

# LEGAL NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID FOR ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES

**B048-24** 

Bids Due May 22, 2024 until 5:00 PM Bids Opened May 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM

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### LEGAL NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID BID #048-24

Sealed bids will be received by the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas ("BPUB"), at the PUB Purchasing Department office; 1155 FM 511; Olmito, Texas 78575 until 5:00 PM, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, for the Project described in the Contract Documents and Specifications entitled:

#### ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES

#### Bids received after this time will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on May 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Bidders can call (956) 214-6020, at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2024, to listen to the bid opening.

Copies of the Contract Documents and Specifications may be obtained at the following BPUB website: <a href="https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp">https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp</a> status/open/

Each bid, in duplicate, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "B048-24 ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES, MAY 22, 2024, 5:00 PM". This envelope shall be addressed to Diane Solitaire; Brownsville Public Utilities Board; Purchasing Department; 1155 FM 511 Olmito, Texas 78575.

Each bid shall constitute an offer to the Board, as outlined therein, and shall be irrevocable for at least ninety (90) days after the time announced for the opening thereof.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's check payable to the order of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, City of Brownsville, Texas for a sum not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount bid. In lieu of a check, a Bid Bond may be submitted in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount bid with a Corporate Surety licensed to do business in the State of Texas, conditioned that the BIDDER will pay the BPUB, as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the amount specified in the Bond unless he enters into a contract in accordance with his bid. BIDDER is required to execute a contract and furnish a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and a Certificate of Insurance. If the BIDDER fails to execute the contract and to furnish satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds and Insurance Certificates within ten (10) days from the date on which he is notified that his bid has been accepted, the amount of his check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the BPUB as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty.

The BPUB 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 BPUB specifically reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities or informalities in any or all bids and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board.

Diane Solitaire

Purchasing Department (956) 983-6366

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

# Please submit this page upon receipt.

Acknowledgment Form B#048-24 Annual Hauling and Loading Services

For any clarifications, please contact Hugo Lopez at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6375 or via e-mail: <a href="mailto:hlopez@brownsville-pub.com">hlopez@brownsville-pub.com</a>.

Please e-mail this page upon receipt of 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.

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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

#### • Tentative Time Line

- 1. May 6, 2024 through May 22, 2024 Vendors work on bid.
- 2. May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM Vendor must submit bid sealed, in duplicate, in an envelope to:

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing 1155 FM 511 Olmito, TX 78575

Bid#048-24 – Annual Hauling and Loading Services Due May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM

The above noted information must be included on the 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. May 14, 2024 Last day to submit questions
- 4. May 23, 2024 Open bids at 10:30 AM
- 5. May 24, 2024 June 21, 2024 Evaluate bids
- 6. June 24, 2024 Provide Final Recommendations
- 7. July 8, 2024 Send to Utilities Board for approval
- 8. Term of contract will commence August 2024

#### • Or Equal (NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS CONTRACT)

#### Pricing

Bid unit prices on BPUB estimated quantities specified, extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices expressed in written words and not numerals, shall govern. Prices shall remain firm throughout the Contract.

All fields (UNIT PRICE & TOTAL PRICE) in the Bid Schedule must be filled in. The data must be complete to identify any bidding brand called for specifically.

Failure to submit any of the above information with the sealed bid may disqualify bid as non-responsive.

#### • Contractor Representative

The successful contractor agrees to send a personal representative with binding authority for the company to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, upon request, to make any minor clarifications or adjustments and/or assist with coordination of all transactions as needed to allow Contract entry.

#### Quality of Products

All material and equipment items specified 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. Price
- 2. Responsibility of contractor to perform the intended work and responsiveness to the bid request.
- 3. Compliance with requirements of the technical specifications
- 4. Quality of performance on previous work on similar contracts
- 5. Recent successful completion of similar projects
- 6. BPUB financial and legal responsibility evaluations of any identified teaming arrangements involving significant joint ventures, subcontractors, and suppliers.

#### 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/contractors by depositing the contract payment directly to the contractor's/vendor's bank account. Successful vendor(s)/contractors 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, aW9 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 its Brownsville Public Utilities Board are exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and local sales Taxes. Do not include any taxes in the bid proposal. If it is later 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 by BPUB 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, sexual preference, marital or veteran status, or physically challenging condition.

#### • Contract and Purchase Order

The services shall be completed in a timely manner as specified in specifications. A contract for the services will be placed into effect by means of a purchase order issued by the Brownsville Public Utilities Board after tabulation and final approval by the Board.

#### • Term of Agreement

The initial term of this contract will be for 1 year from the date of award. Brownsville PUB may, unilaterally, extend the contract for two (2) additional one (1) year periods if price and services are satisfactory and agreed upon in writing by both parties.

#### • Brownsville Public Utilities Board Rights

- 1. If only one or no bid is received by "submission date", the Brownsville PUB has the right to reject, 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.
- 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 services or number of crews.
- 7. Brownsville PUB has the right to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with any individual or entity indebted to the municipality as per Local Government Code 252.0436.

#### Corrections

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the Invitation to Bid will be made by written ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department. Addenda will be emailed to all who have returned the Bid Acknowledgment Form. Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors/contractors 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/all 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 website.

#### 1. RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS:

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board, City of Brownsville, Texas (hereinafter called OWNER), invites bids on the form attached hereto, all blanks of which must be appropriately filled in, in ink, for project titled: **ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES.** 

The OWNER may consider informal and non-responsive, any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof and may waive any informalities or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No BIDDER may withdraw a bid within at least ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

#### 2. INSPECTION OF SITE:

Each BIDDER shall visit the sites of the proposed work and fully acquaint themselves with the existing conditions there relating to services and labor, and shall fully inform themselves as to the facilities involved, the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of the Contract. The BIDDER should thoroughly examine and familiarize themselves with the Contract Documents. The BIDDER, by the execution of the Contract, shall in no way be relieved of any obligation under it due to their failure to receive or examine any form or legal instrument, or to visit the sites and acquaint themselves with the conditions there existing, and the OWNER will be justified in rejecting any claim for extra time, or compensation, or both, based on facts regarding which BIDDER should have been on notice as a result thereof. Visits to the sites shall be arranged by calling **Armando Garcia** with the Brownsville PUB Division Manager for Water/Wastewater Distribution & Maintenance **at telephone no. (956) 983-6386**.

#### 3. PREPARATION OF BID AND USE OF SEPARATE BID FORMS:

These Contract Documents include a complete set of bidding documents. The BIDDER shall copy all Documents listed in the Table of Contents under the heading BIDDING DOCUMENTS and shall submit the bid on these forms. A bid shall be comprised of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS completed by the BIDDER, plus any supplemental information required by the Specifications and Documents, or deemed necessary by the BIDDER to fully describe the offering.

If any of the information submitted as part of the bid is considered to be proprietary by the BIDDER, he shall conspicuously identify such intended confidential information in his bid. BPUB is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act and cannot legally guarantee confidentiality of submittals and may need to consult with its legal counsel and the Texas Attorney General in rendering decisions on any requested disclosures.

a) Preparation. Each bid shall be carefully prepared using the bid and bid data forms included as a part of the bidding documents. Entries on the bid and bid data forms shall be typed, using dark black ribbon, or legibly written in black ink. All prices shall be stated in written words and numeric figures, except where the forms provide for figures only. In case of discrepancy, especially in any sum total extensions, the amount shown in written words will generally prevail over numeric unit prices.

The BIDDER shall acknowledge, in the space provided in the bid form, receipt of each Addendum issued for the Specifications and Documents during the bidding period.

The BIDDER shall assemble all drawings, catalog data, and other supplementary information necessary to thoroughly describe work, materials and equipment covered by the bid, and shall attach such supplemental information to the copies of the specifications and documents submitted.

b) Signatures. Each BIDDER shall sign the bid with his usual signature and shall give his full business address. The BIDDER's name stated on the bid shall be the exact legal name of the firm. The names of all persons signing should also be typed or printed below the signature.

Bids by partnerships shall be signed with the partnership name followed by the signature and designation of one of the partners or other authorized representative. A complete list of the partners shall be included with the bid.

Bids by a corporation shall be signed in the official corporate name of the corporation, followed by the signature and designation of the "president," "secretary," or other appropriate person authorized to bind the corporation.

A bid by a person who affixes to his signature the word "president," "secretary," "agent," or other designation, without disclosing his principal, will be rejected. Satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing on behalf of the

- corporation shall be furnished. Bidding corporations shall designate the state in which they are incorporated and the address of their principal office.
- c) Submittal. The original signed bid (and its accompanying photocopy) shall be transmitted to arrive at the designated BPUB address not later than the date and time stipulated in the Legal Notice and Invitation to Bid.

Submit the original signed bid (and its accompanying photocopy) to:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board of the City of Brownsville, Texas 1155 FM 511 Olmito, Texas 78575

Attention: Ms. Diane Solitaire Purchasing Department

Each bid must be submitted in duplicate as stated above (original signature and photocopy), in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the BIDDER, his address, and the name of the Project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid itself must be enclosed in another mailing envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

#### 4. METHOD OF BIDDING: UNIT PRICE.

Prices shall be firm, not subject to qualification, condition, or adjustment. Prices shall be in United States dollars. Prices shall be lump sum except where unit prices are requested by the bid forms. If unit price items are required by the bid, the unit prices for each of the several items in the bid of each BIDDER shall include its pro-rata share of overhead so that the sum of the products obtained by multiplying the quantity shown for each item by the unit price bid represents the total bid. Any bid not conforming to the requirement may be rejected as informal and non-responsive. The special attention of all BIDDERS is called to this provision, for should conditions make it necessary to revise the quantities, no limit will be fixed for such increased or decreased quantities nor extra compensation allowed, provided the net monetary value of all such additive and subtractive changes in quantities of such items of work pursuant to public competitive bidding statutes (i.e., difference in cost) shall not increase or decrease the original contract price by more than twenty-five (25%) percent. The CONTRACTOR must agree to a proposed decrease only that exceeds twenty-five (25%) percent of the original contract price in advance.

#### 5. DISCLOSURE BY BIDDER:

Each BIDDER shall submit with the bid documents, on the form furnished for that purpose, the Bid Disclosure Statement showing their experience record in performing the type of work embraced in the contract, the organization and equipment available for the work contemplated, and, when specifically requested by the OWNER, a detailed financial statement. The OWNER shall have the right to take such steps as it deems necessary to determine the ability and

responsibility of the BIDDER to perform the obligations under the Contract and the BIDDER shall be responsive in furnishing the OWNER all such information and data for this purpose as it may request. OWNER reserves the right to reject any bid where an investigation of the available evidence or information does not satisfy the OWNER that the BIDDER is responsible to properly carry out the terms of the Contract. This shall also apply to any proposed SUBCONTRACTOR(s).

#### **6. SUBCONTRACTS:**

The BIDDER is specifically advised that any person, firm, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a subcontract under this contract must be acceptable to the OWNER, and that a Bid Disclosure Statement for each proposed SUBCONTRACTOR must also be submitted with the bid documents.

#### 7. BID SECURITY:

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or a bid bond prepared on the form of the bid bond attached hereto, duly executed by the BIDDER as principal and having as surety therein a surety company approved by the OWNER, and authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in the amount of not less than \$2,500.00 or 5% of total bid. Such checks, or bid bonds will be returned to all except the three lowest BIDDERS within fifteen (15) days after the opening of bids, and the remaining checks, or bid bonds will be returned promptly after the OWNER and the accepted BIDDER have executed the contract or if no award has been made, within ninety (90) days after the date of the opening of bids. The bid security will be returned upon demand of the BIDDER at any time thereafter, so long as they have not been notified of the acceptance of their bid.

#### 8. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS:

No oral interpretations by OWNER and its representatives shall be binding upon OWNER as to the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents, or other pre-bid documents.

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the bid documents will be made by ADDENDUM only. Changes or corrections will only be issued by the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department. Addenda will be emailed to all who have returned the bid acknowledgment form. Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the vendors/contractors to determine whether all Addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department prior to submitting a response to the 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 bid. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. Addenda may also be posted on BPUB's webpage.

#### 9. FACSIMILE MODIFICATION:

Any BIDDER may modify (not originally submit) his bid by facsimile communication at any time prior to the scheduled bid closing time for receipt of bids, provided such communication is

received by the OWNER, in the BPUB Purchasing Department, <u>prior to</u> the bid closing time, and provided further, the OWNER is satisfied that a written confirmation of the facsimile modification, over the original signature of the BIDDER, was also mailed <u>prior to</u> the bid closing time. The facsimile communication should <u>not reveal the total bid price</u>, but only should provide the clarification, addition or subtraction, or other modification, so that the final bid prices or terms intended will <u>not</u> be known by the OWNER, until the original sealed bid is opened and the modification computed by OWNER.

Revised bids submitted before the opening of bids, whether forwarded by mail or facsimile, if representing an increase in excess of two percent (2%) of the original bid submittal, must have the bid security (bid bond or check) adjusted accordingly; otherwise the bid will not be considered responsive.

If the written and originally signed confirmation of a bid revision is not received within three (3) calendar days after the bid closing time, no consideration will be given to any proposed adjustment contained in the facsimile modification.

#### 10. TIME FOR RECEIVING BIDS:

Bids received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be securely kept sealed by BPUB. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived, and no bid received thereafter will be considered; except that when a bid arrives by mail after the time fixed for opening, but before the public reading of all other bids is completed, and it is shown to the satisfaction of the OWNER that the non-arrival on time was due solely to delay in the mails for which the BIDDER was not responsible, such bid will be received and considered.

BIDDERS are cautioned that, while facsimile modifications of bids may be received as provided above, such modifications, if not explicit and if in any sense subject to misinterpretation, shall make the bid so modified or amended, subject to rejection for non-responsiveness.

#### 11. OPENING OF BIDS:

At the time and place fixed for the opening of bids, the OWNER will cause to be opened and publicly read aloud every bid received within the time set for receiving bids, irrespective of any irregularities therein. BIDDERS and other persons properly interested may be present, in person or by representative.

#### 12. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bids may be withdrawn via written, electronic, or facsimile request dispatched by the BIDDER in time for delivery in the normal course of business prior to the time fixed for bid opening; provided, that written confirmation of any facsimile or electronic withdrawal over the signature of the BIDDER is placed in the mail and postmarked prior to the time set for bid opening. The

bid security of any BIDDER withdrawing their bid in accordance with the foregoing conditions will be returned promptly.

#### 13. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible BIDDER submitting the lowest bid complying with the conditions of the Legal Notice and Invitation for Bids. The BIDDER to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The OWNER, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received, whenever such rejection or waiver is in its interest.

The OWNER reserves the right to consider as not responsible, any BIDDER who does not habitually perform with his own forces the major portions of the work involved in performance of the personal services embraced in this Contract.

#### 14. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:

Subsequent to the award and within ten (10) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful BIDDER shall execute and deliver to the OWNER an agreement in the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of copies as the OWNER may require.

Having satisfied all conditions of award as set forth elsewhere in these Documents, the successful BIDDER shall, within the period specified in the preceding paragraph, furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, in accordance with the following parameters:

- a.) For a Contract in excess of \$100,000.00, a Performance Bond shall be executed in the full amount of the Contract, conditioned upon the faithful and timely performance of the Work in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents. Said Bond shall be solely for the protection of the OWNER.
- b.) For a Contract in excess of \$50,000.00, a Payment Bond shall be executed in the full amount of the Contract, solely for the protection of all proper claimants supplying labor and material in the prosecution of the Work provided for in the Contract, for the use of each such claimant perfecting a proper claim. Payment Bonds are required under Texas law, since no mechanics' liens are allowed against BPUB's public property assets.

When bonds are required, they shall serve as security for the faithful performance of the Contract, and for the payment of all persons, firms or corporations to whom the Contractor may become legally indebted to for labor, materials, tools, equipment, or services of any nature, including utility and transportation services employed or used by him in performing the work. Such bonds shall be in the same form as that included in the Contract Documents and shall bear the same date as, or a date subsequent to that of the Agreement. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for any surety company shall be attached to such bonds. These bonds shall be signed by a guaranty or surety company legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

The failure of the successful BIDDER to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) calendar days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, or within such extended period as the OWNER may grant in writing, based upon reasons determined sufficient by the OWNER, shall constitute a default, and the OWNER may either award the contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible BIDDER, or re-advertise for bids, and may charge against the defaulting BIDDER the difference between the amount of the defaulted bid and the amount for which a final contract for the work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the bid bond. If a more favorable bid is received by re-advertising, the defaulting BIDDER shall have no claim against the OWNER for a bid bond refund.

#### 15. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT:

The successful BIDDER, upon their failure or refusal to execute and deliver the Contract, Bond and insurance certificates required within ten (10) days after receiving notice of the acceptance of their bid, shall forfeit to the OWNER, as liquidated damages (and not as a penalty) for such failure or refusal, the security deposited with his bid.

#### 16. TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

BIDDER must agree to commence Work on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" issued by the OWNER. Vendor shall adhere to schedules as will be provided for each project.

#### 17. NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Attention is particularly called to those parts of the Contract Documents and Specifications which deal with the following:

- A. Insurance requirements.
- B. Indemnification by Vendor.
- C. Wage and Hour Provisions.
- D. State Sales and Use Tax Exemption Provisions

#### 18. LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

The Bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, codes and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over performance of the project shall apply to the Contract throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the Contract the same as though herein written out in full.

# 19. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirement for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, religion, age, gender, sexual preference, physically challenged condition or national origin.

#### **20.** PRE-BID CONFERENCE: (NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS CONTRACT)

A pre-bid meeting between the OWNER, prospective bidders, suppliers, etc., will be held to answer any questions concerning the work. No addenda will be issued at this meeting. Subsequent thereto, if necessary to clear up any written questions, a written addendum will be issued by the OWNER to all pre-bid conference attendees. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the place, time and date indicated in the Legal Notice and Invitation to Bid. Interested parties are invited to attend. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but is recommended for all vendors and suppliers interested in bidding the Work.

# 21. SUBMITTAL OF TRENCH SAFETY DESIGN: (NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS CONTRACT)

#### 22. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID:

Each BIDDER shall submit with his bid pertinent information concerning proposed equipment and materials and proposed construction organization.

a) Equipment and Materials. In addition to the information submitted on the bid and bid data forms, each BIDDER shall submit all specifications, preliminary drawings, and similar descriptive information necessary to describe completely the equipment and materials he proposes to furnish.

The bid shall be based on using new equipment and materials which comply with the Specifications and Documents in every respect, unless existing equipment is specifically noted by OWNER for reuse. If alternate or "equal" equipment and materials are indicated in the bid, it shall be understood that the OWNER will have the option of selecting any one of the alternates so indicated and such selection shall not be a cause for extra contractor compensation or extension of time. OWNER specifically reserves the legal right to specify "sole source" equipment or materials in the Specifications when unique circumstances warrant.

b) Contractor's Field Organization. Each BIDDER shall submit with his bid an organizational chart showing the names of field management, supervisory, and technical personnel, and the details of the management, supervisory, and technical organization which he proposes to use for this Project. The successful BIDDER's organizational concept will be subject to the review and acceptance of the OWNER. The experience record of the Contractor's field superintendent shall be submitted with the bid.

#### 23. PREFERENCE LAW:

Bid evaluations will take into consideration any Preference Laws of the State of Texas, and any reciprocity laws of other states as they may be addressed by Texas law.

#### 24. SUBSURFACE GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS: (RESERVED)

#### 25. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS MATERIALS:

After completion of this project, there may be in some instances where an excess of material or waste material is left over. In such cases where there is an excess of material, BIDDER shall load and haul it away from the job site and dispose of it in a legal manner so as not to trespass, adversely impact any protected wetlands, adversely impact the 100 year flood plain, adversely impact any endangered species, or otherwise create drainage diversions or impoundments. No extra remuneration for this work will be allowed.

#### 26. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES:

The BIDDER is expected to conduct his Work in such a manner as to minimize any soil erosion or sediment runoff from the construction site. Earth cuts and fills shall have smooth, flat sideslopes, as generally indicated on the PLANS, to preclude erosion of the soil. Such operations should be timed consistent with the actual need for doing the Work and only to leave raw, unprotected surfaces for a minimum of time.

Existing lawns are to remain intact as far as practical. Such areas as are disturbed shall be duly restored by the BIDDER to as good as or better than original condition using the same type of grass, shrubs, or cover as the original. The BIDDER shall be responsible for correcting any erosion that occurs at his sole cost without claim for extra compensation.

As construction progresses, and in accordance with State and federal laws regulating stormwater runoff and management from construction sites greater than five acres in size, if applicable, (See: Section 405 of the Water Quality Act of 1987, Section 402(P) as amended), and at locations where erosion with sediment runoff occurs or is likely to occur, the BIDDER shall construct temporary ditches, perimeter siltation screens, retainage levees, drains, inlets, or other works to manage, prevent, or correct the possible conditions. Upon completion of the Work, such facilities shall be removed.

During construction, the BIDDER shall take the necessary precautions to see that erosion is controlled and sediment runoff is prevented so as to protect the quality of any neighboring water bodies.

#### 27. SAFETY PROVISIONS:

BIDDER shall provide barricades, flares, warning signs, and/or flagmen so that danger and inconvenience to the public, railroad and job site working personnel will be eliminated. In addition to any other requirements of the Contract Documents, the BIDDER shall be responsible for familiarity and compliance with all Federal (OSHA), State, Railroad and local safety rules, laws and requirements with particular attention to be given to personal protection requirements.

#### 28. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND EXISTING UTILITIES:

Within developed areas, all public and private property along and adjacent to the BIDDER'S operations, including roads, driveways, lawns, yards, shrubs, drainage gradients, and trees, shall be adequately protected, and when damages occur, they shall be repaired, replaced, or renewed or otherwise put in a condition equal to, or better than, that which existed before the BIDDER caused the damage or removal.

An attempt has been made by BPUB to show all known existing utilities on the PLANS, <u>but the possibility remains strong that some underground utilities may exist that have not been shown</u>. The BIDDER, through mandatory contact with local utility owners, shall keep himself informed and take such precautions as necessary to avoid utility damage and unsafe working conditions for employees.

#### 29. WAGES AND HOURS:

The most recent wage rate determination from the U.S. Department of Labor for Cameron County, Texas as amended within the previous three (3) years and as locally adopted by the BPUB, is a part of these Specifications and controls minimum wage, hour and any fringe benefits, with the exception that no wage shall be paid below \$8.00 as established locally by the BPUB.

#### **30. GUARANTEE:**

The BIDDER shall warranty and guarantee the Work, equipment and materials for a period of at least one (1) year after date of final acceptance in writing by the OWNER. During this period, the BIDDER shall make any repairs and/or replacements of defective equipment and materials and corrections of Work due to poor workmanship, all as may be required for full compliance with the General Conditions, Plans and Specifications. This combined workmanship quality guarantee, and minimal equipment and materials warranty, shall apply to all matters reported by the OWNER in writing within said one (1) year period and this post-construction guarantee/warranty period shall be included in the coverage period set forth in the Performance Bond.

#### 31. STATE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION:

Pursuant to 34 Texas Administrative Code 3.291, in order for the Brownsville PUB to continue to benefit from its status as a State Sales and Use Tax Exempt Organization, after August 14, 1991, construction contracts must be awarded on a "separated contract" basis. A "separated contract" is one that distinguishes the value of the tangible personal property (materials such as pipe, bricks, lumber, concrete, paint, etc.) to be physically incorporated into the Project realty, from the total Contract price. Under the "separated contract" format, the Contractor in effect becomes a "seller" to the Brownsville PUB of materials that are to be physically incorporated into the Project realty. As a "seller", the Contractor will issue a "Texas Certificate of Resale" to the supplier in lieu of paying the sales tax on materials at the time of purchase. The contractor will also issue a "Certificate of Exemption" to the supplier demonstrating that the personal property is being purchased for resale and that the resale is to the Brownsville PUB, which is a sales tax exempt entity under UTCA Tax Code Section 151.309(5). Contractors should be careful to consult the most recent guidelines of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding the sales tax status of supplies and equipment that are used and/or consumed during project work (gas, oil, rental equipment), but that are not physically incorporated into the project realty. Such items are generally not tax exempt. Contractors that have questions about the implementation of this statute are asked to inquire directly with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, Tax Administration Division, State of Texas, Austin, Texas 78774. Bidders will not include any federal taxes in bid prices since the City of Brownsville and Brownsville PUB are exempt from payment of such federal taxes. "Texas Certificates of Exemption", "Texas Certificates of Resale" and "Texas Sales Tax Permits" are forms available to the Contractor through the regional offices of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts.

#### **BID** B048-24

Place: BPUB Purchasing Department 1155 FM 511

Due Date: **May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM** Opening Date: May 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM

| Bid of   | hereinafter called BIDDER, a           |
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| corporation organized and existing under the laws of the |  |
| or an individual doing business as                       | ·                                      |
| To the Public Utilities Board of the City of OWNER.      | Brownsville, Texas, hereinafter called |
| Gentlemen:   |  |

The BIDDER, in compliance with your invitation for bids for **ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES**, having examined the specifications with related documents and the site of the proposed work, and being familiar with all of the conditions surrounding the construction of the proposed project, including the availability of materials and labor, hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials and supplies, and to construct the project in accordance with the contract documents, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices shown in the attached Bid Schedule. These price(s) are to cover all expenses incurred in performing the work required under the contract documents, of which this BID is a part. These price(s) are firm and shall not be subject to adjustment provided this BID is accepted within ninety (90) days after the time set for receipt of BIDS.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence work under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "Notice to Proceed" to be issued by the OWNER and to adhere to schedules as will be provided for each project.

BIDDER agrees to perform all work for which he contracts as described in the specifications for the unit prices shown on the attached Bid Schedule.

#### **Special Instructions:**

Crew(s) must have a cellular phone, provided to them by vendor. Vendor's vehicles must be marked with their Company name (logo), phone number and vehicle unit number on the door with letters readable up to 100'. Vendor's employees shall wear clothing that is presentable-clean with no tears.

#### **BID SCHEDULE**

#### **BASE BID**

#### **BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**

The Bidder, in compliance with the invitation for bids for the <u>Annual Hauling and Loading Services</u>, having examined the scope of work and written specifications, hereby proposes to furnish:

Annual Hauling/Loading for the following unit price: 1.) Base Bid - Hauling: Unit Price (in words) Unit Price (in figures) \$ /CY Dollars Cents/CY 2.) Base Bid - Loading: Unit Price (in words) Unit Price (in figures) \$ /CY Dollars Cents/CY RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT BELOW MAY BE REQUIRED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. 3.) Alternate Bid – Loader: A. Rental Hourly Rate/Day (0-8 hrs/day) Unit Price (in figures) Unit Price (in words) \$ /Hour Dollars Cents/Hour B. Rental Hourly Rate/Week (40 Hrs/week) Unit Price (in words) Unit Price (in figures) \$ /Hour Dollars Cents/Hour C. Rental Hourly Rate/Month (240 hrs/ Month) Unit Price (in words) Unit Price (in figures) \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars \$ /Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Cents/Hour

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4.) Alternate Bid - Dump Truck:

|    | Rental Hourly Rate/Day (0-8 hrs/day)<br>Unit Price (in words)  |                           | Unit Price | (in figures)          |
|----|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
|    |  | _Dollars                  | \$         | /Hour                 |
|    |  | _Cents/Hour               |            |                       |
| В. | Rental Hourly Rate/Week (40 hrs/week)<br>Unit Price (in words) |                           | Unit Price | (in figures)          |
|    |  | _Dollars                  | \$         | /Hour                 |
|    |  | _Cents/Hour               |            |                       |
| C. | Rental Hourly Rate/Month (240 hrs/mon<br>Unit Price (in words) | th)                       | Unit Price | (in figures)          |
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| В. | Rental Hourly Rate/Week (40 hrs/week)<br>Unit Price (in words) | _ Cents/Hour              | Unit Price | (in figures)          |
| В. |  | _ Cents/Hour              | Unit Price | _                     |
| B. |  | _                         |            | _                     |
|    | Unit Price (in words)  | _ Dollars<br>_ Cents/Hour |            | /Hour                 |
|    | Unit Price (in words)  Rental Hourly Rate/Month (240 hrs/mon   | _ Dollars<br>_ Cents/Hour | \$         | /Hour<br>(in figures) |

6.) Alternate Bid – Motor Grader Rental:

| Rental Hourly Rate/Day (0-8 hrs/day)<br>Unit Price (in words)  |  | Unit Price (i         | n figures)  |
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|  | _Dollars   | \$                    | /Hour   |
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|  | _Cents/Hour  |                       |   |
| Rental Hourly Rate/Month (240 hrs/mon<br>Unit Price (in words) | nth)   | Unit Price (i         | n figures)  |
|  | _Dollars   | \$                    | /Hour   |
|  | _Cents/Hour  |                       |   |
| ate Bid – Track Mounted Excavator Renta                        | al:  |                       |   |
| Rental Hourly Rate/Day (0-8 hrs/day)<br>Unit Price (in words)  |  | Unit Price (i         | n figures)  |
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8.) Alternate Bid – 2,500 Gallon Water Truck Rental:

- Successful bidder shall be responsible for landfill disposal charges, if applicable.
- As needed, the Brownsville PUB will request hauling and loading services of spoils from sedimentation basins or sludge lagoons. Successful bidder must be registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and must be certified to haul the spoils (sludge) from sedimentation basins/sludge lagoons. Vendor must provide certificate upon request or as needed.

| • | <b>NOTE:</b> | THE   | BID  | WILL    | BE    | <b>EVALUATED</b>  | <b>BASED</b> | ON | THE | BASE | BID |
|---|--------------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------------------|--------------|----|-----|------|-----|
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| _      | (HAULING/LOADING PRICE) ONLY   |                | DAGED      | OI      |          | DASE                | שנט               |
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|        | BIDDER Acknowledges receipt of the   | following add  | denda:     |         |          |                     |                   |
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|        |  |                |            |         |          | _                   | <del>.</del><br>- |
| Work   | SUBCONTRACTORS. The undersign form the Work at the project sites with not performed by the undersigned will intractors.  | his own force  | es and tho | se spe  | cific p  | ortions             | of the            |
|        | Work Subcontracted   | <u> </u>       | Name of S  | ubcor   | ntractor |                     |                   |
| insura | The above unit prices shall include nce, etc., to cover the finished work of the state of the st |                |            |         | al, ove  | rhead, <sub>1</sub> | profit,           |
| waive  | BIDDER understands that the OWNEI any informalities in the bidding.  | R reserves the | right to r | eject a | ny or a  | all bids a          | and to            |
| ninety | BIDDER agrees that this Bid shall be (90) days after the scheduled closing time  | _              | •          | withdı  | rawn fo  | or a peri           | od of             |

The undersigned hereby declares that only the persons or firms interested in the bid as principal or principals are named herein, and that no other persons or firms than are herein mentioned have any interest in this Bid or in the Contract to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company, or parties likewise submitting a bid or bid; and that it is in all respects for and in good faith, without collusion or fraud.

Upon receipt of written notice of the acceptance of this Bid, BIDDER will furnish the Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance and execute the formal Contract attached within ten (10) days as required under the Special Instructions and Exhibit C. The Bid security attached in the sum of \_ become the property of the OWNER in the event the Contract, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and insurance certificates are not executed or delivered within the time above set forth, as mutually agreed to liquidated damages and not as a penalty for the delay and additional administrative expense to the OWNER caused thereby; otherwise the Bid security will be returned upon the signing of the Contract and delivering the approved Performance Bond, Payment Bond and insurance certificates.

| Seal affixed here if BID is by a Corporation:          |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Respectfully submitted,                                |                                |
| By: Signature (must be signed or will be disqualified) | Print Name / Title             |
| Company Name   | Address, City, State, Zip Code |
| Phone Number   | Fax Number                     |

#### **BID BOND**

| STATE OF TEXAS                                     | ⊄                 |                 |                |              |         |      |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------|------|
|  | •                 | V ALL MEN B     | Y THESE PR     | ESENTS:      |         |      |
| COUNTY OF CAMERON                                  | ⊄                 |                 |                |              |         |      |
|  |                   |                 |                |              |         |      |
| THAT WE, the undersigned.                          | ,                 |                 |                |              | as      | S    |
| Principal, and                                     |                   |                 |                |              | rmly bo | und  |
| unto the PUBLIC UTILITI                            |                   |                 |                |              |         |      |
| OWNER in liquidated damage                         | ges (not as a per | nalty) of       |                | fo           | or      | the  |
| payment of which, well and successors and assigns. | truly to be mad   | le, we hereby j | jointly and se | verally bind | ourselv | ves, |
| Signed, this                                       | day of            |                 | , 20_          | _•           |         |      |

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to the OWNER a certain BID attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof to enter into a contract in writing, for **ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES.** 

#### NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said BID shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said BID shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form of Agreement attached hereto (properly completed in accordance with said BID) and shall furnish payment and performance bonds for his faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection therewith, and shall furnish insurance certificates, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said BID,

then this obligation shall be void. Otherwise the same shall remain in force and effect, it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its BOND shall be in no way impaired or affected by an extension of the time within which the OWNER may accept such BID; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, the day and year first set forth above.

| Signed, this | day of | 20 |
|--------------|--------|----|
|              |        |    |
|              |        |    |
| Principal    |        |    |
|              |        |    |
| Surety       |        |    |
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IMPORTANT – Surety companies executing BONDS must be legally authorized by the State Board of Insurance to transact business in the State of Texas.

#### **CONTRACTOR'S**

# PRE-BID DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

All questions must be answered or your bid will be deemed non-responsive and subject to rejection. The data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he desires.

| 1. T      | his Pre-Bid Disclosure                | e Statement is submi  | tted to the Public Utilities Board | by:       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|           |                                       | a Corporation         | n,a Partnership,a                  | Texas     |
| Joint Ven | ture, or an Indiv                     | ridual. Address:      |                                    |           |
| Contracto | or's #:<br>Zip Code                   | City _                | State                              |           |
|           | Zip Code                              |                       |                                    |           |
| 2. Y      | ears in business under                | present business na   | me:                                |           |
|           | ears of experience in or, A Subcontra | • -                   | called for in this contract as:    | A General |
| 4. W      | hat projects has your                 | organization comple   | eted? List most recent FIRST.      |           |
| Contrac   | t Type of Work                        | Date Completed        | Owner's Name and Address           | Amount    |
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| 5. W      | hat projects does you                 | r organization have ı | under way as of this date?         |           |
| Contrac   | t Type of Work                        | Date Completed        | Owner's Name and Address           | Amount    |
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|           | Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you?  es No. If "Yes", state where and why  |
|-----------|--|
|           |  |
| 7.<br>Yo  | Are you at present in any lawsuits involving work of any type? es No. If "Yes", explain:   |
| 8. propos | Explain in detail the manner in which you have inspected the work and jobsites sed in this contract:   |
| 9.        | Explain in detail your plan or layout for performing the work proposed in this contract  |
|           | If this contract is awarded to you, your company's office administrative manager for ork will be Mr. (Ms.), and your resident jobsite ntendent will be Mr. (Ms.) |
|           | What experience in this type of work does the individual designated as resident ntendent above have?   |
| 12.       | What portions of the work do you intend to subcontract?  |
|           |  |

13. What equipment do you own or lease that is available for the proposed work?

| Quantity    | Description, Size Capacity, Etc.   | Condition       | Years in Service      | Present Location  |
|-------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|             |  |                 |                       |                   |
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|             | e you received firm offers from any within the price totals used in prepare    |                 |                       | material and/or   |
|             | ch resumes for the principal member<br>proposed superintendent for the pro-    |                 | ganization, including | g the officers as |
|             | able: \$ Bank Re   | ference:        |                       |                   |
|             | pacity available: \$   |                 |                       |                   |
|             | undersigned hereby authorizes and ation requested by the Owner in vestatement. |                 |                       |                   |
|             | signatory of this questionnaire guarant and all answers herein expressed.      | arantees the tr | ruth and accuracy o   | f all statements  |
| Date        | ed this day of   | , 20            |                       |                   |
| By:_        |  |                 |                       |                   |
| Title       | o:   |                 |                       |                   |
| STATE OF    |  |                 |                       |                   |
| COUNTY      | OF   |                 |                       |                   |
| Subs        | scribed and sworn to before me this  | sday of _       | , 20                  |                   |
| Notary Publ | lic  |                 |                       |                   |

My commission expires:

#### **SUBCONTRACTOR'S**

# PRE-BID DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

All questions must be answered or the Bid of the General Contractor will be deemed non-responsive and subject to rejection. The data given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized. If necessary, questions may be answered on separate attached sheets. The Bidder may submit any additional information he desires.

| -                       | ration, a Partnersl<br>              | -   | t Venture, or an Individual.<br>Contractor's  | #:     |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| City                    |                                      | State   | Zip Code  |        |
| 2. Yea                  | rs in business under                 | present business nar                            | me:   |        |
| Contractor  4. Hav YesN | , A Subcontractive you ever previous | ctor  ly worked as subcontost recent projects i | ed for in this contract as: A Gen<br>tractor for this general contracto<br>n which your company has serve | r?     |
| 5. Wh                   | at projects has your                 | organization comple                             | ted? List most recent FIRST.  |        |
|                         |                                      |   | ted? List most recent FIRST.  Owner's Name and Address  | Amount |
| 5. What Contract        | at projects has your of Type of Work | organization comple  Date Completed             | ted? List most recent FIRST.  Owner's Name and Address  | Amount |
|                         |                                      |   | <u></u>   | Amount |

6. What projects does your organization have under way as of this date?

| Contract | Type of Work | Date Completed | Owner's Name and Address | Amount |
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| 7. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you?  Yes No. If "Yes," state where and why   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 8. Are you at present in any lawsuits involving work of any type?  Yes No. If "Yes", explain:   |             |
| 9. Explain in detail the manner in which you have inspected the work and jobsit proposed in this contract:  | ees         |
| 10. Explain in detail your plan or layout for performing the work proposed in thi   | s contract: |
| 11. If this subcontract is awarded to you, your company's office administrative n the work will be Mr. (Ms.), and your resider superintendent will be Mr. (Ms.) | -           |

|              | at experience in this type of work do  | oes the individ | lual designated as re | esident          |
|--------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 13. Wha      | nt portions of the work do you inten   | d to sub-subco  | ontract?              |                  |
| 14. What eq  | uipment do you own or lease that i   | s available for | the proposed work     | ?                |
| Quantity     | Description, Size Capacity, Etc.   | Condition       | Years in Service      | Present Location |
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|              | e you received firm offers from sup<br>within the price totals used in prepa<br>No   |                 |                       | rial and/or      |
|              | ch resumes for the principal members proposed superintendent for the proposed superintendent for the proposed superintendent for the proposed superintendent for the principal members are principal members are proposed superintendent for the principal members are principal members a | •               | ganization, including | g the officers   |
| Credit avail | able: \$ Bar   | nk Reference:   |                       |                  |
| Bonding Ca   | pacity available: \$   |                 | _                     |                  |
| any inform   | undersigned hereby authorizes and ation requested by the Owner i or Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement.  |                 |                       |                  |
|              | signatory of this questionnaire gua<br>and all answers herein expressed.   | rantees the tru | th and accuracy of a  | all statements   |
| Date         | ed this day of   | , 20            |                       |                  |

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| Title:                                 |            |
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| STATE OF                               |            |
| COUNTY OF                              |            |
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| Subscribed and sworn to before me this | day of, 20 |
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| Notary Public                          |            |
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#### PERFORMANCE BOND

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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| (Name of Contractor)  |
| (Address of Contractor)   |
| a   |
| (corporation, partnership, or individual)   |
| hereinafter called Principal, and   |
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| (Name of Surety)  |
|   |
| (Address of Surety)   |
| hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of   |
| the city of Brownsville, Texas hereinafter called OWNER, in liquidated damages (not as a penalty) the sum of Dollars (\$  |
| in lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. |
| THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that whereas, the Principal entered into a certain contract with the OWNER, dated theday of, 20, a copy of which                                 |
| is hereto attached and made a part hereof, for the <b>Annual Hauling and Loading Services.</b>  |

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform its duties, all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, and agreements of said contract during the original term thereof, and any extensions thereof which may be granted by the OWNER, with or without notice to the Surety and during the one year post-construction workmanship guaranty period, and if he shall satisfy all claims and demands incurred under such contract, and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the OWNER from all costs and damages which it may suffer by reason of failure to do so, and shall reimburse and repay the OWNER all outlay and expense which the OWNER may incur in making good any default, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed thereunder or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any wise affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall abridge the right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose claim may be unsatisfied.

This bond is subject to and governed by Section 2253.02 of the Texas Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated) and Article 7.19-1 of Vernon's Texas Insurance Code and all amendments thereto.

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| (Principal) Secretary  | Ву: | (Signature) |            |
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| ATTEST:                |     | (Surety)           |  |
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| (Surety) Secretary     | Ву: | (Attorney-in-Fact) |  |
| (SEAL)                 |     |                    |  |
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NOTE: Date of BOND must not be prior to date of Contract. If Contractor is a Partnership, all partners should execute BOND.

IMPORTANT: Surety companies executing BONDS must be legally authorized by the State Board of Insurance to transact business in the State of Texas.

# ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY

#### PAYMENT BOND

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

| THAT                                       |                               |   |               |
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|  | (Name of Co                   | ntractor)   |               |
|  | (Address of C                 | Contractor)   |               |
| a  | hereinafter                   | called Principal, and   |               |
|  | (Name of Sur                  | rety)   |               |
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NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall promptly make payment to all persons, firms, SUBCONTRACTORS, and corporations furnishing materials for or performing labor in the prosecution of the WORK provided for in such contract, and any authorized extension or modification thereof, including all amounts due for materials, lubricants, oil, gasoline, repairs on machinery, equipment and tools, consumed or used in connection with the construction of such WORK, and all insurance premiums on said WORK, and for all labor, performed in such WORK whether by SUBCONTRACTOR or otherwise, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

is hereto attached and made a part hereof, for the **Annual Hauling and Loading Services**.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the said surety, for value received hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to WORK to be performed thereunder or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any wise affect its obligation on this BOND, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract or to the WORK or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR shall abridge any remaining legal right of any beneficiary hereunder, whose timely filed and legally perfected claim may be unsatisfied.

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# ATTACH POWER OF ATTORNEY

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS GENERAL INTENT, REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. <u>INTENT</u>: It is the intent of the Brownsville PUB to establish a term contract with a qualified Service Provider to provide hauling and loading of spoiled dirt services for Brownsville PUB in areas located throughout the City of Brownsville and outlying areas.
- 2. SCOPE: Term contract will be awarded for the following:
  - Furnish all personnel, vehicles and equipment needed to effectively perform the annual hauling and loading services.
- 3. <u>ALLOWANCE OF IN-HOUSE WORK:</u> No section or portion of the contract shall be constructed or interpreted to preclude the Brownsville PUB from accomplishing any task, or undertaking any operation or project, utilizing its own work force.
- 4. <u>TERMS:</u> The initial term of this contract will be for 1 year from the date of award. Brownsville PUB may, unilaterally, extend the contract for two (2) additional one (1) year periods if price and services are satisfactory and agreed upon in writing by both parties.
- 5. PRICE: The price will remain firm for the initial one (1) year contract period.
- 6. <u>PAYMENT TERMS:</u> Payment will be made on a monthly basis after satisfactory completion and inspection of the work by Brownsville PUB personnel. Submit invoices to Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Attn: Accounts Payable, 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, Texas 78521 or email APinvoices@brownsville-pub.com.
- 7. <u>INTERRUPTED SERVICE:</u> After an interruption caused by severe inclement weather or other disaster the service provider must be prepared to complete the work without unnecessary delays.
- 8. <u>INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (if applicable):</u> The Brownsville PUB's inspection and acceptance of contractual compliance will be accomplished by a representative of the Water/Wastewater Construction & Operations Department. The name and telephone number of each Brownsville PUB representative appointed for this contract will be furnished in writing to the contractor prior to commencement of the contract period.
- 9. <u>PERFORMANCE:</u> All work performed shall be of high quality and in accordance with good practices, procedures and industry standards. The service provider must conform to all Federal, State, and local laws and governmental regulations.
- 10. <u>RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICE PROVIDER:</u> The service provider, at no expense to the Brownsville PUB, shall:
  - a. Obtain all necessary licenses and permits required in full performance of this contract.

- b. Provide competent supervision during the term of this contract necessary to perform the work as required.
- c. Maintain on site, at all times work is being performed, an individual who represents the contractor and can adequately communicate, both orally and in writing, with the Brownsville PUB representative.
- d. Take the precautions necessary to protect persons or property against injury or damage and be responsible for any such damage, or injury, that occurs as a result of their fault or negligence.
- e. Perform the work without unnecessary interference with other contractors' work or Brownsville PUB activities.
- f. Provide all necessary labor, equipment, and materials required to perform the work required by this contract.
- g. Service Provider agrees that its personnel and equipment shall at all times present a neat appearance. Clothing and apparel must be clean and pressed-torn clothing and un-tucked shirttails are considered unprofessional and will not be allowed.
- h. A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) form must be filled out and signed by the SERVICE PROVIDER prior to the execution of this Contract and updated every month (See Exhibit "H").
- i. All Service Provider vehicles and equipment must be easily identified as owned or under the control of the Service Provider by means of signs with easily identifiable company logos and vehicle numbers visible up to 100'. In addition, all vehicles and equipment must be insured in accordance with Brownsville PUB insurance requirements (see Exhibit C) and current with all state required safety inspection requirements and vehicle registrations.
- Vehicles must carry and deploy sufficient warning signs for pedestrians and vehicles warning them of present dangers as required by law or industry standards.
- k. Crew(s) must have a cellular phone, provided to them by service provider.
- 11. <u>HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED:</u> Service will not be required, <u>except in emergency situations</u>, <u>or "special events"</u>, on regularly scheduled Brownsville PUB holidays. Below is a list of Brownsville PUB holidays:

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Day President's Day Cesar E. Chavez
Good Friday Memorial Day Emancipation Day Independence Day
Labor Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving Christmas Day

After award, the service provider will be furnished with the latest list of the Brownsville PUB holidays complete with the month and day of the week the holidays will be in effect.

PUB property, or to any adjoining/adjacent private or public property, resulting from the Service Provider's performance of this contract shall be the responsibility of the service provider. The service provider will, within two (2) weeks from notification either verbal or formal, contact the claimant and attempt to resolve the claim with due regard for Brownsville PUB's public relations. All valid claims must be resolved within thirty (30) days of notification. In the event the service provider does not contract the claimant or resolve the claim in the time frame above; the Brownsville PUB may investigate the complaint and determine its validity. Damages determined by the Brownsville PUB to be valid and due to the act(s) of the service provider, or other personnel while performing under this contract, may be corrected by Brownsville PUB and the costs incurred deducted from monies due the service provider. Repeat failures by the service provider to contact claimants or settle claims may be the basis for termination of the contract.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) requires annual hauling and loading services for use in utility construction or repair work performed by our in-house operations, maintenance, and construction crews. The CONTRACTOR **must respond within 1 business day from the time of notification** by the OWNER and **within 4 hours in the case of an emergency**, which will be at the discretion of the OWNER. The CONTRACTOR shall perform the hauling and/or loading services to the BPUB Wastewater Treatment Plant Backyard, 3208 Robindale Road, BPUB Warehouse, 1495 Robinhood Drive, BPUB Service Center 1155 FM 511, and/or specific job sites designated by the OWNER. All of the job sites will be within the BPUB's Water, Wastewater, and Electrical service areas, which are predominantly within the city of Brownsville Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). During 2023, approximately 36,000 C.Y. of spoiled dirt was compiled for hauling and loading services. BPUB expects a similar amount of services to be performed during this contract period, but it is not guaranteed.

<u>MATERIALS</u>: The CONTRACTOR will be hauling materials in conjunction with underground construction of water, wastewater, and electric utilities. Examples of types of material are sand, caliche, asphalt, and miscellaneous spoiled materials. The OWNER will provide these materials and the CONTRACTOR will provide hauling and loading services only.

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>: The CONTRACTOR shall own all equipment required to provide services to haul/load material. The CONTRACTOR shall show proof of ownership and insurance on this equipment. Equipment required, but not limited to, is as follows:

- I. Dump Trucks
- II. Front End Loader
- III. Backhoe 410-G John Deere or equivalent size
- IV. Motor Grader
- V. 10 Ton Roller
- VI. 2,500 Gallon Water Truck
- VII. Track Mounted Excavator

HAULING/LOADING MEASUREMENT: Material hauled/loaded shall be measured by the cubic yard. Each dump truck owned by the CONTRACTOR shall be assigned an identification number, its box shall be permanently marked with a "full line", its box shall be measured to the "full line", and its capacity in cubic yards to the "full line" shall be calculated, all in the presence of the BPUB Employee. The truck cubic yard capacity will be the basis for measurement of material hauled/loaded. The material in the box shall be of uniform height in the box and even with or above the "full line". Upon completion of the hauling/loading, the dump truck driver shall present a voucher to the BPUB Employee for verification and signature. A copy of the voucher must be given to the BPUB Employee verifying hauling/loading.

#### **COMPENSATION**

- 1. Brownsville PUB agrees to pay Service Provider for the Work provided herein to be performed and materials and equipment provided herein to be used in accordance with the rate schedules attached hereto. The rate schedule(s) shall constitute a part of this Contract and should not be revised at any time except by mutual consent of the parties.
- 2. Service Provider agrees to furnish to Brownsville PUB or its representatives daily timesheets and other required reports showing the nature, amount and location of Work performed, together with the number of man hours and equipment hours involved, the quantities of materials used, the number of loads delivered and other pertinent information which may, from time to time, be required by Brownsville PUB.
- 3. Service Provider agrees to submit to Brownsville PUB weekly itemized invoices based upon the information contained in the daily timesheets and prepared in accordance with the attached rate schedule setting forth rates for each labor, material and equipment item. Invoices received by Brownsville PUB shall be paid as soon as it has had a reasonable opportunity to satisfy itself that the Work covered by such invoices has been performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
- 4. Brownsville PUB shall not reimburse Service Provider for fees paid to other local inspectors unless prior written approval for the payment of such fees has been obtained by Service Provider from Brownsville PUB.
- 5. Whenever due to special circumstances such as, but not limited to, storm emergency work, an employee of Brownsville PUB is assigned to work directly with Service Provider's employees, it is understood that such employee shall at all times remain in the employ of Brownsville PUB and under its direction and control, and that Brownsville PUB shall be responsible for all wages and payroll taxes and shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance coverage for such employee.
- 6. Services provided will be paid for by the unit price bid per cubic yard for ANNUAL HAULING/LOADING SERVICES, which price shall include all materials, equipment, labor insurance, profit and incidentals required to provide the services. Monthly pay requests shall include the following: delivery voucher mentioned above, from each delivery, a summary of the total cubic yards for which payment is requested. Only original vouchers, which are signed by a representative of BPUB, will be considered for payment.
  - a. Payment will be on a per site basis for each truckload loaded and hauled.
  - b. Payment is contingent upon Brownsville PUB personnel inspection, approval and satisfaction of completed work.
  - c. Invoices for truckload loaded and hauled shall include:

- 1) Date of Invoice
- 2) Purchase Order Number
- 3) Location of hauled/loaded material
- 4) Total of Invoice
- d. Invoices are to be issued bi-weekly for completed work that has been reviewed and approved by Brownsville PUB inspection personnel

#### **INSURANCE**

A. Service Provider agrees to maintain Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance to cover all of its own personnel engaged in performing services for Brownsville PUB under this Contract in at least the following minimum amounts:

Workmen's Compensation – Texas Statutory Employers' Liability -- \$100,000.00

B. Service Provider also agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability, Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability, and Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance covering claims against Service Provider for damages resulting from bodily injury, death or property damages from accidents arising in the course of work performed under this Contract in not less than the following amounts:

# Commercial General Liability

Personal injury and property damage – \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit each occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate

<u>Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability</u> for all vehicles: Bodily injury and property damage – \$500,000.00 combined single limit each occurrence

Excess Umbrella Liability: \$1,000,000.00

- C. Service Provider shall add the Brownsville PUB and the City of Brownsville, together with their respective commissioners, board members and employees, as additional insureds on all required insurance policies, except worker's compensation and employers' liability. The Commercial General Liability Policy and Umbrella Liability Policy shall be of an "occurrence" type policy. Insurance must be underwritten by companies acceptable to Brownsville PUB and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Insurance Certificate(s) shall provide for 30 days advance notice to Brownsville PUB of any policy amendment or cancellation.
- D. Service Provider shall furnish Brownsville PUB with an Insurance Certificate on the date this Contract is executed and accepted by the Brownsville PUB, which confirms that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect. Certificates showing that Bidder has and continues to protect itself and Brownsville PUB by means of such insurance shall be provided to the Brownsville PUB upon request at any time during Contract period.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

# Confidentiality

The Work to be performed by Service Provider and its subcontractors under the attached Service Contract is to be done at the request of the City of Brownsville, acting by and through the Brownsville PUB, a governmental body. Performance of such a task is within the authority of Brownsville PUB as a governmental body. Any information compiled or Work done by Service provider is directly related to the policy-making functions of Brownsville PUB as a governmental body, not solely to internal administration. This information will include advice, recommendations and opinions on matters involving Brownsville PUB's policy mission. All work performed by Service Provider and its subcontractors is a trade secret which will consist of a compilation of information which may give Brownsville PUB a competitive advantage over other electric utility competitors which do not have access to Service Provider's work product. This privileged and confidential work product, if disclosed or released, directly or indirectly, to a third party, could cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Brownsville PUB. Service provider shall have a duty to use its best efforts to maintain the confidentiality of its Work and its subcontractor-Work under the attached personal Service Contract. Provider shall immediately notify Brownsville PUB of any request by a third party for information concerning Service Provider's or its subcontractor's Work under the attached personal Service Contract and of any disclosure to a third party, inadvertent or otherwise, by Service Provider or its subcontractors of Work performed or being performed under the attached Service Contract. Questions regarding any alleged application of the Texas Public Information Act may need to be submitted to Brownsville PUB's legal counsel and the Texas Attorney General.

## **Independent Contractor**

In the performance of the Work provided for by the Contract, it is understood and agreed that Service Provider shall be and remain at all times an independent contractor.

#### EXHIBIT "H"

A Job Safety Analysis (JSA) form is to be completed, executed, and submitted by the Service Provider prior to entering into a contractual agreement with the OWNER. The JSA form will be valid for a period of one (1) month after which an updated JSA form is to be completed, executed and submitted by the SERVICE PROVIDER. The completed JSA form must be included along with other Contract Documents included herein. **ATTACHED IS A SAMPLE FORM**. The original will be provided to successful vendor. Assistance in completing this form is available from Adolfo Vasquez, BPUB Safety Department, at (956) 983-6254.

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|   | JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS FORM  |  |
| PROJECT NAME:   |   | DATE:  |
| PROJECT CONTRACTOR:   | POINT OF CONTACT & TEL #:   | ANALYSIS BY:   |
| BPUB DEPARTMENT:  | SECTION:  | REVIEWED BY:   |
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| SEQUENCE OF BASIC JOB STEPS Beware of being too detailed; record only the information needed to describe each job action. Rule of thumb, nor more than 10 steps/task being evaluated. | POTENTIAL ACCIDENTS OR HAZARDS  HAZARD CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES: Struck BylAgainst, Caught In/Between, Slip, Trip, or Fall, Overexerbon, Ergonomic (Awkward Postures, Excessive Force, Vibration, Repetitive Motion) | RECOMMENDED SAFE JOB PROCEDUR! HAZARD CONTROL CATEGORIES: Engineer Out (New Wato Do, Change Physical Conditions or Work Procedures, Adjust/Modify/Replace Work Station Components/Tools, Decrease Performance Frequency), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Training, Improve Housekeeping. |
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#### JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

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| TO: (Insert Service Provider's Information)   |
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| Project Description: B048-24 ANNUAL HAULING AND LOADING SERVICES  |
| Dear:   |
| The Brownsville PUB has considered the BID submitted by you for the above-described personal services project in response to its Legal Notice and Invitation for Bids dated May 22, 2024 and Instruction to Bidders.  |
| You are hereby notified that your BID has been accepted in the amount of \$   |
| You are required by the Instructions to Bidders to execute the attached two (2) Agreements and furnish the required Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice to you.   |
| If you fail to execute the Agreement and furnish the required Performance Bond, Payment Bond and insurance certificates within ten calendar (10) days from the date of this Notice, Brownsville PUB will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the Brownsville PUB's acceptance of your Bid as abandoned and as a forfeiture of your BID SECURITY. |
| The Brownsville PUB will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.   |
| You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE OF AWARD to the Brownsville PUB.   |
| Dated thisday of  |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS  |
| By: Name: Jaime Estrada Title: Director of Water & Wastewater Operations  |

# ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

| Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged by: |      |  |
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#### \*\*\*SAMPLE CONTRACT\*\*\*

# **SERVICES CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, Service Provider has the capability and capacity to provide [ENTER PROJECT NAME/SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED] as described herein.

WHEREAS, Brownsville PUB desires to engage Service Provider to provide the said services under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and Service Provider is willing to perform such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

## 1. <u>Scope of Services</u>.

Service Provider agrees to perform the services (the "Services") described below and in Exhibit "A" Scope of Services attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. The Parties by mutual agreement may provide for additional services to be performed under the terms and conditions of this Contract and described under any additional written Work Orders, pursuant to Paragraph 13 "Changes." Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to prevent Brownsville PUB from performing for itself or from acquiring from other providers services that are similar to or identical to the Services.

### 2. <u>Compensation</u>.

Brownsville PUB will pay Service Provider for the Services as outlined in Exhibit "B" Compensation, not to exceed compensation of [ENTER WRITTEN AMOUNT FOLLOWED BY FIGURES, i.e., One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00)].

### 3. Method of Payment.

A. Monthly statements, in Service Provider's standard format, will be submitted by Service Provider to Brownsville PUB, as well as any supporting documentation requested by Brownsville PUB. Statements will be based on Service Provider's Services completed at the end of the preceding month. Brownsville PUB shall have sole discretion in the approval or disapproval of any compensation to Service Provider. If Brownsville PUB disapproves of any charge, in whole or in part, it shall provide written notice to Service Provider of the reasons therefor. Brownsville PUB shall make whole or partial payment to Service Provider within

thirty (30) days of receipt of a statement.

- B. Brownsville PUB will reimburse Service Provider for all reasonable expenses incurred in accordance with Exhibit A, if such expenses have been pre-approved, in writing by Brownsville PUB, within 30 days of receipt by Brownsville PUB of an invoice from Service Provider accompanied by receipts and supporting documentation reasonably acceptable to Brownsville PUB. All Service Provider expenses not pre-approved by Brownsville PUB or not otherwise meeting the requirements of this Contract or Exhibit A shall be the sole responsibility of Service Provider.
- C. The fees set forth in this Contract shall cover and include all sales and use taxes, duties, and charges of any kind imposed by any federal, state, or local governmental authority on amounts payable by Brownsville PUB under this Contract, and in no event shall Brownsville PUB be required to pay any additional amount to Service Provider in connection with such taxes, duties, and charges, or any taxes imposed on, or regarding, Service Provider's income, revenues, gross receipts, personnel, or real or personal property or other assets.
- D. Service Provider shall keep accurate records, including time sheets and travel vouchers of all time and expenses allocated to performance of the Services. All such records shall be kept in the offices of Service Provider for a period of not less than five (5) years and shall be made available to Brownsville PUB for inspection or copying upon reasonable request during regular business hours at Service Provider's offices.

## 4. Service Provider's Standard of Care

Service Provider shall perform the Services (A) in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Contract; (B) using personnel of required skill, experience, and qualifications; (C) in a timely, workmanlike, and professional manner; (D) with the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as is ordinarily provided by a professional services Service Provider providing similar services and similar circumstances for a project of which this Contract applies; (E) and shall give professional consultations and advice to Brownsville PUB during the performance of the Services; (F) in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; and (G) to the reasonable satisfaction of Brownsville PUB.

# 5. Ownership of Documents

A. Service Provider assigns to Brownsville PUB, Service Provider's entire right, title, and interest in any document, data, studies, surveys, drawings, specifications, field notes, maps, model, photographs, reports, invention, technique, process, device, discovery, improvement, or know-how, whether patentable or not, hereafter made or conceived solely or jointly by Service Provider while working for or on behalf of Brownsville PUB, which relate to, is suggested by, or results from Service Provider's provisions of the Services or this Contract and depends on either:

- i. Service Provider's knowledge of Confidential Information (as defined in Section 6) it obtains from Brownsville PUB; or
- ii. The use of Brownsville PUB's equipment supplies, facilities, information, or materials.
- B. Service Provider shall disclose any such item described in subsection A of this Section 5 to Brownsville PUB. Service Provider shall, upon request of Brownsville PUB, promptly execute a specific assignment of title to Brownsville PUB and do anything else reasonably necessary to enable Brownsville PUB to secure for itself, patent, trade secret, or any other proprietary rights in the United States or other countries. It shall be conclusively presumed that any patent applications related to this Contract, related to trade secrets of Brownsville PUB, or which relate to tasks assigned to Service Provider by Brownsville PUB, which Service Provider may file within one year after termination of this Contract, shall belong to Brownsville PUB, and Service Provider hereby assigns same to Brownsville PUB, as having been conceived or reduced to practice during the term of this Contract.
- C. All writings or works of authorship, including, without limitation, program codes or documentation, produced or authored by Service Provider in the course of performing services for Brownsville PUB, together with any associated copyrights, are works made for hire and the exclusive property of Brownsville PUB. To the extent that any writings or works of authorship may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, this Contract shall constitute an irrevocable assignment by Service Provider to Brownsville PUB of the ownership of any and all rights of copyright in, such items, and Brownsville PUB shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name, rights of copyright, copyright registrations, and similar protections which may be available in the works. Service Provider shall give Brownsville PUB or its designees all assistance reasonably required to perfect such rights.
- D. If for any reason, including incapacity, Brownsville PUB is unable to secure Service Provider's signature on any document needed to apply for, perfect, or otherwise acquire title to the intellectual property rights granted to it under this Section 5, or to enforce such rights, Service Provider hereby designates Brownsville PUB as Service Provider's attorney-in-fact and agent, solely and exclusively to act for and on Service Provider's behalf to execute and file such documents with the same legal force and effect as if executed by Service Provider and for no other purpose.
- E. Service Provider owns the discoveries, improvements, inventions, or intellectual property made or conceived by Service Provider before the Effective Date and independently of any Confidential Information of Brownsville PUB and this Contract and are expressly reserved and excepted from the provisions of this Contract.

#### 6. Confidentiality and Data Security.

A. All non-public, confidential, or proprietary information of Brownsville PUB ("Confidential Information"), including, but not limited to, business plans,

specifications, designs, documents, data, business operations, customer lists, customer information, including personally identifiable information, pricing, and any other business-related information disclosed or made available by Brownsville PUB to Service Provider, whether disclosed orally or disclosed or accessed in written, electronic, or other form or media, and whether or not marked, designated, or otherwise identified as "confidential," in connection with this Contract is confidential, solely for Service Provider's use in performing this Contract and may not be disclosed or copied unless authorized by Brownsville PUB in writing. Confidential Information does not include any information that: (i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of Service Provider's breach of this Contract; (ii) is obtained by Service Provider on a non-confidential basis from a third-party that was not legally or contractually restricted from disclosing such information; (iii) Service Provider establishes by documentary evidence, was in Service Provider's possession prior to Brownsville PUB's disclosure hereunder; or (iv) was or is independently developed by Service Provider without using any Confidential Information. Upon Brownsville PUB's request, Service Provider shall promptly return all documents and other materials received from Brownsville PUB. Brownsville PUB shall be entitled to injunctive relief for any violation of this Section.

B. At all times during the duration of this Contract and for any period of time Service Provider accesses, stores, or processes any Confidential Information after the termination of this Contract, Service Provider shall have in place appropriate data security processes and procedures as set forth in Exhibit D, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference. (if applicable)

#### 7. Insurance.

A. Service Provider agrees to maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability Insurance to cover all of its own personnel engaged in performing services for Brownsville PUB under this Contract in the following amounts:

Workmen's Compensation – Texas Statutory Employers' Liability -- \$100,000.00

B. Service Provider also agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability, Business Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liability, and Cyber Liability Insurance covering claims against Service Provider for damages resulting from bodily injury, death or property damages from accidents arising in the course of work performed under this Contract in the following amounts:

# **Commercial General Liability**

Bodily Injury \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence Property Damage \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Business Automobile Liability for all vehicles:

Bodily Injury \$50,000.00 each person, \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Property Damage \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

Excess Umbrella Liability: \$1,000,000.00

Service Provider shall also provide Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per claim and annual aggregate.

- C. Service Provider shall add Brownsville PUB, its Board Members, Officers and employees, and the City of Brownsville, its Commissioners, Officers and employees as additional insureds on all required insurance policies, except workers' compensation/employer's liability. The insurance certificate(s) shall provide for thirty (30) calendar days advance notice to Brownsville PUB and City of any policy cancellation or material change. The Commercial General Liability and Excess Umbrella Liability Policy shall be of an "occurrence" type policy. The Commercial General Liability shall also include protection against claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage and coverage for contractual liability assumed by Service Provider.
- D. Service Provider shall furnish Brownsville PUB with Insurance Certificate(s) upon Brownsville PUB's reasonable request and at least ten (10) calendar days prior to field work commencement, which confirm that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect.

# 8. <u>INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>.

- SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD A. HARMLESS THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND BROWNSVILLE PUB AND COMMISSIONERS, **BOARD** MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES FROM ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, OR EXPENSES OF ANY CHARACTER, TYPE, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON, OR INJURY TO ANY PROPERTY, RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY, TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY CLAIM OF A THIRD PARTY OR BROWNSVILLE PUB ARISING OUT OF OR OCCURRING IN CONNECTION THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF, OR BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT BY SERVICE PROVIDER OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.
- B. EXCEPT FOR SERVICE PROVIDER'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION 8, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW GOVERNING PUBLIC ENTITIES, SERVICE PROVIDER'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO BROWNSVILLE PUB FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGES FROM CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF, OR IN

CONNECTION WITH, THIS CONTRACT FROM ANY CAUSE INCLUDING SERVICE PROVIDER'S STRICT LIABILITY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, BROWNSVILLE PUB HEREBY RELEASES SERVICE PROVIDER FROM ANY LIABILITY EXCEEDING SUCH AMOUNT.

### 9. Addresses for Notices and Communications.

### **BROWNSVILLE PUB**

Armando Garcia

Division Manager of Water and Wastewater Distribution & Maintenance

1155 FM 511

Olmito, Texas 78575

Phone: (956) 983-6386

Email: ArGarcia@brownsville-pub.com

**VENDOR** 

**NAME** 

TITLE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

Phone:

Email:

All notices and communications under this Contract must be in writing and shall be mailed or delivered to Brownsville PUB and Service Provider at the above addresses (or to such other address that the receiving Party may designate from time to time in accordance with this Section).

#### 10. Successors and Assignments.

Neither Party shall assign, transfer, delegate, or subcontract any of its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section shall be null and void. No assignment or delegation shall relieve the transferring Party of any of its obligations hereunder. In the event of any assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontracting, Brownsville PUB and Service Provider each binds itself and its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other parties of this Contract and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other parties, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, Board Member, Commissioner, or employee of any public body which is a party and/or indemnitee hereto.

### 11. Termination of Contract for Cause.

If, through any cause, Service Provider shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if Service Provider shall violate any of the

covenants, agreements, warranties or stipulations in this Contract, Brownsville PUB shall have the right, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may have under this Contract, to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to Service Provider of such termination and specifying the date thereof, at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the effective date of such termination. Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies it may have under this Contract, Brownsville PUB shall have the right to terminate this Contract if in its sole opinion the work of the Service Provider is not effective for the purpose it is being performed. Service Provider shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder provided such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB in its sole discretion. The method of compensation herein shall be as provided in Section 3 of this Contract.

Notwithstanding the above, Service Provider shall not be relieved of liability to Brownsville PUB for damages sustained by Brownsville PUB by virtue of any intentional and/or negligent act or omission or any breach of this Contract by Service Provider, and Brownsville PUB may withhold any payments to Service Provider for the purpose of setoff, until such time as the exact amount of damages due Brownsville PUB from Service Provider is determined.

Subject to Section 8, Service Provider agrees that Brownsville PUB shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law to recover any damages sustained by Brownsville PUB in connection with the work performed by Service Provider under this Contract, including regulatory fines and penalties, attorneys' fees and expert witness costs associated with the defense against any cause of action related to this Contract. In addition, Brownsville PUB shall, in addition to any damages to which it is entitled, be entitled to seek immediate injunctive relief against Service Provider prohibiting further actions inconsistent with Service Provider's obligations under this Contract. Brownsville PUB shall also have all rights and remedies afforded to it in equity to enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

### 12. Termination for Convenience.

Brownsville PUB may terminate this Contract at any time by giving at least thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing to Service Provider. If the Contract is terminated by Brownsville PUB as provided herein, Service Provider will be paid for the Services provided and approved expenses incurred up to the termination date if such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Service Provider shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any work satisfactorily completed hereunder, provided such compensation is approved by Brownsville PUB, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The method of compensation herein shall be as provided in Section 3 of this Contract.

Notwithstanding the above, Service Provider shall not be relieved of liability to Brownsville PUB for damages sustained by Brownsville PUB by virtue of any intentional and/or negligent act or omission or any breach of this Contract by Service Provider, and Brownsville PUB may reasonably withhold a sufficient portion of any payments to

Service Provider for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due Brownsville PUB from Service Provider is determined.

Service Provider agrees that Brownsville PUB shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law to recover any damages sustained by Brownsville PUB in connection with the work performed by Service Provider under this Contract. Brownsville PUB shall also have all rights and remedies afforded to it in equity to enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

# 13. Changes.

Brownsville PUB may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of the Services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Service Provider's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between Brownsville PUB and Service Provider shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Contract called "Work Orders".

### 14. Reports and Information.

Service Provider, at such times (but not more than once per month unless an emergency situation arises), and in such forms as Brownsville PUB may require, shall furnish Brownsville PUB such periodic reports as they may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Contract, the cost and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matter covered by this Contract.

## 15. Civil Rights.

Service Provider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity, as set forth in Service Provider's policy statement which shall be provided to Brownsville PUB upon request.

# 16. Entire Agreement.

This Contract, including and together with any Work Orders, exhibits, schedules, and attachments, each of which will be attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Contract.

### 17. Waiver.

The failure or delay on the part of any Party herein at any time to require the performance by any other Party of any portion of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver, or in any way affect that Party's rights to enforce such provision or any other provision. Any waiver by any Party herein of any provision hereof shall not be taken or held to be a waiver unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the Party so waiving and shall not be a waiver of any other provision hereof or any other breach hereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

#### 18. Severability.

The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Contract or invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon a determination that any provision is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Contract to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

### 19. Survival.

Any and all representations, conditions, and warranties made by Service Provider under this Contract are of the essence of this Contract and shall survive the execution, delivery and termination of it, and all statements contained in any document required by Brownsville PUB, whether delivered at the time of the execution or at a later date, shall constitute Service Providers representations and warranties hereunder.

# 20. Force Majeure.

No Party shall be liable or responsible to the other Party, or be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Contract, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Contract, when and to the extent such Party's (the "Impacted Party") failure or delay is caused by or results from the following force majeure events (each a "Force Majeure Event"): (A) acts of God; (B) flood, fire, earthquake, pandemic, or explosion; (C) war, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot or other civil unrest; (D) government order, law, or action; (E) national or regional emergency; or (F) other similar events beyond the reasonable control of the Impacted Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Service Provider's financial inability to perform, changes in cost or availability of materials, components or services, market conditions, or supplier actions or contract disputes will not excuse performance by Contractor under this Section 20.

The Impacted Party shall give notice within three (3) days of the Force Majeure Event to the other Party, stating the period of time the occurrence is expected to continue. The Impacted Party shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay and ensure the effects of such Force Majeure Event are minimized. The Impacted Party shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable after the removal of the cause. In the event that the Impacted Party's failure or delay remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days following written notice given by it under this Section 20, the other Party may thereafter immediately terminate this Contract upon written notice.

#### 21. Governing Law.

This Contract is governed by the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof to the extent such principles or rules would require or permit the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Texas and all obligations of the Parties under this Contract are performable in Cameron County, Texas.

### 22. Choice of Forum.

Each Party irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that it will not commence any action, litigation, or proceeding of any kind whatsoever against the other Party in any way arising from or relating to this Contract, including all exhibits, schedules, attachments, and appendices attached to this Contract, and all contemplated transactions, including contract, equity, tort, fraud, and statutory claims, in any forum other than the state or federal court located in Cameron County, Texas. Each Party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and agrees to bring any such action, litigation, or proceeding only in the state of federal court located in Cameron County, Texas. Each Party agrees that a final judgment in any such action, litigation, or proceeding is conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law.

### 23. Time for Performance.

The Services shall be completed in accordance with the performance schedule as outlined in Exhibit "C", except to the extent timely performance is prevented by a Force Majeure Event, subject to the terms of Section 20.

#### 24. Attorney's Fees.

If it is necessary for either Party herein to file a cause of action at law or in equity against the other Party due to: (A) a breach of this Contract or (B) any intentional and/or negligent act or omission by the other Party, the non-breaching or non-negligent Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and any necessary disbursements, in addition to any other relief to which it is legally entitled.

#### 25. Cumulative Remedies.

All Parties shall have all rights and remedies afforded to it at law or in equity to recover damages and interpret or enforce the terms of this Contract. The exercise of any one right or remedy shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy allowed at law or in equity.

#### 26. State or Federal Laws.

This Contract is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, statutes, codes, and any applicable permits, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations of any local, state or federal government authority having jurisdiction, but nothing contained herein shall be construed

as a waiver of any right to question or contest any such law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation in any forum having jurisdiction.

# 27. No Third-Party Beneficiary.

The Parties are entering into this Contract solely for the benefit of themselves and agree that nothing herein shall be construed to confer any right, privilege or benefit on any person or entity other than the Parties hereto.

### 28. Dispute Resolution.

In the event a dispute arises between the Parties, then as a condition precedent to any legal action by either Party, the Parties shall first refer the dispute to upper management for good faith negotiations for ten (10) calendar days, and if not resolved, then the Parties agree to participate in at least one session of mediation, as needed, in an effort to resolve the dispute. The Parties agree to split the mediator's fees equally, but each Party shall bear its own legal fees for the mediation. The mediation shall be administered by a mutually agreeable mediation service and shall be held in Cameron County, Texas, unless Brownsville PUB agrees to another location.

### 29. <u>Amendments</u>.

No amendment to, or modification or termination of this Contract is effective unless it is in writing, identified as an amendment to or modification or termination of this Contract, and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

### 30. Independent Contractor.

- A. It is understood and acknowledged that the Services which Service Provider will provide to Brownsville PUB hereunder shall be in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of Brownsville PUB. Service Provider shall control the conditions, time, details, and means by which Service Provider performs the Services. Brownsville PUB shall have the right to inspect the work of Service Provider solely for the purpose of determining whether the work is completed according to this Contract and any applicable Work Order.
- B. Service Provider has no authority to commit, act for or on behalf of Brownsville PUB, or to bind Brownsville PUB to any obligation or liability.
- C. Service Provider shall not be eligible for and shall not receive any employee benefits from Brownsville PUB and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all taxes, FICA, federal and state unemployment insurance contributions, state disability premiums, and all similar taxes and fees relating to the fees earned by Service Provider hereunder.

# 31. <u>Counterparts</u>.

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which together are deemed to be one and the same agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 9, a signed copy of this Contract delivered by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission is deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Contract to be executed as of the Effective Date by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

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# **EXHIBIT "A"**

# SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Refer to PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES proposal submitted by [ENTER VENDOR'S NAME] dated Month/Day/Year , the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference.

ADD SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

# COMPENSATION FOR PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Service Provider proposes to perform the work and services described above through the **PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED** project. Service Provider will establish Project requirements, determine Project policy matters, ensure satisfactory completion of the work and services, and be directly responsible for the Project. Service Provider shall not be reassigned away from this engagement without the prior written consent of Brownsville PUB.

Services, for the estimated cost of \$XX,XXX.XX. Invoices will be submitted monthly. Should the work and Services be completed for less than that amount, Brownsville PUB will only be billed for actual work and services completed. All actual out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of this engagement will be billed at actual cost for reimbursement by Brownsville PUB. Service Provider is willing to adjust the proposed scope and the related fee to meet the specific needs of Brownsville PUB. Total billings for this work scope shall not exceed the above estimate without Brownsville PUB's written approval.

ADD FEES/OTHER RELATED FEES APPLICABLE TO CONTRACT, i.e., Hourly Rate Schedule

### **EXHIBIT "C"**

# SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT/TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Service Provider understands that the scope of services outlined herein should be completed within. Service Provider proposes to initiate the Project after both parties have signed the contract, subject to Brownsville PUB's written authorization to proceed. It is understood that Service Provider's ability to complete the tasks within the established time frame is dependent, in large part, on the receipt of any existing, available, and necessary data from Brownsville PUB at the beginning of the Project, and Brownsville PUB's timely response with review comments and input.



# NOTICE TO PROCEED

| DATE: (Insert Date)   |
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| VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL  |
| TO: <u>(Insert Service Provider's Information)</u>  |
| RE: Notice to Proceed for Annual Hauling and Loading Services, (B048-24)  |
| Dear:   |
| The Brownsville PUB has received the executed Service Contract, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and required insurance certificates; therefore this Notice to Proceed letter is being issued to proceed with the hauling/loading service Contract. As of, 20, you are to start performing your obligations under the Contract Documents. The duration of this Contract is for one year (365 calendar days) in length and will end one year from the date of this letter As you proceed, and find the need for any information or assistance, please contact Armando Garcia at (956) 983-6386. |
| Thank you,  |
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| By:   |
| Name: <u>Jaime Estrada</u>  |
| Title: Director of Water &Wastewater Operations   |

## REQUIRED FORMS CHECKLIST

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

| NAME                 | FORM DESCRIPTION   | SUBMITTED WITH BID |    |
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|                      |  | YES                | NO |
| Legal Notice         | Acknowledgement Form   |                    |    |
|                      | Debarment Certification  |                    |    |
|                      | Ethics Statement   |                    |    |
|                      | Conflict of Interest Questionnaire   |                    |    |
|                      | Certification of Interested Party Form<br>1295                                     |                    |    |
|                      | Residence Certification  |                    |    |
|                      | State Law Verification   |                    |    |
|                      | House Bill 89 Verification   |                    |    |
|                      | W9 or W8 Form  |                    |    |
|                      | Bid Schedule/Cost sheet completed and signed                                       |                    |    |
| Special Instructions | Cashier Check or Bid Bond of 5% of Total<br>Amount of Bid (if applicable)          |                    |    |
|                      | OSHA 300 Log (if applicable)   |                    |    |
|                      | Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed and notarized (if applicable)      |                    |    |
|                      | Sub-Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed, and notarized (if applicable) |                    |    |
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| References           | Complete the Previous Customer Reference<br>Worksheet for each reference provided  |                    |    |
| Addenda              |  |                    |    |
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Prospective Bidders are respectfully reminded to completely read and thoroughly respond to the BPUB Instructions for Bidders and Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement. When BPUB evaluates the Bids, it reviews indices regarding the prospective contractors' responsibility to perform the project based upon prior job performances for BPUB and other public owners. Additionally, BPUB carefully reviews the prospective contractors' responsiveness to the BPUB Bid Advertisement. Bidders should thoroughly check their submittal for completeness prior to responding to BPUB. Do not imbalance your Bid line items to overload portions of the work. Remember to answer all written questions in the Pre-Bid Disclosure Statement and then notarize it when signing. Bidders are often required to submit OSHA 300 Logs from prior job performance records as well. BPUB can, has, and will reject Bids that fail the responsibility and/or responsiveness standards so as to protect the integrity of the bidding process for all participants. The Bidding community's compliance with these guideline standards will be appreciated by the BPUB.

# 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 VENDOR 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:         |           | _ |
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#### 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:   | <u> </u>                            |  |  |
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|                                 | <ul> <li>a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, of voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency:</li> <li>b) Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civiliary judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense is connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, Stat or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or Stat antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification of destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;</li> </ul> |                                     |  |  |
| <ul><li>c)</li><li>d)</li></ul> | Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, Local) terminated for cause or default.   |                                     |  |  |
|                                 | I understand that a false statement on this certification this bid or termination of the award. In addition, und statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or import both.  | der 18 USC Section 1001, a false    |  |  |
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|                                 | 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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| has a busine  |  | oter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who .001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the  | Date Received                  |  |  |
| than the 7th  |  | dministrator of the local governmental entity not later<br>omes aware of facts that require the statement to be<br>e.                            |                                |  |  |
|               | nmits an offense if the vendor knowingly vic   | olates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An  |                                |  |  |
| 1 Name of     | vendor who has a business relations  | ship with local governmental entity.   | 1                              |  |  |
| L co          | mpleted questionnaire with the appropr   | e to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law riate filing authority not later than the 7th busined questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate | ss day after the date on which |  |  |
| 3 Name of     | local government officer about whor  | n the information is being disclosed.  |                                |  |  |
|               |  | Name of Officer  |                                |  |  |
| officer, a    | Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.  A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?  Yes  No  B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?  Yes  No |  |                                |  |  |
| other         |  | ationship that the vendor named in Section 1<br>h the local government officer serves as an  |                                |  |  |
| 6             |  | the local government officer or a family membe<br>2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176  |                                |  |  |
| 7             |  |  |                                |  |  |
|               | Signature of vendor doing business with t  | he governmental entity   | Date                           |  |  |
| Form provided | by Texas Ethics Commission   | www.ethics.state.tx.us   | Revised 1/1/2021               |  |  |

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

#### For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

<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 entityor state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entitysubmits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time thebusiness 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 avalue 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 thebusiness 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 PA             | ARTIES                                |              | ı                | FORM 1295          |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties. |                       |                                       |              |                  | E USE ONLY         |
| 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<br>which the form is being filed.  | tate agency that is a | a party to the contract               | for          |                  |                    |
| 3 Provide the identification number us<br>and provide a description of the goo  |                       |                                       |              |                  | tify the contract, |
| 4   | City, State           |                                       | Natu         | re of Interest   | (check applicable) |
| Name of Interested Party  | (place of business)   |                                       | ntrolling    | Intermediary     |                    |
|   |                       |                                       |              |                  |                    |
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|   |                       |                                       |              |                  |                    |
| 5 Check only if there is NO Interested I  | Party.                |                                       |              |                  |                    |
| 6 UNSWORN DECLARATION   |                       |                                       |              |                  |                    |
| My name is, and my date of birth is   |                       |                                       |              |                  |                    |
| My address is(street)   | , (city               | (state)                               | ,<br>p code) | ,<br>(coun       | try) .             |
| I declare under penalty of perjury that th  |                       |                                       |              |                  |                    |
| Executed inCounty   | , State of            | , on theday<br>(r                     | of<br>month) | (year)           | 20                 |
|   |                       | Signature of authorized as (Declarant | -            | ontracting busin | ess entity         |
| ADI   | ) ADDITIONAL F        | PAGES AS NECES                        | SARY         | 1                |                    |

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

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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 obusiness 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 age of eight | teen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by |
| the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and v  | erify 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   |
| being duly sworn, did swear and | the above-named person, who after by me confirm that the above is true and correct. |
| NOTARY SEAL                     |   |
| NOTARY SIGNATURE                | <br>Date  |

# Organization Name House Bill 89 Verification

| I,   | (Person name), the undersigned representative of  |
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| (Company or Business name)   |   |
|  | (hereafter referred to as   |
|  | of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the and verify under oath that the company named- above, under Government Code Chapter 2270:   |
| 1. Does not boycott Israel currently; ar   | ıd  |
| employees; and   | e a sole proprietorship; and ntract that: mental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time  000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public  |
| Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas C  | overnment Code:   |
| taking any action that is intended to pen<br>specifically with Israel, or with a perso | deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise ralize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations on or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled in made for ordinary business purposes; and |
| partnership, joint venture, limited part   | ole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, nership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or sociations that exist to make a profit.               |
| DATE S   | IGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE  |
| On this the day of   | , 20, personally appeared   |
|  | , the above-named person, who after by me   |
| being duly sworn, did swear and confin   | that the above is true and correct.   |
| NOTARY SEAL  |   |
| NOTARY SIGNATURE   |   |
|  | Date  |

#### **Previous Customer Reference Worksheet**

| Name of Customer:                               | Customer Contact:  |
|---|--|
| Customer Address:                               | Customer Phone Number:   |
| Name of Company Performing Referenced W         | Customer Email:  |
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| What was the Period of Performance?             | What was the Final Acceptance Date?  |
| From:   |  |
| To:   |  |
| Dollar Value of Contract?                       | What Type of Contract?   |
| \$  | ☐ Firm Fixed Price ☐ Time and Material ☐ Not to Exceed ☐ Cost Plus Fixed Fee ☐ Other, Specify: |
| Provide a brief description of the work perform | ed for this customer (add additional page if required)   |
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(Rev. March 2024) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

#### **Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

|  | neral Instructions  | New line 3b has be   |                                   |                           |                             |  | 4                |  |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| Sign<br>Here                                       |   | D  | ate                               |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
| becau<br>acquis<br>other                           | se you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax re<br>sition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or<br>than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certific | eturn. For real estate transaction<br>ontributions to an individual reti | ns, item 2 does<br>rement arrange | not apply.<br>ment (IRA), | For mortg<br>and, gene      | age intere<br>rally, pays  | st paid<br>ments |  |
|  | ication instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have   |  | -                                 | subject to                | hackun wi                   | thholding  |                  |  |
|  | FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am  | exempt from FATCA reporting  | a is correct                      |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
| no   | longer subject to backup withholding; and<br>n a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and   | #V   |                                   | 1                         |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | vice (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of   |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt fro   | · 사용 기업 시간 기업 시간                     |                                   |                           |                             | nal Rayo   | ni io            |  |
|  | penalties of perjury, I certify that:   |  |                                   | E                         |                             |  |                  |  |
| Par  |   |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
| Oranico de   | er To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to en   | ter.   |                                   | -                         |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for   |  | and                               |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
| TIN, Is  | iter.   |  | Emplo                             | yer identific             | cation numl                 | ber  |                  |  |
| entitie  | s, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not h   |  | ta or                             |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | p withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social secur<br>int alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instruction   |  | or a                              | -                         | -                           |  |                  |  |
|  | your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match t  |  | OIG                               | security nu               | ımber                       |  | _                |  |
| Par  | Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)  |  |                                   |                           |                             |  | 0.               |  |
|  | and the same of the same following  |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | 7 List account number(s) here (optional)  |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
|  | 6 City, state, and ZIP code   |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
| 899  | 5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.  |  | Requester's nar                   | ne and addr               | ess (optiona                | il)  |                  |  |
| e Spe  | and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions                 |  |                                   | -1                        | outside the United States.) |  |                  |  |
| cific  | 3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked  |  |                                   |                           | lies to accou               |  |                  |  |
| hint   | Other (see instructions)  |  |                                   | code (i                   |                             |  | - unity          |  |
| Print or type.                                     | Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter<br>classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disre<br>box for the tax classification of its owner.                                 |  |                                   |                           | tion from Fo                |  |                  |  |
| Print or type.<br>Specific instructions on page 3. | LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership)   |  |                                   |                           |                             | Exempt payee code (if any)   |                  |  |
|  | only one of the following seven boxes.  Individual/sole proprietor C corporation S corporation Partnership Trust/estate   |  |                                   |                           |                             | certain entities, not individuals;<br>see instructions on page 3); |                  |  |
| 65   | 3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check   |  |                                   |                           |                             | 4 Exemptions (codes apply only to                                  |                  |  |
|  | 2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.   |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |
|  |   |  |                                   |                           |                             |  |                  |  |

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Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

#### What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

#### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

Form W-9 (Rev. 3-2024)

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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/FormW8BENE for instructions and the latest information.

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

OMB No. 1545-1621

| interna                 | are this form to the withholding agen  | t or payer. Do not                     | conditional inter-  |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Do NO                   | OT use this form for:  |  | Instead use Form:   |
| • U.S.                  | entity or U.S. citizen or resident   |  | W-9   |
| <ul><li>A for</li></ul> | reign individual   |  | W-8BEN (Individual) or Form 8233  |
|                         | reign individual or entity claiming that income is effectively connected wit   | h the conduct o                        | ftrade or business within the United States   |
| (unle                   | ss claiming treaty benefits)   |  | W-8ECI  |
| • A for gove            | reign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (unless<br>reign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue<br>rmment of a U.S. possession claiming that income is effectively connecte<br>c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions | e, foreign tax-exe<br>ed U.S. income o | empt organization, foreign private foundation, or or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2),   |
| <ul><li>Any</li></ul>   | person acting as an intermediary (including a qualified intermediary acting  | g as a qualified                       | derivatives dealer) W-8IMY  |
| Pa                      | t I Identification of Beneficial Owner   |  |   |
| 1                       | Name of organization that is the beneficial owner  |  | 2 Country of incorporation or organization  |
| 3                       | Name of disregarded entity receiving the payment (if applicable, see ins   | structions)                            |   |
| 4                       | Chapter 3 Status (entity type) (Must check one box only):  | ooration                               | ☐ Partnership   |
|                         | ☐ Simple trust ☐ Tax-exempt organization ☐ Com   | nplex trust                            | ☐ Foreign Government - Controlled Entity  |
|                         | ☐ Central Bank of Issue ☐ Private foundation ☐ Esta  | ite                                    | Foreign Government - Integral Part  |
|                         | ☐ Grantor trust ☐ Disregarded entity ☐ Inter   | national organiz                       | ation   |
|                         | If you entered disregarded entity, partnership, simple trust, or grantor trust above, is the   | e entity a hybrid mak                  | ring a treaty claim? If "Yes," complete Part III.  Yes No   |
| 5                       | Chapter 4 Status (FATCA status) (See instructions for details and comp   | lete the certific                      | ation below for the entity's applicable status.)  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Nonparticipating FFI (including an FFI related to a Reporting IGA FFI other than a deemed-compliant FFI, participating FFI, or exempt beneficial owner).</li> <li>Participating FFI.</li> </ul>   | Foreign go                             | ing IGA FFI. Complete Part XII.  overnment, government of a U.S. possession, or foreign  nk of issue. Complete Part XIII.  nal organization. Complete Part XIV. |
|                         | Reporting Model 1 FFI.   | Exempt re                              | tirement plans. Complete Part XV.   |
|                         | Reporting Model 2 FFI.   |  | lly owned by exempt beneficial owners. Complete Part XVI.   |
|                         | Registered deemed-compliant FFI (other than a reporting Model 1 FFI, sponsored FFI, or nonreporting IGA FFI covered in Part XII). See instructions.  | Excepted                               | nancial institution. Complete Part XVII.<br>nonfinancial group entity. Complete Part XVIII.<br>nonfinancial start-up company. Complete Part XIX.                |
|                         | Sponsored FFI. Complete Part IV.   |  | nonfinancial entity in liquidation or bankruptcy.   |
|                         | Certified deemed-compliant nonregistering local bank. Complete Part V.   | Complete                               |   |
|                         | Certified deemed-compliant FFI with only low-value accounts.   | _ `, `                                 | organization. Complete Part XXII.   |
|                         | Complete Part VI.  |  | aded NFFE or NFFE affiliate of a publicly traded  |
|                         | Certified deemed-compliant sponsored, closely held investment vehicle. Complete Part VII.  | corporatio                             | n. Complete Part XXIII.   |
|                         |  |  | territory NFFE. Complete Part XXIV.   |
|                         | Certified deemed-compliant limited life debt investment entity.<br>Complete Part VIII.   |  | FE. Complete Part XXV.<br>FFE. Complete Part XXVI.  |
|                         |  | _                                      | inter-affiliate FFI. Complete Part XXVII.   |
|                         | <ul> <li>Certain investment entities that do not maintain financial accounts.</li> <li>Complete Part IX.</li> </ul>  |  | orting NFFE.  |
|                         | Owner-documented FFI. Complete Part X.   | Sponsore                               | d direct reporting NFFE. Complete Part XXVIII.  |
|                         | Restricted distributor. Complete Part XI.  |  | nat is not a financial account.   |
| 6                       | Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). Do no   | ot use a P.O. box                      | or in-care-of address (other than a registered address).  |
|                         | City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  |  | Country   |
| 7                       | Mailing address (if different from above)  |  | l   |
|                         | City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  |  | Country   |