

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **AND**

#### INVITATION TO BID B #062-23

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will accept sealed bids for the Annual Supply of Wood Poles, **until 5:00 PM, September 6, 2023,** in the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Office, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas. Bids received after this time will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on September 7, 2023 at 10:30 AM. Bidders can request a copy of the bid tabulation by emailing <a href="mailto:hlopez@brownsville-pub.com">hlopez@brownsville-pub.com</a>. Vendors can call in at 10:30 AM, September 7, 2023 to (956) 214-6020 to listen to the bid opening.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the following website: <a href="https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp\_status/open/">https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp\_status/open/</a>

Please mark on the <u>outside of the envelope and on any carrier's envelope/package:</u> "SEALED BID FOR ANNUAL SUPPLY OF WOOD POLES (B062-23), SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, 5:00 PM", and send to the attention of Diane Solitaire, Purchasing Department, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 78575.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not be responsible in the event that the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the sealed bids to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Office by the given deadline above. **No bids will be accepted via facsimile or electronic transmission.** 

The Brownsville PUB reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities contained therein and to accept any bid deemed most advantageous to the Brownsville PUB.

BY:

Diane Solitaire

Purchasing Brownsville Public Utilities Board (956) 983-6366 - Phone

# Please submit this page upon receipt.

Acknowledgment Form B#062-23 Annual Supply of Wood Poles

Please e-mail this page upon receipt of the bid legal notice. If you only received the legal notice and you want the bid package mailed, please provide a method of shipment with account number in the space designated below.

Check one:			
( ) Yes, I will be able to send	d a bid; obtained bid pa	ckage from website.	
( ) Yes, I will be able to send Email:	l a bid; please email the	e bid package.	
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#### **Special Instructions**

#### **Contract Information**

#### Interpretation

Questions concerning terms, conditions, and technical specifications should be directed to:

Hugo E. Lopez, Purchasing Administrator (956) 983-6375 or Diane Solitaire,
Purchasing & Materials Manager
(956) 983-6366

#### • Tentative Time Line

- 1. August 21, 2023 through September 6, 2023 Vendors work on bid.
- 2. September 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST Vendor must submit 1 set of bid documents sealed in an envelope to:

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing 1155 FM 511 Olmito, TX 78575

Bid 062-23, Annual Supply of Wood Poles **Due on September 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST** 

The above noted information must be included on bid envelope and on any carrier's envelope/package. The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not be held responsible for missing, lost or late mail. Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not accept facsimile or electronic transmission of sealed bids.

- 3. September 1, 2023 Last day to submit questions
- 4. September 7, 2023 Open bids at 10:30 AM
- 5. September 8 September 22, 2023 Evaluate bids
- 6. September 25, 2023 Provide Final Recommendations
- 7. October 9, 2023 Send to Utilities Board for approval
- 8. Term of contract will commence October 2023

#### Or Equal

Brand name or manufacturer's reference used in this request is descriptive — not restrictive — it is intended to indicate type and quality desired. Brands of like nature and quality will be considered. If bidding on other than referenced specifications please provide complete descriptive information of said article.

#### Pricing

Bid unit price on quantity specified, extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. **Price shall remain firm for a 12 month period after receipt of order.**All fields (UNIT PRICE, TOTAL PRICE, & EST DELIVERY IN DAY) in the Cost Sheet must be filled. The data must be complete to identify the bidding brand.

Failure to submit any of the above information with the sealed bid will disqualify bid.

#### • Vendor Representative

The successful vendor agrees to send a personal representative with binding authority for the company to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board upon request to make adjustments and/or assist with coordination of all transactions as needed.

#### • Quality of Products

All items must be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage. No substitutions in standard grades or lesser quality will be accepted.

#### • Determining Factors for Award

- 1. Bidders net price on bid items
- 2. Stock availability
- 3. Reputation of brand names offered
- 4. Reputation and location of the bidder
- 5. Time and conditions of delivery
- 6. BPUB financial and legal responsibility evaluations of any identified teaming arrangements involving significant joint ventures, subcontractors and suppliers
- 7. Safety record will be considered when determining the responsibility of the bidder

#### Contract with Vendor/Entity Indebted to BPUB

It is a policy of the BPUB to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with an individual, sole proprietorship, joint venture, Limited Liability Company or other entity indebted to BPUB.

#### • Vendor ACH (Direct Deposit) Services

The BPUB has implemented a payment service for vendors by depositing the payment directly to the vendor's bank account. Successful vendor(s) will be required to receive payments directly through Automated Clearing House (ACH) in lieu of a paper check. The awarded vendor must agree to receive payments via ACH (Direct Deposit).

#### • Tax Identification Number (TIN)

In accordance with IRS Publication 1220, a W9 form, or a W8 form in cases of a foreign vendor, will be required of all vendors doing business with the Brownsville PUB. If a W9 or W8 form is not made available to Brownsville PUB, the first payment will be subject to income tax withholding at a rate of 28% or 30% depending on the U.S. status and the source of income as per IRS Publication 1220. **The W9 or W8 form must be included with bid response.** Attached are sample forms.

#### Taxes

The City of Brownsville and Brownsville Public Utilities Board are exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and local Taxes. Do not include tax in the bid. If it is determined that tax was included in the bid it will not be included in the tabulation or any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

#### Signing of Bid

**Failure to sign bid will disqualify it**. Person signing bid should show title or authority to bind their firm to a contract.

#### • EEOC Guidelines

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, national origin, age, religion, gender, marital or veteran status, or physically challenging condition.

#### • Living Wage Statement

On April 16, 2007, the BPUB Board of Directors approved a local "living wage" policy that requires all Contractors and Subcontractors performing 100% Non-Federally funded Work for the BPUB to pay a minimum wage rate of \$8.00/hour. The BPUB-requires that all Contractors and Subcontractors comply with this policy.

#### As Needed Basis

Quantities are estimated for an annual supply and are to be released on an "as needed" basis and be billed as such. However, successful vendor must keep in stock one (1) truckload of each pole awarded for immediate shipment to the BPUB. Brownsville PUB will not accept the full quantity at one time as specified on Cost Sheet.

#### • Contract and Purchase Order

The wood poles shall be delivered FOB Destination to Brownsville PUB, 1495 Robinhood Drive Brownsville, Texas 78521 or 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 78575, **with a self-unloading truck**, between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. A contract for the wood poles will be B062-23 Annual Supply of

placed into effect by means of a purchase order issued by the Brownsville Public Utilities Board after tabulation and final approval by the Brownsville PUB Board of Directors.

#### • Term of Agreement

One (1) year from the date of award not to exceed the one (1) year or the awarded amount whichever comes first, with the option to renew for an additional one (1) one year period if price and services are satisfactory and agreed upon in writing by both parties.

### • Delivery

Delivery of the material will only be accepted during normal working hours, Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. A delivery ticket must be furnished with each delivery by the carrier. The delivery ticket must show the BPUB's Purchase Order, number of crates, packages, etc. being delivered to BPUB. **Call 48 hours prior to delivery**.

#### • Brownsville Public Utilities Board Rights

- 1. If only one or no bid is received by "submission date", the BPUB has the right to reject, re-bid, accept and/or extend the bid by up to an additional two (2) weeks from original submission date.
- 2. The right to reject any/or all bids and to make awards as they may appear to be advantageous to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board. The bidder must indicate "all or none" in the bid if the above-stated condition is not acceptable.
- 3. The right to hold bid for 90 days from submission date without action, and to waive all formalities in bidding.
- 4. The right to extend the total bid quote beyond the original 90-day period prior to an award if agreed upon in writing by both parties and if low bid holds firm.
- 5. The right to terminate for cause or convenience all or any part of the unfinished portion of the Project resulting from this solicitation within Thirty (30) calendar days written notice; for cause: upon default by the vendor/contractor, for delay or non-performance by the vendor/contractor; or if it is deemed in the best interest of the BPUB for BPUB's convenience.
- 6. The right to increase or decrease quantities. In bid, stipulate whether an increase or decrease in quantities will affect bid price.

#### Corrections

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the invitation to bid will be made by ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department. Addenda will be e-mailed to all who have returned the Bid Acknowledgement form. Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the Brownsville PUB prior to submitting a response to the invitation to bid to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain any all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the invitation to bid. Addenda may also be posted on BPUB's web page.

# **Special Instructions:**

<b>Successful vendor(s) must keep one release of items in stock for immediate shipment to BPUB.</b> Material is to be released as requested and be billed as such. The noted quantities are based on a yearly usage, the Purchase Order quantities are subject to BPUB's right to increase or decrease quantities as deemed necessary. Stipulate below, if an increase or decrease in quantity affects bid price:
() Yes, an increase or decrease in quantity affects bid price
() No, an increase or decrease in quantity will not affect bid price.
Price shall remain firm for 12 months after date of purchase order and this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year.
Company Name:
Authorized Company Representative:
Authorized Company Representative:  Signature – Failure to sign Bid will disqualify it
Company Address:
Telephone #:
Fax #:
E-mail:

#### **COST SHEET**

Item	Quantity	Description	Unit Cost	Total	Deliver in days after PO & Mfg. Warranty
1	114 Each	(E1004-00) 35 FT. Class 4 Wood Poles SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE, Creosote or DCOI Approximately 38 each per truckload			
2	96 Each	(E1005-00) 40 FT. Class 3 Wood Poles SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE, Creosote or DCOI Approximately 32 each per truckload			
3	96 Each	(E1006-00) 45 FT. Class 3 Wood Poles SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE, Creosote or DCOI Approximately 32 each per truckload			
4	27 Each	(E1007-00) 50 FT. Class 3 Wood Poles SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE, Creosote or DCOI Approximately 27 each per truckload			
5	25 Each	(E1008-00) 55 FT. Class 3 Wood Poles SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE, Creosote or DCOI Approximately 25 each per truckload			

#### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

POLES WILL BE RELEASED AND DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOAD QUANTITIES AS NEEDED AND BE BILLED AS SUCH OVER A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE VENDOR MUST KEEP IN STOCK ONE (1) TRUCKLOAD OF EACH POLE SIZE AWARDED FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO THE BROWNSVILLE PUB. A SECONDARY SUPPLIER MAY BE CALLED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR IF THE CURRENT VENDOR CANNOT DELIVER IN A TIMELY MANNER.

VENDOR MUST PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT TO OFFLOAD POLES – KNUCKLE BOOM OR SEPARATE UNLOADING EQUIPMENT. POLES CANNOT BE DUMPED OR SLID OFF THE TRUCK.

# STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS COVERING SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE POLES AND TREATMENT

#### 1. SCOPE

These specifications cover the size and quality of wood poles and the treating process for full length pressure treatment.

#### 2. GENERAL

Purchase orders will specify the species, quality, length, class, and type of preservation and drawing number. Vendor must provide the equipment to offload poles, i.e., knuckle boom.

Bidders are asked to hold price firm for 90 days from submission date as per BPUB's Rights on Page 6. All prices shall remain firm for 12 months after date of Purchase Order and must be FOB Brownsville PUB Warehouse, 1495, Brownsville, TX 78521 or to 1155 FM511, Olmito, TX 78575.

Notification of Delivery: The Purchasing Administrator shall be notified at (956) 983-6375 of the intended delivery forty-eight (48) hours prior to the actual delivery to the designated location, so that the Owner's personnel may be available to accept delivery. The Purchasing & Materials Manager may be contacted Monday thru Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at (956) 983-6366 or Warehouse Administrator (956) 983-6181.

#### 3. MATERIAL REOUIREMENTS

All material supplied under these specifications shall conform to the American National Standards Institute Specifications and Dimensions for Wood Poles, ANSI 05.1, latest revision, except as herein modified.

3.1 <u>Shape</u> - Any localized deviation from the straightness in a five foot section or less shall be considered for Short Crook, and the deviation from straightness shall not exceed two (2) inches.

A pole may have sweep subject to the following limitation: A straight line connecting the center of the top with the center of the butt shall not at any intermediate point pass through the external surface of the pole.

- 3.2 <u>Scars</u> Scars are permitted as defined in ANSI provided that the depth of the trimmed scar is not more than one inch if the diameter of the pole is ten (10) inches or less, or One-tenth (1/10) the diameter, if more than ten (10) inches.
- 3.3 <u>Splits and Checks</u> Splits or through checks on the tops of poles are prohibited.
- 3.4 <u>Knots</u> Knots for all poles Class 1 and smaller shall be limited by ANSI 05.1, latest revision.

Knots for all Class H1 and larger shall not be limited by ANSI 05.1, latest revision, but by the following:

- A. The diameter of any one knot shall not exceed 1/8 of the circumference of the pole at the location of the knot. In addition, no knot in excess of 5" will be allowed.
- B. The sum of the diameters of all Knots in any one foot section shall not exceed 1/3 of the circumference of the pole measured at the mid point of the one foot section, up to a maximum of 14 inches for any one foot section.
- 3.5 <u>Spiral Grain</u> Poles 40' and shorter shall not have more than one complete twist. Poles 45' and longer shall not have more than one complete twist in any 40' section.

#### 3.6 SOUNDNESS -

- A. Whenever there is any sign of decay in untreated timber, and in all cases where the condition of the timber is doubtful, a section one (1) inch thick or more shall be cut from the top and butt of any doubtful pole. Roofing is adequate for top if done just prior to inspection.
- B. Air-seasoned stock-at least ten (10) percent of the tops and butts of the most susceptible poles in each lot shall be clipped so that the inspector can examine the condition of the material.
- C. Additional clipping shall be contingent upon the history and condition of the stock and this shall be done at the discretion of the inspector.

#### 4. <u>MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENTS</u> -

- 4.1 Trimming Poles shall be smoothly trimmed by shaving machine.
- 4.2 <u>Marking</u> All poles shall have a round 2" aluminum tag countersunk ¼" and nailed to the pole and marked with Length and Class, Owner's Initials (BPUB), suppliers code or trademark, plant location, year of treatment, species, and preservative code.

Class and length shall be stenciled on both tip and butt of poles. A non ferrous metal tag showing the month, year of treatment, the class and length shall be securely fastened on the butt of the poles. Tag must be similar to the one in the drawing; if it differs a sample of the tag is to be presented to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Electrical Engineering Department, for approval. The Electrical Engineering department is located at 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, TX 78521.

4.3 <u>Reserve Stock</u> - If a supplier desires he may frame, brand and treat distribution size poles for reserve stock. This is stock which will be treated prior to receipt of orders.

#### 5. CONDITIONING AND TREATING –

- 5.1 <u>Conditioning</u> All poles shall be conditioned prior to treatment in accordance with AWPA Standard Ml. Steam conditioning shall be in accordance with AWPA C1 or C4. Kiln drying will not be permitted with creosote treatment.
- 5.2 <u>Loading For Treatment</u> When necessary to preclude warping and misshaping during the processing of steam-conditioned charges, the poles shall be loaded on cushioned trams. Poles fifty (50) feet and longer to be steam conditioned shall be loaded on three (3) or more trams, equally spaced.
- 5.3 <u>Treatment</u> All poles shall be pressure treated in accordance with applicable AWPA Standards and the specific requirements of this specification.
- 5.4 <u>Pretreated Stock</u> Pretreated poles prepared as in 5.41 below are acceptable provided the manner of handling and the history of the stock is approved by the purchaser.
- 5.4.1 **DCOI** DCOI treated wood poles shall be treated full length with DCOI meeting the requirements of AWPA Standard P39 and the retention by assay meets the requirements specified in Paragraph 6 of this specification. Product label, Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and preservative registration according to EPA regulations shall be provided.
- 5.4.2 **Creosote** As an alternative, Bidders may provide price schedules for creosote poles provided that the poles offered are pre-treated and the retention by assay meets the requirements specified in Paragraph 6 of this specification. Product label, Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and preservative registration according to EPA regulations shall be provided.
- 5.5 <u>Storage</u> When necessary, poles shall be stored as in ANSI 8.1, with the exception that the ground shall be free of all vegetation.

### 6. <u>PRESERVATIVE AND RETENTION</u>

The preservative used shall be one of the following as specified on the purchase order.

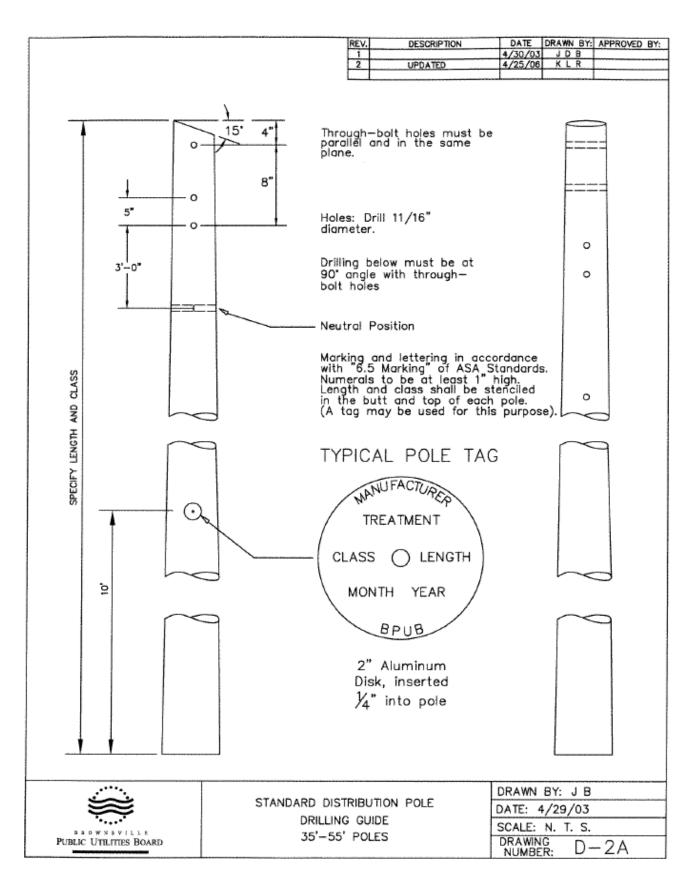
- (1) DCOI In accordance with AWPA Standard P39 or latest revision.
- (2) Creosote In accordance with AWPA Standard P1 or latest revision.

# The retention shall be as shown below:

(55 ft and longer)

# MINIMUM RETENTION PCF BY ASSAY

DCOI Treatment	
SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE (50 ft. or .less)	.15
SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE (55 ft and longer)	.15
Creosote Treatment	
SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE	9
(50 ft. or less)	
SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE	9



# Douglas Fir Specifications (Not Applicable at this Time)

Poles shall be Douglas Fir ANSI pressure treated with creosote to a net retention of 12# per cubic foot in the ½ to 1" zone as per CWPA C4 specifications. They shall be deep incised at 2' above and 4' below ground line in 3" by 6" diamond pattern.

Length and Class shall be tagged at the top and bottom of each pole. Poles shall be drilled in accordance with BPUB specifications.

# REQUIRED FORMS FORM CHECKLIST

The following forms are be submitted as a part of the Bid/RFP/RFQ document

NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION		SUBMITTED WITH BID	
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#### ETHICS STATEMENT

#### (THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)

The undersigned bidder, by signing and executing this bid, certifies and represents to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board that bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by (1.07 (a) (6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment of advantage relating to this bid; the bidder also certifies and represents that the bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this bid, the bidder certifies and represents that bidder has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board concerning this bid on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the bidder also certifies and represents that bidder has not received any information not available to other bidders so as to give the undersigned a preferential advantage with respect to this bid; the bidder further certifies and represents that bidder has not violated any state, federal, or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to bribery, improper influence, collusion or the like and that bidder will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value of any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in return for the person having exercised their person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this bid; the bidder certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent, or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in connection with information regarding this bid, the submission of this bid, the award of this bid or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this bid.

THE BIDDER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDING, COSTS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTED WITH, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF CONTRACTOR IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS BID.

I have read all of the specifications and general bid requirements and do hereby certify that all items submitted meet specifications.

COMPANY:		
STATE:		
TELEPHONE:	TELEFAX:	
FEDERAL ID#:	AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY #:	
	DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS	IF ANY:

NOTE: QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE RAISED WITH OWNER AND ITS CONSULTANT (IF APPLICABLE) AND RESOLVED IF POSSIBLE, <u>PRIOR TO</u> THE BID SUBMITTAL DATE. ANY LISTED DEVIATIONS IN A FINALLY SUBMITTED BID MAY ALLOW THE OWNER TO REJECT A BID AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

# CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)

Name	of Entity:			
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a)	Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarm or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any agency:	_		
b)	Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been civil judgment rendered against them for commission of frau in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or perfor State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public tr Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embez bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false stolen property;	d or a criminal offense ming a public (Federal, ansaction; violation of zlement, theft, forgery,		
c)				
d)	Have not within a three year period preceding this application/bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default.			
	I understand that a false statement on this certification may be of this bid or termination of the award. In addition, under 1 false statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or five (5) years, or both.	8 USC Section 1001, a		
	Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Typed)			
	Signature of Authorized Representative	Date		

□ I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached

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# (THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
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).	Date Received
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.	
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	
Name of vendor 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 recompleted questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)  Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.	s day after the date on which
Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.	
Name of Officer	
Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship wit Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attac CIQ as necessary.  A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or I	h the local government officer. h additional pages to this Form
other than investment income, from the vendor?	
Yes No	
B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local governmental entity?	
Yes No	
Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 m other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an ownership interest of one percent or more.	
Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a)(a)(b) (b) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c) (c	
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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date
Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission www.ethics.state.tx.us	Revised 1/1/2021

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

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

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

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

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
  - (2) the vendor:
    - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor:
    - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
  - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
  - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
  - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
  - (1) the date that the vendor:
    - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
    - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
  - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
    - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
    - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
    - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

#### CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES-FORM 1295

Special message: Please read the Special Notification regarding HB 1295 effective January 1, 2016, implemented by the Texas Ethics Commission, which requires business entities to provide a completed Form 1295 to Brownsville PUB with signed contracts in order to execute them.

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295. 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 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. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

To implement the law, the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) adopted new rules necessary to 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 as part of Chapter 46 of the Texas Administrative Code on November 30, 2015.

On January 1, 2016, TEC made a new filing application available on their website for business entities to use to both create and file Form 1295. Business entities will enter the required information on Form 1295 within the application and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing with a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity will need to sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be included with the signed contract to the governmental body or state agency in order for the governmental body to execute the contract.

Brownsville PUB will then notify the commission, using TEC's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract.

TEC will then post the business entity's completed Form 1295 to its website within seven (7) business days after receiving notice from Brownsville PUB acknowledging that it was received.

To obtain additional information on HB 1295, to learn more about TEC's process to create a new account or to complete an electronic version of Form 1295 for submission with a signed contract, please go to the following link: https://ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\_info\_form1295.htm

NOTE: IF AWARDED THIS CONTRACT, FORM 1295 WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THETIME THE SIGNED CONTRACT IS SUBMITTED TO BPUB. YES NO

	CERTIFICATE OF INTE	RESTED	PARTIES			F	ORM 1295
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.				OFFIC	E USE ONLY		
1	Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.						
	2 Name of governmental entity or s which the form is being filed.	state agency th	at is a party to th	ne contract fo	or		
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5	Check only if there is NO Interested	Party.					
6	UNSWORN DECLARATION						
	My name is						
	My address is(street)		, (city)	(state) (zip c	ode)	, (coun	try)
	I declare under penalty of perjury that th	ne foregoing is tr	ue and correct.				
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# BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Art. 601g, as passed by the 1985 Texas Legislature, the following will apply. The pertinent portion of the Act has been extracted and is as follows:

#### Section 1. (a)

- (1) "Nonresident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is not in this state, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.
- (2) "Texas resident bidder " means a bidder whose principal place of business is in this state, and includes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

#### Section 1. (b)

The state or governmental agency of the state may not award a contract for general construction, improvements, services, or public works projects or purchases of supplies, materials or equipment to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located.

I certify that				
(Company Name) is <b>a resident Texas bidder</b> as defined in Art. 601g.				
Signature:				
Print Name:				
I certify that				
(Company Name) is a <b>nonresident bidder</b> as defined in Art. 601g. and our principal place of business is:				
(City and State)				
Signature:				
Print Name:				

#### Organization Name State Law Verifications

I,	(Person's name), the undersigned representative
of (Company or Business name)	
	(hereafter referred to as the
"Company") being an adult over the ag	ge of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by
the undersigned notary, do hereby depo	se and verify under oath as follows:

- IRAN, SUDAN AND FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS: By submission of a response to City of Brownsville Public Utilities Board ("BPUB") Request for Qualifications Q018-23 (the "RFQ"), the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission or any contracts executed in response to this proposal constitutes a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, neither the responding Company, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.
- ANTI-BOYCOTT ISRAEL VERIFICATION: By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, and subject to applicable federal law, including without limitation, 50 U.S.C. Section 4607, the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (1) does not boycott Israel and (2) will not boycott Israel through the term of any such contract. The term "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.
- VERIFICATION REGARDING NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS: By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that it, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does <u>not</u> have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will <u>not</u> discriminate during the term of any such contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene applicable Texas or

federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2274.001, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session).

• VERIFICATION REGARDING NO ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTTS: By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does <u>not</u> boycott energy companies and (2) will <u>not</u> boycott energy companies during the term of any such contract. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "boycott energy companies" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 809.001(1), Texas Government Code.

DATE	SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
On this the day of	, 20, personally appeared
duly sworn, did swear and con	, the above-named person, who after by me being firm that the above is true and correct.
NOTARY SEAL	
NOTARY SIGNATURE	
	Date

# Organization Name House Bill 89 Verification

I,	(Person name), the undersigned representative
of (Company or Business name)	
	(hereafter referred to as
	eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the nd verify under oath that the company named- above,
the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Gove	ernment Code Chapter 2270:
1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and	
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of (1) "company" does not include a so (2) the law applies only to a contract (a) is between a governmental	ole proprietorship; and
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funds or the governmental en	
Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Gove	ernment Code:
taking any action that is intended to per relations specifically with Israel, or with	with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise nalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an include an action made for ordinary business purposes;
partnership, joint venture, limited partners	proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, ship, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability sidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or iations that exist to make a profit.
DATE	SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
On this the day of	, 20, personally appeared
being duly sworn, did swear and confirm t	, the above-named person, who after by me hat the above is true and correct.
NOTARY SEAL	
NOTARY SIGNATURE	Date



Material submitted on this form is intended to verify the product suitability for use as part of the service area throughout the city of Brownsville. BPUB Electrical Engineering Department will evaluate the product to determine if product meets BPUB's requirements, needs, and quality. Request shall include, but shall not be limited to a list of all standards (TCLP, ANSI, ICEA, ASTM, ACSR), and any certification (UL, ASSE, etc.) of the material.

The proposed material shall include the specification sheet with product detail and manufacturer information.

Request for Material Approval

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Company Name :				
Street Address:				
City/ State/ Zip code:Phone #:				
Fax #:				
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#### **Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

Give Form to the requester. Do not

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Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018) Cat. No. 10231X

• Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property) Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN. If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding,

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

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# Form W-8BEN-E

(Rev. October 2021) Department of the Treasury

Certificate of Status of Beneficial Owner for
United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Entities)

► For use by entities. Individuals must use Form W-8BEN. ► Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form/WSBEN/E for instructions and the latest information.

► Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.

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