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BID NO. 220301

INVITATION TO BID NO. 220301

2021-2025 Cameron & Willacy Colonias SHC Solid Waste Removal Services

RESPONSE DUE: Tuesday, April 5, 2022, @ 11:00 a.m.

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**CAMERON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID NO. 220301**

BID NUMBER NO: 220301

BID TITLE: 2021-2025 Cameron & Willacy Colonias SHC Solid Waste Removal Services

DATE DUE: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 DUE NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M.

Bids will be opened at the Cameron County Courthouse, 1100 East Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor – Room # 345 at 11:01 a.m. (as per Purchasing Dept. time clock) on deadline due date.

Bids received later than the date and time above will not be considered.

Please return bid ONE (1) ORIGINAL in sealed envelope. Be sure that return envelope shows the Bid Number, Description and is marked “SEALED BID”.

RETURN BID TO:
mailed or delivered to the office of Purchasing Dept., **County Courthouse (Dancy Bldg.)**
1100 E. Monroe St, 3rd Floor, Room 345, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

For additional information or to request addendum email: Mike Forbes or Dalia Loera at mforbes@co.cameron.tx.us or dalia.loera@co.cameron.tx.us

YOU MUST SIGN BELOW IN INK; FAILURE TO SIGN WILL DISQUALIFY THE OFFER.

All prices must be typewritten or written in ink.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Historically Underutilized Business (State of Texas) Certification VID Number: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ e-mail: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **Print Name:** _____

How did you find out about this Bid? _____ (ex: Newspaper, Web, Mail)

Is Bidder’s principal place of Business within Cameron County? Yes - No

If yes what City: _____

(Your signature attests to your offer to provide the goods and/or services in this bid according to the published provision of this bid. When an award letter is issued, this Bid becomes the contract. If a Bid required specific Contract is to be utilized in addition to this Bid, this signed Bid will become part of that contract. When an additional Contract is required a Bid award does not constitute a contract award and Bid / Contract is not valid until contract is awarded by Commissioners Court (when applicable) signed by County Judge) and Purchase Order is issued.

CHECK LIST

Items checked below represent components which comprise this bid/proposal package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this bid/proposal. Offerors are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. It is the Offeror's responsibility to be familiar with all the Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your bid packet.

- Cover Sheet**
Your company name, address and your signature (**IN INK**) should appear on this page.
- Instructions to Bidders**
You should be familiar with all of the Instructions to Bidders.
- Special Requirements**
This section provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- Specifications / Scope of Work**
This section contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.
- Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, F-2, G, H, I**
(Be sure to complete these forms and return with packet.)
- Bid Guaranty & Performance Bond Information & Requirements**
This form applies only to certain bids/proposals. All public work contracts over \$25,000 require a Payment Bond and over \$100,000 must also have a Performance Bond in a form approved by the County. Please read carefully and fill our completely.
- Minimum Insurance Requirements**
Included when applicable
- Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage Rule 110.110**
This requirement is applicable for a building or construction contract.
- Financial Statement**
When this information is required, you must use this form.

Other - Final Reminders to double check before submitting BID

- Is your bid sealed with bid #, title, Bidder Name, & return address, on outside?
- Did you complete, sign and submit page 1?
- Did you complete and submit attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I?
- Did you provide the number of copies as required on the cover page?
- Did you visit our website for any addendums?
[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

If not interested in Bidding please let us know why e-mail to: Purchasing@co.cameron.tx.us

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING BIDS

These General Instructions apply to all offers made to Cameron County, Texas (herein after referred to as "County") by all prospective vendors (herein after referred to as "Bidder") on behalf of Solicitations including, but not limited to, Invitations to Bid.

Carefully read all instructions, requirements and specifications. Fill out all forms properly and completely. Submit your bid with all appropriate supplements and/or samples. Prior to returning your sealed bid response / submittal, all Addendums - if issued - should be reviewed and downloaded by entering the County Purchasing web at:

[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php) Addendums Column (updated Addendums). These Addendums must be signed and returned with your bid in order to avoid disqualification. All Tabulations can also be viewed and downloaded at this site.

Annual Bid award information can be accessed at:

[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php) Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your Bid is complete, and double check your Bid for accuracy.

Cameron County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

GOVERNING FORMS: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Cameron County's interpretation shall govern. Where substitutions are used, they must be of equivalent value or service, and specified by the bidder as such, in the columns to the right on the "Minimum Specifications' Forms". The County's specifications may be exceeded and should be noted by the Vendor as such. Any bid NOT MEETING the Minimum Requirements specified will be rejected.

GOVERNING LAW: This invitation to bid is governed by the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 et seq., as amended. Bidders shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Bidders are further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Cameron County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.

Questions requiring only clarification of instructions or specifications will be handled verbally. If any questions results in a change or addition to this Bid, the Change(s) and addition(s) will be forwarded to all vendors involved (as quickly as possible) in the form of a written addendum only. Verbal changes to Bids must be backed-up by written addendum or written Q/A clarifications which would be posted on County Purchasing Web site. Without written Addendum or written Q / A clarification, verbal changes to Bids will not apply.

Sign the Vendor's Affidavit Notice, complete answers to Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and return all with your Bid.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE:

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire must be filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this Conflict of Interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire can be downloaded at the following web site:

http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/Purchasing/Docs/CIQ_2019.pdf

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

This questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government and no later than the 7th business day after the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed. Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to **provide the following information if the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed.** Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with "N/A."

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this disclosure of interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

Disclosure of Interest Form can be downloaded at the following web site:

<http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/Purchasing/Disclosure%20of%20Interest.pdf>

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295

All Bids prior to award or award of Contract by Commissioner's Court will require the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 Electronic (on line) Vendor filing procedure be completed by Vendor.

All Vendors being recommended to Commissioners Court for award or renewal of award on Agenda must register and obtain a TEC Certification for the specific award. This Certification Form 1295 must be electronically submitted, printed and notarized. Notarized form must be emailed or delivered to County Purchasing Department making the request for form. This process must be completed prior to Commissioners Court Agenda for approval consideration of Bid award. There is no charge for this TEC online process.

Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 must be completed (by firm - on line “New Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties Electronic Filing Application” Site at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

If any Vendors have questions as to TEC Form 1295 visit the County Purchasing Web site left column tab “Vendor – TEC Form 1295” for more information. TEC Web site links can be found at this location including Question/Answers and Video instructions.
http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/index.php

BIDDER SHALL SUBMIT BID ON THE FORM PROVIDED, SIGN THE VENDOR AFFIDAVIT, AND RETURN ENTIRE BID PACKET. In the event of inclement weather and County Offices are officially closed on a bid deadline day, bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. of the next business day. Bids will be opened at the Cameron County Courthouse, 1100 East Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor – Room # 345 (as per Purchasing Dept. time clock.

BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE SHALL BE RETURNED UNOPENED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED VOID AND UNACCEPTABLE.

BIDDERS MAY ATTEND PUBLICLY HELD COMMISSIONER’S COURT MEETING FOR AWARD OF THIS SOLICITATION. All responding bidders are welcome to attend the publicly held Commissioners Court meeting relative to the outcome / award of this solicitation. Court Meeting agenda date and times may be obtained at the following web site: <http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/judge/agenda.htm>

SUCCESSFUL VENDOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL. All responding vendors will receive written notification regarding the outcome of the award.

OPEN RECORDS ACCESS TO ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED. All information included will be open to the public, other bidders, media as per the Open Records Act and not be confidential in nature. If you deem any information as confidential, it should not be made part of your bid package.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

THIS IS THE ONLY APPROVED INSTRUCTION FOR USE ON YOUR BID. ITEMS BELOW APPLY TO AND BECOME A PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BID. ANY EXCEPTIONS THERETO MUST BE IN WRITING.

1. Each bid shall be placed in a separate envelope completely and properly identified with the name and number of the bid. Bids must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified.
2. Bids MUST give full firm name and address of the bidder. Failure to manually sign bid will disqualify it. Person signing bid should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT.
3. Bids CANNOT be altered or amended after deadline time. Any alterations made before deadline time must be initiated by bidder or his authorized agent. No bid can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by the Commissioners Court based on a written acceptable reason.
4. The County is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. DO NOT INCLUDE TAX IN BID. Cameron County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Cameron County Purchasing Agent.
5. Any Catalog, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in a bid invitation is descriptive-NOT restrictive-it is to indicate type and quality desired. Bids on brand of like nature and quality will be considered. If bid is based on other than reference specifications, proposal must show manufacturer, brand or trade name, lot number, etc., of article offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete descriptions should be made part of the bid. If bidder takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc. as specified.
6. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the County. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the bidder on request, at his expense. Each sample should be marked with bidder's name, address, and County bid number. DO NOT ENCLOSE OR ATTACH SAMPLE TO BID. County user Depts. reserves the right to make the final determination as to equivalents.
7. Written and verbal inquires pertaining to bids must give Bid Number and Company.
8. NO substitutions, changes or cancellations permitted without written approval of Purchasing Agent.
9. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waiver minor technicalities. The County of Cameron reserves the right to award by item category or by total bid. Prices should be itemized. County also reserves the right to award either with or without trade-in, if applicable. Cameron County reserves the right to award if only one (1) Bid was received. Cameron County retains the option to re-bid at any time if in its best interest and is not automatically bound to renewal or re-bid. . The County reserves the right to hold all Bids for 60 days from the due date of receipt without actions. The County reserves the right to add additional County Departments (at a later time during this bid award) as the need arises. The County also reserves the right to consider CO-OP Interlocal Agreements / pricing if determined to be more advantageous to the County.

10. Bid unit price on quantity specified – extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, UNIT prices shall govern. . If both alphabetic and numeric (unit prices) are required and a discrepancy is found between both on the same line item whichever unit price confirms the line total will govern. If neither confirms then the alphabetic price will govern. If there is no line total requested then the alphabetic unit price shall govern. If combined / sum of line totals do not match the Bid total then the Bid total will be corrected to reflect the sum of the line totals. If there is a discrepancy between the alphabetic and numeric Base Bid Total / Total Bid amount, the alphabetic Base Bid Total / Total Bid will take precedence. Bids subject to unlimited price increase will not be considered, but limited to Preventive Maintenance Annual Local Labor Union Wage Rate adjustments. ALL PRICING WILL REMAIN FIRM UNLESS THIS BID ALLOWS FOR OPEN MARET PRICE INCREASES (AS SO SPECIFIED WITHIN) . When inserting number of days or percentage % in Bid (ex: number of days to deliver or install or complete work, etc or percentage over vendor’s cost or percentage discount off list price) avoid using a range (ex: 30-90 days or 15% to 20 % cost plus) but use only one number for number of days or percentage. If a range is used the County will consider the higher number or worst case senario from the County’s standpoint in making bid comparisons / tabulations.
11. This is a bid inquiry only and implies no obligation on the part of Cameron County.
12. Acceptance of and final payment for the item will be contingent upon satisfactory performance of the product received by Cameron County.
13. Partial bids will not be accepted unless awarded by complete category or line item. **To be awarded by Total Bid.**
14. It is expected that the bidder will meet all state and federal safety standards and laws in effect on the date of the bid for the item(s) being specified, and the particular use for which they are meant.
15. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ask any and all questions the bidder feels to be pertinent to the bid. Cameron County shall not be required to attempt to anticipate such questions for bidders or. Cameron County will endeavor to respond promptly to all questions asked.

PURCHASE ORDER AND DELIVERY: The successful Bidder shall not deliver products or provide services without a Cameron County Purchase Order, signed by an authorized agent of the Cameron County Purchasing Department. The fastest, most reasonable delivery time shall be indicated by the Bidder in the proper place on the Pricing/Delivery Information form. Any special information concerning delivery should also be included, on a separate sheet, if necessary. All items shall be shipped **F.O.B. INSIDE DELIVERY** unless otherwise stated in the specifications.

This shall be understood to include bringing merchandise to the appropriate room or place designated by the using department. Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of these requirements and the specifications including time, delivery and quality. Nonconformance shall constitute a breach which must be rectified prior to expiration of the time for performance. Failure to rectify within the performance period will be considered cause to reject future deliveries and cancellation of the contract by Cameron County without prejudice to other remedies provided by law. **Where delivery times are critical, Cameron County reserves the right to award accordingly.**

NO PLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE TENDER: Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of this contract as to time of delivery, quality and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Seller shall not have the right to substitute a

conforming tender provided, where the time for performance has not yet expired, the Seller may seasonably notify Buyer of their intention to cure and may then make a conforming tender within the contract time but not afterward.

PLACE OF DELIVERY: The place of delivery shall be that set forth on the purchase order. Any change thereto shall be effected by modification as provided for in clause 20, "Modifications", hereof. The terms of this agreement are "no arrival, no sale".

DELIVERY TERMS AND TRANSPORTATION CHARGES: Bid must show number of days required to place material in receiving agency's designated location under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates bidder to complete delivery in 14 calendar days. A five day difference in delivery promise may break a tie. Unrealistically short or long delivery promises may cause bid to be disregarded. Consistent failure to meet delivery promises without valid reason may cause removal from bidder list.

An accurate delivery date must be quoted on the "Bid Form". When there are various items, a delivery date must be included with each item quoted. Freight and shipping charges to Cameron County must be included in the bid price. Final location will be supplied to the vendor on award of bid, F.O.B. destination. Delivery locations will be: Various County Building locations. Delivery days after receipt of order (ARO). Specify all (various) dates by categories or item if different _____.

If delay is foreseen, contractor shall give written notice to Director of Purchasing. The County has the right to extend delivery date if reasons appear valid. Contractor must keep County advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications, authorized the County to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase in cost and handling to defaulting contractor.

Delivery shall be made during normal working hours only, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted in bid.

VARIATION IN QUANTITY: The County assumes no liability for commodities produced, processed or shipped in excess of the amount specified herein.

SELLER TO PACKAGE GOODS: Seller will package goods in accordance with good commercial practice. Each shipping container shall be clearly and permanently packed as follows: (a) Seller's name and address; (b) Consignee's name, address and purchase order or purchase release number and the supply agreement number if applicable; (c) Container number and total number of containers, e.g. box 1 of 4 boxes; and (d) the number of the container bearing the packing slip. Seller shall bear cost of packaging unless otherwise provided. Goods shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation costs and to conform to requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Buyer's count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists.

SHIPMENT UNDER RESERVATION PROHIBITED: Seller is not authorized to ship the goods under reservation, and no tender of a bill of lading will operate as a tender of goods.

TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS: The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to Buyer until Buyer actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery.

INSPECTION: Upon receiving item(s), they will be inspected for compliance with the Bid Specifications. If the item(s) do not pass inspection, the vendor will be required to pick up the rejected item(s) at the delivery point, provide the necessary replacement, and return the item(s) to the original point of delivery.

All items proposed shall be new, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage (Cameron County prefers recycled packaging whenever possible), unless otherwise indicated in bid. Verbal agreements to the contrary will not be recognized. All materials and services shall be subject to Purchaser's approval. Unsatisfactory material will be returned at Seller's expense.

Cameron County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the using department. If a Bidder cannot furnish a sample of a bid item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the bid as inadequate.

TESTING: Cameron County reserves the right to test equipment, supplies, material and goods bid for quality, compliance with specifications and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, the bid is subject to rejection.

SPECIAL TOOLS AND TEST EQUIPMENT: If the price stated on the face hereof includes the cost of any special tooling or special test equipment fabricated or required by Seller for the purpose of filling this order, such special tooling equipment and any process sheets related thereto shall become the property of the Buyer and to the extent feasible shall be identified by the Seller as such.

INVOICES AND PAYMENTS: (a) The vendor shall submit separate invoices, in duplicate, on each purchase order after each delivery. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number, shall be itemized and transportation charges, if any, shall be listed separately. A copy of the bill of lading and the freight weigh bill when applicable, should be attached to the invoice. Mail to: **Cameron County, ATTN: Auditor's Office, 1100 East Monroe St., Brownsville, Texas 78520.** Payment shall not be due until the above instruments are submitted after delivery or services rendered. Our Vendors must keep the Auditor advised of any changes in your remittance addresses. (b) County's only obligation to pay Vendor is to pay from funds budgeted and available for the purpose of the purchase. Lack of funds shall render this contract null and void to the extent funds are not available and any delivered but unpaid for goods will be returned to Vendor by the County. (c) Do not include Federal Excise, State or City Sales Tax. County shall furnish tax exemption certificate if required.

Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned to the Vendor for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the Vendor may invoice following each delivery and the County will pay on invoice. Contracts providing for a monthly charge will be billed and paid on a monthly basis only. Prior to any and all payments made for good and/or services provided under this contract, the Vendor should provide his Taxpayer Identification Number or social security number as applicable. This information must be on file with the Cameron County Auditor's office. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Services.

Vendor shall submit seven (7) original itemized invoice showing BID number and purchase order number to:

**CAMERON COUNTY AUDITOR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1100 EAST MONROE ST.,
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78520**

Please note that any payment due under this bid award will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes that is owed to Cameron County.

PAYMENT DISCOUNT: Indicate the payment discount(s) available depending on when invoices are paid. For example, 1/30 means a 1% discount if paid within 30 days, 2/15 means a 2% discount if paid within 15 days, etc. Payment in full will be made within thirty (30) days of delivery, inspection, and receipt of invoice. All costs quotations must include all the various features needed to satisfy the requirements. Note: No amounts will be paid for the items in this BID in excess of the amounts quoted.

Bid Title _____ **Bidders Name** _____

VENDOR REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references of current customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. The County prefers customers of similar size and scope of work to this bid.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID.

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned certifies that the bid prices contained in this bid have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final and if bid is accepted (within 90 days unless otherwise noted by vendor), agrees to furnish any and/or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the conditions contained in the Specifications.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, A Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

_____ who, after having first been duly sworn, upon oath did depose and say;

That the foregoing bid submitted by _____ hereinafter called "Bidder" is the duly authorized agent of said company and that the person signing said proposal has been duly authorized to execute the same. Bidder affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Bidder. The bidder is not a member of any trust, pool, or combination to control the price of products or services bid on, or to influence any person to bid or not to bid thereon. I further affirm that 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 discounts, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Bid. 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 person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid.

Name and Address of Bidder:

Telephone number _____

Fax number _____

Signature _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBE BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Cameron County requests Residence 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:

“Nonresident bidder” refers to a person who is not a resident.

“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 _____ is a Resident
(Company Name)

Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.

I certify that _____ is a Nonresident
(Company Name)

Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is

(City and State)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID

BIDDERS PROHIBITED TO LOBBY COUNTY OFFICIAL(S) RULE

CAMERON COUNTY EXPRESSLY REQUESTS THAT BIDDERS / PROPOSERS NOT DISCUSS THIS ENGAGEMENT OR THIS BIDDER'S / PROPOSER'S PLANS, EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS WITH OTHER BIDDERS / PROPOSERS OR ANY MEMBER OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ANY COUNTY OFFICIAL, OR ANY EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. EXCLUDED ARE PRE-BID OR PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED VENDOR PRESENTATIONS OR VENDOR INTERVIEWS, OR EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES DEMONSTRATIONS. YOU MAY CONTACT THE PURCHASING AGENT /PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME.

FROM BID OPENING DATE THROUGH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING FOR SELECTION, VENDORS SHALL NOT APPROACH THE COUNTY JUDGE OR COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS BID.

- 01. Has any individual with the firm submitting this Proposal/Bid/Response made any contact with any member of Commissioners Court, any County Official, or an Evaluation Committee member concerning this Invitation to Bid/RFP/RFQ, other than questions to the Assistant County Auditor/Purchasing Officer?

- 02. Has any individual with the firm submitting this Proposal/Bid/Response made any contact with any other Bidder or Proposer concerning this Invitation to Bid/RFP/RFQ?

Signature of person submitting this Bid

Date

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ORDER NO. 2007O2005

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

ORDER ADOPTING CONTRACTING RULES FOR PERSONS INDEBTED TO COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Section 262.0276, a commissioners court is authorized to adopt rules permitting a county to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person indebted to the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Cameron County finds it is in the best interest of Cameron County to adopt such rules;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Cameron County, that the following rules be adopted regarding Cameron County and persons interested in doing business with Cameron County:

- 1. Cameron County may refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person with a past due debt to Cameron County, including delinquent ad valorem taxes, even if the person is the lowest bidder or successful proposer; and
2. For purposes of this Order, a debt is past due if it is not received in the County Treasurer's Office by the due date in a written agreement or notice, and ad valorem taxes are past due if not received in the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office by February 1st following the January 1st on which the ad valorem taxes are due.
3. For purposes of this Order, a person includes an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, nonprofit corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, and any other entity that proposes or otherwise seeks to enter into a contract or other transaction with Cameron County requiring approval by the Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED this 13 day of March, 2007.

Is the person or the firm submitting this Bid current with all local and State taxes? _____

Signature of person submitting this Bid

Date

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, in the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, theory, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated of cause or default.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

If the Bidder / Proposer is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such Bidder / Proposer should attach an explanation to this Bid / Proposal.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

OFFICE USE ONLY

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176. Local by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor that require the statement to be filed. *See* Section 176.006(a-1), Local
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2. Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally incomplete or

3. Name of local government officer about whom the information in this section is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C, & D) must be completed for each officer with employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001 (1-a). Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with government officer services as an officer of director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business and family relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4.

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Adopted 8/7/2015

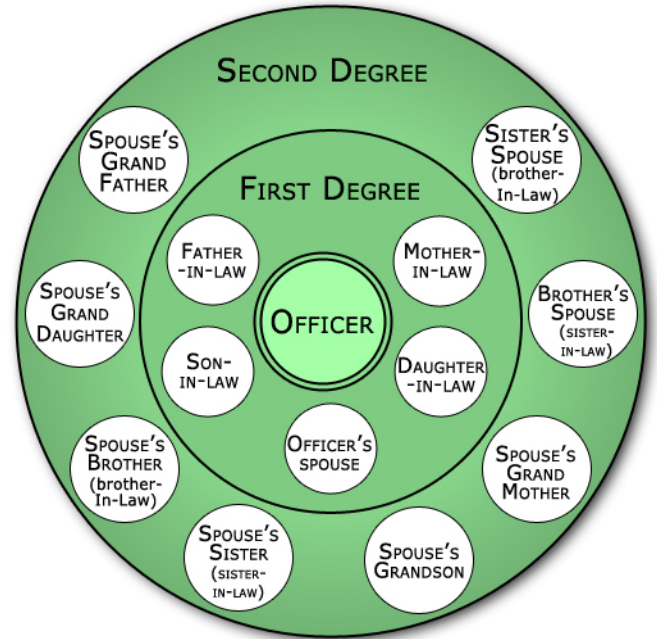
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NEPOTISM CHART

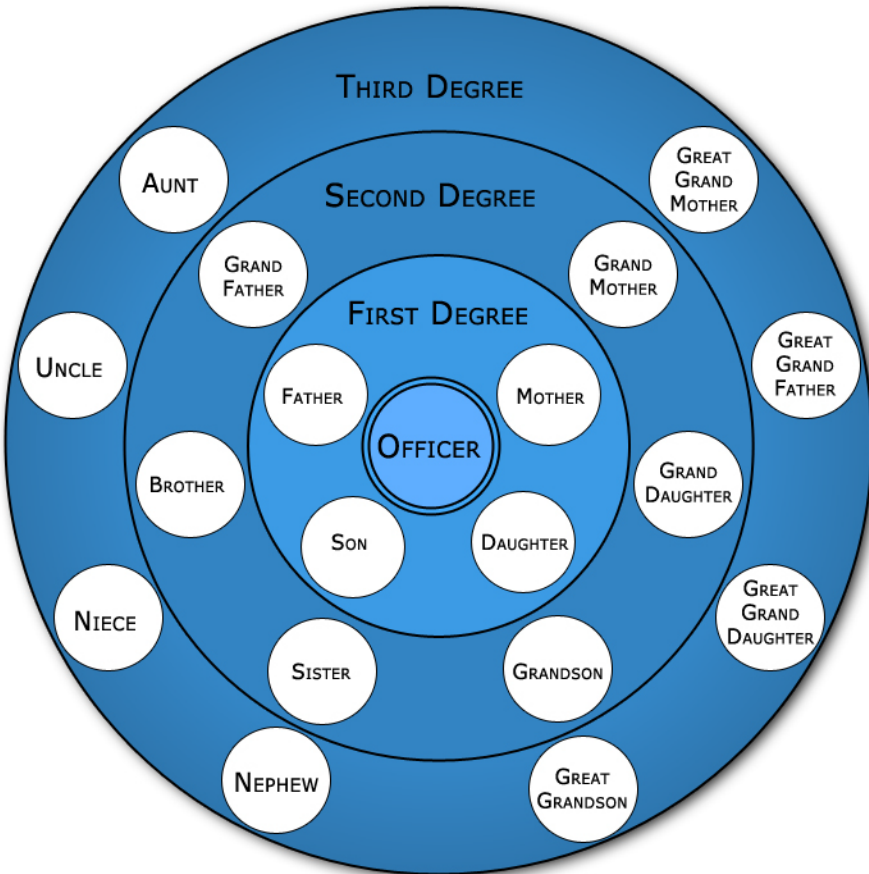
The chart below shows

- **Affinity Kinship** (relationship by marriage)
- **Consanguinity Kinship** (relationship by blood) for purposes of interpreting nepotism as defined in VTCA Government Code, Chapter 573, §§573.021 - .025

AFFINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Marriage



CONSANGUINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Blood



DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

**MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID/RFP/RFQ
IF DISCLOSING: BIDDER/PROPOSER MUST ALSO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S
OFFICE.
THE PURCHASING DEPT. WILL NOT BE FILING ON THE BIDDER'S BEHALF**

Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to provide the following information. Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with "N/A." By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government.

Date _____

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FIRM is: 1. Corporation () 2. Partnership () 3. Sole Owner ()
 4. Association () 5. Other () _____

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

If additional space is necessary, please use the reverse side of this page or attach separate sheet.

1. State the names of each "employee, elected official, or member of Commissioners Court" of Cameron County having Substantial Interest in Business Entity Local Govt. Code 171.002
 - a) For purpose of this chapter, a person has a substantial interest in a business entity if:
 - (1) the person owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity or owns either 10 percent or more or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or
 - (2) funds received by the person from the business entity exceeds 10 percent of the person's gross income for the previous year.
 - b) A person has a substantial interest in real property if the interest is an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of \$2,500 or more.
 - c) A local public official is considered to have a substantial interest under this section if a person related to the official in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, has a substantial interest under this section.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

Name	Title	Department

CERTIFICATE

I certify that all information provided is true and correct as of the date of this statement, that I have not knowingly withheld disclosure of any information requested; and that supplemental statements will be promptly submitted to the Cameron County as changes occur.

Certifying Person: _____ Title: _____
(Type or Print)

Signature of Certifying Person: _____ Date: _____

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HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION

I, _____,
[Person Name]

the undersigned representative of

[Company or Business Name]

(hereafter referred to as Company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, does hereby depose and verify that the Company named above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not currently boycott the country of Israel; and
2. Will not boycott the country of Israel during the term of the contract with Cameron County, Texas.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

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

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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS
(Requests for Bids (RFB))

ADDENDA: If RFB specifications, terms or conditions are revised, the Cameron County Purchasing Department will issue an addendum addressing the nature of the changes and notify interested potential bidders. Bidders must acknowledge receipt and consideration of any such changes by signing the addendum and including it in the package containing the Bidder's submittal.

ADVERTISING: Unless otherwise required by law, bidders responding to County RFBs shall not publish and shall keep confidential their intentions and actions respecting any response to the RFB.

AWARD: Cameron County may hold RFB responses for a period of sixty (60) days. Cameron County reserves the right to reject any or all responses to RFBs. Cameron County reserves the right to award a contract, if any, based on the bidder's response when compared to the EVALUATION CRITERIA (AS STATED IN THE RFB) and, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, reserves the right to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one bidder. Commissioners Court reserves the right to determine the method and procedures for the final award of the bid at any time they may choose, regardless of the Point System used by the Evaluation Committee.

BONDS: If the contract that may be entered into with the County will likely require a performance guarantee or bond, the Purchasing Department will attach a separate page to the RFB explaining those requirements.

CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION: In any contract resulting from the RFB, the County shall have the right to cancel all or any part of the undelivered portion of the contract if (1) Bidder breaches any of the terms hereof, including, but not limited to, applicable warranties, and/or the (2) Bidder becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy. Such right of cancellation is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies which the County may have in law or equity. Cancellation of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery of a "Notice of Cancellation of Undelivered Work" specifying the extent to which performance of work, including all goods and services, under the contract is cancelled and the date upon which such cancellation becomes effective.

The performance of work under any resulting contract may be terminated in whole, or in part, by the County in accordance with this provision. The County shall have the right to terminate all or any part of the contract if (1) the Bidder breaches any of the terms hereof, including, but not limited to, applicable warranties, and/or (2) Bidder becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies which the County may have in law or equity. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work, including all goods and services, under the contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

CHANGE ORDERS: 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 by mutual consent of the Bidder and the County.

CONTRACT RENEWALS: Contract Renewals must receive Commissioners Court approval. For contract renewal status and information, please contact Elisa Cisneros at 956-982-5405 e-mail: Elisa.Cisneros2@co.cameron.tx.us Cameron County Purchasing Dept. or Dylbia Jeffries 956-550-1340 djefferies@co.cameron.tx.us at the Cameron County Civil Legal Division. Any price escalations are limited to those stated by the original contract terms. All contracts with a one (1) year renewal option require that the Bidder must notify Cameron County of any anticipated price increases in writing at least three months (90 calendar days) prior to the annual renewal award date unless otherwise specified within the specific provisions of the contract up for renewal. This allows the County sufficient time to find an alternative vendor, if possible. If Bidder fails to notify the County within time noted it shall be assumed that there will be no price increase for the following year's award period if renewed. This procedure does not apply to any contract which allows for Open Market Price increases or Cost allowance increases.

DISCRIMINATION: In order to encourage fair employment practices, the Bidder agrees as follows: 1.) Bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, age, religion, handicap, or national origin; 2) in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the Bidder will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap or national origin; 3) the Bidder will furnish such relevant information and reports as requested by the County for the purpose of determining compliance with these regulations; and 4) failure of the Bidder to comply with these laws will be deemed a breach of contract and it may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in a whole or in part as a result thereof.

DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDER: Upon submitting a response to this RFB, Bidder certifies that the Bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code 15.01, *et seq.*, as amended, or the federal antitrust laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly its RFB considerations, plan or response to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any and all responses may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Bidders. If multiples are submitted by a Bidder and, after all responses to the RFBs are opened one or more of the responses are withdrawn the result will be that all of the responses submitted by that Bidder will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits a Bidder from submitting multiples for different products or services.

EVALUATION: All responses will be evaluated in accordance with law and reviewed to assure they are in the best interest of Cameron County. Evaluations shall be based on criteria bearing on price, and performance of the items or services in the user environment. Any specific criteria section or sections identified elsewhere in the RFB response may be evaluated by one or more evaluators once the basis and details of this process have been approved by the Purchasing Officer and acknowledged by the Evaluation Committee. Detailed information pertaining to this selective evaluation process is available to Bidders and the Commissioners Court upon request. Evaluation sheets and any summary of all responses are subject to review by the Cameron County Purchasing Department and Evaluation Committee's recommendation to Cameron County Commissioners Court. Compliance with all RFB requirements, delivery terms and needs of the using department are considerations in evaluating responses. Pricing is NOT the only criterion for making a recommendation (see criteria and relative importance of price and other evaluation factors, if any, specified elsewhere in this RFB). The Cameron County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any Bidder, at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to that Bidder's response.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: Procedure - This protest procedure is available to Bidders responding to this RFB and requesting a debriefing conference.

Debriefing Conference – A debriefing conference must be requested in writing to the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days from the date of the RFB award by the Cameron County Commissioners’ Court. Debriefing questions must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Department no later than two (2) business days before the scheduled date for the Debriefing Conference. These questions will be answered at the debriefing conference. Follow-up questions must be submitted (in writing) no later than one (1) business day after the date of the Debriefing Conference and answered no later than two (2) business days after the date of the Debriefing Conference. Follow-up answers will be sent via e-mail or fax (if e-mail not available). For RFBs, Bidders are given the opportunity to ask questions of the Evaluation Committee relative to their responses and the Committee’s scores.

Protests are made: 1. To the Purchasing Department after the debriefing conference. Bidder protests shall be received, in writing, by the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days after the debriefing conference. 2. To the Protest Committee, only after the protest to the Purchasing Department was not satisfactorily resolved. Protests to the Protest Committee shall be made within five (5) business days after the Bidder has received notification from the County Purchasing Department of its decision.

Grounds for protest:

1. Errors were made in computing the score.
2. The County failed to follow procedures established in the RFB, the Purchasing policy on acquisitions or applicable state or federal laws or regulations.
3. Bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator. Protests not based on these criteria shall not be considered.

Format and Content - Protesting Bidders shall include, in their written protest to the Cameron County Purchasing Department, all facts and arguments upon which they rely. Bidders shall, at a minimum, provide:

1. Information about the protesting Bidder; name of firm, mailing address, phone number and name of individual responsible for submission of the protest.
2. Information about the acquisition and the acquisition method.
3. Specific and complete statement of the County’s action(s) being protested. 4. Specific reference to the grounds for the protest.
4. Description of the relief or corrective action requested.
- 5.. For protests to the Protest Committee, a copy of the Purchasing Department’s written decision on the protest.

Review Process:

1. Upon receipt of a Bidder’s protest, the Purchasing Department shall postpone further steps in the acquisition process until the Bidder protest has been resolved.

2. The Department's internal protest review procedures consist of the following:

a) The Purchasing Department shall perform an objective review of the protest by individuals not involved in the acquisition protested. The review shall be based on the written protest material submitted by the Bidder.

b) A written decision will be delivered to the Bidder within five business days after receipt of the protest, unless more time is needed. The protesting Bidder shall be notified if additional time is necessary.

Final Determination:

The final determination shall:

1. Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the agency's action; or
2. Find only technical or harmless errors in the agency's acquisition process, determine the agency to be in substantial compliance, and reject the protest; or 3. Find merit in the protest and provide the agency options which may include recommendations to a) correct its errors and reevaluate all RFBs, and/or b) reissue the Bidder solicitation document; or c) make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

Protest Committee Review Process:

Protests to the Protest Committee may be made only for Protest Committee approved acquisitions, and only after review by County Purchasing Department. Protests of the decisions of County Purchasing Department shall be made by letter to the Protest Committee, who may establish procedures to resolve the protest. Protests shall be received by the Protest Committee within five business days after the decision of Purchasing Department in order to be considered. The Committee's decision is final, with no further administrative appeal available.

FISCAL FUNDING: A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement (if requested by the Special Requirements/Instructions), or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include a "fiscal funding out" clause. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the lease or contract, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the Bidder from the using department without penalty of any kind or form to Cameron County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and redelivery shall be the responsibility of the Bidder.

GRATUITIES AND PROHIBITION AGAINST PERSONAL INTEREST IN CONTRACTS: Any elected or appointed official who has any substantial interest, either direct or indirect, in any business entity seeking to contract with the County, shall, before any vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity, file an affidavit stating the nature and extent of interest and shall abstain from any participation in the matter. This is not required if the vote or decision will not have any special effect on the entity other than its effect on the public. However, if a majority of the governing body is also required to file, and do file similar affidavits, then the member is not required to abstain from further participation. Attached and included in this RFB is a disclosure of all of this Company's business or pecuniary financial relationships with officers or employees of Cameron County or County entities (if any such relationships exist) which must be filled out, attached and included with the RFB response. The County may, by written notice to the Bidder, cancel this contract without liability to Bidder if it is determined by County that gratuities, in the

form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Bidder, or any agent, or representative of the Bidder, to any officer or employee of Cameron County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making or any determinations with respect to the performance of such a contract. In the event this contract is cancelled by County pursuant to this provision, County shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the costs incurred by Bidder in providing such gratuities. Consistent and continued RFB responses that end in a tie could cause rejection of any RFB response by the County and/or investigation for Anti-Trust violations. Bidder guarantees that he has not retained a person to solicit or secure any contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Bidder for the purpose of securing business.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) CERTIFICATION: If Bidder is a Certified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), please include a copy of your HUB Certificate with your RFB response. This information will assist Cameron County in the percentage tracking of HUB utilization.

INSURANCE: The Bidder shall secure and maintain, throughout the duration of the Contract, insurance of such types and in such amounts as may be necessary to protect the Bidder and the interests of the County against all hazards or risks of loss as hereinafter specified. The form and limits of such insurance, together with the insurer, shall be acceptable to the County. It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times. Failure of the Bidder to maintain adequate coverage shall not relieve the Bidder of any contractual responsibility or obligation.

MAINTENANCE: Maintenance required for equipment requested in RFBs should be available in Cameron County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on the Pricing/Delivery Information form. If Cameron 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.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS: Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right to Know Act", a Bidder must provide to the County 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.

NAME BRANDS: Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Cameron County to restrict responses to RFBs in such cases, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard common to similar existing items. Bidders may offer items of equal stature and standard, but the burden of proof of such stature and standard rests with Bidders. Cameron County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.

PRICING: Prices for all goods and/or services shall be firm for the duration of the contract and shall be stated on the Pricing/Delivery Information form. Prices shall be all inclusive: No price changes, additions, or subsequent qualifications will be honored during the term of the contract. All prices must be written in ink or typewritten. Pricing on all transportation, freight, drayage and other charges are to be prepaid by the Bidder and included in the price. If there are any additional charges of any kind, other than those mentioned above, specified or unspecified, Bidder MUST indicate the items required and attendant costs or forfeit the right to payment for such items. Where unit pricing and extended pricing differ, unit pricing prevails.

RECYCLED MATERIALS: Cameron County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet

applicable specifications as to quantity and quality. County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.

SCANNED RE-TYPED RESPONSE: If in its RFB response, Bidder either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published RFB package, then in event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published RFB specifications, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the — RFB response made by Bidder, the County's RFB specifications as published shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published RFB specifications is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed, the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality as to materials used and workmanship. The manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item needed in the RFB. Substitute items will not be accepted unless approved (in advance).

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Bidders are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the returned RFB package. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the RFB package and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the Bidder wishes to include as a condition of an RFB response, must also be in the returned in the RFB response package. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the Bidder's entire RFB.

TITLE TRANSFER: Title and Risk of Loss of goods shall not pass to Cameron County until Cameron County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the using department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bidders are advised to consult the using department for instructions. The place of delivery shall be shown under the "Special Requirements/Instructions" section of this RFB package and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Deliver To:" with the address.

USAGE REPORTS: Cameron 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 RFB. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Cameron County department with a description, of each item purchased, including the manufacturer, quantity of each item purchased, the per unit and extended price of each item purchased, and the total amount and price of all items purchased.

WARRANTY PRICE: (a) The price to be paid by the County shall be that contained in Bidder's response to the RFB which Bidder warrants to be no higher than Bidder's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by this agreement for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Bidder breaches this warranty, the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Bidder's current prices on orders by others, or in the alternative, County may cancel this contract without liability to Bidder for breach or Bidder's actual expense.

(b) The Bidder warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee

excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Bidder for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right in addition to any other right or rights to cancel this contract without liability and to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

Bidders shall furnish all data pertinent to warranties or guarantees which may apply to items in the RFB.

Bidders may not limit or exclude any implied warranties.

Bidder warrants that products sold and services provided to the County shall conform to the highest commercial and/or professional standards in the industry and laws established by the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and O.S.H.A. Act of 1970. In the event any product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Cameron County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Bidder's expense. If Bidder fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Cameron County may correct at the Bidder's expense.

WARRANTY ITEMS/PRODUCTS: Bidder warrants that products sold and services provided to the County shall conform to the highest commercial and/or professional standards in the industry and laws established by the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and O.S.H.A. Act of 1970. In the event product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Cameron County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Bidder's expense. If Bidder fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Cameron County may correct at the Bidder's expense.

Bidder shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties and any attempt to do so shall render this contract voidable at the option of the County.

Bidder warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings and descriptions listed in the RFB invitation and to the sample(s) furnished by Bidder, if any. In the event of a conflict between the specifications, drawings and descriptions, the specifications shall govern. All items must be new, in first class condition, unless otherwise specified. The design, strength, and quality of materials must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing practice.

Items supplied under this contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Successful Bidder shall warrant that all items/services 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. Any items found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and promptly replaced by the successful Bidder at no expense to the County.

SAFETY WARRANTY: As noted above, Bidder warrants that the products sold to County shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event the product does not conform to OSHA standards, County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Bidder's expense. In the event Bidder fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, correction made by County will be at Bidder's expense. Have you attached the required warranty information to the RFB (if applicable)? "Yes" or "No"

APPLICABLE LAW

To the extent it is applicable, this agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning "the Uniform Commercial Code" as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement. Otherwise, Texas state and federal law shall apply.

ASSIGNMENT DELEGATION: No right, obligation or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegated to another by Bidder without the written permission of the County. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Bidder shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.

CONTRACT OBLIGATION: Cameron County Commissioners Court must award any resulting contract and the County Judge or other person authorized by the Cameron County Commissioners Court must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Cameron County or the Bidder. Department Heads are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Cameron County. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this RFB have been delivered and accepted and all contract requirements have been satisfied

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS: Errors and Omissions in the RFB or any provision herein described will not be construed as to relieve the Bidder of any responsibility or obligation requisite to the complete and satisfactory implementation, operation, and support of all obligations under any resulting contract.

FORCE MAJEURE: If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly, or in part, to carry out its obligations under this RFB and any resulting contract, then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term "Force Majeure" as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightening, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely with the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The successful Bidder, shall indemnify and hold Cameron County harmless from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting directly or indirectly from Bidder's performance. Bidder shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this RFB, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover Bidder's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed and goods or services sold and under the terms of this RFB. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.

INFRINGEMENTS: There will be no warranty by County against infringements. As part of this contract for sales, Bidder agrees to ascertain whether goods manufactured in accordance with the specifications attached to this agreement will give rise to the rightful claim of any third person by way of infringement or

the like. County makes no warranty that the production of goods according to the specification will not give rise to such a claim, and in no event shall County be liable to Bidder for indemnification in the event Bidder gets sued on the grounds of infringement or the like. If Bidder is of the opinion that an infringement or the like will result, Bidder shall notify County to that effect in writing within two (2) weeks after the signing of this agreement. If County does not receive notice and is subsequently held liable for the infringement or the like, Bidder will hold County harmless. If Bidder in good faith ascertains that production of the goods in accordance with the specifications will result in infringement or the like, this contract shall be null and void, except that County will pay Bidder the reasonable cost of Bidder's search as to infringement. The Bidder agrees to protect the County from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

INTERPRETATION PAROLE EVIDENCE: Unless a separate contract or addendum hereof is prepared and entered into following the award of this RFB to a successful bidder, this writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of the terms of this RFB and the general terms of any resulting contract. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this RFB and any resulting contract shall not be relevant to determine meaning even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in this agreement, the definition contained in the Code is to control, if applicable.

LATE RESPONSES: RFB responses must be received by the County before the hour and date specified. Responses received after the time and date specified will be disqualified and may be returned to sender. The County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, delivered to wrong office, carrier, etc.

MODIFICATIONS: This contract can be modified or rescinded only by a writing signed by both of the parties or their duly authorized agents.

O.S.H.A: Bidder must meet all Federal and State OSHA requirements.

REMEDIES: The successful Bidder and County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, defenses and remedies available under law.

RIGHT TO ASSURANCE: During the RFB process and any resulting contract, whenever a Bidder or the County in good faith has reason to question the other's intent to perform, demand may be made that the other party give written assurance of intent. In the event that a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, such failure may be treated as an anticipatory repudiation of the RFB and any resulting contract.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

VENUE: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Cameron County, Texas.

BIDDER SHALL CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF RFB TERMS: The Bidder shall specifically state acceptance of these terms and conditions as a basis for providing the County with a response to this RFB.

THESE TERMS INCORPORATED: These General Terms and Conditions shall be incorporated in the response to the RFB and any resulting contract. The Bidder shall specifically state acceptance of these terms and conditions as a basis for providing the County with a response to this RFB.

OTHER TERMS: The Bidder shall state any exceptions desired to these terms and conditions and may suggest alternate wording that addresses the intent of the term or condition. The County may accept or reject any suggestions in accordance with law.

SECTION 1: BID PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS (Continued)

PART II: TxCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT BID DOCUMENTS

**CAMERON COUNTY
TDHCA CONTRACT 7220023
INVITATION FOR BIDS
BID # 220301**

The County of Cameron will receive bids for the removal of solid waste removal services for at minimum of 20,000 pounds to be collected from five designated colonias. The solid waste removal activities may include colonia lot cleanup campaigns, large item trash pick-up, and/or used tire disposal campaigns. Approximately twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) will be collected in total and all activities will include the proper disposal of all solid waste for the residents of the Cameron County CSHC target areas.

Bids must be received in the County Purchasing Department no later than April 5, 22, **2022 at 11:00 a.m.** (As per Purchasing Dept. time clock). Bids must be addressed and sent to the Cameron County Purchasing Department at County Courthouse (Dancy Building), 1100 East Monroe Street, Suite 345, Brownsville, TX. 78520. Bids will be opened in the Purchasing Department - 3rd Floor, Room # 345 at 11:01 a.m. on deadline date. Bids must include one (1) original of the Bid. Bids enveloped must be titled / referenced: ATT: Purchasing Dept., Sealed Bid #220301, and Project Name: 2021-2025 Cameron & Willacy Colonias SHC Solid Waste Removal Services.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the following website http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/index.php.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable Surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to Cameron County or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Cameron County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Cameron County for a period not to exceed (sixty) 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. **All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.**

Delivery of materials is expected no more than 30days after awarded Bid.

**CAMERON COUNTY IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
Small and minority firms are encouraged to submit bids on this project**

(Para una explicación de este aviso en español, favor de llamar al Departamento de Desarrollo del Condado de Cameron al (956) 544-0828).

I. 2021-2025 Colonia Self-Help Center Program:

A. Background Colonia Self-Help Centers

In 1995, the 74th Legislature passed [Senate Bill 1509](#), a legislative directive to establish Colonia [self-help centers](#) in Cameron/Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb and El Paso counties as well as in any other county designated as an economically distressed area.

Colonia Self-Help Centers are designed to assist individuals and families of low-income and very low-income to finance, refinance, construct, improve, or maintain a safe, suitable home in the designated Colonia service areas or in another area the TDHCA has determined is suitable.

Five (5) Colonias within each county are identified to receive concentrated attention from its respective Colonia Self-Help Center. Operation of the Colonia Self-Help Centers is carried out through a local nonprofit organization, local community action agency, or local housing authority that has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of a Colonia Self-Help Centers.

Colonia Self-Help Centers provide concentrated on-site technical assistance to low and very low-income individuals and families in a variety of ways including housing, community development activities, infrastructure improvements, outreach and education. Key services include: housing rehabilitation; new construction; surveying and platting; construction skills training; tool library access for self-help construction; housing finance; credit and debt counseling; grant writing; infrastructure construction and access; contract-for-deed conversions; and capital access for mortgages.

B. Role of Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB)

County of Cameron in November 2021 requested proposals for one or more service provider(s) to operate the 2021- 2025 Cameron and Willacy Counties Colonia Self-Help Center Program (CSHC). **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE (CDCB)** was selected to operate the CSHC Program, which includes the Public Services: Solid Waste Removal Activities. Cameron County entered a four-year contract with CDC to operate the CSHC program which ends on September 2, 2025, with the **expectation to complete the contracted scope of services within two years or less**. This will enable the County to access additional grant funds from TDHCA to expand the delivery of services within the four-year program period.

The TDHCA contract provides \$700,000 for CDCB to operate the 2021-2025 Cameron & Willacy Colonia Self-Center Program. The CSHC Program consist of two primary activities: Non Feasible for Rehabilitation for 7 reconstruction of existing homes budgeted at \$525,000 and **\$70,000 to provide an array of Public Services Activities, which includes: solid waste removal, tool lending library, and technology access** to benefit the residents of the five designated coloinis. The \$70,000 budget for public services activities, other than solid waste activity, includes:

C. BID REQUEST FOR DELIVERY OF SOLID WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE (CDCB)

Cameron County Commissioners Court Authorized to Advertise an Invitation for Bid Notice No. 220301 for Solid Waste Removal Services in the Five (5) Designated Colonias. The five colonias include: Olmito, Valle Hermoso, Santa Maria, Arroyo Colorado Estate in Cameron County and Sebastian in Willacy County.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs TxCDBG contract with Cameron County requires that Cameron County implement a minimum of five (5) solid waste removal activities such as Colonia lot cleanup campaigns, removal of junk vehicles, large item trash pick-up, and/or used tire disposal campaigns. A minimum of twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) shall be collected in total and all activities will include the proper disposal of all solid waste for the residents of the CSHC target areas. The selected solid waste provider shall coordinate the solid waste removal activities with Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, operator of the CDCB program. CDCB is the entity to deliver the 7 housing reconstruction activities.

Interested Bidder(s) are being requested to submit a bid proposal that includes the following information:

1. Description of your company and why interested in participating in this community-based solid waste removal project?
2. Include a price/quote for the minimum of 20,000 lbs. of solid waste and proper disposal of no less than 20,000 pounds of solid waste as evidenced by landfill receipt?
3. Include a price for additional pounds, over the 20,000 lbs. of pick-up and proper disposal?
4. Explain the method to be used for the picking up and disposal of solid waste?
5. If available explain and provide a breakdown how cost is derived (e.g. distance of landfill, landfill fees, bind rental, mileage, equipment rental, manpower labor, etc.)?
6. Explain and/or describe how you would like to coordinate with CDCB and what you would need from the CDCB for coordination of the of solid waste removal activities with CDCB?
7. Include any other description and/or explanation of your company's history of providing similar community-based coordinated solid waste removal activities?
8. Include the following check list and check all the items your company is willing to pick-up and remove:
 - cleanup campaigns;
 - removal of junk vehicles;
 - large item trash pick-up,
 - used tire disposal campaigns;
 - Washers
 - Dryers,
 - Stoves
 - Refrigerators
 - Microwaves

- Steel drums
- Non-commercial Tires
- Households Trash
- Sheetrock
- Plywwd
- Shingles
- Furniture
- Branches
- Tree limbs
- Help Distribute anti-dumping educational materiasl
- Do you agree with the TxCDBG terms and conditions listed in the sample Solid Waste Removal Agreement below?
- Feel comment and/or submit an explation why you disagree on certain items/terms, etc?

PROHIBIT ITEMS: Vehicles, Commercial tires, Commercial Waste, Hazardous or Toxic Waste which includes: microvens, flammables, explosives, ammuniton, motor oil, similar wastes.

Note: Junk vehicles is not part of this bid invitation. Why? Vehicles removal will defeat the purpose or object of 20,000 tons accreggate removal TDHCA contract requirement.

STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
CAMERON COUNTY §

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PUBLIC SERVICES
AGREEMENT
FOR
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL
IN COORDINATION
WITH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE (CDBG)
2021-2025 COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER PROGRAM OPERATOR**

PART I

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this _____ day of _____ 2022, by Cameron County and _____, hereinafter called the "PROVIDER".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Cameron County has engaged Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (CDCB), as the operator of the 2021-2025 Colonia Self-Help Center Program (SHCP);

WHEREAS, the Cameron County desires to engage THE PROVIDER to render certain Solid Removal Services in connection with the TxCDBG Contract Number 7220023.

WHEREAS, the Cameron County desires to implement a solid waste removal public services under the general direction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (hereinafter called "TxCDBG") administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA);

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The PROVIDER, in coordination with CDCB, shall shall provide certain solid waste removal activities in the Five (5) Designated Colonias: Olmito, Valle Hermoso, Santa Maria, Arroyo Colorado Estate in Cameron County and Sebastian in Willacy County.

The PROVIDER, in coordination with CDCB, shall provide no less than five (5) solid waste removal activities such as Colonia lot cleanup campaigns, large item trash pick-up, and/or used tire disposal campaigns. Approximately twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) will be collected in total and all activities will include the proper disposal of all solid waste for the residents of the CSHC target areas.

The PROVIDER will perform the services set out in Part II, Scope of Services.

2. Time of Performance - The services of the PROVIDER shall commence on _____. In any event, all of the services required and performed hereunder shall be completed no later than _____.
3. Local Program Liaison - For purposes of this Agreement, the _____ will serve as the Local Program Liaison and primary point of contact for the PROVIDER. All required progress reports and communication regarding the project shall be directed to this liaison and other local personnel as appropriate.
4. Access to Records - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and the County of Cameron, or any of their authorized representatives, shall have access to any documents, papers, or other records of the PROVIDER which are pertinent to the TxCDBG award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts, and to close out the County's TxCDBG contract with TDHCA.
5. Retention of Records - The PROVIDER shall retain all required records for three years after the County makes its final payment and all pending matters are closed.
6. Compensation and Method of Payment - The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid hereunder shall not exceed \$ _____. Payment to the PROVIDER shall be based on satisfactory completion of identified milestones in Part III - Payment Schedule of this Agreement.
7. Indemnification - The PROVIDER shall comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and shall exonerate, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its agency members from and against any and all claims, costs, suits, and damages, including attorney's fees, arising out of the PROVIDER's performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this Agreement, and shall assume full responsibility for payments of Federal, State and local taxes on contributions imposed or required under the Social Security, worker's compensation and income tax laws.
9. Miscellaneous Provisions
 - a. This Agreement shall be construed under and accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Cameron County, Texas.
 - b. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
 - c. In any case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability

shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

- d. If any action at law or in equity is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- e. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto and a writing to be attached to an incorporated into this Agreement.

10. Venue

For purposes of litigation pursuant to this Agreement, venue shall lie in Cameron County, Texas.

11. Extent of Agreement

This Agreement, which includes Part I and Part II, here following: represents the entire and integrated agreement between the PROVIDER and the County and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both PROVIDER and the County.

12. Other CDBG Required Contract Provisions here found as Part I Scope of Services, Part II Terms and Conditions.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by causing the same to be signed on the day and year first above written.

WITNESS OUR HANDS EFFECTIVE THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2022:

Cameron County, Texas

By: _____
Eddie Treviño, Jr., County Judge

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Sylvia Garza-Perez, County Clerk

Part II SCOPE OF SERVICES

The PROVIDER shall render the following solid waste services necessary for the development of the project:

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Attend preliminary conferences with the CDCB and County regarding the requirements of the project.
2. Determine, with the coordination of CDCB necessity solid waste activities for each colonia and establish dates for each activity, to allow the Colonia residence time to plan accordingly the disposal of solid waste materials in their respective properties.
3. The BID Packet submitted by the Provider will be incorporated and be part of this agreement and scope of work.

Part III Terms and Conditions

1. Termination of Agreement for Cause. If the PROVIDER fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the PROVIDER violates any of the covenants, conditions, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the PROVIDER of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which shall be at least five days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of termination for cause, all finished or unfinished documents, data, and reports prepared by the PROVIDER pursuant to this Agreement shall, be turned over to the County and become the property of the County. In the event of termination for cause, the PROVIDER shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation for any necessary services actually and satisfactorily performed prior to the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the above, the PROVIDER shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by the PROVIDER, and the County may set-off the damages it incurred as a result of the PROVIDER breach of the contract from any amounts it might otherwise owe the PROVIDER.

2. Termination for Convenience of the County.
County may at any time and for any reason terminate Provider's services and work at County's convenience upon providing written notice to the Provider specifying the extent of termination and the effective date. Upon receipt of such notice, Provider shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work.
3. Changes. The County may, from time to time, request changes in the services the Provider will perform under this Agreement. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Provider's compensation, must be agreed to by all parties and finalized through a signed, written amendment to this Agreement.

4. Resolution of Program Non-Compliance and Disallowed Costs. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or TxCDBG program requirements, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question or disagreement. To this effect, the parties shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith within 30 days of receipt of a written notice of the dispute or invitation to negotiate, and attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 30 days of receipt of written notice or invitation to negotiate, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the matter by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Procedures before resorting to arbitration, litigation, or some other dispute resolution procedure. The parties may enter into a written amendment to this Amendment and choose a mediator that is not affiliated with the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the matter is not resolved through such mediation within 60 days of the initiation of that procedure, either party may proceed to file suit.

5. Personnel.
 - a. The Provider represents that he/she/it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County.
 - b. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Provider or under its supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under State and Local law to perform such services.
 - c. None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be specified by written contract or agreement and shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.

6. Assignability. The Provider shall not assign any interest on this Agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the County thereto; Provided, however, that claims for money by the Provider from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Written notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the County.

7. Reports and Information. The Provider, at such times and in such forms as the County may require, shall furnish the County such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the work or services undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, the costs and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Agreement.

8. Records and Audits. The Provider shall insure that the County maintains fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures of funds made under this contract in a manner that conforms to 2 CFR 200.300-.309, 24 CFR 570.490, and this Agreement. Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this Agreement. The Provider and the County shall retain such records, and any supporting documentation, for the greater of three years from closeout of the Agreement or the period required by other applicable laws and regulations.

9. Findings Confidential. All of the reports, information, data, etc., prepared or assembled by the Provider under this contract are confidential and the Provider agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the County.
10. Copyright. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Provider.
11. Compliance with Local Laws. The Provider shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State and local governments, and the Provider shall hold the County harmless with respect to any damages arising from any tort done in performing any of the work embraced by this Agreement.
12. Conflicts of interest.
 - a. Governing Body. No member of the governing body of the County and no other officer, employee, or agent of the County, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with administration or implementation of TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Provider or this Agreement; and the Provider shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - b. Other Local Public Officials. No other public official, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the planning and carrying out of administration, or implementation of the TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County, shall have any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Provider or this Agreement; and the Provider shall take appropriate steps to assure compliance.
 - a. The Provider and Employees. The Provider warrants and represents that it has no conflict of interest associated with the TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County or this Agreement. The Provider further warrants and represents that it shall not acquire an interest, direct or indirect, in any geographic area that may benefit from the TxCDBG award between TDHCA and the County or in any business, entity, organization or person that may benefit from the award. The Provider further agrees that it will not employ an individual with a conflict of interest as described herein.

13. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)

The Provider certifies, by entering into this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally-assisted programs under Executive Orders 12549 (1986) and 12689 (1989). The term "principal" for purposes of this Agreement is defined as an officer, director, owner, partner, key employee, or other person with primary management or supervisory responsibilities, or a person who has a critical influence on or substantive control over the operations of the Provider. The Provider understands that it must not make any award or permit any award (or contract) at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

Federal Civil Rights Compliance.

14. Equal Opportunity Clause (applicable to federally assisted construction contracts and subcontracts over \$10,000).

During the performance of this contract, the Provider agrees as follows:

- a. The Provider will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Firm 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 Firm agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. The Provider will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Provider, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. The Provider will not discourage 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.
- d. The Provider 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 Firm's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e. The Provider will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- f. The Provider 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.
- g. In the event of the Provider's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination 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 Firm 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.
- h. The Provider will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) 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 Provider will take such action with respect to any

subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Provider becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Provider may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

15. Civil Rights Act of 1964. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
16. Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Provider shall comply with the provisions of Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.
17. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Provider agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
18. Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Provider shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

ATTORNEY'S REVIEW CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Dylbia Jeffries, the duly authorized and acting legal representative of the County of Cameron, do hereby certify as follows:

I have examined the attached contract(s) and surety bonds and am of the opinion that each of the agreements may be duly executed by the proper parties, acting through their duly authorized representatives; that said representatives have full power and authority to execute said agreements on behalf of the respective parties; and that the agreements shall constitute valid and legally binding obligations upon the parties executing the same in accordance with terms, conditions and provisions thereof.

Attorney's signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Attorney's Name: _____