

INVITATION TO BID B #061-24

Sealed bids will be received by the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD of the City of Brownsville, Texas ("BPUB"), at the BPUB Purchasing Department office; 1155 FM511, Olmito, Texas 78575 **until 5:00 PM, August 7, 2024** for the project described in the Contract Documents and Specifications entitled:

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES

Bids received after this time will not be considered.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on August 8, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Bidders can request a copy of the bid tabulation by emailing <u>hlopez@brownsville-pub.com</u>. Vendors can call in at 10:30 AM, August 8, 2024 to (956) 214-6020 to listen to the bid opening.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at Brownsville Public Utilities Board website at <u>https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp_status/open/</u>.

Each bid, in duplicate, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: **"B061-24 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES, August 7, 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. Bidder is required to execute a contract and furnish a <u>Material Supply Bond</u>. The supply bond shall be valid from the notice of award until the acceptance of the Automatic Transfer Switches. Additionally, in lieu of supply bond, a letter of credit (LOC) from a Texas institution is acceptable. If the successful firm fails to execute the contract and to furnish a satisfactory Supply Bond within 10 days from the date on which he is notified that his bid has been accepted, the amount of his check or supply bond shall be forfeited to the Brownsville PUB 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 electronically.

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.

BY:

Diane Solitaire

Purchasing (956) 983-6366 - Phone

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS Please submit this page upon receipt ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM B061-24 Automatic Transfer Switches

For any clarifications, please contact Hugo E. Lopez at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6364 or (956) 983-6375 e-mail: <u>hlopez@brownsville-pub.com</u>

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.

Check one:

- () Yes, I will be able to send a bid; obtained bid package from website.
- () Yes, I will be able to send a bid; please email the bid package. Email:

() Yes, I will be able to send a bid; please mail the bid package using the carrier & account number listed below:

Carrier:	
Account:	

() No, I will not be able to send a bid for the following reason:

If you are unable to send your bid, kindly indicate your reason for "No bid" above and return this form **via e-mail:** <u>hlopez@brownsville-pub.com</u> or to <u>dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com</u>. This will ensure you remain active on our vendor list.

Date			
Company:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:			

IF SPECIFICATIONS ARE DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE PLEASE EMAIL THIS PAGE TO EMAIL LISTED ABOVE

Special Instructions

Contract Information

• Interpretation

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

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

• Tentative Time Line

- 1. July 22, 2024 through August 7, 2024 Vendors work on bid.
- 2. August 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM Vendor must submit bid, in duplicate, sealed in an envelope to:

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing 1155 FM511 Olmito, TX 78575

B061-24 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES Due: August 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM

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

- 3. August 2, 2024 Last day for questions
- 4. August 8, 2024 Open bids at 10:30 AM
- 5. August 9, 2024, 2024 August 23, 2024 Evaluate bids
- 6. August 26, 2024 Provide Final Recommendations
- 7. September 9, 2024 Send to Utilities Board for approval

• Or Equal

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

• Pricing

Bid unit price on quantity specified, extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, unit prices shall govern. Price shall remain firm until all materials have been received.

All fields (UNIT PRICE, TOTAL PRICE, & EST DELIVERY IN DAY) in the Bid Schedule must be filled. The data must be complete to identify the bidding brand.

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

• Vendor Representative

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

• Quality of Products

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

• Determining Factors for Award

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

• Contract with Vendor/Entity Indebted to BPUB

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

• Vendor ACH (Direct Deposit) Services

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

• Tax Identification Number (TIN)

In accordance with IRS Publication 1220, a W9 form, or a W8 form in cases of a foreign vendor, will be required of all vendors doing business with the Brownsville PUB. If a W9 or

W8 form is not made available to Brownsville PUB, the first payment will be subject to income tax withholding at a rate of 28% or 30% depending on the U.S. status and the source of income as per IRS Publication 1220. The W9 or W8 form must be included with bid response. Attached are sample forms.

• Taxes

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

• Signing of Bid

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

• EEOC Guidelines

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

• Contract and Purchase Order

The automatic transfer switches shall be delivered FOB to Brownsville Public Utilities, 1495 Robinhood Drive, located in the City of Brownsville, Texas 78521. A contract for the equipment will be placed into effect by means of a purchase order issued by Brownsville Public Utilities Board after tabulation and final approval by the Brownsville PUB Board.

• Brownsville Public Utilities Board Rights

- 1. If only one or no bid is received by "submission date", the BPUB has the right to reject, re-bid, accept and/or extend the bid by up to an additional two (2) weeks from original submission date.
- 2. The right to reject any/or all bids and to make award 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 bid.
- 4. The right to extend the total bid beyond the original 90-day period prior to an award, if agreed upon in writing by all parties (BPUB and vendor/contractor) and if bidder/vendor holds original bid prices 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; <u>for cause</u>: upon default by the vendor/contractor, for delay or non-

performance by the vendor/contractor; or if it is deemed in the best interest of the BPUB for BPUB's convenience.

- 6. The right to increase or decrease quantities. In bid, stipulate whether an increase or decrease in quantities will affect bid price
- 7. The 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 to the invitation to bid will be made by 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 to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the Brownsville PUB prior to submitting a response to the invitation to bid to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the invitation to bid. Addenda are also posted on BPUB webpage.

Insurance Requirements

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

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

B. Vendor also agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability, Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability, and Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance covering claims against Vendor 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:

<u>Commercial General Liability</u> 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. Vendor shall add the BPUB 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 BPUB and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Insurance Certificate(s) shall provide for advance notice to BPUB of any policy amendment or cancellation.
- D. Vendor shall furnish BPUB with an Insurance Certificate on the date this Contract is executed and accepted by the BPUB, which confirms that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect. Certificates showing that Bidder has and continues to protect itself and BPUB by means of such insurance shall be provided to the BPUB upon request at any time during Contract period.

BID SCHEDULE

	B061-24	
Qty	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
	Automatic Transfer Switch Product Group Characteristics Padmount Smart VFI	
	PST-6, 15kV 3 Phase Stainless Steel Construction FR3 Oil Insulation Standard Bell Green (Munsell 7GY 3.29/1.5) Paint Standard Fault Indicator Provisions Standard 1/2"-13 UNC SS Welded Ground Nuts Liquid Level Sight Glass Fill Plug 1" Drain Valve with 3/8" Sampler	
	PT's (6) PST Voltage Monitoring, PT Ratio: 7200:120VAC Grounded Wye Connection System Voltage 12.47KV	
	(2) Source Ways 600A Bushing Wells	
2 EA	C-Interrupter Transfer Switch iST-621 Control Transfer Controller (Externally Mounted on the side of the Source Cabinet)	
	(1) Vacuum Fault Interrupted Tap Way 600A Bushing Well	
	iST-621 Overcurrent Protection Cat# KIST621112115E KiST621 iDEA Source Transfer Control KIST621-CONTROL	
	Additional Product Group Characteristics KiST621 Control Basic Type: KiST621 Idea ST Control; PST6 Control Application: Factory mounted in PST-6 Battery Option 8 amp hour Battery Voltage Connection: Wye Pri / Wye Sec V-Sense Cabinet Option: Stainless Steel Cabinet Front Panel Option: 1 Domestic Front Panel Auxiliary Input-Output Option: 1 Std. Contacts: 8 in/8output Protocol/Communication Option: Ethernet Wire:WireRJ45/RJ45 Language Option: E English Scheme: Standard Current iST621 Scheme Convenience Outlet: KIST-2970-1 Convenience Outlet Minimum (10) years warranty for the KiST621 Control (ProView 5.0 Expanded Memory Module	
	only) from date of shipment. The standard warranty period applies to all other components associated with the control.	
	Optional WITNESS / INSPECTON VISIT: Customer Witness of Routine Test/Final Inspect: per unit, 1 week Customer Final Inspection per unit.	
	TOTAL COST	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- a. The Owner is exempt from sales tax on materials. The prices quoted shall exclude such sales and use tax.
- b. The prices of Equipment set forth herein shall include the cost of delivery to Brownsville PUB Warehouse, 1495 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville TX 78521. Such delivery shall be made within 180 days after the receipt of the purchase order from the Purchaser.
- c. This Bid is made pursuant to the provisions of the Legal Notice and Instructions to Bidders, and the Bidder agrees to the terms and conditions thereof.
- d. The Bidder warrants the accuracy of all statements contained in the Bidder's Qualifications, if any shall be submitted, and agrees that the BPUB shall rely upon such accuracy as a condition of the Contract in the event that this Bid is accepted.
- e. The Bidder warrants that this Bid is made in good faith and without collusion or connection with any other person or persons bidding for the same work.
- f. The Bidder agrees that, in the event this Bid is accepted, it will execute a Contract in the form attached hereto.
- g. The Bidder warrants that the Equipment will conform to the performance data and guarantees, which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- h. If, in submitting this Bid, the Bidder has made any change in the form of Bid or Contract furnished by the BPUB, the Bidder understands that the BPUB may evaluate the effect of such change as they see fit or they may exclude the Bid from consideration in determining the award of the Contract.
- i. This bid is void unless an equipment contract based on this bid is entered into effect by the BPUB and the Bidder within ninety (90) days after the date hereof (unless a mutually agreeable date is confirmed).
- j. Bidder agrees to furnish a <u>Materials Supply Bond</u> in the amount of the bid.
- k. BPUB reserves the right to award bids to multiple vendors.

Name of Bidder

Address of Bidder

By_

Signature (Must be signed to be considered)

Date: _____

Title of Officer

Bidder's contact person for additional information on this Bid:

Name:	 	
Email:		
Telephone:	 	
Address:		

MATERIAL SUPPLY BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

THAT _____

(Name of Bidder)

(Address of Bidder)

(Corporation, Partnership or Individual)

hereinafter called Principal, and

(Name of Surety)

(Address of Surety)

hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the BROWNSVILLE 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 the _____ day of ______, 20____, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, for supplying **Automatic Transfer Switches** for the Service Center Building and Annex Building.

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 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 MATERIALS to be performed there under or the SPECIFICATIONS accompanying the same shall in any way 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 MATERIALS or to the SPECIFICATIONS.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that no final settlement between the OWNER and the BIDDER 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed in triplicate, each counterpart of which shall be deemed an original, this the _____ day of _____, 20___.

ATTEST:

(Principal)

By:_____

(Principal) Secretary

(Signature) (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(Witness as to Principal)

(Address)

(Address)

ATTEST:

(Surety)

(Surety) Secretary

By:_____(Attorney in Fact)

(SEAL)

REQUIRED FORMS CHECKLIST

NAME FORM DESCRIPTION		SUBMITTE	TTED WITH BID	
		YES	NO	
	Acknowledgement Form			
	Debarment Certification			
Legal Notice	Ethics Statement			
	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire			
	Certification of Interested Party Form 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 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)			
References	Complete the Previous Customer Reference Worksheet for each reference provided			
Addenda				

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

Name of Entity:___

The prospective participant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that they and their principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency:
- b) Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- d) 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 may be grounds for rejection of this bid or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Section 1001, a false statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Typed)

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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

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 CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, ALL OF THEIR 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:		
AGENT NAME:		
AGENT SIGNATURE:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		
STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:	TELEFAX:	
FEDERAL ID#:	AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY #:	

DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS IF ANY:

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

FORM CIQ THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL RESPONSE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.	
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	
1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.	
Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law re completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busines you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)	s day after the date on which
3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.	
Name of Officer	
Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attact CIQ as necessary. A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or I other than investment income, from the vendor? Yes No B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local government al entity? Yes No	h the local government officer. h additional pages to this Form ikely to receive taxable income, t income, from or at the direction income is not received from the
Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 n other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an o ownership interest of one percent or more.	
6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.	
7	
	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.

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

(A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;

(B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or

(C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

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

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

(2) the vendor:

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

 $(\bar{\textbf{i}})$ 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.

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

www.ethics.state.tx.us

Revised 1/1/2021

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 entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has 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'swebsite. 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	PARTIES				FORM 1295
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.			OFFICE USE ONLY			
1 Name of business entity filing form, entity's place of business.	and the city, stat	e and country of	the busine	ess		
2 Name of governmental entity or s which the form is being filed.	state agency that	t is a party to the	e contract f	or		
3 Provide the identification number us and provide a description of the goo						tify the contract,
4		State, Country		Natu	re of Interest	(check applicable)
Name of Interested Party	(place	e of business)		Controlling		Intermediary
5 Check only if there is NO Interested	Party.					
⁶ UNSWORN DECLARATION						
My name is		, and my	date of birth	n is		·
My address is(street)		(city)	(state) (zip	, code)	,, (cour	htry)
I declare under penalty of perjury that the	ne foregoing is tru	e and correct.				
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		Signature of a	authorized ag (Declarant)		ontracting busin	ess entity
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Form provided by Texas Ethics	Commission	www.ethics.stat	e.tx.us		Revised 12/2	2/2017

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 **a resident Texas bidder** as defined in Art. 601g.

Signature:

Print Name: _____

I certify that

(Company Name) is a **nonresident bidder** as defined in Art. 601g. and our principal place of business is:

(City and State)

Signature: _____

Print Name:

Organization Name State Law Verifications

Ι,	(Person's name), the undersigned
representative of (Company or Business name) _	

(hereafter referred to as the "Company") being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath as follows:

- **IRAN, SUDAN AND FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS**: By submission of a response to City of Brownsville Public Utilities Board ("BPUB") Request for Qualifications Q018-23 (the "RFQ"), the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission or any contracts executed in response to this proposal constitutes a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, neither the responding Company, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company is a company listed by the Texas 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 <u>not</u> boycott Israel and (2) will <u>not</u> 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 a	, the above-named person, who after by me nd confirm that the above is true and correct.
NOTARY SEAL	

NOTARY SIGNATURE_____

Date

Organization Name House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____(Person name), the undersigned representative of (Company or Business name)_____

______(hereafter referred to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named- above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and

2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract providing that:

(1) "company" does not include a sole proprietorship; and

(2) the law applies only to a contract that:

(a) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and (b) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds or the governmental entity

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and

2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

DATE

SIGNATURE 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 confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL_____

NOTARY SIGNATURE_____

Date

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Depart	W-9 Request for Taxpayer (Rev. March 2024) Identification Number and Certification Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.						Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.			
Befor	e you begin. For gu	dance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see Purp	ose of Form, below.							
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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.

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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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