



BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFP)

**HVAC MAINTENANCE FOR BPUB & SOUTHMOST REGIONAL
WATER AUTHORITY (SRWA)**

P029-25

Proposal Due: April 2, 2025 by 5:00 PM
Proposal Acknowledgement: April 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM



AND

**INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS
Proposal No. P029-25**

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) will advertise this RFP for two (2) consecutive weeks and then accept competitive sealed proposals for HVAC Maintenance for BPUB & SRWA **until 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 2, 2025**, in the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Office, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas. **Proposals received after this time will not be considered.**

Proposals will be acknowledged on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM. Firms are invited to listen to the opening via conference call (956) 214-6020, at 10:00 AM, April 3, 2025.

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

Please mark on the **outside of the envelope and on any carrier's envelope**: "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR P029-25 HVAC MAINTENANCE FOR BPUB & SRWA, APRIL 2, 2025, 5:00 PM," and send to the attention of Diane Solitaire, Purchasing Department, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 78575.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not be responsible in the event that the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the sealed proposals to the Brownsville PUB, Purchasing Office by the given deadline above. **Proposals will not be accepted via electronic transmission or facsimile.**

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

BY: Diane Solitaire
Purchasing
Brownsville Public Utilities Board
(956) 983-6366

Please submit this page upon receipt
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
P029-25 HVAC MAINTENANCE FOR BPUB & SRWA

For any clarifications, please contact Nicole Espinoza at Brownsville PUB Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6353 or email: nespinoza@brownsville-pub.com

Please email this page upon receipt of the RFP package or legal notice. If you only received the legal notice and you want the RFP 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 RFP; obtained RFP package from website.

Yes, I will be able to send a RFP; please email the RFP package.

Email: _____

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

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No, I will not be able to send a RFP for the following reason:

If you are unable to send your proposal, kindly indicate your reason above and return this form **via email to nespinoza@brownsville-pub.com**. This will ensure you remain active on our Firm list.

Upon return of this acknowledgement form, HVAC Maintenance for BPUB & SRWA, equipment list and cost sheet document will be provided to the email address listed below. The company listed below agrees that the information to be provided is confidential and is to only be used by company in connection with preparing a proposal. The company also agrees not to release this information and notify BPUB in writing within five (5) days if they receive a request for such information.

Date _____

Company: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

P029-25 HVAC MAINTENANCE FOR BPUB & SRWA

OBJECTIVE

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) is requesting proposals from qualified companies interested in servicing and managing a comprehensive heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) maintenance and repair services for all BPUB's buildings including Southmost Regional Water Authority (SRWA). The work will include the provision of a total preventative maintenance program including, but not limited to the inspection, preventative maintenance, repair, programming and other tasks and services necessary to ensure safe, well maintained HVAC systems.

After responses to this Request for Proposal (RFP) are received, the BPUB will evaluate and award the qualified firm(s) whose proposal is most advantageous to the BPUB with price and other factors considered.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) requires AC services for its facility as specified in the following description. The vendor will provide all the material, labor and equipment to perform the required activities.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

All proposal envelopes shall contain a signed original and one (1) copy. The original proposals will be opened and only the Firm's name read aloud at the BPUB Purchasing Office located at 1155 FM 511, Olmito, TX 78575. All proposals will be managed by BPUB in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing firms and keeps the proposals confidential during any negotiations. All proposals will be open for public inspection as stated in the open records act, after the contract is awarded; however, trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information in the proposals specifically identified by the firms will not be open for public inspection. Accordingly, all pages in the proposal that the Firm considers to be proprietary and confidential should be appropriately marked.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department of the BPUB, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 78575 or at the following website: https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp_status/open/.

Direct any questions to Nicole Espinoza, Purchasing; email: nespinoza@brownsville-pub.com or phone: (956) 983-6353.

Candidates must guarantee their Original Proposal or subsequently clarified proposal for at least one hundred twenty (120) days from the Original Proposal opening date. To obtain the best and final offers, the BPUB may require written clarifications and explanations of Firm proposals after Original Proposal submissions when certain candidates have been selected for interviews. The BPUB will not be liable for any of the Firm's costs or expenses incurred in preparation or

presentation of the Proposal(s). The BPUB also reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey, or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, or other abilities prior to the award of the contract.

The BPUB will follow Texas Local Government Code procurement procedures found at: Sections 252.021(b)(c); 252.041(b); 252.042; 252.043(h); 252.049(b).

To ensure that the award is made to the Firm whose proposal best meets the needs of the BPUB, discussion may be conducted with the top three (3) rated Firms at BPUB's discretion (as deemed as needed and may not be executed). The BPUB may require more than one meeting be held with the top three (3) rated Firms. After the meeting(s), five (5) working days will be allowed for the Firms to submit all requested additional information and explanations in writing, which shall be deemed a part of their final offer. The Firm shall submit with such clarifications and explanations any revised projected schedule. The Firms shall be treated fairly and equally with respect to any and all opportunities for discussion, clarification, and explanation of proposals.

Any Firm may be required, at the option of the BPUB, to demonstrate successful performance of similar services. The services to be demonstrated shall have similar functional and performance characteristics as those required in these specifications. The potential demonstration(s) shall occur at a mutually agreed upon time and location.

FIRM REPRESENTATIVE

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

VENDOR ACH (DIRECT DEPOSIT) SERVICES

The Brownsville PUB 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, 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 BPUB is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax and Local taxes. Do not include tax in the proposal. If it is determined that tax was included in the proposal, it will not be included in the tabulation or any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

SIGNING OF PROPOSAL

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

EEOC GUIDELINES

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

CONTRACT AND PURCHASE ORDER

The services shall be performed in Olmito/Brownsville, Texas. A personal technical services contract for the services will be placed into effect by means of a purchase order issued by BPUB after evaluation and final approval by the Board. This contract shall be for a period of one (1) year after the date of the purchase order, with the option to renew annually for two (2) additional, one (1) year periods, if service and price are satisfactory, and the renewal is agreed upon by both parties.

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-solicit, accept and/or extend the RFP by up to an additional two (2) weeks from original submission date.
2. The right to reject any/or all RFPs and to make award as they may appear to be advantageous to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.
3. The right to hold RFP for 120 days from submission date without action, and to waive all formalities in RFP.
4. The right to extend the total RFP beyond the original 120-day period prior to an award, if agreed upon in writing by all parties (BPUB and vendor/contractor) and if vendor/contractor holds original RFP 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; 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. In bid, stipulate whether an increase or decrease in services will affect RFP price.

CORRECTIONS

Any interpretation, correction, or change to the RFP will be made by ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the BPUB Purchasing Department. **Addenda will be emailed to all who have returned the Proposal Acknowledgement form.** Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the Firms to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the BPUB prior to submitting a response to the RFP to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain any

all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the RFP. Addenda may also be posted on BPUB’s webpage.

PROJECTED PROJECT TIMELINE

The BPUB has established the following timeline relating to the selection process. Dates are estimates only and are subject to change.

RFP Issued:	March 10, 2025
Advertisement	March 8 & 15, 2025
Mandatory Walkthrough	March 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM Location: 1425 Robinhood Drive, Brownsville, TX 78521
Deadline for Questions	March 21, 2025
Proposals due:	April 2, 2025 no later than 5:00 PM
Proposals Acknowledgment:	April 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Proposals evaluated:	Week of April 3-21, 2025
Firm Selected:	Week of April 21, 2025
Board approval of contract award:	May 12, 2025
Contract Executed:	TBD
Project Start Date:	TBD

INSTRUCTIONS TO RFP RESPONDENTS

Respondents must submit a proposal containing the following elements:

- 1) Identify and describe the submitting organization, including:
 - Organizational type
 - Parent organizations
 - Tax ID number
 - Company address
 - Annual gross revenues for the previous fiscal year
 - Number of employees by employee type
 - Target market
 - Product & services

- 2) Identify the person, by listing name and title, authorized to obligate the organization contractually.

- 3) Identify the contact person responsible for this response. Specify, phone, email and web site address, as applicable.

- 4) Identify the person responsible to resolve contract issues. Specify, phone, email and web site address, as applicable.
- 5) Identify the person responsible to resolve technical issues. Specify, phone, email and web site address, as applicable.
- 6) Identify the person responsible to resolve functional issues and support during the implementation period. Specify, phone, email and web site address, as applicable.
- 7) Provide at least four (4) references of other businesses, preferably utilities, where similar services have been provided. Provide contact person and telephone number for each reference.
- 8) Provide a brief summary of the proposed approach to meet the objectives of this RFP.
- 9) Complete the detailed pricing schedule as provided in **COST SHEET FOR PROPOSAL P029-25** attached separately. Pricing schedule shall include **ALL** costs which pertain to the completion of the scope of work. After evaluations of the proposals, the BPUB may elect to execute a contract for the BPUB HVAC Maintenance and Repair Services.
- 10) Technical or commercial questions regarding this RFP may be directed via email to Nicole Espinoza at nespinoza@brownsville-pub.com.

Firms must submit a signed original and one (1) copy of the proposal in a sealed package. Proposals shall be submitted to the BPUB Purchasing Office, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, TX, no later than 5:00 PM on April 2, 2025.

Sealed envelope must be clearly labeled as follows:

**Brownsville Public Utilities Board
Attention: Diane Solitaire
1155 FM 511
Olmito, TX 78575
P029-25 BPUB HVAC Maintenance & Repair Services
April 2, 2025, 5:00 PM”**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals shall be accepted only from Firms who meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) At least ten (10) years' experiences in providing similar services contained in this RFP.
- 2) The ability to provide at least 4 references, preferably from other utilities providing similar services contained in this RFP.
- 3) Firms interested in responding to this request must submit a written Statement of Qualifications to include the following information:
 - A description of the firm's overall capabilities and specific experience with customer satisfaction surveys;
 - A listing of customer satisfaction survey programs that have been successfully implemented, specifically, those with a municipal utility or a utility of similar size;
 - A summary of professional qualifications and experience of the individuals the firm would assign to the project;
 - Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of clients for which the firm implemented programs of a similar type and size within the last five years.
- 4) SUBCONTRACTORS. The undersigned BIDDER proposes that he will be responsible to perform major portions of the Work at the Project site with his own forces and that no portions of the Work shall be performed by subcontractors. **BPUB is requesting no subcontractors.**

REFERENCE CHECKS

The BPUB will contact prospective firm's references by telephone or email.

RFP IS NOT A BASIS FOR OBLIGATIONS

This request for competitive sealed proposals does not constitute an offer to contract and does not commit the BPUB to the award of a contract to anyone or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals. The BPUB reserves the right to reject any or all proposals that do not conform to the requirements stated in this document. The BPUB also reserves the right to cancel all or part of this request for proposals for any reason determined by the BPUB to be in the best interest of the rate payers.

RIGHTS TO SUBMITTED MATERIALS

All proposals and material submitted to the BPUB by a firm, in response to this RFP, shall become the property of the BPUB after the proposal submission deadline. The BPUB's return of the proposals/material will be subject to the requirements of the laws of the State of Texas.

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

Firms shall respond to each of the items listed below. Proposal shall include for each requirement a detailed description of how the requirement would be met, including what would be required from the BPUB to meet the requirement. Respondents are encouraged to recommend as part of their proposal additional options, features or measures to help the BPUB meet its objectives in a separate sheet of paper.

NOTE: Price should include proposed fees on a fixed basis for the items described under the scope of services section, to include miscellaneous expenses

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The BPUB will select the most qualified firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the BPUB with price and other factors considered. A certified statement that the firm is not debarred, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency will be required. Firm selection will be based on the following criteria (not listed in order of importance)

- Qualifications and experience - Weight 4 (max points 20)
- References – Weight 4 (max points 20)
- Methodology including Technical Approach, Work plan, and understanding of the scope of the project – Weight 6 (max points 30)
- Cost – Weight 6 (max points 30)

Total maximum points: 100

Rate – 1 thru 5 (1-worst; 5 best)

Rate x Weight = Total Score

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

Firm also agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability, Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability, and Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance covering claims against Firm for damages resulting from bodily injury, death or property damages from accidents arising in the course of work performed 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

Comprehensive Business Automobile Liability for all vehicles:

Bodily injury and property damage -
\$500,000.00 combined single limit each occurrence

Excess Umbrella Liability:

\$1,000,000.00

Contractor 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, employers' liability and professional errors and omissions insurance that Contractor will carry. The insurance certificate(s) shall provide for thirty (30) days advance notice to BPUB of any policy cancellation. The Commercial General Liability Policy and 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, a "protective liability" endorsement to ensure contractual liability assumed by Contractor.

Contractor shall furnish BPUB with an Insurance Certificate(s) which confirms that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect.

Additionally, Contractor agrees to maintain professional errors and omissions liability insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) annual aggregate, on a claim made basis, for the duration of the project.

Scope of Work

All work shall be accomplished in strict accordance with specifications set forth herein, and all applicable state, county and local laws, codes and ordinances. In addition, without exception, the contractor shall comply with the letter and intent of all EPA, OSHA, and any other pertinent federal regulations and laws concerning the work specified herein.

Quarterly service to be completed at all locations listed on Attachment A:

1. Replace Air Filter
Air filters should be replaced every visit (quarterly)
2. Clean evaporator and condenser coils
3. Inspect and clean drain line and drain pan
4. Lubricate blower and condenser fans
5. Inspect electrical wirings and controls
6. Check thermostat for proper operation
7. Inspect and clean air registers and ductwork (if needed)
8. Check and adjust fan belt and replace if needed (belt as needed)
9. Inspect Unit for corrosion or rusting (advise customer of any repairs)
10. Check and adjust operating charge up to 7 lbs. of R22 (if applicable to each unit)

Contractor Responsibility:

The contractor shall provide staff that is certified and proficient in the complete maintenance and repair of make-up-air units, ventilation fans, air handlers, compressors, and a variety of HVAC units. Additionally, service levels shall provide the ability to respond immediately to situations involving the health and safety of employees and/or the public; comfort and operational capability of any public meeting space. Routine repairs, service requests or other non-urgent tasks shall be completed by the contractor within one (1) working day from the date of BPUB's request.

The contractor(s) shall provide complete maintenance, service, repair, and/or replacement and other services, including, but not limited to, the following equipment, parts, and system requirements; inspections, testing, maintenance, calibration, repair or replacement, adjustment, electrical equipment, heating elements, motors, electrical wiring up to 6 feet from point of disconnection, enthalpy wheel(s), damper(s), pressure relief, discharge plenum and duct interphase, terminals, microprocessor, outside air louver, fans, coupling, shafts, fan blades, belts, pulleys, and bearings, coil(s), refrigerant piping, thermostats, thermostat programming, thermostat battery, humidistat, expansion valves or metering device, interior and exterior caulking and sealing, condensate drains branches to storm drain main connection, compressors, filters, dryers, starters, solid state starters, contactors, relays, equipment disconnect switches, variable speed drives, breakers, fuses, timers, switches, including resealing of fiberglass insulation and edges with proper white breather weather barrier mastic.

Inspections, routine and emergency repairs, overhaul, and preventive maintenance shall be performed in strict accordance with the OEM's specifications and recommendations.

All labor, materials, testing and parts required for the repair and preventive maintenance of the specified equipment, including, but not limited to, all refrigerants, lubricants, chemicals, paints, belts, lamps and gaskets and other repair parts.

Insulation from duct work and/or charge lines that is removed for maintenance or dislodged by age shall be reinstalled in a manner consistent with manufacturer's instructions for application and shall be properly sealed with mastic for permanency and so no fiberglass is in contact with the airstream. Only tape that is approved by the manufacturer for use in the appropriate environment is allowed to be used to seal insulation.

The contractor(s) shall be responsible for any ceiling, walls, electrical system, floor and/or duct repairs, in addition to the equipment and its access panels, damaged as a result of equipment or panel removal for servicing. The contractor(s) shall ensure that all access panels and screws are installed and fit correctly after servicing equipment.

The contractor shall, prior to commencing work, thoroughly examine and become familiar with the system(s) and associated facilities to ensure the service can be completed in an orderly, safe manner. In addition, the contractor shall always maintain a safe work environment. The technician shall report immediately to the BPUB Supervisor or his designee the existence of unsafe condition(s) which will compromise the performance of service. Safety will be the sole responsibility of the contractor. The contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of the BPUB's and contractor's employees and the general public and shall always erect and properly maintain all necessary facility safeguards for the protection of the contractor's employees and the general public. If necessary, the Contractor shall post signs warning against hazards in and around the work site.

Equipment Description & Location:

Locations of each unit can be found on Attachment A

Type I Units: Split System

Type II Units: Heat pump System

Type III Units: Ductless Mini-Split System

Type IV Units: Roof Top Unit - RTU Units (AAON): AAON Model – RN Series packaged rooftop unit heat pumps, and outdoor air handling units. AAON Model – RL series heating, cooling and combination rooftop unit.

Preventative Maintenance Service:

Preventative maintenance services shall be all-inclusive and completed per the route's service schedule, which may be designated for twice to four times per year or as requested by the BPUB Supervisor or his designee. Contractor shall replace filters and belts with each preventive maintenance service, which are referred to herein as consumable parts. Preventive Maintenance services shall include, but not limited to, the following:

Contractor shall provide oversight and documentation of Seasonal Preventive Maintenance on all HVAC systems.

Contractor shall inspect all HVAC systems, with seasonal startup and run inspections performed and documented.

Contractor shall inspect all moving parts or components, belts, bearings, drives, and fans, investigate noises and lubricate and adjust as recommended per manufacturers specifications. After each preventive maintenance service, the HVAC will be in "like-new" condition.

Contractor shall clean all condensate drain lines and ensure cleanliness of lines by utilizing condensate pan treatment tablets.

Contractor shall clean all evaporator coils with a self-rinsing foaming cleaner, clean out pan, wipe down fan blades, and reseal housing. Contractor will also clean condenser coils with a biodegradable foaming cleaner, rinse, and remove any debris from the bottom of the condensing unit.

As part of the preventive maintenance service fee, the fee must be all-inclusive of parts, labor, tools, truck fee, etc. This fee will be fixed for the contract period.

All preventive maintenance services shall be completed during the scheduled service call. Shall Contractor require more days to complete preventative maintenance services the Contractor shall not impose additional fees.

Any component(s) found outside of the preventive maintenance scope, where repair or replacement of material is required, Contractor shall communicate the findings to the BPUB Supervisor or his designee. Contractor shall not commence any repair or replacement work without the direct approval of the BPUB Supervisor or his designee.

Contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, tools, equipment, and materials as may be required to complete the preventative maintenance service. The BPUB reserves the right to provide materials and/or equipment to the Contractor at BPUB's discretion.

All furnished materials shall be new and genuine manufacturer's authorized replacement parts. Equivalent or rebuilt parts shall be pre-approved for use by the BPUB Supervisor or his designee prior to use. The utilization of used materials is strictly prohibited without the pre- approval and consent of the BPUB Supervisor or his designee.

At the completion of the preventative maintenance service, the Contractor shall provide a report of the inspection to the BPUB Supervisor or his designee. Any findings shall be described, along with a list of materials replaced within the preventive maintenance scope, and work order number provided by the BPUB Supervisor or his designee.

Repair Services:

Repair services shall only occur when a proposal has been submitted and authorization to commence work has been given to Contractor by the BPUB Supervisor or his designee. Any proposal for repair services shall include an itemized list of materials, material costs, labor hours and rate, equipment rental fees, miscellaneous services, etc.

Contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, tools, equipment, and materials as may be required to complete the repair service. The BPUB will reserve the right to provide materials and/or equipment to the Contractor at BPUB's sole discretion.

All furnished materials shall be new and genuine manufacturer's authorized replacement parts. Equivalent or rebuilt parts shall be pre-approved for use by the BPUB Supervisor or his designee prior to use. The utilization of used materials is strictly prohibited without the pre- approval and consent of the BPUB Supervisor or his designee.

At the completion of each repair service, the Contractor shall provide a report of the HVAC Repair service to the BPUB Supervisor or his designee. Any findings shall be described, along with a list of materials replaced, and total hours of labor.

At the sole discretion of the BPUB, material may be provided to complete scope of repair work. In addition, the BPUB shall reserve the right to bid outside of the contract when any repair service is over \$10,000.

Proposal for Repair Work:

Repair proposals shall include an itemized list of materials, costs of materials, mark-up percent, labor rates and hours, equipment rental, miscellaneous service, reference HVAC unit number and/or description, location of equipment, and Job number (if available). Contractors shall also include the appropriate hours and number of Journeymen and/or Apprentice/Installers required to complete service.

In the event of an emergency, a formal written proposal may be waived, however Contractor shall not commence work until explicitly given approval from the BPUB Supervisor or his designee.

New Installations:

Any new installation(s) of HVAC equipment shall be biddable at the sole discretion of the BPUB. No guarantee is given to Contractor awarded where installation will occur.

Warranty:

Warranty on all parts and labor shall be provided at a minimum of 12 months. Parts provided by the BPUB shall not be included under the 12-month warranty.

On Call/Emergency Services:

Contractor shall be accessible by a toll-free local telephone call during regular business hours. Local off-hours answering service for emergencies shall be available for contractor notification twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week, all year, including holidays. The expected two (2) hour response time from initial call notification is required during business days from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If the contractor is notified after business hours, or notification would result in an arrival after 7:00 PM, response time shall be expected the next business day at 7:00 AM provided a two (2) hour time window was provided from notification to expected response time.

The Contractor shall provide on call services within 24 hours after BPUB's notification of non-critical/ non-emergency repair service requests.

In an event of a system failure deemed by the BPUB as an emergency, the Contractor shall physically arrive to the BPUB site within three (3) hours of BPUB notification. See the table below for Service Call Classifications and approved response and completion times.

At the discretion of the BPUB, a separate Contractor can be contacted to respond in critical emergency events should the Contractor not respond in initial contact.

Service Call Classification	Response/Completion
Emergency	Contractor shall respond within 30 minutes of notification and work to completion or contain the emergency. (Work to be completed within 2 calendar days)
Hot/Cold	Contractor shall respond within 30 minutes and alleviate the discomfort. (Work to be completed within 2 business days)
Urgent	Contractor shall respond within 2 hours of notification during normal work hours. (Work to be completed within 3 business days)
Routine	Contractor shall respond within one business day of notification. (Work to be completed within 5 business days)
Utility Services	Contractor shall respond within one business day of notification. (Work to be completed within 5 business days)

Equipment Inspection:

An initial full equipment inspection will be available to the awarded contractor(s) by site and within a timeframe that will be designated by the BPUB’s Authorized Representatives, if they so desire.

The contractor shall have visited the facilities and shall have inspected all equipment, to be fully acquainted and familiarized with conditions as they exist, and the operations to be carried out. The contractor shall make such investigations as appropriate, to fully understand any difficulties and restrictions involved, while attending to the execution of the work with minimal disruption to the operations of the facility.

System Failure:

Should any of the contractor(s) activities result in HVAC system failure, or shutdown of any part of the air conditioning system, the contractor is required to immediately inform the BPUB’s Authorized Representatives and follow up with a written notice within twenty-four (24) hours. The written notification shall state the reason the equipment is not in service, when repairs will be completed and the system back in full operation. The contractor shall make every effort to expedite the service and minimize the disruption (the cooling effectiveness) to the location being serviced and shall employ every ordinary and extraordinary effort to minimize loss of air conditioning time.

System Condition:

Whenever services are provided, the contractor shall ensure that the HVAC equipment and systems are left in an operable condition. The contractor shall document all services performed and submit said documentation with their invoice for services.

Stoppage of Work:

The BPUB reserves the right to stop work on any project if, in the opinion of the BPUB Supervisor or his designee:

- Materials or work are not in conformance with the OEM specifications, applicable codes, standards, BPUB specifications and/or accepted practices.
- The contractor's activities result in damage to BPUB property.
- The contractor's activity adversely interferes with the normal operation of the facility.
- Contractor's personnel are not properly licensed to perform the work or as it pertains to BPUB facilities the contractor's personnel have not received their security background clearances.
- Any other condition, situation, or circumstance which, in the opinion of the BPUB's Authorized Representatives or Inspector, would be a detriment to the best interests of the BPUB if allowed to persist.

Inspection of Work:

The BPUB reserves the right to inspect the contractor's work at any time to assure compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement. All work will be inspected pursuant to applicable codes. All deficiencies noted by the BPUB will be submitted to the contractor for correction. Within thirty (30) calendar days after submission of deficiencies to the contractor, an inspection of the air conditioning system may be conducted to ensure corrective action was taken. Should the deficiencies not be corrected, the contractor shall be liable for any cost incurred by the BPUB to ensure the correction to include, but not limited to, additional inspections, repairs and meetings.

Parts:

The contractor(s) shall have access to most of the common parts necessary to service the units. The expected accessible parts shall include filters, compressors, fan motors, belts, pulleys, thermostats, humidistats, electronic boards, relays and contactors. Such parts shall be readily available to allow completion of all work, whenever possible, on the same day as arrival on-site.

Proposed Fee Schedule

Attachment A: Preventative Maintenance Fee Schedule

Fixed cost per location: pricing to include and cover the furnishings of all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals, travel, fuel, and any other overhead necessary to perform the work described in the Scope of Work.

Proposal prices are also to include any required reporting to BPUB of work performed.

Spring PM

Winter PM

(2) Additional Filter Changes: some units will require (4) additional filter changes

Qualifications

The following minimum requirements must be demonstrated in order for the submission to be considered responsive to BPUB.

Contractor shall have at least five (5) years of similar HVAC experience, and shall submit with their proposal a list of at least four (4) customer references with similar scope of services.

Contractor shall be fully licensed to perform HVAC work in the State of Texas, Cameron County jurisdiction. Each company vehicle shall display their State of Texas Contractor's Licenses per State Regulations. A copy of licenses shall be furnished upon submittal of this proposal.

Contractor must be able to provide HVAC services for residential and commercial buildings. All work performed must meet the job specifications, the most current HVAC code, and the most current local jurisdiction requirements.

The Contractor shall retain professional personnel who have successfully and competently provided private, BPUB and/or municipal facility HVAC maintenance and repair services on projects of similar scope and complexity. For the purpose of this contract, routine preventative HVAC maintenance shall be defined as scheduled routine inspection and proactive servicing of HVAC systems so as to facilitate heating/cooling with a minimal downtime.

Contractor staff shall also be proficient in the following trades: Ten (10) years commercial experience; Package HVAC units; All mechanical, electronic aspects of HVAC systems; Multi zone air handling systems; and a comprehensive understanding of HVAC control systems.

REFERENCES: BPUB requires respondent to supply with the proposal, a list of at least four (4) references where like services have been supplied by their company for a municipality or company of similar size within the last five (5) years. Include name of company, address, telephone number and name of representative.

RESPONSIBILITY: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent must meet the following requirements:

- Have adequate financial resources, or the above ability to obtain such resources as required
- Be able to comply with required or proposed delivery schedule
- Have a satisfactory record of performance
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award

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TIME OF PERFORMANCE: It is imperative that the prospective respondent respond to BPUB requests in a timely manner and comply with required or proposed delivery schedules. Please describe how you intend to respond to and track BPUB requests.

SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT: Respondent and its Principals may not be debarred or suspended nor otherwise on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the company as well as the company's principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a printout of the Entity Registration page that shows your firm is in active status and is not expired.

COST SHEET FOR PROPOSAL #P029-25
***COST SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY WITH
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM SIGNED & RETURNED***

**BPUB MAY ELECT TO AWARD MULTIPLE VENDORS AS HVAC SYSTEMS MAY BE
EITHER PROPRIETARY OR NON-PROPRIETARY, AND THIS DISTINCTION IMPACTS
SERVICING AND REPAIRS.**

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

AGENT NAME: _____

Authorized Representative (Print Name)

TITLE: _____

AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

Failure to sign proposal will disqualify it

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SAMPLE SERVICES CONTRACT

This Services Contract (“**Contract**”), dated as of _____, 20__ (the “**Effective Date**”), is entered into by and between the PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS (“**Brownsville PUB**”) and [ENTER VENDOR’S NAME], a [ENTER VENDOR’S STATE & TYPE OF COMPANY, i.e., Texas, Limited Liability Company, Corporation, etc.], with offices located at [ENTER VENDOR’S STREET ADDRESS INCLUDING CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE] (“**Service Provider**” and together with Brownsville PUB, the “**Parties**,” and each a “**Party**”).

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. Scope of Services.

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. Compensation.

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.

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

Cyber Liability:

\$250,000.00

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. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

A. SERVICE PROVIDER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND BROWNSVILLE PUB AND THEIR COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND 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 WITH, 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

NAME

TITLE

1425 Robinhood Drive

Brownsville, Texas 78521

Phone: (956) 983-XXXX

Email: xxxxx@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 or 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. Amendments.

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. Counterparts.

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.

REQUIRED FORMS
CHECKLIST

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

NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION	SUBMITTED WITH BID	
		YES	NO
Legal Notice	Acknowledgement Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Debarment Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ethics Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Certification of Interested Party Form 1295	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Residence Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	State Law Verification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	House Bill 89 Verification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	W9 or W8 Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Instructions	Bid Schedule/Cost sheet completed and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cashier Check or Bid Bond of 5% of Total Amount of Bid (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OSHA 300 Log (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sub-Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed, and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
References	Complete the Previous Customer Reference Worksheet for each reference provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addenda			

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

COMPANY: _____
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, PRIOR TO THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE. ANY LISTED DEVIATIONS IN A FINALLY SUBMITTED PROPOSAL MAY ALLOW THE OWNER TO REJECT A PROPOSAL 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: _____

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, or 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

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

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE		FORM CIQ
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		OFFICE USE ONLY
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>		
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p>		
<p>4 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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.</p>		
<p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).</p>		
<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Date</p>		

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

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES-FORM 1295

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

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

To implement the law, the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) adopted new rules necessary to prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form, Form 1295, on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules as part of Chapter 46 of the Texas Administrative Code on November 30, 2015.

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

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

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

To obtain additional information on HB 1295, to learn more about TEC's process to create a new account or to complete an electronic version of Form 1295 for submission with a signed contract, please go to the following link: https://ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

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

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED 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, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
 (street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
 (month) (year)

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

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

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 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 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 not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not 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 not boycott energy companies and (2) will not 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

_____, 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

**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.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific instructions on page 3.	1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions)	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</i>
	3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person	Date
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

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.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 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-8BEN-E**

(Rev. October 2021)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**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/FormW8BEN 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

Do NOT use this form for:

- U.S. entity or U.S. citizen or resident W-9
- A foreign individual W-8BEN (Individual) or Form 8233
- A foreign individual or entity claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the United States (unless claiming treaty benefits) W-8ECI
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for exceptions) . . . W-8BIMY
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession claiming that income is effectively connected U.S. income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for other exceptions) W-8ECI or W-8EXP
- Any person acting as an intermediary (including a qualified intermediary acting as a qualified derivatives dealer) W-8BIMY

Instead use Form:

Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner

<p>1 Name of organization that is the beneficial owner</p>	<p>2 Country of incorporation or organization</p>																
<p>3 Name of disregarded entity receiving the payment (if applicable, see instructions)</p>																	
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