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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Advertisement for Invitation for Bids**

**June 23, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by the Orange County Purchasing Department for Invitation for Bid **IFB-23002, Term Contract for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) Disaster/Emergency for Orange County**, Pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Section 200.318-326. Specifications for this project may be obtained from the Orange County website, <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/Purchasing/> or by calling 409-882-7903.

Bids are to be sealed and addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the bid number and name marked on the outside of the envelope or box. Bidders shall forward an original and two (2) copies of their bid to the address shown below. Orange County does not accept bids submitted electronically. Late bids will be rejected as non-responsive. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Orange County Purchasing Department 714 Polk Street, Orange, Texas 77630, at the time and date below. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

**BID NAME:** Term Contract for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) Disaster/Emergency for Orange County, Pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, the County Purchasing Act and 2 CFR Section 200.318-326

**BID NUMBER:** IFB-23002

**DUE BY TIME/DATE:** 2:00 P.M. CT, Thursday August 3 ,2023

**MAIL OR DELIVER TO:** Orange County Purchasing Department  
714 POLK STREET  
ORANGE, TEXAS 77630

Any questions relating to these bid requirements should be directed to Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent at 409-882-7903 or via email at: [mcarroll@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:mcarroll@co.orange.tx.us)

Orange County encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBEs), and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) to participate in the bidding process. Orange County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment, or the provisions of services. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact our office at least seven (7) days prior to the bid due date (at 409-882-7903) to make appropriate arrangements.

Orange County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to take whatever action is in the best interest of Orange County. All interested firms are invited to submit a bid in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this bid.

**Respondents are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire invitation.**

Michelle Carroll Purchasing Agent  
Orange County, Texas

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### **BID SUBMISSIONS:**

One (1) Original and two (2) Bid Copies; with all copies to include a Completed Copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.

Each Bidder shall ensure that required parts of their bid submission are completed with accuracy and submitted as per the requirements within this specifications packet, including any addenda.

Additionally, Bidder shall monitor the Orange County Purchasing Department Website for any addenda, additional instructions, or bid updates. <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/Purchasing/>

Failure to return all required documentation will result in a response being declared as non-responsive.

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BIDDING AND TERMS OF CONTRACT**

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**By execution of this document, the Vendor accepts all general and special conditions of the contract as outlined below and, in the specifications, and plans.**

### **1. BIDDING.**

#### **1.1 BIDS.**

All bids must be submitted on the bid form furnished in this package.

#### **1.2 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES.**

The bid must be executed personally by the Vendor, duly authorized partner of the partnership, or duly authorized officer of the corporation. If executed by an agent, a power of attorney or other evidence of authority to act on behalf of the Vendor shall accompany the bid to become a valid bid.

#### **1.3 LATE BIDS.**

Bids must be in the office of the Orange County Purchasing Agent before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Bids received after the submission deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive and returned unopened.

#### **1.4 WITHDRAWAL OF BID PRIOR TO OPENING.**

A bid may be withdrawn before the opening date by submitting a written request to the Purchasing Agent. If time allows, the Bidder may submit a new bid. Bidder assumes full responsibility for submitting a new bid before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Orange County reserves the right to withdraw a request for bids before the opening date.

#### **1.5 WITHDRAWAL OF BID AFTER OPENING.**

Bidder agrees that its offer may not be withdrawn or cancelled by the Vendor for a period of ninety (90) days following the date and time designated for the receipt of bids unless otherwise stated in the bid and/or specifications.

#### **1.6 BID AMOUNTS.**

Bids shall show net prices, extensions where applicable and net total. In case of conflict between unit price and extension, the unit price will govern. Any ambiguity in the bid as a result of omission, error, unintelligible or illegible wording shall be interpreted in the favor of Orange County.

#### **1.7 EXCEPTIONS AND/OR SUBSTITUTIONS.**

All bids meeting the intent of the specifications and plans will be considered for award. Vendors taking exception to the specifications and plans, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided. If bid is made on an article other than the one specified, which a Bidder considers comparable, the name and grade of said article must be specified in the bid and sufficient specifications and descriptive data must accompany same to permit thorough evaluation. The absence of stated exceptions and/or substitutions shall indicate that the Vendor has not taken any exceptions to the specifications and shall be responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications. As a matter of practice, Orange County rejects exception(s) and /or substitutions as non-responsive but reserves the right to accept any and/or all of the exception(s) and/or substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of Orange County.

#### **1.8 ALTERNATES.**

The Invitation for Bid and/or specifications may expressly allow Bidder to submit an alternate bid. Presence of such an offer shall not be considered an indication of non-responsiveness.

**1.9 DESCRIPTIONS.**

Unless otherwise specified, any reference to make, manufacturer and/or model used in the bid specifications is merely descriptive and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type, style, or quality of material desired.

**1.10 BID ALTERATIONS.**

Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineations, alterations, or erasures made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid, guaranteeing authenticity.

**1.11 TAX EXEMPT STATUS.**

Orange County is exempt from federal excise tax and state sales tax. Unless the bid form or specifications specifically indicate otherwise, the bid price must be net, exclusive of above-mentioned taxes and will be so construed. Therefore, the bid price shall not include taxes.

**1.12 QUANTITIES.**

Quantities indicated are estimated quantities only and are not a commitment to buy. Approximate usage does not constitute an order, but only implies the probable quantity that will be used. Commodities will be ordered on an as-needed basis. Bidder is responsible for accurate final counts.

**1.13 BID AWARD.**

Award of contract shall be made to the most responsible, responsive Bidder, whose offer is determined to be the best value, taking into consideration the relative importance of price. Orange County reserves the right to be the sole judge as to whether items bid will serve the purpose intended.

Orange County reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole any bid submitted, and to waive any technicalities or informalities for the best interest of the County. Orange County reserves the right to award based upon individual line items, sections or total bid.

**1.14 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPLETE UNITS.**

All materials, equipment and/or parts that will become a portion of the completed work, including items not specifically stated herein but, necessary to render the service(s) complete and operational per the specifications, are to be included in the bid price. Vendor may be required to furnish evidence that the service, as bid, will meet or exceed these requirements.

**1.15 ADDENDA.**

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to the specifications and plans will be made by addenda no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be posted on the Purchasing web site. Vendors are responsible for monitoring the web site in order to remain informed on addenda. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda with submission of bid.

**1.16 GENERAL BID BOND/SURETY REQUIREMENTS.**

Failure to furnish bid bond/surety, if requested, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

**1.17 GENERAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

Failure to furnish Affidavit of Insurance, if required in these specifications, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

**1.18 RESPONSIVENESS.**

A responsive bid shall substantially conform to the requirements of this Invitation to Bid and/or specifications

contained herein. Bidders who substitute any other terms, conditions, specifications and/or requirements or who qualify their bids in such a manner as to nullify or limit their liability to the contracting entity shall have their bids deemed non-responsive. Also, bids containing any clause that would limit contracting authority shall be considered non-responsive. Examples of non-responsive bids include but shall not be limited to: a) bids that fail to conform to required delivery schedules as set forth in the bid request; b) bids with prices qualified in such a manner that the bid price cannot be determined, such as with vague wording that may include "price in effect at the time of delivery," and c) bids made contingent upon award of other bids currently under consideration.

#### **1.19 RESPONSIBLE STANDING OF BIDDER.**

To be considered for award, Bidder must at least: have the ability to obtain adequate financial resources, be able to comply with required or proposed delivery/completion schedule, have a satisfactory record of performance; have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics, and be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive award.

#### **1.20 CONFIDENTIAL/PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.**

If any material in the bid submission is considered by Bidder to be confidential or proprietary information (including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the Bidder), Bidder must clearly mark the applicable pages of bid submission to indicate each claim of confidentiality. Additionally, Bidder must include a statement on company letterhead identifying all Bid Submission section(s) and page(s) that have been marked as confidential. Orange County will protect from public disclosure such portions of a bid, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing open records acts. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire bid submission is protected from disclosure because it contains some proprietary information is not acceptable, and will make the entire bid submission subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

By submitting a bid, Bidder agrees to reproduction by Orange County, without cost or liability, of any copyrighted portions of Bidder's bid submission or other information submitted by Bidder.

#### **1.21 PUBLIC BID OPENING.**

Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids. After the official opening of bids, a period of not less than one week is necessary to evaluate bids. The amount of time necessary for bid evaluation may vary and is determined solely by the County. Following the bid evaluation, all bids submitted are available for public review.

### **2. PERFORMANCE.**

#### **2.1 DESIGN, STRENGTH, AND QUALITY.**

Design, strength, and quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practices. The apparent silence of specifications and/or plans as to any detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications and/or plans shall be made on the basis of this statement.

#### **2.2 AGE AND MANUFACTURE.**

All tangible goods being bid must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition, of current manufacture, and furnished ready to use. All items not specifically mentioned that are required for a complete unit shall be furnished.

#### **2.3 DELIVERY LOCATION.**

All deliveries will be made to the address(es) specified on the purchase order during normal working hours of 8:00 am CT to 4:00 pm CT, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise authorized by the Purchasing Agent or designee.

#### **2.4 DELIVERY SCHEDULE.**

Delivery time may be an important consideration in the evaluation of best value. The maximum number of days

necessary for delivery ARO shall be stated in the space, if provided, on the bid form.

**2.5 DELIVERY CHARGES.**

All delivery and freight charges, F.O.B. destination shown on Orange County purchase order, as necessary to perform contract are to be included in the bid price.

**2.6 INSTALLATION CHARGES.**

All charges for assembly, installation and set-up shall be included in the bid price. Unless otherwise stated, assembly, installation and set-up will be required.

**2.7 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND TRAINING.**

Clear and concise operating instructions and descriptive literature will be provided in English, if requested. On-site detailed training in the safe and efficient use and general maintenance of item(s) purchased shall be provided as needed at the request of Orange County. Instructions and training shall be at no additional cost to the County.

**2.8 STORAGE.**

Bidder agrees to provide storage of custom ordered materials, if requested, for up to thirty (30) calendar days.

**2.9 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL LAWS.**

Bids must comply with all federal, state, county and local laws, including, but not limited to, all applicable standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements. Any vehicles or equipment shall contain all standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements required for the types and sizes of equipment at the time of their manufacture. The contractor agrees, during the performance of work or service, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of Orange County or the State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read, or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.

**2.10 OSHA.**

The Bidder will certify all equipment complies with all regulations and conditions stipulated under the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1971, as amended. The successful Bidder will further certify that all items furnished under this project will conform and comply with federal and State of Texas OSHA standards. The successful Bidder will agree to indemnify and hold harmless Orange County for any and all damages that may be assessed against the County.

**2.11 PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS.**

The successful Vendor agrees to protect the County from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.

**2.12 SAMPLES, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND TESTING.**

At Orange County's request and direction, Bidder shall provide product samples and/or testing of items bid to ensure compliance with specifications. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested at any point prior to or following bid award. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested upon delivery and/or any point during the term of resulting contract. All samples (including return thereof), demonstrations, and/or testing shall be at the expense of the Bidder/Vendor.

**2.13 ACCEPTABILITY.**

All articles enumerated in the bid shall be subject to inspection by an officer designated for that purpose by Orange County. If found inferior to the quality called for, or not equal in value to the specifications, deficient in workmanship or otherwise, this fact shall be certified to the Purchasing Agent, who shall have the right to reject the whole or any part of the same. Items and/or work determined to be contrary to specifications must be replaced at the vendor's expense. Inferior items not retrieved by the vendor within thirty (30) calendar days, or an otherwise agreed upon

time, shall become the property of the County. If disposal of such items warrants an expense, an amount equal to the disposal expense will be deducted from amounts payable to the vendor.

#### **2.14 MAINTENANCE.**

Maintenance required for equipment bid should be available in Orange County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Cost for this service shall be shown on the bid sheet as requested or on a separate sheet, as required. If Orange County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.

#### **2.15 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS.**

Under the "Hazardous Communications Act," common known as the "Texas Right to Know Act," a Bidder must provide the user department, with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the Bidder to furnish this documentation, will be cause to reject any bid applying thereto.

#### **2.16 EVALUATION.**

Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County. It shall be based on all factors having a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user environment. All bids are subject to tabulation by the Orange County Purchasing Department and recommendation to Orange County Commissioners' Court. Compliance with all bid requirements and needs of the using department are considered in evaluating bids. Pricing is not the only criteria for making a recommendation. The Orange County Purchasing Department reserves to right to contact any Bidder, at any time, to clarify, verify or requirement information with regard to this bid.

### **3. PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENT.**

#### **3.1 PURCHASE ORDERS.**

A purchase order(s) shall be generated by the Orange County Purchasing Agent to the successful vendor. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips. The County will not be held responsible for any work orders placed and/or performed without a valid current purchase order number. Payment will be made for all services rendered and accepted by the contract administrator for which a valid invoice has been received.

#### **3.2 INVOICES.**

All invoices shall reference the Purchase Order number. Invoices shall reference the bid item number or a detailed description for each item invoiced. If an item purchased and itemized on the invoice does not correspond to an item in any of the categories awarded to the vendor, invoice shall reference the item as "N/C" to indicate that it is a non-contract item. This requirement is to assist the County in verifying contract pricing on all invoices. Payment will be made under terms of net thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed upon by seller and the purchasing department.

#### **3.3 PROMPT PAYMENT.**

In accordance with the State of Texas Prompt Payment Act, Article 601f V.T.C.S., payment will be made after receive and acceptance by the County of the merchandise ordered and of a valid invoice. Successful Bidder(s) is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days after the successful Bidder receives payment from the County.

#### **3.4 FUNDING.**

Orange County is operated and funded on an October 1 to September 30 basis; accordingly, the County reserves the right to terminate, without liability to the County, any contract for which funding is not available.

#### **4. CONTRACT.**

##### **4.1 CONTRACT DEFINITION.**

The General Conditions of Bidding and Terms of Contract, Specifications, Plans, Bidding Forms, Addenda, and any other documents made a part of this bid shall constitute the complete bid. This bid, when duly accepted by Orange County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful Bidder and Orange County.

##### **4.2 CHANGE ORDER.**

No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of a change order. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing and at the discretion and approval of Orange County. No change order will be binding unless signed by an authorized representative of the County and the vendor.

##### **4.3 PRICE RE-DETERMINATION.**

A price re-determination may be requested at the time of annual renewal. All requests for price re-determination shall be in written form. Cause for such request, i.e., manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, Federal/State minimum wage law, Federal/State unemployment taxes, F.I.C.A, Insurance Coverage Rates, etc., shall be substantiated in writing by the source of the cost increase. The Bidder's past experience of honoring contracts at the bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and best bid. Orange County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all requests for price re-determination as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

##### **4.4 TERMINATION.**

Orange County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if the Bidder breached any of the terms therein, including warranties of Bidder or if the Bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Orange County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or service within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Orange County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Contracts may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to either party unless otherwise specified. Orange County reserves the right to award canceled contract to the next lowest Bidder. Bidder, in submitting this bid, agrees that Orange County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the County declares the Bidder in default.

##### **4.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Employees of the County are not permitted to maintain financial interest in, or receive payment, directly or indirectly, borrow from, lend to, invest in, or engage in any substantial financial transaction with any individual, organization, supplier, or subcontractor who does business with the County without disclosure. When conflict of interest is discovered, it shall be grounds for termination of contract.

##### **4.6 INTEREST BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.**

No public official shall have interest in this contract, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code.

##### **4.7 PRE-AWARD/CONTRACT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTY AND VENDORS.**

**The Orange County Purchasing Department will be the primary pre-bid contact for this Invitation for Bid, unless otherwise specified within these bid specifications. If not written within these specifications, Potential Bidders/Vendors shall not visit or conduct discussions with other County Departments or representatives.**

The Orange County Purchasing Department expects to conduct discussions with vendor's representatives authorized to contractually obligate the vendor with an offer. **Vendors shall not contact any Orange County**



**personnel during the RFP process without the express permission from the Orange County Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent will disqualify any vendor who has made site visits, contacted Orange County personnel, or distributed any literature without authorization from the Orange County Purchasing Department.**

All correspondence relating to this RFP, from advertisement to award shall be sent to the Orange County Purchasing Department. All presentations and/or meetings between Orange County and the vendor relating to this RFP shall be coordinated by the Orange County Purchasing Department.

Selected vendors may be expected to make a presentation/product demonstration to an Evaluation Committee. Proposals, vendor presentations, and product/service evaluations may develop into negotiating sessions with the vendor(s) as selected by the Evaluation Committee. Orange County expects to conduct negotiations with vendor representatives authorized to contractually obligate the vendor with an offer. If vendor is unable to agree to contract terms and conditions, Orange County reserves the right to terminate contract negotiations with that vendor and initiate negotiations with another vendor. In addition to a presentation, visits by the Evaluation Committee to representative vendor client sites may be conducted where the proposed solution can be demonstrated in a production environment.

#### **4.8 INJURIES OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE.**

Successful vendor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Orange County and all its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful vendor, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award. Successful vendor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against Orange County growing out of such injury or damages.

#### **4.9 WARRANTY.**

The successful vendor shall warrant that all materials utilized in the performance of this contract shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.

#### **4.10 UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.**

The successful vendor and Orange County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### **4.11 VENUE.**

This agreement will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This agreement is performable in the County of Orange, Texas.

#### **4.12 SALE, ASSIGNMENT, OR TRANSFER OF CONTRACT.**

The successful vendor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Orange County.

#### **4.13 SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS.**

The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

#### **5. REJECTION OR WITHDRAWAL.**

Submission of additional terms, conditions or agreements with the bid document are grounds for deeming a bid non-responsive and may result in bid rejection. Orange County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to

waive any informalities and minor irregularities or defects in bids. Bids may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or authorized representative, provided their identity is made known and a receipt is signed for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the time set for receipt of bids. Bids are an irrevocable offer and may not be withdrawn within 90 days after opening date.

#### **6. EMERGENCY/DECLARED DISASTER REQUIREMENTS.**

In the event of an emergency or if Orange County is declared a disaster area, by the County, State, or Federal Government, this Acceptance of Offer may be subjected to unusual usage. Contractor shall service the county during such an emergency or declared disaster under the same terms and conditions that apply during non-emergency/disaster conditions. The pricing as specified in this Acceptance of Offer shall apply to serving the County's needs regardless of the circumstances. If Contractor is unable to supply the services under the terms of the Acceptance of Offer, then Contractor shall provide proof of such disruption and a copy of the invoice from Contractor's supplier(s).

Additional profit margin as a result of supplying services during an emergency or declared disaster shall not be permitted. In the event that additional equipment, supplies, and materials are required during the declared disaster, additional shipping, handling and drayage fees may apply.

#### **7. AWARD.**

The bid will be awarded to the responsible, responsive bidder(s) whose bid, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to Orange County – price and other factors considered. Unless otherwise specified in this IFB, Orange County reserves the right to accept a bid in whole or in part, and to award by item or by group, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of Orange County. Any bidder who is in default to Orange County at the time of submittal of the bid shall have that bid rejected.

Orange County reserves the right to clarify any contractual terms with the concurrence of the Contractor; however, any substantial non-conformity in the offer, as determined by Orange County, shall be deemed non-responsive and the offer rejected.

In evaluating bids, Orange County shall consider the qualifications of the bidders, and, where applicable, operating costs, delivery time, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of materials and equipment.

In addition, Orange County may conduct such investigation as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of a bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the bidders to fulfill the contract.

Orange County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of **lowest and best bid** in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one offeror, and/or to reject any or all bids. In the event the lowest dollar offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, Offeror may appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning Offeror responsibility after officially notifying the Office of the Purchasing Agent of Offeror's intent to appear.

#### **8. CONTRACT.**

A response to an IFB is an offer to contract with Orange County based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the IFB. Bids do not become contracts unless and until they are executed by Orange County, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the IFB, unless any of the terms and conditions is modified by an IFB Amendment, a Contract Amendment, or by mutually agreed terms and conditions in the contract documents.

#### **9. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.**

Bidder and bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Orange

County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from bidder's performance under this agreement.

**10. FISCAL FUNDING.**

A multi-year contract (if requested by the specifications) continuing as a result of an extension option must include fiscal funding out. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the contract, said contract shall become null and void.

**11. BID RESULTS.**

Bid results are not provided in response to telephone inquiries. A preliminary tabulation of bids received will be posted on the Purchasing web page at <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/Purchasing/> as soon as possible following bid opening. A final tabulation will be posted following bid award, and will also be available for review in the Purchasing Department.

**12. CHANGES AND ADDENDA TO BID DOCUMENTS.**

Each change or addendum issued in relation to this IFB document will be on file in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, and will be posted on the Purchasing web site as soon as possible. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to change or addenda issued, and to monitor the web site. All such changes or addenda shall become part of the contract and all bidders shall be bound by such addenda. Information on all changes or addenda issued will be available at the Office of the County Purchasing Agent.

**13. SPECIFICATIONS.**

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, the bid will be considered as being in accordance with Orange County's applicable standard specifications, and any special specifications outlined in the bid document. References to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalogue, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the requirements of Orange County, and should not be construed as excluding bids on other types of materials, equipment, and supplies. However, the bidder, if awarded a contract, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in the specifications or description unless departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the bid.

Orange County reserves the right to determine if equipment/ product being bid is an acceptable alternate. All goods shall be new unless otherwise so stated in the bid. Any unsolicited alternate bid, or any changes, insertions, or omissions to the terms and conditions, specifications, or any other requirements of the bid, may be considered non-responsive.

**14. DELIVERY.**

**Bids shall include all charges for delivery, packing, crating, containers, etc. Unless otherwise stated by the bidder (in writing on the included Bid Form), prices bid will be considered as being based on F.O.B. destination/delivered freight included.**

**15. INTERPRETATION OF BID AND/OR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.**

All inquiries shall be made within a reasonable time prior to the date and time fixed for the bid opening, in order that a written response in the form of an addendum, if required, can be processed before the bids are opened. Inquiries received that are not made in a timely fashion may or may not be considered.

**16. CURRENCY.**

Prices calculated by the bidder shall be stated in U.S. dollars.

**17. PRICING.**

Prices shall be stated in units of quantity specified in the bid documents. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price shall govern.

**18. NOTICE TO PROCEED/PURCHASE ORDER.**

The successful bidder may not commence work under this contract until authorized to do so by the Purchasing Agent.

**19. CERTIFICATION.**

**By signing the offer section of the Offer and Acceptance page, Bidder certifies:**

- The submission of the offer did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices.
- The Bidder has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any public servant in connection with the submitted offer.
- The Bidder hereby certifies that the individual signing the bid is an authorized agent for the Bidder and has the authority to bind the Bidder to the contract.

**20. DEFINITIONS.**

“County” – Orange County, Texas.

“Contractor” – The Bidder whose proposal is accepted by Orange County.

**21. MINORITY-OWNED (MWBE), WOMEN-OWNED (WBE) AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED (HUB) BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION.**

It is the desire of Orange County to increase the participation of Minority-Owned (MBE), Women-Owned (WBE), and Historically Underutilized (HUB) business enterprises in its contracting and procurement programs. While the County does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms.

## SECTION 2: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) MANDATED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

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### 1. REMEDIES.

#### a. Standard.

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, currently set at \$250,000, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (A).

#### b. Applicability.

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

### 2. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND CONVENIENCE.

#### a. Standard.

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity, including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (B).

#### b. Applicability.

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and co-operative agreement programs.

### 3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

If applicable, exact language below in subsection 3.d is required.

#### a. Standard.

Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60- 1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(C).

#### b. Key Definitions.

##### i. **Federally Assisted Construction Contract.**

The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines a “federally assisted construction contract” as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.

**ii. Construction Work.**

The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines “construction work” as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.

**c. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

**d. Required Language.**

The regulation at 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) requires the insertion of the following contract clause.

**During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:**

**(1)** The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

**(2)** The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

**(3)** The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

**(4)** The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

**(5)** The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

**(6)** The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and

will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

**(7)** In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

**(8)** The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any sub-contract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States. The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

#### **4. DAVIS-BACON ACT.**

##### **a. Standard.**

All prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (D). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

##### **b. Applicability.**

The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program, Homeland Security Grant Program, Non-profit Security Grant Program, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program. It DOES NOT apply to other FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the Public Assistance Program.

##### **c. Requirements.**

If applicable, the non-Federal entity must do the following:

i. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

ii. Additionally, pursuant 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(D), contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3 (Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States). The Copeland Anti-Kickback Act provides that each contractor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to FEMA.

iii. Include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction").

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE DAVIS-BACON ACT:**

a. All transactions regarding this contract shall be done in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) and the requirements of 29C.F.R.pt. 5 as may be applicable. The contractor shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148 and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 5 as applicable.

b. Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor.

c. Additionally, contractors are required to pay wages not less than once a week.



**5. COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT.**

**a. Standard.**

Recipient and sub recipient contracts must include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States").

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all contracts for construction or repair work above \$2,000 in situations where the Davis-Bacon Act also applies. It DOES NOT apply to the FEMA Public Assistance Program.

**c. Requirements.**

If applicable, the non-Federal entity must include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3 (Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States). Each contractor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to FEMA. Additionally, in accordance with the regulation, each contractor and subcontractor must furnish each week a statement with respect to the wages paid each of its employees engaged in work covered by the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act and the Davis Bacon Act during the preceding weekly payroll period. The report shall be delivered by the contractor or subcontractor, within seven days after the regular payment date of the payroll period, to a representative of a Federal or State agency in charge at the site of the building or work.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THE COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK ACT":**

**a. Contractor.**

The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

**b. Subcontracts.**

The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

**c. Breach.**

A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12."

**6. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT.**

**a. Standard.**

Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2

C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (E). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. Further, no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all FEMA contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 under grant and cooperative agreement programs that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers. It is applicable to construction work. These requirements do not apply to the purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides contract clause language concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. FEMA suggests including the following contract clause: Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

**(1) Overtime requirements.**

No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any Part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

**(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.**

In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b) (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b) (1) of this section, in the sum of \$27 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b) (1) of this section.

**(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.**

Orange County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

**(4) Subcontracts.**

The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b) (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b) (1) through (4) of this section.

## **7. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.**

### **a. Standard.**

If the FEMA award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the non-Federal entity wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or non-profit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the non-Federal entity must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements), and any implementing regulations issued by FEMA. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (F).

### **b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to “funding agreements,” but it DOES NOT apply to the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”

### **c. Funding Agreements Definition.**

The regulation at 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) defines “funding agreement” as any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any Federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.

## **8. CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.**

### **a. Standard.**

If applicable, contracts must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to FEMA and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (G).

### **b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to contracts awarded by a non-Federal entity of amounts in excess of \$150,000 under a federal grant.

### **CLEAN AIR ACT:**

**(1)** The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

**(2)** The contractor agrees to report each violation to Orange County and understands and agrees that the County/Grant Administration Firm Acting on Behalf of the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

**FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT:**

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to Orange County agrees that the County/Grant Administration Firm Acting on Behalf of the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

**9. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.**

**a. Standard.**

Non-Federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension (1986) and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security's regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension).

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

**c. Requirements.**

i. These regulations restrict awards, sub awards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II(H); and 2 C.F.R. § 200.213. A contract award must not be made to parties listed in the SAM Exclusions. SAM Exclusions is the list maintained by the General Services Administration that contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. SAM exclusions can be accessed at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). See 2 C.F.R. § 180.530.

ii. In general, an "excluded" party cannot receive a Federal grant award or a contract within the meaning of a "covered transaction," to include sub awards and subcontracts. This includes parties that receive Federal funding indirectly, such as contractors to recipients and sub recipients. The key to the exclusion is whether there is a "covered transaction," which is any non-procurement transaction (unless excepted) at either a "primary" or "secondary" tier. Although "covered transactions" do not include contracts awarded by the Federal Government for purposes of the non-procurement common rule and DHS's implementing regulations, it does include some contracts awarded by recipients and sub recipients.

iii. Specifically, a covered transaction includes the following contracts for goods or services:

1. The contract is awarded by a recipient or sub recipient in the amount of at least \$25,000.

2. The contract requires the approval of FEMA, regardless of amount.
3. The contract is for federally-required audit services.
4. A subcontract is also a covered transaction if it is awarded by the contractor of a recipient or sub recipient and requires either the approval of FEMA or is in excess of \$25,000.

The following provides a debarment and suspension clause. It incorporates an optional method of verifying that contractors are not excluded or disqualified.

**SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT:**

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**10. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT.**

**a. Standard.**

Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. FEMA's regulation at 44 C.F.R. Part 18 implements the requirements of 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and provides, in Appendix A to Part 18, a copy of the certification that is required to be completed by each entity as described in 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the Federal awarding agency.

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs. Contractors that apply or bid for a contract of \$100,000 or more under a federal grant must file the required certification. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (I); 31 U.S.C. § 1352; and 44 C.F.R. Part 18.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended) Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

**c. Required Certification.**

If applicable, contractors must sign and submit to the non-Federal entity the **“Certification Regarding Lobbying” Form** included within these bid specifications, **Page 45**

**11. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

**a. Standard.**

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (J); and 2 C.F.R. §200.322.

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all contracts awarded by a non-Federal entity under FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

**c. Requirements.**

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- (1)** Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (2)** Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (3)** At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA designated items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

The Uniform Rules authorize FEMA to require additional provisions for non-Federal entity contracts.

Although FEMA does not currently require additional provisions, FEMA recommends the following:

**1. ACCESS TO RECORDS.**

**a. Standard.**

All recipients, sub recipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. Recipients must give DHS/FEMA access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions: Version 8.1 (2018). Additionally, Section 1225 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 prohibits FEMA from providing reimbursement to any state, local, tribal, or territorial government, or private non-profit for activities made pursuant to a contract that purports to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA administrator or Comptroller General.

**ACCESS TO RECORDS:**

**The following access to records requirements applies to this contract:**

**(1)** The Contractor agrees to provide the local/state/federal entity providing funding for this project, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

**(2)** The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

**(3)** The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or their representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

**(4)** In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

**2. CHANGES.**

**a. Standard.**

To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity's FEMA grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope.

**b. Applicability.**

FEMA recommends, therefore, that a non-Federal entity include a changes clause in its contract that describes how, if at all, changes can be made by either party to alter the method, price, or schedule of the work without breaching the contract. The language of the clause may differ depending on the nature of the contract and the end-item procured.

**3. DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS.**

**a. Standard.**

Recipients must obtain permission prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions: Version 8.1 (2018).

**b. Applicability.**

FEMA recommends that all non-Federal entities place in their contracts a provision that a contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

“The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.”

**4. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

**a. Standard.**

The recipient and its contractors are required to comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and executive orders.

**b. Applicability.**

FEMA recommends that all non-Federal entities place into their contracts an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract along with the requirement that the contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, and FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

**c. “This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract.** The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.”

**5. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

**a. Standard.**

FEMA is not a party to any transaction between the recipient and its contractor. FEMA is not subject to any obligations or liable to any party for any matter relating to the contract.

**b. Applicability.**

FEMA recommends that the non-Federal entity include a provision in its contract that states that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

“The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.”

**6. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS.**

**a. Standard.**

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733) which



prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions: Version 8.1 (2018); and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3812, which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made. The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.

**b. Applicability.**

FEMA recommends that the non-Federal entity include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.

**“The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor’s actions pertaining to this contract.”**

**7. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS.**

**a. Standard.**

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II (J); and 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

**b. Applicability.**

This requirement applies to all contracts awarded by a non-federal entity under FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.

**c. Requirements.**

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

Meeting contract performance requirements; or At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website:

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensiveprocurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.”

### SECTION 3: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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The following requirements and instructions supersede General Requirements where applicable.

#### 1. SUBMISSION OF BID.

##### **Bidder is Responsible for Submitting:**

**One (1) Original and two (2) Bid Copies; with all copies to include a Completed Copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.**

The County requests that bid submissions NOT be bound by staples or glued spines.

Each Bidder shall ensure that required parts of their bid submission are completed with accuracy and submitted as per the requirements within this specifications packet, including any addenda.

Additionally, Bidder shall monitor the Orange County Purchasing Department Website for any addenda, additional instructions, or bid updates. <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/Purchasing/>

**Failure to return all required documentation will result in a response being declared as non-responsive.**

##### **Bids must be submitted in complete original form by mail or messenger to the following address:**

Orange County Purchasing Department  
714 Polk Street Orange, Texas 77630

**BID PACKAGING:** Bidder shall submit response in a tightly sealed opaque envelope or box, plainly marked "SEALED BID." The outside of the envelope or box shall also include the IFB Number, IFB Name, IFB Due Date, and the Bidder's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent.

**All submissions must be received by 2:00 pm CT, Thursday, August 3, 2023.**

Bids will be accepted at the above address until the time and date specified herein, and immediately after will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Orange County will not accept any responsibility for bids being delivered by third party carriers. Late

bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Orange County shall not be responsible for any effort or cost expended in the preparation of a response to this IFB.

All bid responses submitted in response to this invitation shall become the property of Orange County and will be a matter of public record available for review.

All protests should be coordinated through the Purchasing Office prior to award recommendation to Commissioners' Court.

**COUNTY HOLIDAYS (2023):**

<b>January 16, 2023</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday
<b>February 20, 2023</b>	President’s Day	Monday
<b>April 7, 2023</b>	Good Friday	Friday
<b>May 29, 2023</b>	Memorial Day	Monday
<b>July 3 &amp; 4, 2023</b>	Independence Day	Monday& Tuesday
<b>September 4 2023</b>	Labor Day	Monday
<b>November 10, 2023</b>	Veteran’s Day	Friday
<b>November 23 &amp; 24, 2023</b>	Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday
<b>December 25 &amp; 26, 2023</b>	Christmas	Monday
<b>January 1, 2024</b>	New Year’s	Monday

**Submissions During Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency:**

In case of inclement weather or any other unforeseen event causing the County to close for business on the date of a bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submission deadline, the RFQ closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day that County offices are open to the public. Should inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event cause delays in courier service operations, the County may issue an addendum to all known vendors interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to notify the county of their interest in the project should these conditions impact their ability to submit a bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submission before the stated deadline. The County reserves the right to make the final judgement call to extend any deadline.

Should an emergency or unanticipated event interrupt normal County processes, and bid/proposal/statement of qualifications submissions cannot be received by the Orange County Purchasing Department’s office by the exact time specified in the RFQ and urgent County requirements preclude amendment to the RFQ, the time specified for receipt of Statements of Qualifications will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first business day on which normal County processes resume.

**2. QUESTIONS/DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS.**

Questions may be emailed to **Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent** at: [mcarroll@co.Orange.tx.us](mailto:mcarroll@co.Orange.tx.us)

The Deadline for asking questions or requesting additional information (in writing) is 5:00 pm, CT, **July 24,2023.**

**3. VENDOR REGISTRATION (System for Award Management).**

Vendors doing business with Orange County are **required** to be registered with The System for Award Management (SAM), with an “active” status. The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS. There is NO fee to register for this site. Entities may register at no cost directly from the SAM website at: <https://www.sam.gov>

In instances where a vendor has either an “Inactive” SAM Registration or is not currently registered with the System for Award Management, the Purchasing Department may *initially* accept proof (printout from the SAM website) that the vendor has begun the registration process in order for the IFB/RFQ/RFP submission to be considered as “responsive” to the specifications for the project.

However, the SAM Registration must be completed (showing “active” status, with no exclusions) prior to the award and/or execution of an agreement or contract for the project.

#### **4. FORM 1295 (Texas Ethics Commission) SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT/INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS.**

All Non-Exempt Bidders are required to submit a completed FORM 1295 with bid submission.

##### **1. Submit a FORM 1295 online via the Texas Ethics Commission website link below.**

*Vendors must enter the required information on Form 1295, and print a copy of the completed form.*

*The form will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number.*

##### **2. Submit a FORM 1295 hard copy (completed & signed by an Authorized Agent of the Awarded Vendor), to the Orange County Purchasing Department with bid submission.**

FORM 1295, Completion Instructions, and Login Instructions are available via the Texas Ethics Commission Website at: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

A sample of a completed FORM 1295 is included on **PAGE 29**.

##### FORM 1295 Implementation Background:

In accordance with House Bill 1295 (passed January 1, 2016), Vendors entering into contracts and professional agreements with Orange County will be required to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties (FORM 1295), **unless contract is considered exempt as described below.**

In 2017, the Texas legislature amended the law to require Form 1295 to include an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form. The unsworn declaration, including the date of birth and address of the signatory, replaces the notary requirement that applied to contracts entered into before January 1, 2018. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

Changes to the law requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an “unsworn declaration.”

**Question:** Will the date of birth and address provided appear on the TEC’s website when the form is filed?

**Answer:** No. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application. Although the TEC does not capture the date of birth and street address of the signatory, the contracting state agency or governmental agency will have a physical copy of the form that includes the date of birth and address of the signatory. The TEC cannot answer whether the contracting state agency or governmental agency may release such information. Questions regarding the Texas Public Information Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General. See also Paxton v. City of Dall., No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228, at \*10-11 (App.—Austin May 22, 2015) (mem. op.) (pet. denied) (available here)

**FORM 1295 EXEMPTIONS:**

**What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law?**

The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement.

**A completed Form 1295 is not required for:**

- a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education
- an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education
- a contract related to health and human services if: the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract
- a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity
- a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code
- a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code

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PROOF HERE.**



### SECTION 3: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

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**6. MULTIPLE VENDOR AWARD.**

Orange County reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor at the County's discretion.

**7. DELIVERY.**

If delivery is required, all items must be packaged so as to be protected from damage during shipping and handling. Any item(s) damaged in shipping must be replaced in kind, or repaired, by the contractor, at the discretion of, and at no additional charge to, Orange County.

**8. PAYMENT.**

Orange County will pay original invoices that clearly itemize the goods and/or services provided as to quantity, part number, description, price, applicable discount (if any), labor charges showing time differential, if applicable and if previously agreed to, and delivery, installation, and set-up costs, if applicable and if previously agreed to. Only charges as stated on the Bid Form(s) submitted as a part of the bid will be considered.

Invoices must indicate Orange County as applicable, the address to which the product(s) and/or service(s) were delivered, and the applicable purchase order number. Invoices will be matched to delivery tickets prior to payment; therefore, all delivery tickets should have an accurate description of the product(s) and/or service(s).

**Invoices shall be submitted to:**

Orange County Auditing Department  
Attention: Accounts Payable  
123 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orange, Texas 776630

**9. USAGE REPORTS.**

Orange County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost, up to two (2) times during the contract period, a usage report detailing the products and/or services furnished to date under a contract resulting from this IFB. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Orange County department, description of each item purchased, including manufacturer, quantity of each item purchased, per unit and extended price of each item purchased, and total amount and price of all items purchased.

**10. INSURANCE.**

The contractor (including any and all subcontractors as defined in Section 11.1.3 below) shall, at all times during the term of this contract, maintain insurance coverages with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the contractor. These requirements do not establish limits of the contractor's liability.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents; a copy of the policy wording or endorsement is required.

Contractor shall furnish Orange County with Certificate of Insurance naming Orange County as additional insured and will provide the actual policy wording or endorsement showing as such.

All insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas.

**Minimum Insurance Requirements:**

<b>Public Liability, including Products &amp; Completed Operations</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Excess Liability</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Property Insurance (policy below that is applicable to this project):**

Improvements & Betterments Policy: Improvements/Remodeling (for Lease Tenants)

Builder's Risk Policy: Structural Coverage for Construction Projects

Installation Floater Policy: Improvements/Alterations to Existing Structure

**Workers' Compensation**

Statutory Coverage (See Section 9 Below)

**11. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

11.1 Definitions:

11.1.1 **Certificate of coverage ("Certificate")** – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement, DWC-81, DWC-82, DWC-83, or DWC-84 showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

11.1.2 **Duration of the project** – Includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

11.1.3 **Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor") in article 406.096** – Includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services under the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractor, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" includes, without limitation, providing, hauling or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

11.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification code and payroll amounts and filing any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

11.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract – refer to Section 10 above.

11.4 If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

11.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:

11.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

11.5.2 No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate ends during the duration of the project.

11.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.

11.7 The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

- 11.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Department of Workers' Compensation, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- 11.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
- 11.9.1 Provide coverage, based on reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
  - 11.9.2 Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
  - 11.9.3 Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
  - 11.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
    - 11.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
    - 11.9.4.2 The coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
  - 11.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
  - 11.9.6 Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
  - 11.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 11.1. – 11.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 11.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services of the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- 11.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

**BIDDER: INSERT COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (COI) BEHIND THIS PAGE.**

Note: For bid purposes, a general COI will suffice. However, a COI that includes the notation that "Orange County as an additional insured" will be required from Awarded Bidder(s) prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order.

## BIDDER INFORMATION FORM

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Instructions: Complete the form below. Please provide legible, accurate, and complete contact information.  
PLEASE PRINT.

**Bid Number & Name:** IFB-23002 Term Contract for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering)  
Disaster/Emergency for Orange County

**Bidder's Company/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidder's TAX ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If Applicable:* HUB Vendor No. \_\_\_\_\_ DBE Vendor No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Phone Number if available (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number (with area code):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (Please provide a physical address for bid bond return, if applicable):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

<p><b>REQUIRED FORM</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Bidder:</u> Please complete this form and include with bid submission.</b></p>
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## SECTION 4: MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

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The following requirements and specifications supersede General Bid Requirements where applicable. Any questions relating to bid submission or bid item specifications requirements should be directed to Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent at 409-882-7903 or via email at: [mcarroll@co.Orange.tx.us](mailto:mcarroll@co.Orange.tx.us). Please reference Bid Number: IFB-23002.

### Scope of Services

#### ***General Purpose***

- The parties recognize the vulnerability of Orange County citizens and their communities to damage, injury and loss of life and property resulting from Disasters. Such Disasters require 24/7 responses from emergency first responders. Government employees, various elected officials, state and federal representatives and other emergency management personnel. Providing meals to these individuals is mandatory in order for them to carry out their duties to the public effectively.
- Orange County wishes to make suitable arrangements for the provision of Meals to these individuals prior to actual need by entering into a contractual agreement based on the terms in this IFB.
- This agreement will be entered into by Orange County and the awarded bidder for the purpose of providing hot and cold meals, beverages, utensils, disposable plates and cups, other meal related supplies, and meal catering services and staging of equipment and clean up (“MEALS”) for emergency workers in times of hurricanes or other natural or man-made disasters or emergencies (“DISASTERS”).

#### ***Services to be Provided by Caterer During Disasters***

- Sufficient food products, utensils, disposable paper plates and cups, plastic bags, for cleanup and related products so as to be able to serve a minimum of four (4) days worth of MEALS for up to 300 people per meal. (This is dependent on the size and complexity of the disaster, and could change.)
- Equipment, including fuel to operate its vehicles and for preparation equipment that is necessary for the provision of meal services for the same number of meals.
- The list of the types of MEALS shall be provided by Caterer See **APPENDIX A** for minimum requirements.

- The number of requested meals will be specified by the County's Authorized Representative, but in a large disaster situation, such as a hurricane, it is anticipated there may be a request of up to 300 MEALS per regular serving time (one meal per person) (depending on the size and complexity of the disaster) and 200 cold meals/ boxed lunches per evening shift will be required to be prepared on site, on an as needed basis.
- There will be 3 regular serving times per day, 1 additional meal provided for shift workers during the night and snacks. Specific meal serving times may be adjusted and/or cancelled by the County's Authorized Representative at any point during the disaster situation.
  - Breakfast: 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM daily .....300 MEALS
  - Lunch: 12:00 Noon daily .....300 MEALS
  - Dinner: 6:00 PM nightly .....300 MEALS
  - Shift: 11:00 PM nightly (as needed) .....200 Cold Meals
  - Snacks: Daily as Needed.....300 SNACKS
- Caterer agrees to comply with all health and safety codes in effect relating to the preparation and serving of MEALS and clean up for as long as its services are required as a result of the Disaster.
- Caterer agrees to respond to an activation request made by Orange County's Authorized Representative and be prepared to serve the first MEALS **as soon as is reasonably possible** depending on the circumstances.
- In the event of an approaching catastrophic hurricane (Category 4-5 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale), Orange County's Authorized Representative will strive to give Caterer thirty six (36) hours advanced notice of the need for Caterer's services. In addition Orange County will specify the number of days they anticipate MEALS will be required. Caterer will mobilize its equipment, report to the staging sites and serve the first MEALS within this time period. But, Caterer must be prepared to serve the first MEALS **within twelve (12) hours** of a Disaster if necessary.
- Caterer understands that providing MEALS requires the staging of equipment at the Orange County Expo Center 11475 FM 1442 Orange, Texas 77630 and perhaps at other locations depending on the circumstances at the time of the disaster.
- Caterer is solely responsible for ensuring for the proper and necessary set-up, relocation, maintenance, protection and removal of such equipment and to clean-up the staging sites upon request of the County.
- Should any damage occur to any staging area as a result of such staging activities of Caterer, Caterer will be responsible for repair of such damage to its pre-damaged condition.

### ***County Will***

- County agrees to notify Caterer via telephone and in writing (fax or email) as far in advance of a disaster of its need for Caterer's service as is practicable depending on the type of Disaster so as to provide Caterer to properly and adequately respond to Orange County's requirements.
- County agrees to provide necessary parking spaces at the Orange County Expo Center and other staging locations as needed, to enable Caterer to use its vehicles and equipment during the time of the Disaster.
- County agrees to provide written notification of its need for extension of Caterer's services no less than 24 hours prior to termination of the initial specified period. Caterer will use its best efforts to accommodate this request and to continue to service County's requirements promptly and adequately.

### ***Detail***

- Contract Term: One (1) year from the date of award.
- Caterer, upon notification, must be prepared to serve the first MEALS **within twelve (12) hours** of a Disaster if necessary.
- Caterer must comply with current Health Ordinances.
- Bidder is to be able to supply at **fixed rates** up to 300 MEALS per regular serving time (one meal per person), up to 200 cold meals/ boxed lunches (per evening shift) and up to 300 Snacks will be required to be prepared on site or delivered to one or more of the County's staging sites.
- Caterer shall provide sample menus for each serving time in accordance to **APPENDIX A**.



**OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORM  
OFFER TO CONTRACT**

To Orange County:

We hereby offer and agree to furnish the materials or service in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and amendments in the Invitation for Bid and any written exceptions in the offer.

We understand that the items in this Invitation for Bid, including, but not limited to, all required certificates are fully incorporated herein as a material and necessary part of the contract.

The undersigned hereby states, under penalty of perjury, that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete, and states that he/she has the authority to submit this bid, which will result in a binding contract if accepted by Orange County.

We acknowledge receipt of the following amendment(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authorization to bind the firm hereunder:**

**For clarification of this offer, contact:**

Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State                      Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone                      Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Title

<p><b>REQUIRED FORM</b> <b><u>Bidder:</u> Please complete this form and include with bid submission.</b></p>
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## ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

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The Offer is hereby accepted for the following items: Term Contract for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) Disaster/Emergency for Orange County. Contract Term: One (1) year from date of award with an option to renew for two (2) additional years.

The Contractor is now bound to sell the materials or services listed by the attached contract and based upon the Invitation for Bid, including all terms, conditions, specifications, amendments, etc., and the Contractor's Offer as accepted by Orange County.

This contract shall henceforth be referred to as Contract No. IFB-23002, Term Contract for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) Disaster/Emergency for Orange County. The Contractor has not been authorized to commence any billable work or to provide any material or service under this contract until Contractor receives a purchase order and/or a notice to proceed from the Orange County Purchasing Agent.

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

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**John Gothia**  
**Orange County Judge**

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**Date**

**Brandy Robertson**

**BID FORM**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price Per Meal/ per person</b>
1	Breakfast	\$
2	Lunch	\$
3	Dinner	\$
4	Boxed Lunch	\$
5	Snacks	\$

**BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BID ADDENDA (IF APPLICABLE):**

Addendum 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDER: INCLUDE FULL, SIGNED, & ATTESTED COPY OF EACH  
ADDENDUM ISSUED WITH BID SUBMISSION.**

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form  
and include with bid submission.**

## VENDOR REFERENCES FORM

Bidder: Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies (preferably a municipality) where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.**

### REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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As permitted under Article 4413 (32c) V.A.C.S., other governmental entities may wish to participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (i.e., piggyback). In the event any other entity participates, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. Orange County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by another entity. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

Would Bidder be willing to allow other governmental entities to piggyback off this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions? .....**Yes**  **No**

This bid shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days from bid opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The undersigned agrees, if this bid is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Invitation for Bid, Conditions of Bidding, Terms of Contract, and Specifications and all other items made a part of the accepted contract.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute the contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Bidder or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid. And further, that neither the Bidder nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to bid or not to bid thereon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder (Entity Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

<p><b>REQUIRED FORM</b> <b><u>Bidder:</u> Please complete this form and include with bid submission.</b></p>
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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

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Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
  
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
  
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

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**Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official**

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**Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official** *(Please Print)*

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**Date**

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.**

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
<p><b>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</b></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>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received	
<p><b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>		
<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p>(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><b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, &amp; D) must be completed for each officer with whom the vendor has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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 named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by 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 style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>		
<p><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Date</p>		

Adopted 8/7/2015

**REQUIRED FORM**  
**Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER  
CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – OFFICE USE ONLY**

<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>		<b>FORM CIS</b>
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code.</p>		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Name of Local Government Officer</b>	Date Received
<b>2</b>	<b>Office Held</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Description of the nature and extent of employment or other business relationship with vendor named in item 3</b>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).</b></p> <p>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____</p> <p>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____</p> <p>Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(attach additional forms as necessary)</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>AFFIDAVIT</b></p> <p>I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Signature of Local Government Officer</p> <p>AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE</p> <p>Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.</p> <p>_____ Signature of officer administering oath      Printed name of officer administering oath      Title of officer administering oath</p>	

Adopted 8/7/2015

<b>THIS FORM IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
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## GOOD FAITH EFFORT (GFE) DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

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Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub consultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).  Yes  No

**Instructions:** In order to determine if a “Good Faith Effort” was made in soliciting HUBs for subcontracting opportunities, the following checklist and supporting documentation shall be completed by the Prime Contractor/Consultant, and returned with the Prime Contractor/ Consultant’s bid. This list contains the **minimum** efforts that should be put forth by the Prime Contractor/Consultant when attempting to achieve or exceed the goals of HUB Subcontractor participation. The Prime Contractor/Consultant may extend his/her efforts in soliciting HUB Subcontractor participation beyond what is listed below.

### Did the Prime Contractor/Consultant . . . ?

- |                              |                             |   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 1. To the extent practical, and consistent with standard and prudent industry standards, divide the contract work into the smallest feasible portions, to allow for maximum HUB Subcontractor participation?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2. <b>Notify</b> in writing a reasonable number of HUBs, allowing sufficient time for effective participation of the planned work to be subcontracted?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 3. <b>Provide</b> HUBs that were genuinely interested in bidding on a subcontractor, adequate information regarding the project (i.e., plans, specifications, scope of work, bonding and insurance requirements, and a point of contact within the Prime Contractor/Consultant’s organization)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 4. <b>Negotiate</b> in good faith with interested HUBs, and not reject bids from HUBs that qualify as lowest and responsive Bidders?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 5. <b>Document</b> reasons HUBs were rejected? Was a written rejection notice, including the reason for rejection, provided to the rejected HUBs?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 6. If Prime Contractor/Consultant has zero (0) HUB participation, <b>please explain the reasons why.</b>  |

**If “No” was selected, please explain and include any pertinent documentation with your bid.  
If necessary, please use a separate sheet to answer the above questions.**

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Printed Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature

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Title

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Date

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form  
and include with bid submission.**

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO SUBCONTRACT WITH  
HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB)**

Bidder intends to utilize subcontractors/sub consultants in the fulfillment of this contract (if awarded).

Yes  No

**Instructions for Prime Contractor/Consultant:** Bidder shall submit this form with the bid; however, the information below may be submitted after contract award, but prior to beginning performance on the contract. Please submit one form for each HUB Subcontractor/Sub consultant with proper signatures, per the terms and conditions of your contract.

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB:  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title & No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HUB Status (Gender & Ethnicity): \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Agency:  TX. Bldg. & Procurement Comm.  Orange County  TX Unified Certification Prog.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage of Prime Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Description of Subcontract Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Contractor Representative Signature of Representative Date

**REQUIRED FORM**  
**Bidder: Please complete this form  
and include with bid submission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of HUB Signature of Representative Date

**Note: Nothing on this Notice of Intent Form is intended to confer any rights, expressed or implied, to any third parties.**

Pre-Approval for Subcontractor Substitutions must be obtained from the Orange County Purchasing Agent's Representative. The "HUB Subcontractor/Sub consultant Change Form" must be completed and faxed to 409-835-8456.









## RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION/TAX FORM

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Orange County requests Resident Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) "Non-resident Bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) "Resident Bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ [company name] is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ [company name] is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_ (city and state).

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.):	
Company Name submitting bid/proposal:	
Mailing address:	
If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner:	

**Property:** List all taxable property owned by you or above partnerships in Orange County.

Orange County Tax Acct. No.*	Property address or location**

\* This is the property amount identification number assigned by the Orange County Appraisal District.

\*\* For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored as a warehouse or other location.

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.**

**HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned representative of (company or business name) \_\_\_\_\_ (heretofore referred to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

**Pursuant to Section 2270.002, Texas Government Code:**

1. **“Boycott Israel”** means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made ordinary business purposes; and
  
2. **“Company”** means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or an limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business association that exist to make a profit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

On this \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

**REQUIRED FORM**

**Bidder: Please complete this form and include with bid submission.**



**SENATE BILL 252 CERTIFICATION**

On this day, I, Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent for Orange County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153, certify that I did review the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that is identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051, or Section 2253.253 and I have ascertained that the below named company is not contained on said listing of companies which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Company Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**IFB/RFP/RFQ number**

**Certification check performed by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Purchasing Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**BID AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned certifies that the bid prices contained in this bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. Bidder further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all commodities upon which prices are extended at the price offered, and upon the conditions contained in the specifications and the Notice to Bidders.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_,

on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who  
(name)

after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ am a duly authorized officer of/agent  
(name)  
for \_\_\_\_\_ and have been duly authorized to execute the  
(name of firm)  
foregoing on behalf of the said \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name of firm)

I hereby certify that the foregoing bid has not been prepared in collusion with any other Bidder or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business prior to the official opening of this bid. Further, I certify that the Bidder is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination, to control the price of services/commodities bid on, or to influence any person or persons to bid or not to bid thereon."

Name and address of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named

\_\_\_\_\_ on

this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED FORM**  
**Bidder: Please complete this form**  
**and include with bid submission.**

# **Appendix A**

## **Appendix A:**

### **Emergency Menu Minimum Standards- To Be Used As A Guideline to Submit Your Own Menu**

#### **BREAKFAST**

EVERYDAY: FRUIT, EGGS, BREAKFAST SANDWICH/BURRITO, MILK, JUICE, and COFFEE

ROTATE (MEATS) BACON, SAUSAGE, OR HAM (BREADS) PANCAKE, FRENCH TOAST,  
TORTILLAS, OR BISCUITS (SIDES) GRITS, OATS, OR HASHBROWNS

#### **LUNCH**

EVERYDAY: BOTTLED WATER, SODAS, WRAP/SANDWICH, SALAD AND A SNACK

ROTATE (SIDES) VEGTABLES, FRENCH FRIES, CHIPS, OR MASHED POTATOES (MAIN  
COURSE) CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, HAMBURGERS, POT ROAST, BEEF TIPS AND RICE  
CHOPPED BBQ SANDWICHES, OR CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN

#### **DINNER**

EVERYDAY BOTTLED WATER, SODAS, TEA, SALAD, WRAP/SANDWICH AND A DESSERT

ROTATE (SIDES) HUSHPUPIES, SLAW, BOILED RED POTATOES, PINTO BEANS, RICE,  
VEGTABLES, POTATO SALAD, AND MASHED POTATOES  
(MAIN COURSE) FRIED CATFISH, RIBEYES, CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, BBQ BRISKET AND  
SMOKED SAUSAGE, SPAGHETTI AND MEAT BALLS, FRIED SHRIMP, OR GRILLED/FRIED  
CHICKEN

#### **SHIFT MENU-Boxed Lunch**

EVERYDAY BOTTLED WATER, SODAS, TEA, AND COFFEE

DELI SANDWICH WITH BAG OF CHIPS, PIECE OF FRUIT, AND A COOKIE OR SIMILAR  
DESSERT

#### **SNACK**

EVERYDAY BOTTLED WATER, SODAS, TEA, AND COFFEE

COOKIES, FRUIT, CHIPS, SNACK CAKES

# **Appendix B**

## **Appendix B**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ORANGE**

**CONTRACT NUMBER: IFB 23002  
TEMPORARY CANTEEN (MEAL CATERING)**

**WHEREAS**, ORANGE COUNTY has determined there is a need to provide for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) during natural or man-made disasters or emergencies at Orange County Expo Center located at 11475 FM 1442 Orange, TX 77630 and perhaps at other locations depending on the circumstances at the time of disaster.

**WHEREAS**, ORANGE COUNTY has requested and reviewed proposals for a Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) Contractor in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and ordinances regarding health, sanitation, and safety.

**WHEREAS**, ORANGE COUNTY has determined that (Vendor Name) can best provide Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) at Orange County Courthouse located at 1149 Pearl, Beaumont, TX and perhaps at other locations depending on the circumstances at the time of disaster.

**WHEREAS**, this agreement is made between (Vendor Name) (hereinafter referred to as (CONTRACTOR)) and the COUNTY OF ORANGE, TEXAS (hereinafter referred to as (COUNTY)) acting by and through its duly authorized representative, Orange County Judge John Goth

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I RETENTION OF CONTRACTOR**

COUNTY hereby retains CONTRACTOR as an independent contractor and not an employee for services more particularly described in this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE II TERM OF AGREEMENT**

Regardless of the date of execution, this Agreement shall become effective (Start Date TBD) and continue in force until (End Date TBD) with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms unless sooner terminated as provided herein. Should this Agreement naturally expire without alternative provisions, this agreement shall continue in force on a month-to-month basis under the same terms.

Due to the Constitutional debt limitation for Counties, any Agreement, which extends beyond the current fiscal year, is executed subject to future appropriations to fund its provision.

### **ARTICLE III** **CREDENTIALING**

CONTRACTOR shall select and assign specific personnel to provide services for COUNTY under this Agreement and shall provide COUNTY with current copies of all licensure, credentialing, and insurance information as required by State law. All such information shall be provided at the time of execution of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV** **TERMINATION**

The parties hereto understand and agree that after a good faith effort has been made toward the success and performance of the Agreement, if either party believes in its sole judgment that the Agreement cannot be successfully continued for any reason, either party may terminate the Agreement NINETY (90) calendar days from receipt of said notice. Thereafter, this Agreement shall terminate, become null and void, and be of no further force or effect.

This Agreement shall immediately and automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

1. Dissolution of CONTRACTOR.
2. CONTRACTOR abandons its duties in accordance with the provisions of Article V (Duties of Contractor).
3. Failure of CONTRACTOR to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement in the highest professional manner.
4. Any substantiated allegation of criminal wrongdoing on the part of CONTRACTOR, which would substantially interfere with the performance of the duties, set out herein.
5. Failure by CONTRACTOR to cure any default or breach under this Agreement within ten (10) days after receiving notice in writing.
6. Whenever CONTRACTOR and COUNTY mutually agree to termination in writing.

Upon termination of this agreement under any provision, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to receive only the unpaid accrued compensation as of the date of termination minus any reasonable costs incurred by COUNTY to fulfill CONTRACTORS obligations under this Agreement.

**ARTICLE V**  
**DUTIES OF CONTRACTOR**

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all duties specified in IFB-23002, which by this reference is incorporated in full into this agreement, and include but are not limited to the following:

1. CONTRACTOR shall furnish Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) in accordance with the Specifications of IFB- 23002
2. CONTRACTOR will bring in their own furnishings, kitchen equipment and television(s) and with the understanding upon expiration of agreement equipment remains property of (Vendor Name)
3. CONTRACTOR's hours of operation will be 6:00 am - 8:00 pm and may be adjusted by the County's Authorized Representative at any point during the disaster situation.
4. CONTRACTOR will be responsible for all licenses and permits necessary to comply with all local, state, and federal mandates pertaining to food service operations.
5. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all long distance telephone charges, direct cable/internet installation and charges incurred in the performance of this Agreement.
6. CONTRACTOR is responsible for all day-to-day as well as periodic major cleaning of the entire kitchen area assigned to CONTRACTOR including walk-ins, storerooms, freezers, dishroom, office, staff, and dining rooms and receiving area.
7. CONTRACTOR and its employees assigned to COUNTY facilities are required to comply with all facility rules of conduct concerning normal day-to-day operations.
8. CONTRACTOR is required to staff the operation with the optimum number of employees at all times for the efficient operation of the kitchen.
9. CONTRACTOR employees must be properly attired in a standard uniform.
10. All Cafeteria Services employees in the kitchen and Cafeteria Services areas must wear hair restraints (nets or hats).
11. CONTRACTOR employees are subject to background check and wear security identification while working in the County facilities.
12. CONTRACTOR employees are subject to search at any time while within secured areas of COUNTY facilities.
13. CONTRACTOR must obey all Federal, State and local laws and ordinances regarding health, sanitation, and safety. CONTRACTOR will be subject to inspections in the kitchen by authorized personnel from the Orange County Courthouse Superintendent of Maintenance and City Health Department.



**ARTICLE VI**  
**DUTIES OF COUNTY**

COUNTY shall provide access to dumpsters and recycling containers at reasonable times to be negotiated between CONTRACTOR and Courthouse Superintendent of Maintenance.

COUNTY will provide, install, and permit CONTRACTOR to use the capital equipment, which COUNTY deems necessary for Temporary Canteen (Meal Catering) and related activities.

COUNTY shall approve any and all designs, furnishings, decorations, alterations, improvements, advertisements, etc., prior to any such action being taken by the Contractor.

COUNTY will provide the cafeteria facility, standard utilities, existing equipment, tables and chairs, and related utilities to the Contractor at no charge to the Contractor.

COUNTY will provide all preventive maintenance and repairs on all equipment related to the cafeteria operation, including refrigerators, freezers, ice machines, stoves, warmers, etc., that are used directly by the cafeteria operation. The Orange County Maintenance Department will maintain all building systems (HVAC, electrical, structural).

**ARTICLE VII**  
**RATES**

COUNTY shall pay directly to CONTRACTOR Payment per month in accordance with CONTRACTOR'S response to IFP Number 23002, which with the IFP Specifications for IFP Number 23002 are by referenced in the Fee Structure Schedule as follows.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price Per Meal/ per person</b>
1	Breakfast	\$
2	Lunch	\$
3	Dinner	\$
4	Boxed Lunch	\$
5	Snacks	\$

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

None of the provisions of this Agreement is intended to create nor shall be deemed or construed to create any relationship between the parties other than that of independent entities contracting with each other solely for affecting the provisions of this Agreement.

It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that neither of the parties, nor any of their employees shall be construed to be agent, employer or representative of the other nor shall any provision of this Agreement create any right in COUNTY to exercise control or direction over the business of CONTRACTOR provided, however, that all services provided to COUNTY hereunder shall be provided and delivered at all times in a manner consistent with the standards of CONTRACTORS profession, the terms of this Agreement and all applicable laws, rules and regulations of authorities having jurisdiction over Orange County.

Personnel provided by CONTRACTOR are not employees of COUNTY nor are they entitled to any direct compensation nor any benefits or rights of COUNTY employees as from time to time may be established, and shall provide services for the benefit of COUNTY through CONTRACTOR and only pursuant to this Agreement.

COUNTY has hired CONTRACTOR to provide food services. As such, CONTRACTOR has the duty and obligation to perform all obligations to COUNTY under this Agreement in the highest professional manner. No property owned by or referencing COUNTY or one of its subdivisions shall be used by any employee, staff member, or representative of CONTRACTOR without express approval by the authorized COUNTY representative and then shall be used only for professional purposes within the parameters of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR, at no cost to COUNTY, shall have and maintain at all times insurance of the types and amounts required in the bid specifications.

**ARTICLE X**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, costs, expenses, liabilities and losses (including reasonable attorney's fees) which may arise out of any acts or failure to act of CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents or contractors in connection with the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

This agreement, Specifications for IFB NUMBER 23002, and CONTRACTOR'S response constitute the entire understanding between the parties, and no other agreements, representations or contract shall be binding on any of the parties unless set forth in writing and signed by all parties. Should the documents comprising this understanding contain conflicting provisions, provisions of the Bid Specifications shall have priority.

This Agreement supersedes all other prior agreements, either oral or written between the parties with respect to the professional services to be provided by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the rendering of such services in any manner.

Each party to this Agreement acknowledges that any party or anyone acting on behalf of any party that is not embodied in this Agreement has made no inducements or promises, oral or otherwise.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision.

Neither party under this Agreement shall have the right to assign or transfer its rights to any third party without prior written consent of the other party.

The law of the State of Texas hereunder, shall govern the validity of this Agreement and of any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties and all venues shall be in Orange County, Texas.

This Agreement is in compliance with current federal contracting requirements as outlined within 2 C.F.R. §200.326 and 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and as stated within Appendix 1 "2 C.F.R. § 200.326 Required Clauses" if applicable.

