



**Request for Proposals (“RFP”)**  
**Veterinarian Services and Supplies**

RFP NO. 22-009

EVENT	DATE
Issuance of RFP	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
1 <sup>st</sup> Publication Date	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Publication Date	Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Optional Tour of Shelter Facility (1:30 p.m.)	Friday, September 16, 2022
RFP Question Deadline (5:00 p.m.)	Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Deadline to Request Electronic Submission of RFP (10:00a.m)	Friday, September 23, 2022
RFP Submission Deadline (3:00 p.m.)	Monday, September 26, 2022
Possible City Council Consideration/Award	Thursday, October 13, 2022

***INTENT***

The City of Brenham is seeking proposals for professional veterinary services for the City of Brenham’s Animal Services and Pet Adoption Center as defined in the Scope of Services contained within this RFP.

***TERMS/DEFINITIONS***

For the purposes of this RFP, the following terms are hereby defined:

- Proposer(s): Any person or entity that submits a response to this RFP.
- Vendor(s): The person or entity that is selected to provide veterinarian services to the City under this RFP.

## ***RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS***

Proposers shall submit **one (1) original and one (1) copy** of their proposal. The original proposal must be clearly marked “**Proposal for RFP No. 22-009, Veterinarian Services and Supplies**” and include an original signature, in ink, in order to be accepted. Proposals must be received in the City Secretary’s Office no later than **3:00 p.m. (CST) on Monday, September 26, 2022**. It is the Proposer’s sole responsibility to assure that the proposal is delivered in a timely fashion. Proposals received after this time will be rejected and returned unopened. There will be no public opening; however, the name of each proposal received will be read aloud for public record. **Any proposal received after 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022, shall not be considered.**

Proposals should be prepared simply, providing straightforward, concise description of the Proposer’s approach and capabilities necessary to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Technical literature and elaborate promotional materials, if any, must be submitted separately. Emphasis in the proposal should be on completeness, clarity of content and adherence to the presentation structure required by the RFP.

Proposals must be delivered using one of the following methods:

**Hand-deliver to:**

200 W. Vulcan Street  
Suite 203  
Brenham, TX 77833

**Mail to:**

P.O. Box 1059  
Brenham, TX 77834-1059  
ATTN: City Secretary

**Ship to (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.):**

200 W. Vulcan Street  
Brenham, TX 77833  
ATTN: City Secretary

The city will also accept electronic proposals via download into a secure electronic depository. **Proposals submitted by e-mail will not be accepted.** If a Proposer would like to submit their response electronically, they must notify the City no later than **10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022.**

Requests for electronic RFP submissions must be sent to Robin Hutchens, Purchasing Specialist, P. O. Box 1059 (200 W. Vulcan St.), Brenham, Texas 77834, or e-mailed to [rhutchens@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:rhutchens@cityofbrenham.org). All e-mails must indicate “RFP No. 22-009– Electronic Submission Request” in the subject line. It is the Proposer’s responsibility to verify receipt of any email.

## ***CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS***

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The City of Brenham's General Terms and Conditions for all RFPs is attached hereto as Attachment "A". Any contradictions between the terms and conditions and the body of this RFP, the terms of this RFP will prevail.

### **INDEMNITY**

The Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Brenham and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person and damages to property arising out of or in connection with the work done by the Proposer, and including acts or omissions of the City of Brenham, its officers, agents or employees in connection with said Contract.

### **H.B. 1295 COMPLIANCE**

The awarded Vendor for services as outlined in this RFP, and/or negotiated separately, shall comply with the requirements of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code as adopted in 2015 as House Bill 1295. This law mandates that a governmental entity may not enter certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Certificate of Interested Parties to the governmental entity. This law applies to contracts that: (1) require an action or vote by the governing body before the contract may be signed; or (2) has a value of at least \$1 Million.

Compliance with this law requires that the awarded Vendor utilize the Texas Ethics Commission website to complete the Form 1295 (<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/>). The form must be printed, signed, and submitted to the City of Brenham prior to any services/work being performed. A sample Form 1295 is attached to this RFP as Attachment "B".

### **CHAPTER 2271 COMPLIANCE**

The awarded Vendor for services as outlined in this RFP, and/or negotiated separately, shall comply with the requirements of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2271 and will be required to provide confirmation that the Vendor does not boycott Israel currently; and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract with the City.

"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 "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.

### **INSURANCE**

The awarded Vendor shall obtain insurance as specified in Attachment “A” to this RFP and shall maintain coverage in full effect through the duration of the contract. Certificates of Insurance shall be provided to the City within five (5) working days of formal notice of award by the City.

## ***CHANGES, QUESTIONS, AND INQUIRIES***

Any and all questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing and addressed to Robin Hutchens, Purchasing Specialist, P.O. Box 1059 (200 W. Vulcan St.), Brenham, Texas 77834, or e-mailed to [rhutchens@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:rhutchens@cityofbrenham.org). All e-mails must indicate “RFP No. 22-009” in the subject line. It is the Proposer’s responsibility to verify the City’s receipt of email. The deadline to submit questions related to this RFP is **5:00 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Any changes to this RFP will be made in the form of an Addendum which will be made available online at [www.cityofbrenham.org](http://www.cityofbrenham.org). It shall be the responsibility of interested Proposers to check the City’s website for addendums up to the proposal submission deadline. The complete RFP and all Addendums will be posted on the City’s website.

## ***TERM OF CONTRACT***

Any contract for service resulting from this RFP shall remain in force and effect for a period of three (3) years. Upon completion of the term of the original contract, and with mutual agreement of both parties, the contract may be extended two (2) additional one-year terms (five (5) years total), under the terms and conditions of the original contract. In the event a new contract cannot be executed at the anniversary date of the original term or any renewal term, the contract will be considered renewed on a month-to-month basis until a new contract is executed.

## ***INFORMATION***

All proposals meeting the minimum qualifications requirements of this RFP will be reviewed and evaluated based on pre-determined evaluation criteria. The categories for evaluation are listed within the “RFP Overview” section of this RFP. The selected Proposer will have the exclusive rights to provide veterinarian services to the City of Brenham’s Animal Services and Pet Adoption Center.

The awarded Vendor will have access to the animal shelter facility, while staff are present, and will be required to perform services according to the terms and conditions outlined in this RFP and any contract negotiated as a result of this RFP. The awarded Vendor will also work directly with Animal Services staff to resolve outstanding issues in a timely manner.

## ***SCOPE OF SERVICES***

The scope of services requested under this RFP include, but may not be limited to the following:

- Spay and neuter shelter animals. Including older animals, overweight animals, feral animals, animals in heat or pregnant, cryptorchids and pyometra. NOTE: The number of spay and/or neuter surgeries may be as many as 20 animals a week or as few as 5. All animals in the shelter will be spayed/neutered as early as 3 months old or 2 ½ pounds.
- Prescribe and dispense prescription and non-prescription medications (heartworm preventative, de-wormer, flea preventative, topical creams).
- Allow Brenham Animal Services to utilize DEA number to purchase items that are needed for shelter operations (euthanasia solutions and sedation) at cost or low cost.
- Perform emergency surgeries of animals brought in by Animal Control, as needed, these surgeries may include, but not be limited to, limb amputation and/or eye enucleations.
- Provide veterinary care to ill and injured animals, on a case by case basis as requested by the Animal Shelter Supervisor or designee to which will include but not be limited to pulling retained teeth, dental exams, hernia repair, and removal of lumps.
- The scope of care provided in emergency situations shall be limited to life saving measures for the purpose of stabilizing a pet in order to provide an opportunity for the owner to recover the animal, and/or to relieve suffering and pain.
- Provide on-call emergency care seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day and be able to respond within sixty (60) minutes of being notified of an emergency.
- Assist staff, upon request, with euthanasia of sick, injured, aggressive, or healthy adoptable animals.
- Provide in-house medical evaluations weekly to all animals in the shelter.
- Administer rabies vaccines to all animals in the shelter and animals that are reunited with their owners.

- Assist staff in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the shelter population as needed. This may include, but not be limited to, sick/injured animals, vaccinations, de-worming, treating mange, fecal testing, ear mites, diagnosing/treating sick/injured animals, basic grooming needs or any unforeseen circumstances that may arise.
- When needed, consult with Animal Shelter Supervisor or designee, by phone or in-person, to develop and monitor standard operating procedures that include, but are not limited to, animal health and husbandry; disease outbreak and management and the care of individual animals that are injured or ill.
- Provide examinations and provide health certificates for all animals leaving the shelter to various rescue groups.
- Write reports for Animal Control when needed, for court. Be available to testify in court, if needed.
- Make recommendations based on professional knowledge for improvements in nutrition, wellbeing, and disease control at the shelter.
- Prepare collection of specimens(s), submission form and schedule overnight shipping for rabies test submission(s) to Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin, Texas.
- Provide quarterly training to Brenham Animal Services Staff on topics such as surgery care of shelter animals, in addition to other topics decided by both the Animal Shelter Supervisor and Veterinarian.

### ***OPTIONAL MEETING/TOUR***

An optional meeting/tour of the Animal Shelter is scheduled for **Friday, September 16, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.** This optional meeting/tour will provide Proposers an opportunity to discuss the City's requirements pursuant to this RFP and tour the shelter.

The address of the shelter is 1804 Longwood Drive, Brenham, Texas.

### ***RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS***

This RFP does not commit the City of Brenham to award a contract. No other party, including any Proposer, is intended to be granted any rights hereunder. Proposals which, in the sole discretion of the City of Brenham, do not meet minimum qualification requirements will not be reviewed. This RFP and the process it describes are proprietary to the City of Brenham and are for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City of Brenham. Any response to this RFP will become the property of the City of Brenham and subject to the Texas Public Information Act. The City of Brenham is not liable for any costs associated with the development, preparation, transmittal or presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP.

The City of Brenham reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of proposals submitted or to negotiate with selected Proposer (which may include alternate concepts), at the City of Brenham's option. By submission of a proposal, the Proposer agrees to be legally bound if the City of Brenham accepts the proposal.

### ***MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS***

- Be a legal resident of the United States.
- Be registered to do business in the State of Texas
- Satisfy and comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements in this RFP.
- Subscribe to the codes of ethics of Texas Veterinarian Medical Association.
- Be licensed by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Association and license must be in good standing and able to provide a copy of their license.
- Not be on the State of Texas debarred contractor or vendor list.
- Have experience performing spay and neuter surgeries on puppies and kittens younger than four (4) months of age.

### ***RFP OVERVIEW***

Any and all agreements arising out of proposals submitted hereunder (including any negotiations that follow) will not be binding on the City of Brenham, its officers, employees, or agents unless set forth in a Veterinarian Services Agreement and approved by the City Council.

A Selection Committee will evaluate each responsive proposal submitted in response to this RFP. Each proposal will be evaluated on the following:

- Meeting the minimum qualifications, as outlined in this RFP.
- Proposed concept for veterinary services.
- Price structure for services and supplies.
- Experience providing veterinarian services to shelter animals.
- Past relationship with City of Brenham.

The evaluation criteria has been established to assist the Selection Committee in determining which Proposer will provide the best overall mix of products, service, and quality to the City of Brenham Animal Services and Pet Adoption Center.

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION**

- An authorized representative must sign proposal, with the Proposer's address, telephone and email information provided. Unsigned proposals may not be considered.
- If the proposal is made by an individual, the name, mailing address and signature of the individual must be shown.
- If the proposal is made by a firm or partnership, the name and mailing address of the firm or partnership and the signature of at least one of the general partners must be shown.
- If the proposal is made by a corporation, the name and mailing address of the corporation and the signature and title of the person who signs on behalf of the corporation must be shown.
- The City reserves the right to request documentation showing the authority of the individual signing the proposal to execute contracts on behalf of anyone, or any corporation, other than himself/herself. Refusal to provide such information upon request may cause the proposal to be rejected as non-responsive.

The undersigned certifies that the information provided above is a true representation of its company's qualifications and agrees to comply with these assurances following award of the RFP.

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

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATE**

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

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

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation herein named, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition in the preparation and submission of a proposal to the City of Brenham for consideration in the award of a contract on the improvement described as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Firm)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDS**

### **Definitions:**

In order to simplify the language throughout this request for bids, the following definitions shall apply:

CITY – OWNER - Same as City of Brenham.

CONTRACT - An agreement between the City and a Vendor to furnish goods or services over a designated period of time during which repeated purchases may be made of the goods or services specified.

VENDOR – The successful Bidder(s) of this bid request.

### **Instructions:**

The following instructions apply to all bids and become a part of terms and conditions of any bid submitted to the City of Brenham Purchasing Department, unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this bid request.

### **Form:**

Bids must be submitted on this form only. **Bidders are required to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy.** All bids submitted must be itemized with prices extended when practical. **BIDDER MUST RETURN THE ENTIRE ORIGINAL BID DOCUMENT WITH BID OR PROPOSAL.**

### **Bid Return:**

Bid must be sealed, and to ensure proper recognition upon its arrival, list the Bid Number, Bid Description and the Bid Opening Date on the outside of your envelope.

### **Late Bids:**

Bids must be received by the Purchasing Department prior to the time indicated on this form. Late bids will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder only upon written request.

### **Acceptance:**

The City of Brenham reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities and technicalities, to accept the offer considered most advantageous **in order to obtain the best value for the City.** Causes for rejection of a bid may include but are not limited to the bidder's current violation of any City ordinance, the bidder's current inability to satisfactorily perform the work or service, or the bidder's previous failure to timely perform its obligation under a contract with the City.

Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

1. Failure to use the proposal form furnished by the Owner;
2. Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the proposal form;
3. Failure to properly complete the proposal;
4. Evidence of collusion among proposers;
5. Omission of uncertified personal or company check as a proposal guarantee (**if Bid Bond required**); or
6. Unauthorized alteration of bid form.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity.

All bidders are hereby notified that the City of Brenham shall consider all factors it believes to be relevant in selecting the offer that provides the best value for the City including, but not limited to the purchase price, the proximity of the bidder as it relates to bidder's ability to perform the contract for the City, the delivery date, the reputation of the bidder and the bidder's goods or services, the quality of the bidder's goods or services, the extent to which the goods or services meet the City's needs, the impact on the ability of the City to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized business and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities, the total long-term cost of the City to acquire the bidder's goods or services, the bidder's past performance under contracts with the City, the bidder's compliance

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with City ordinances, and any relevant criteria specifically listed in this request for bid.

The City is committed to obtaining its goods, products and services at the lowest price possible which benefits all citizens of Brenham. Therefore, in order to accomplish this objective/goal, it is not the intention of the City to exclude particular vendors or manufacturers nor to create restrictive situations in its request for bids and proposals. Any manufacturer's name, trade names, brand names, catalog numbers, technical data, etc. used in the specifications are there for the sole purpose of establishing and describing general performance, quality levels, type and dimensions and such references are not intended to be restrictive. Alternate bids on similar or comparable products and/or services of any manufacturer or vendor equal to the products and/or services described in the specifications are invited and will be given careful consideration provided the alternate will accomplish the same task. The City shall be the sole judge on whether the alternate product and/or service is similar to, equal to and in compliance with that specified. The decision of the City shall be final.

### **Award of Contract:**

The contract may be awarded either to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City. The bid award may be based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- a. the purchase price, including payment discount terms;
- b. the reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's goods or services;
- c. the quality of the bidder's goods or services;
- d. the extent to which the goods or services meet the City's needs;
- e. the bidder's past relationship with the City;
- f. the impact on the ability of the City to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses and nonprofit organizations employing persons with disabilities;
- g. the total long-term cost of the City to acquire the bidder's goods or services; and

- h. any relevant criteria specifically listed in this request for bid.

The City prefers to award the entire contract to a single bidder; although, the City reserves the right to award a primary contract and a secondary contract in an effort to secure a back-up contractor to be used in emergency situations in the event the primary contractor is unable to respond as needed.

### **Term of Contract:**

This Contract shall become effective from date of acceptance and approval by the City of Brenham. It shall remain in force and effect with firm fixed bid prices for a period of three (3) years, beginning on the date of award of contract.

### **Extension of Contract:**

Upon completion of the term of the original contract and mutual agreement of both parties, the contract may be extended for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms (five (5) years total). The renewal will be under the same terms and conditions as the original contract. In the event a new contract cannot be executed at the anniversary date of the original term or any renewal term, the contract may be renewed month-to-month until a new contract is executed.

### **Assignment of Contract:**

This contract cannot be transferred or assigned to another party without written consent of the City and may be subject to cancellation by the City if such consent is requested.

### **Contract Termination:**

The City may terminate this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice. Upon the Vendor's receipt of such notice, the Vendor shall cease work immediately. The Vendor shall be compensated for the services satisfactorily performed prior to the termination date.

If, through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill its obligations under this contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the agreements of this Contract, the City has the right to terminate this

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Contract by giving the Vendor five (5) calendar days written notice. The Vendor will be compensated for the services satisfactorily performed before termination date. Termination of the contract for cause shall be deemed as sufficient evidence and cause to remove the Vendor's name from the bidder's list for receiving future bids.

No term or provision of this Contract shall be construed to relieve the Vendor of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City because of any breach of contract by the Vendor. The City may withhold payments to the Vendor for the purpose of setoff until the exact amount of damages due the City from the Vendor is determined and paid.

### **Reimbursements:**

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing bids in response to this Request for Bids and the City will not reimburse responding firms for these expenses, nor will the City of Brenham pay any subsequent costs associated with the provision of any additional information or presentation, or to procure a contract for these services.

### **Minority Owned Businesses:**

Minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

### **Error-Quantity:**

Bids must be submitted on units of quantity specified. In the event of errors in extended process, the unit price shall govern. Any suggested quantity to secure better prices is welcomed. When discrepancies occur between words and figures, the words shall govern.

### **Quantities:**

Quantities indicated in the Bid are estimated based upon the best available information. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities by any amount deemed necessary to

meet its needs without any adjustments in the unit bid prices.

### **Variations:**

Any variation (deviation) from these specifications must be indicated on a separate form and be made part of the bid.

### **F.O.B. – Damage**

Bids will not be considered unless bid F.O.B. delivered to Brenham, Texas. If shipping costs are not included in the unit bid price, bidder must give exact delivery cost, which is to be prepaid or added to the invoice. The City assumes no liability of goods delivered in a damaged or unacceptable condition.

### **Firm Prices:**

Bidders must hold bid prices firm for 90 days after the bid opening date to allow the City sufficient time to award a contract. Once a Contract is awarded, the successful bidder must hold bid prices firm for the duration of the Contract. Sealed competitive bids may not be negotiated, amended or changed after the bid opening date.

### **Cooperative Agreements:**

Successful bidder agrees to extend prices and terms to all governmental entities that have entered into, or will enter into, joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with the City.

### **Authorized Signature:**

Bids must show full firm name and mailing address of bidder and be manually signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. Firm name and authorized signature should appear on each page of bid where spaces are provided. Submission of a signed bid will be interpreted to mean that bidder has hereby agreed to all terms and conditions set forth in all of the sheets which make up this invitation.

### **Withdrawal-Alteration Of Bids:**

Bids cannot be altered after receiving time or opening time. No bid may be withdrawn after

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opening time without acceptable reason in writing and with the approval of the City Council.

### **Lump Sum Bids:**

Lump sum bids will be considered only if unit prices are quoted also. However, the totals of such quoted unit prices and the lump sum bids will not be considered if the price quoted also involves prices of commodities requested on an entirely separate bid request.

### **All-Or-None Bids:**

All-or-none bids will be considered only if bidder quoted prices on all items requested. If a bidder desires the City to consider an all-or-none bid, it must be stated in the bid document. All-or-none bids will not be considered if prices quoted involved prices of items and services requested on an entirely separate bid request.

### **Payment Of Invoices:**

Invoices must be submitted by the successful bidder to the City of Brenham, Finance Department, P.O. Box 1059, Brenham, Texas 77835-1059. All invoices to be paid in full within thirty (30) days after satisfactory delivery and billing, whichever is the latter. The City will not be liable for payment of invoices received more than sixty (60) days after delivery of order, or completion of service.

### **Cash Discounts:**

Bidders may quote additional cash discount terms. If no discount is shown, prices are to be assumed net. Discount period to be started from the date of completion of entire order or date of receipt of invoice, whichever occurs last regardless of date of invoice.

### **Taxes:**

The City of Brenham is exempt from Federal Excise, State Sales and Transportation Taxes. TAX MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN BID. The City upon request will execute Tax Exemption Certificates. The City of Brenham is statutorily exempt from State and Local Sales tax and a permit number is not required.

### **Delivery:**

Bids must show the number of consecutive calendar days required to deliver the materials, services or equipment under normal conditions. Failure to specify delivery time will be considered reason enough to cause the bid to be disregarded. Delivery time quoted will be given consideration in awarding bids. If delivery is not made within ten (10) days after number of days specified on bid, entire order may be canceled and bidder's name removed from mailing list.

All deliveries are to be made to the Central Warehouse located at 315 West Second Street, unless otherwise specified in the Bid Request or Purchase Order. Deliveries will be accepted only during normal working hours on normal working days. Unless otherwise indicated, items received must be new and in first-class condition. Types of materials normally packaged for protection and convenience in storage shall be in the proper containers.

### **Liability:**

Vendor shall be liable for all damages incurred while in performance of the work to be performed hereunder. Vendor assumes full responsibility for the work to be performed hereunder, and hereby releases, relinquishes, and discharges the City, its officers, agents, and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character including the cost of defense thereof, for any injury to, including death of, any person whether that person be a third person, vendor, or an employee of either parties hereto, and any loss of or damage to property, whether the same be that of either of the parties hereto or of third parties, caused by or alleged to be caused by, arising out of or in connection with the issuance of this order to Vendor, whether or not said claims, demands and causes of action in whole or in part are covered by insurance. Certificate of Insurance may be required for but not limited to Commercial General Liability, Commercial Auto Liability, Workers Compensation, and Professional Liability Insurance.

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### **Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS):**

MSDS's must be provided prior to or with receipt of order, and when revised. Containers must be properly labeled and identified in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communications Standard. Improperly labeled containers will result in refusal of the shipment and possible change in vendors.

### **Patents, Franchises, etc.:**

The successful bidder agrees to protect the City from any claim involving patent right infringements, copyrights or sales franchises.

### **No Bids:**

If bidder is unable to quote, the bid form should be returned to the purchasing agent before opening time, and reason given for not bidding if bidder desires to bid on future purchases.

### **Addenda:**

In the event of a needed change in the published documents, it is understood that all the foregoing terms and conditions and all performance requirements will apply to any published addendum.

All published addenda shall be signed and included with your response package as acknowledgement of the addendum. Bidders are responsible for obtaining all published addenda from the City of Brenham Purchasing office. The City assumes no responsibility for the Bidders failure to obtain and/or properly submit any addendum. Failure to acknowledge and submit any addendum may be cause for the bid to be rejected. The City's decision to accept or reject any particular bid due to a failure to acknowledge and submit addenda shall be final.

### **Fiscal Funding:**

The City operates and is funded on a fiscal year basis; accordingly, the City reserves the right to terminate, without liability, any contract for which funding is not available. Renewal of a contract will be in accordance with Local Government Code 271.903 concerning non-appropriation of funds for multi-year contracts.

The City reserves the right to rescind the contract at the end of each fiscal year if it is determined that there are insufficient funds to extend the contract. The fiscal year for the City extends from October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year to September 30<sup>th</sup> of the following calendar year.

### **H.B. 1295 Compliance:**

The Vendor for the Contract shall comply with the requirements of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code as adopted in 2015 as House Bill 1295. The law requires that a governmental entity may not enter in certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties to the governmental entity. The law applies only to a contract that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million.

Compliance with the law requires that the Vendor utilize the Texas Ethics Commission website to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the complete form. The form must be signed, notarized and submitted to the contracting government entity

The City, in the case of contracts formalized by Purchase Order or by other written contract, will notify the Vendor of Award by Council and request the completed Form 1295 within five (5) working days thereafter.

### **No Boycott of Israel:**

By acceptance of this Contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is not a company identified on the Texas Comptroller's list of companies known to have contacts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. Vendor further certifies and verifies that neither vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of Vendor, if any, the "Vendor Companies"), boycotts Israel, and Vendor agrees that Vendor and Vendor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "boycott" shall mean and include terminating business activities or otherwise taking any action that is intended to

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penalize, inflict economic hoard on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory.

### **Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organization:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2252, Subchapter F, Vendor affirms that it is not identified on a list created by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as a company known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization.

### **Conflict of Interest:**

By doing business or seeking to do business with the City, Vendor acknowledges that they have been notified of the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code and that they are solely responsible for compliance.

### **Applicable Law and Venue**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. The parties agree that performance and all matters related thereto shall be in Washington County, Texas and venue for any lawsuit, claim or dispute arising out of the contract shall be in Washington County, Texas. Further, neither party will seek to remove such litigation to the federal court system by application of conflicts of laws or any other removal process.

### **Insurance**

1. The Vendor shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense for the duration of the Contract insurance coverage for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees or subcontractors. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the City, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its

officials, employees or volunteers shall be considered in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it. Further, the Contractor shall include the City as an additional insured under its policy. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be furnished to the City and approved by the City before work commences.

2. Standard Insurance Policies Required:
  - a) Commercial General Liability Policy
  - b) Automobile Liability Policy
  - c) Workers' Compensation Policy
3. General Requirements Applicable to All Policies:
  - a) General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A: VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating Guide.
  - b) Only Insurance Carriers licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas will be accepted.
  - c) Deductibles shall be listed on the Certificate of Insurance and are acceptable only on a per occurrence basis for property damage only.
  - d) "Claims Made" policies will not be accepted.
  - e) The City of Brenham, its officials, employees and volunteers, are to be added as "Additional Insured" to the General Liability policy. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees or volunteers.
  - f) A Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the City with respect to Workers' Compensation Insurance must be included.
  - g) Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior

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written notice has been given to the City.

- h) Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the City.

#### 4. Commercial General Liability

- a) Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- b) No coverage shall be deleted from the standard policy without notification of individual exclusions being attached for review and acceptance.

#### 5. Automobile Liability

- a) Minimum Combined Single limit of \$500,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

#### 6. Worker's Compensation

- a) Statutory

#### 7. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent. And shall contain the following provisions and warranties:

- a) The company is licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas.
- b) The insurance policies provided by the insurance company are underwritten on forms that have been provided by the Texas Board of Insurance.
- c) All endorsements and insurance coverage according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
- d) The form of the notice of cancellation, termination, or change in coverage provisions to the City of Brenham.
- e) Original endorsements affecting coverage required by this section shall be furnished with the certificates of insurance.

### **Workers' Compensation Provisions** **(State law requires the following language in contracts on public works projects).**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Certificate of Coverage (certificate) – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the Project – includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the City.

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

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



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The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the City prior to being awarded the contract.

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

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

- a. a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the City will have on file certificates showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
- b. no later than seven calendar days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

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

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

The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

- (a) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (b) provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on a project, for the duration of the project;
- (c) provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
- (d) obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
  1. a certificate of coverage, prior to the person beginning work on the project; and
  2. a new certificate of coverage showing the extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
- (e) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter;
- (f) notify the City in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) calendar days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
- (g) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (a) – (g), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

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By signing the contract, or providing, or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the City that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the Commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor that entitles the City to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice of breach from the City.