auditor's Office 101 S. Dixon St Gainesville, Texas 76240

Workman's CompensationStatutory

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE:

In the event that Contractor employs any individual to perform any portion of the Work, Contractor shall comply with Texas Labor Code, §406.096, which requires workers' compensation insurance coverage for all employees providing services on a building or construction project for a governmental entity. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage on their employees and to otherwise comply with the provisions set forth below.

- A. Definitions:
 - (1) Certificate of Coverage ("certificate") A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the Duration of the Project.
 - (2) Duration of the Project includes the time from the beginning of the work on the Project until the Contractor's work on the Project has been completed and accepted by the Owner.
 - (3) Coverage Workers' compensation insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the Texas Labor Code, §401.011(44).
 - (4) Persons providing services on the Project ("subcontractor") includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Contractor has undertaken to perform on the Project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the Contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the Project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the Project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.
 - B. The Contractor shall provide Coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any Coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas labor Code, §401.011(44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on the Project, for the Duration of the Project.
 - C. The Contractor must provide a Certificate of Coverage to the Owner prior to or contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement.
 - D. If the Coverage period shown on the Contractor's current Certificate of Coverage ends during the Duration of the Project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the Coverage period, file a new Certificate of Coverage with the Owner showing that Coverage has been extended.
 - E. The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on the Project, and provide to the Owner:
 - (1) a Certificate of Coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the Project, so the Owner will have on file Certificates of Coverage showing Coverage for all persons providing services on the Project; and
 - (2) no later than seven days after receipt by the Contractor, a new Certificate of Coverage showing extension of Coverage, if the Coverage period shown on the current Certificate of Coverage ends during the Duration of the Project.
 - F. The Contractor shall retain all required Certificates of Coverage for the Duration of the Project and for one year thereafter.
 - G. The Contractor shall notify the Owner in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 days after the Contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of Coverage of any person providing services on the Project.
 - H. The Contractor shall post on the Project site a notice, in the text, form and manner

prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the Project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify Coverage and report lack of Coverage.

- I. By signing this Agreement or providing or causing to be provided a Certificate of Coverage, the Contractor is representing to the Owner that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the Project and all persons providing services on the Project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the Duration of the Project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- J. The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of Agreement by the Contractor which entitles the Owner to declare the Agreement void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the Owner.

The furnishing of the above listed insurance coverage must be tendered prior to execution of the Agreement. The Contractor shall not cause or allow any of its required insurance to be canceled, nor permit any insurance to lapse during the term of the Agreement or as required in the Agreement. If the Contractor fails to obtain, maintain, or renew any insurance required by this Agreement, the Owner may, among other remedies available hereunder or at law, obtain insurance coverage directly and recover the cost of that insurance from the Contractor or declare this Agreement terminated if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to review the insurance requirements set forth in this Article during the effective period of the Agreement and to make reasonable adjustments to the insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by the Owner based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the Contractor.

The Owner shall be entitled, upon request, and without expense, to receive complete copies of the policies with all endorsements and may make any reasonable requests for deletion, or revision or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions, except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon the Parties or the underwriter of any of such polices. Damages caused by the Contractor and not covered by insurance shall be paid by the Contractor.

PREVAILING WAGES: Cooke County requires that Contractors utilize the Davis-Bacon Act in determining prevailing wages. The Davis-Bacon Act applies to federally funded or assisted projects. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be required to pay the prevailing wage rate based on the Davis-Bacon wage rates applicable to Cooke County, Texas at www.wdol.gov.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS: At the point in time when this contingency contract becomes active a payment and performance bond shall be required from the awarded respondent before beginning work. If the total accepted bid/proposal price exceeds \$25,000 the successful respondent must provide to the office of the County Auditor, a payment bond, and if the price exceeds \$100,000 the successful respondent must also provide a performance bond,

each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract sum. Such bonds shall be executed by a corporate surety or corporate sureties in accordance with Article 7.19-1, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code. Such corporate surety/sureties shall be duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed in the State of Texas to issue fidelity and surety bonds with a Best Rating of "A" or better and have a bonding capacity adequate for the prescribed amount. Cooke County reserves the right to accept or reject any surety company proposed by the respondent. In the event Cooke County rejects the proposed surety company, the respondent shall be afforded five (5) additional days to submit the required bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to Cooke County. Contractors must use the County's bond forms attached to this document. (Appendix I – Payment Bond form and Appendix J – Performance Bond form)

PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

Cooke County/Emergency Management Department is seeking sealed proposals to provide Disaster and/or Storm Debris and Disposal Services for the County as needed.

<u>GENERAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS</u>: The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

It is the intent of the County to award to the best evaluated response taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other factors set forth in the RFP.

In addition, the awarded contractor will conduct all debris related removal from county roads including right-of- ways, as specified herein as well as meeting the standards provided for in the FEMA "Debris Management Guide" as well as in accordance with local, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations.

The general area of Cooke County impacted is from FM922 at the Cooke County/Montague County line extending in an east/southeast direction to the intersection of Lone Oak Road and Interstate 35 and continuing toward FM3442 south of East Lone Oak Road. Approximately 340 homes were destroyed or received major damage. 158 sustained minor damage and 200 reported being affected.

The primary debris collection point will be at 427 JL Drive, Valley View, TX. 76272.

The proposal shall include but not be limited to:

- Emergency Road Clearance
 - The County requires each awarded contractor to document emergency road clearance activities using time and material tickets in order to specifically identify the location and time that labor/equipment are utilized for emergency road clearance activities.
 - Time and material tickets will assist the County in emergency with invoice reconciliation with the contractor and provide supporting documentation for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program reimbursement.
- Debris Removal from Public Property and Rights-of-Way
 - The County requires each awarded contractor to submit the following services on a **<u>per unit</u>** basis rather than a time and material basis:

- Right of Entry (ROE) hazardous limb removal
- ROE leaning tree removal
- Debris Disposal
- A critical process in any debris removal operation is the reduction of collected disaster and or storm related debris.
- Loading/collection locations generally shall be no further than an estimated forty two (42) miles to the nearest designated debris site. Storm road priority maps will be available through the Cooke County Office of Emergency Management.
- The County requires each awarded contractor to provide an operations plan for each Debris Management Site (DMS) for approval by the County. The operation plan for each DMS should include, but not be limited to the following:
 - Debris streams for acceptance at the DMS
 - Reduction activity to be implemented (burning, grinding, etc)
 - Environmental monitoring program (e.g. documentation of hydraulic oil leaks, hazardous waste separation, etc.)
 - Site security
 - Site remediation plan
 - Awarded contractor will need to submit a price per mile for any miles traveled greater than the estimated range (42 miles) of the designated DMS
 - Debris management and calculation methods for determining invoice charges including monitoring methods and oversight.
- Final Disposal Sites
 - Cooke County does not have a designated landfill site. However, the Texoma Area Solid Waste Landfill is the County's preferred final disposal site. If the landfill is located outside of the estimated forty two (42) mile range, each awarded contractor is required to submit a price per mile for any miles traveled greater than the estimated range.
 - Final disposal sites distance from the DMS and associated tipping fees should be provided to the County prior to conducting final disposal.
- Mileage
 - The distance from the hauling sites to the designated debris sites around the County should not exceed an estimated forty two (42) miles. If it does, the contractor shall be reimbursed for the additional mileage per the mileage rate submitted in the bid.
 - Cooke County will calculate the distance of the haul route based upon the shortest feasible route from the haul locations to the debris sites. The contractor will be required to submit a detailed mileage log reflecting the pickup and delivery locations.
 - Cooke County will not be charged for any non-designated or unapproved routes.
 - Debris Collection Hours
 - The debris collection will be completed during daylight hours, six (6) to seven
 (7) days per week, as agreed to by both parties.

- Reporting and Documentation Plan
 - Plans submitted by the vendor shall contain, but not be limited to the following:
 - Respondents shall provide Cooke County with completed time and material tickets for each truckload of debris hauled to the debris management sites or disposal sites. The debris load tickets will be handed to the load monitor at the DMS or landfill.
 - Respondents are required to submit a detailed listing to the County of the types of equipment they have in stock and access to in order to remove, load and haul debris.
 - Respondents shall monitor all crews assigned to ensure that all personnel are following the proper safety regulations.
 - Respondents will ensure all heavy haul permits are obtained.
 - Respondents are required to have all required workman's compensation insurance as required by law, in addition to the insurance as required by Cooke County.

<u>REIMBURSEMENTS</u>: It is the intent of Cooke County to recover all reimbursable costs available by law. Respondents shall include their document control system and success rate in recovery of reimbursable costs from agencies such as FEMA, FHWA-ER and any other pertinent entity.

Cooke County may withhold payments for costs associated with losses due to improper or mishandled documentation related to reimbursements.

<u>GRANT ADMINISTRATION</u>: The FEMA PA program is often identified as the primary funding agency for disaster debris removal, the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief (FHWA-ER) Program reimburses for the first pass debris removal from all FHWA-ER eligible roadways. For more information go to the following website www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/er/guide.cfm.

PRICING: Respondents are to include their complete price sheets to include the following:

- Hazardous limb removal (trees greater than six (6) inches and diameter which meet FEMA reimbursement requirements)
- Hazardous leaning tree removal (trees greater than six (6) inches and diameter which meet FEMA reimbursement requirements)
- Abandoned vehicle removal
- Abandoned vessel removal
- Price per mile for any miles traveled greater than the County estimated range from the DMS to the landfill
- Disaster Recovery price sheet
- Construction & Demolition debris removal
- Municipal Solid Waste removal
 - Household Hazardous Waste removal
 - In addition to regular pricing, price sheets must include the following:
 - Debris removal, processing and disposal must be priced per cubic yard
 - Equipment Rates
 - Labor and Material Rates

START UP TIME: At the point in time when this contingency contract becomes active, the awarded Vendor(s) is required to submit the Payment and Performance Bonds and all required Insurance forms to the Cooke County Auditor's Office.

Upon receipt of the Payment and Performance Bonds and required Insurance forms, Cooke County shall submit a Notice to Proceed letter to the awarded vendor(s). The vendor(s) will be responsible for contacting the Emergency Management Department for instructions.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Ray Fletcher 301 S. Chestnut St Gainesville, Texas 76240 940-668-5400

INVOICE SUBMISSION WORKFLOW: Awarded contractor shall submit all invoices, including those from their hired subcontractors, reports and related documentation to the Cooke County Emergency Management Department and the County appointed debris management firm for review and approval.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible Respondent whose qualifications and proposal are determined to provide the best value for the County based on the published selection criteria below, in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 262.

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Cost (Pricing Sheets provide by Respondent)	25
Experience/Qualifications	30
Knowledge Regarding FEMA and FHWA-ER and other Reimbursement Methods	25
Project Understanding and Methodology	20

Oral interviews *may* be conducted with the top firm(s) as selected by the committee. Any expenses of attending an on-site interview or responding to any information requests are not reimbursable by the County and are at the sole discretion of the Respondent.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities in proposals received. The County also reserves the right to request additional information from Respondents. The award shall be made to the firm which, in the opinion of the County, is the best qualified to assist the County in accomplishing its objectives. The County reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the selected Respondent.

<u>SERVICE AGREEMENT</u>: The Successful Respondent shall be required to execute a Master Services Agreement like the sample agreement attached and shall be required to provide the insurance as outlined therein. No changes to the attached agreement shall be allowed.

By submitting a proposal, the contractor is acknowledging the insurance requirements found in the attached agreement, and the bidder is asserting that, if awarded this agreement, he can comply with all insurance requirements as specified therein within 30 days of award of the agreement.

MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT <u>NOTICE</u>

THE FOLLOWING BLANK SPACES IN THE CONTRACT ARE NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY THE RESPONDENT AT THE TIME OF SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL. THE CONTRACT IS INCLUDED AT THIS TIME TO FAMILIARIZE THE RESPONDENT WITH THE CONTRACT WHICH THE SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE.

SUBMITTAL: Each proposal shall contain all the items listed below. Submittals shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the respondent's ability to meet the requirement of this RFP. Emphasis shall be on the quality, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of the County's needs. Incomplete submittals may be rejected in technical review by the Evaluation Committee.

A. Letter of Transmittal

- 1. Provide a brief introductory letter of your company to include number of years in business and office location responsible for this project.
- 2. Include the names of the persons authorized to make representation for your company, their titles, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.
- 3. Highlight the most important points of the proposal.

B. Project Understanding and Methodology

- 1. Briefly state your understanding of the services being requested, and your ability to comply with the requirements within. Explanations, exceptions, comments, etc., pertaining to the specific sections of the RFP shall be listed and numbered in order of the respective section.
- 2. Clearly define your responsibilities as well as the County's participation and responsibilities.
- 3. Clearly state your methodology for sub-contracting, including the use of local vendors.

C. Proposal Pricing

Provide price sheets as outlined herein.

D. Experience/Qualifications

- 1. Summarize the experience of your company for recovery services typical of a county similar in size and population to Cooke County.
- 2. Identity your proposed team assigned to the project
- 3. Identity the experience of your proposed team, specifically identifying projects of similar scope that each team member has worked on in the last five (5) years at similar jurisdictions.
- 4. Provide a list of at least five (5) references familiar with the company and proposed key personnel's capability to deliver the services requested. Include contact name,

phone numbers, dates of service, description of the services provided, and costs. (Appendix G)

E. Additional Information:

- 1. Describe your company's disaster recovery technical assistance services as well as any and all additional support services available to Cooke County.
- 2. Describe your knowledge of FEMA and FHWA-ER and other reimbursement methods and issue resolution.
- 3. Provide your success rate regarding the recovery of FEMA reimbursable funds and include a scope of services for handling debris removal from FHWA-ER eligible roadways.
- 4. Describe your reporting and training capabilities.
- 5. Provide your company's community relations plan.
- 6. Provide a complete program management plan.

F. Forms

- 1. W9 Appendix A
- 2. Texas Public Information Act Appendix B
- 3. Conflict of Interest Appendix C
- 4. Debarment Certification Appendix D
- 5. HB89 Verification Form Appendix F
- 6. References Appendix G.

<u>COOPERATIVE PURCHASES</u>: Respondent shall permit other government entities to purchase services at submitted proposal prices listed in this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions. Other government entities include, but are not limited to, City of Valley View. By submitting a proposal, you are agreeing to this requirement.

Information pertaining to cooperative purchases is found in the Texas Government Code Title 7 Intergovernmental Relations, Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperative Contracts.

SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTANCE: By the signature hereon affixed, the Respondent hereby certifies that neither the Respondent nor the entity represented by the Respondent, or anyone acting for such entity has violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, codified in Section 15.01 et seq., Texas Business and Commerce Code, or the Federal antitrust laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly, prior to the proposal opening with any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

The below signature also indicates the following:

- Person or person's interest in this proposal as principals are those named herein.
- I (we) have carefully examined the advertisement and contents within the proposal.
- The Respondent is acknowledging the Conflict of Interest Clause and agrees to follow necessary requirements.
- The Respondent confirms that they have read this entire proposal document and agrees to the terms stated herein.
- In the event that the proposal is awarded to more than one supplier, the Respondent signing this proposal agrees that the prices submitted within this proposal shall not be changed.

• Addenda _____ through _____ have been taken into account as part of this proposal.

The undersigned, by their signature, represents that they are authorized to bind the Respondent to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the attached Invitation for Proposal, Specifications, and special provisions stated herein for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying proposal form.

Full Legal Name of Company	
Address	
County, State, Zip	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
After Hours Phone or Cell Phone Number	
Email Address	
Tax Identification Number	
Signature of Authorized Agent	
Printed Name of Authorized Agent	
Title	
Date	

DO NOT SIGN OR SUBMIT WITHOUT READING ENTIRE DOCUMENT THIS FORM MUST BE COMLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL

*PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR W-9 FORM FILLED OUT (Form is also included, as Appendix A)

Fillable W-9 Forms are available online at: <u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf</u>

Remit to address (if different from above):

Address #1:	
Address #2:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone#:	
Fax Number:	
Contact Person:	

PAYMENT TERMS: Specify other payment options:	
Check box if you offer a prompt payment discount: % Specify terms:	
Check box if you accept American Express for payment (County Procurement Ca	ard or P-Card).
Check here if the prompt payment discount applies to the procurement Card Pay	ment.

APPENDIX A

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Form W-9 (Rev. 12-2011)

APPENDIX B



Texas Public Information Act Steps To Assert Information Confidential or Proprietary

All Proposals or proposals, data, and information submitted to the Cooke County are subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act ("Act") unless exempt from release under the Act. You are not encouraged to submit data and/or information that you consider to be confidential or proprietary unless it is absolutely required to understand and evaluate your submission.

<u>On each page where confidential or proprietary information appears</u>, you must label the confidential or proprietary information. Do not label every page of your submission as confidential as there are pages (such as the certification forms and <u>Proposal sheet with pricing</u>) that are <u>not confidential</u>. It is recommended that each page that contains either confidential or proprietary information be printed on colored paper (such as yellow or pink paper). At a minimum the pages where the confidential information appears should be labeled and the information you consider confidential or proprietary clearly marked.

Failure to label the actual pages on which information considered confidential appears will be considered as a waiver of confidential or proprietary rights in the information.

In the event a request for public information is filed with the County which involves your submission, you will be notified by the County of the request so that you have an opportunity to present your reasons for claims of confidentiality to the Texas Attorney General.

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the above and further state: The proposal/Proposal submitted to the County <u>contains NO confidential information</u> and may be released to the public if required under the Texas Public Information Act.

□ The proposal/Proposal submitted <u>contains confidential information</u> which is labeled and which may be found on the following pages:

and any information contained on page numbers not listed above may be released to the public if required under the Texas Public Information Act.

Vendor/Proposer Submitting:	
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Print Title:

APPENDIX C

COOKE COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

H.B. 914, passed during the 2005 Texas legislative session, as amended by H.B. 1491 passed in 2007, requires certain persons who wish to conduct business or be considered for business with a County to file a "conflict of interest questionnaire." The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) created the conflict of interest questionnaire (FORM CIQ). These laws are codified in Chap. 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

What vendors/persons are subject to Chapter 176?

The word "person" includes a partnership, corporation or other corporate body, including those performing professional services. Such partnerships or corporations act through individuals, but it is the partnership or corporation that would be seeking to do business with the County.

• Any "person" who contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with a local governmental entity.

• An agent of a person who contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with a local governmental entity.

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

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer that results in taxable income exceeding \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date a contract is executed or a contract is being considered; or

(2) has given an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value of more than \$250 in the 12-month period preceding the date a contract is executed or a contract is being considered.

What triggers the requirement to file a "conflict of interest questionnaire"?

When a person begins (1) contract discussions or negotiations with the County or (2) submits an application, response to request for proposals or Proposals, correspondence, or writing related to a potential agreement, Form CIQ must be completed. Whether the person initiates the discussion or the County initiates the discussions, Form CIQ must be completed. Even if the vendor has no affiliation or business relationship with an officer or employee of the County, Form CIQ must be completed and submitted.

To what type of contracts does the bill apply?

Any written contract and any implied contract, such as purchase orders, procurement card purchases, utility purchases, or any exchange of money or other consideration for some service or property. The monetary amount or value of the contract/purchase does not matter.

When must a vendor file the conflict of interest questionnaire?

No later than seven days after the date the person: (a) begins contract discussions or negotiations with the County, or (b) submits an application or response to a request for proposals or Proposals, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement

with a County, or (c) becomes aware of an employment relationship with a local government officer or family member of the officer, or (d) becomes aware of a qualifying gift.

What has to be revealed?

Section 176.006 requires disclosure of a person's employment or business relationships. This includes each employment or business relationship with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which a local government officer services as an officer or director or holds an ownership interest of 10% or more.

How do I go about filling out the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire form?

Each number below corresponds with the number on FORM CIQ:

1. Fill in the full name of the person who is trying to do business with the County. If the person is a corporation, partnership, etc., then it is the name of that corporation, partnership, etc., that is required on Form CIQ.

2. Check box if the form is an update to a form previously completed. Updates are required by the 7th business day after an event that makes a statement in a previously filed questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate. Updates are also required by September 1 of each year in which the person submits a proposal, Proposal or response to the County of Cooke or begins contract discussions or negotiations with the County.

3. Complete this Section by listing the name of the local government officer (member of County Council or County Manager) with whom there is an affiliation to or business relationship with and you checked the "Yes" box in Section 3 A, B, or C.

If there is more than one local government officer (County Council or County Manager) with whom there is an affiliation or business relationship, more than one page two may be needed to provide information on each local government officer.

4. State whether the local government officer named on the form receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor filing the questionnaire.

5. State whether the filer receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named on the form AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity.

6. State whether the filer is employed by a corporation or other business entity with which the local government officer serves as an officer or director or holds an ownership interest of 10% or more.

7. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named on the form.

8. Signature box. Person completing form must date and sign the form. If the form is being completed for a corporation, partnerships, etc., the person signing should be someone who is authorized to act on behalf of the corporation, partnership, etc.

A signature is required in box #4 regardless of any other entry on the form. A copy of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code can be found at: http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entit	FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental	Date Received
entity not 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 knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.	
 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity. 	
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 ap later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becom	
Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationshi Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationshi	p.
Name of Officer	
This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each office employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Govern pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.	
A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, from the filer of the questionnaire?	income, other than investment
Yes No	
B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than inw direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is governmental entity?	
Yes No	
C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity w government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or m	
Yes No	
D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer na	med in this section.
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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity	Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

APPENDIX D



Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein and;
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature:	
Print Name:	
Title:	
Telephone Number:	
Date:	

If the Respondent is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such Respondent should attach an explanation to this proposal.

APPENDIX E



CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted <u>House Bill 1295</u>, which added <u>section 2252.908</u> of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency at state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million, or (3) is for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305 of the Government Code. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295.

The <u>successful bidder</u> will be required to submit a signed 1295 form to the County prior to the award of this bid and/or prior to signing a contract with the County. The successful bidder will be required to complete and print the form via the Texas Ethics Commission's website at:

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

The "identification number" to be used on the 1295 form for this procurement is:

24-04

All prospective bidders shall familiarize themselves with this requirement and agree to provide the completed Form 1295 if selected as the successful bidder for this procurement.

APPENDIX F



House Bill 89 Verification Form

I,		<u>(Person name)</u> ,	the undersigned
representative <u>name)</u>	of_ <u>(Company</u>	or	Business

<u>(hereafter referred to as company)</u> being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

- 1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
- 2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract the above-named Company, business or individual with Cooke County, Texas.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

- 1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
- 2. "Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.
- 3. Section only applies to a contract that is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and has a value of \$100,000 or

more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

APPENDIX G

REFERENCES

Include below five references:

Reference #1	
Contact Person:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Description of Service:	
Dates of Service:	
Costs:	
Reference #2	
Address:	
Contact Person:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Description of Service:	
Dates of Service:	
Costs:	
Reference #3	
Address:	
Contact Person:	
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APPENDIX H



COOKE COUNTY MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into as of _____ day of _____, 20__, by COOKE COUNTY and _____ ("Company"). In consideration for the mutual promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. <u>SCOPE OF AGREEMENT</u>

This Agreement incorporates the terms and conditions of the Company's Proposal dated ______, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as "Attachment A". In the event of a conflict among the terms of this Agreement and the attachment, the term most favorable to the County, in County's sole discretion, shall control.

2. <u>TERM OF AGREEMENT; TERMINATION</u>

This Agreement shall be effective upon proper execution by the County. It shall be effective from ______, through ______. The County reserves the right to withdraw from the Agreement immediately if its governing body fails to appropriate funds necessary for the satisfaction of its contractual obligations.

The County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this Agreement in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default of any provision of this Agreement, including immediate termination of this Agreement.

3. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between Company and the County and no prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreement shall be construed to alter its terms. No additional terms shall become part of this Agreement without the written consent of both parties and compliance with relevant state law.

4. ASSIGNMENT

Company shall not assign or subcontract its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County.

5. **INDEMNIFICATION**

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW. THE CONTRACTOR AND ITS AGENTS. PARTNERS. EMPLOYEES. AND CONSULTANTS (COLLECTIVELY "INDEMNITORS") SHALL AND DO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY COOKE COUNTY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COOKE COUNTY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COOKE COUNTY, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, ITS VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW TRYING CRIMINAL CASES IN COOKE COUNTY, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES (COLLECTIVELY OFFICERS. AND "INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS. DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIENS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, OF ANY NATURE, KIND, OR DESCRIPTION (COLLECTIVELY "LIABILITIES") OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHOMSOEVER ARISING OUT OF, CAUSED BY, OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES OR ANY PART THEREOF WHICH ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF THE CONTRACTOR, ANYONE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY IT OR ANYONE FOR WHOSE ACTS IT MAY BE LIABLE, EVEN IF IT IS CAUSED IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OMISSION OF ANY INDEMNITEE, SO LONG AS IT IS NOT CAUSED BY THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF ANY INDEMNITEE. IN THE EVENT MORE THAN ONE OF THE INDEMNITORS ARE CONNECTED WITH AN ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE COVERED BY THIS INDEMNIFICATION, THEN EACH OF SUCH INDEMNITORS SHALL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE INDEMNITEES FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY AMONG SUCH INDEMNITORS FOR THE LOSS AND EXPENSE OF ANY SUCH INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE SETTLED BY SEPARATE PROCEEDINGS AND WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO ANY INDEMNITEE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION OR RIGHT WHICH COOKE COUNTY OR ANY OF THE INDEMNITEES HAS BY LAW.

6. INSURANCE

Your COMPANY agrees to provide and to maintain the following types and amounts of insurance, for the term of this agreement.

1. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability coverage with limits consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Workers' Compensation Act (Sec. 401.) with minimum policy limits for employer's liability of \$500,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by

disease policy limit and \$500,000 bodily injury by disease each employee. The following endorsements shall be added to the policy:

- a) A Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Cooke County, form WC 420304
- b) A 30-day Notice of Cancellation/Material Change in favor of the Cooke County, form WC 420601

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence limit of \$1,000,000 for coverage's A (bodily injury and property damage) & B (personal and advertising injury). Coverage for products and completed operations shall also be provided with a limit of \$1,000,000. The policy shall contain the following provisions:

- a) Independent Company's coverage
- b) Cooke County listed as additional insured
- c) 30-day Notice of Cancellation in favor of Cooke County

d) Waiver of Transfer Right of Recovery Against Others in favor of Cooke County

3. Business Automobile Liability Insurance for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of the COOKE COUNTY:

- a) Waiver of Subrogation endorsement TE 2046A
- b) 30-day Notice of Cancellation endorsement TE 0202A
- c) Additional Insured endorsement TE 9901B

Your COMPANY must complete and forward a certificate of insurance to the COOKE COUNTY before the AGREEMENT is executed as verification of coverage required in subparagraphs above. Your COMPANY shall not commence work until the required insurance has been obtained and until such Insurance has been reviewed by the COOKE COUNTY. Approval of insurance by the COOKE COUNTY shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the COMPANY hereunder.

The COMPANY'S insurance coverage is to be written by companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas at the time the policies are issued and shall be written by companies with A.M. Best Ratings of B+ VII or better.

All endorsements naming the COOKE COUNTY as additional insured, waivers and notices of Cancellation endorsements as well as the certificate of insurance shall indicate:

Cooke County Auditor 101 S. Dixon St Gainesville, Texas 76240

The "other" insurance clause shall not apply to the COOKE COUNTY where the COOKE COUNTY is an additional insured shown on any policy. It is intended that policies required in the AGREEMENT, covering both COOKE COUNTY and your COMPANY, shall be considered primary coverage as applicable.

If coverage is underwritten on a claim made basis, the retroactive date shall be coincident with the date of this AGREEMENT and the certificate of insurance shall state that the coverage is claims made and the retroactive date shall be shown. Your COMPANY shall maintain coverage for the duration of this AGREEMENT and for a twoyear period following the end of this AGREEMENT. The COMPANY shall provide COOKE COUNTY annually with a certificate of insurance as evidence of such insurance.

If insurance policies are not written for amounts specified above, your Company shall carry Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance for any differences in amounts specified. If Excess Liability Insurance is provided, it shall follow the form of the primary coverage.

The COOKE COUNTY reserves the right to review the insurance requirements set forth during the effective period of this AGREEMENT and to make reasonable adjustments to insurance coverage, limits and exclusions when deemed necessary and prudent by the County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, and the claims history of their industry or financial condition of the insurance company as well as your COMPANY.

Your COMPANY shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse during the term of the AGREEMENT or as required in the AGREEMENT.

Your COMPANY shall be responsible for premiums, deductibles, self-insured retentions, if any, stated in policies. All deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be disclosed on the certificate of insurance.

The insurance coverages required under this AGREEMENT are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of your COMPANY.

7. PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Payment for services described in this agreement are to be made as follows: Payment is due timely according to the Texas Prompt Payment Act, Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, or as subsequently amended.

8. VENUE; RECOVERY OF FEES; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; CHOICE OF LAW

Any suit or claim or cause of action regarding this Agreement shall be brought in Cooke County, Texas, as the choice or venue and jurisdiction and site of performance by the parties. The prevailing party in such an action may recover reasonable costs, including costs of court, attorney's fees, expert witnesses' fees, and trial consultants' fee. The parties are encouraged to enter into mediation should a dispute arise during the term of this Agreement, the costs being shared equally by the parties. The parties further agree that the law of the State of Texas shall govern any interpretation of the terms of this Agreement.

9. ETHICAL CERTIFICATION

Company certifies that neither it nor any of its agents or employees have or will offer or accept gifts or anything of value, or enter into any business arrangement, with any employee, official, or agent of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed as of the date first above written:

COUNTY

COMPANY

Cooke County

Ву: _____

Ву:_____

John O. Roane

Title: County Judge

Title:

APPENDIX I

PAYMENT BOND

STATE OF TEXAS

COOKE COUNTY

BOND NO	
C.I.P. NO.	
Project Name:	

THAT WE,	_, as	Principal,	hereinafter	called
"Principal" and the other subscriber hereto			, a corp	oration
organized and existing under the laws of the State of		, licen	sed to do b	usiness
in the State of Texas and admitted to write bonds, as Su	ırety, h	erein after	called "Sure	ety," do
hereby acknowledge ourselves to be held and firmly bou	ind to	Cooke Co	unty, in the	sum of
	an	d	/100	Dollars
(\$) for payment whereof, the said Principal an	d Sure	ety bind the	emselves, a	nd their
heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns jo	intly ar	nd severally	<i>.</i>	

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT:

	WHEREAS, Principal has	s entered into a o	certain contract with Cooke Coun	ty, dated this
	day	of	;	20,
for				
			((describe the

project/contract), referred to and made a part hereof as fully and to the same extent as if copied at length herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if Principal shall pay all claimants supplying labor and material to it or a subcontractor in the prosecution of the Work provided for in said contract, then, this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that this bond is executed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and all liabilities on this bond shall be determined in accordance with the provisions, conditions, and limitations of said Code to the same extent as if it were copied at length herein.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said Principal and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument on the respective dates written below their signatures.

(Signature page to follow)

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

ATTEST & SEAL (if a corporation) WITNESS (if not a corporation)	(SEAL)
Ву:	Name of Contractor
Name:	Ву:
Title:	Name:
Date:	Title:
	Date:
FOR THE SURETY:	
ATTEST/WITNESS	(SEAL)
Ву:	Name of Surety:
Name:	Ву:
Title:	Name:
Date:	Title:
	Date:

Address:_____

APPENDIX J

PERFORMANCE BOND

STATE OF TEXAS

COOKE COUNTY

BOND NO.	
C.I.P. NO	
Project Name:	

THAT WE,	,	as	Principal,	hereinafter	called
"Contractor" and the other subscriber hereto				, as Sur	ety, do
hereby acknowledge ourselves to be held a	and firmly bound	to C	Cooke Cou	unty, in the s	sum of
and	_/100 Dollars (\$_)) for the payr	nent of
which sum, well and truly to be made to Coc	ke County and its	s su	ccessors,	the said Cor	tractor
and Surety do bind themselves, their heirs, e	xecutors, adminis	strato	ors, succe	ssors, and a	ssigns,
jointly and severally.					

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Co	ontractor has on or about this day executed a Co	ontract in writin	ig with
Cooke	County		for
		(describe	the
project/contract) all of au	ah Wark to be done as not out in full in sold	Contract Doou	monto

project/contract), all of such Work to be done as set out in full in said Contract Documents therein referred to and adopted by Cooke County, all of which are made a part of this instrument as fully and completely as if set out in full herein.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Contractor shall faithfully and strictly perform Contract in all of its terms, provisions, and stipulations in accordance with its true meaning and effect, and in accordance with the Contract Documents referred to therein and shall comply strictly with each and every provision of the Contract, including all warranties and indemnities therein and with this bond, then this obligation shall become null and void and shall have no further force and effect; otherwise the same is to remain in full force and effect.

It is further understood and agreed that the Surety does hereby relieve Cooke County or its representatives from the exercise of any diligence whatever in securing compliance on the part of the Contractor with the terms of the Contract, including the making of payments thereunder and, having fully considered its Principal's competence to perform the Contract in the underwriting of this Performance Bond, the Surety hereby waives any notice to it of any default, or delay by the Contractor in the performance of its Contract and agrees that it, the Surety, shall be bound to take notice of and shall be held to have knowledge of all acts or omissions of the Contractor in all matters pertaining to the Contract. It is further expressly agreed by Surety that Cooke County or its representatives are at liberty at any time, without notice to the Surety, to make any change in the Contract Documents and in the Work to be done thereunder, as provided in the Contract, and in the terms and conditions thereof, or to make any change in, addition to, or deduction from the Work to be done thereunder; and that such changes, if made, shall not in any way vitiate the obligation in this bond and undertaking or release the Surety therefrom.

It is further expressly agreed and understood that the Contractor and Surety will fully indemnify and hold harmless the County from any liability, loss, cost, expense, or damage arising out of or in connection with the Work done by the Contractor under the Contract. In the event that Cooke County shall bring any suit or other proceeding at law on the Contract or this bond or both, the Contractor and Surety agree to pay to the County the actual amount of attorneys' fees incurred by the County in connection with such suit.

This bond and all obligations created hereunder shall be performable in Cooke County, Texas. This bond is given in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, which is incorporated herein by this reference. However, all of the express provisions hereof shall be applicable whether or not within the scope of said statute.

Notices required and permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered when actually received or, if earlier, on the third day following deposit in the United States Postal Service post office or receptacle, with proper postage affixed (certified mail, return receipt requested), addressed to the respective other party at the address prescribed in the Contract Documents, or at such other address as the receiving party may hereafter prescribe by written notice to the sending party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said Contractor and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument on the respective dates written below their signatures and have attached a current Power of Attorney.

(Signature page to follow)

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

ATTEST & SEAL (if a corporation) WITNESS (if not a corporation)	(SEAL)
Ву:	Name of Contractor
Name:	Ву:
Title:	Name:
Date:	Title:
	Date:
FOR THE SURETY:	
ATTEST/WITNESS	(SEAL)
Ву:	Name of Surety:
Name:	Ву:
Title:	Name:
Date:	Title:
	Date:

Address:_____

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