

THE STATE OF TEXAS

BID # S30-L24414

ORDINANCE #2013-0280

COUNTY OF HARRIS

CONTRACT #4600012017

## I. PARTIES

### 1.0 ADDRESS:

THIS AGREEMENT FOR WOOD AND YARD WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ("Agreement") is made on the Countersignature Date between the CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS ("City"), a Texas Home-Rule City and THE LETCO GROUP, LLC ("Contractor or Vendor"), a corporation doing business in Texas.

The initial addresses of the parties, which one party may change by giving written notice to the other party, are as follows:

#### City

City Purchasing Agent for Director  
of Solid Waste Management Department  
City of Houston  
P.O. Box 1562  
Houston, Texas 77251

#### Contractor

The Letco Group, LLC  
1901 California Crossing  
Dallas, Texas 75220  
Phone: 972-506-8575  
Fax: 972-869-3371

The Parties agree as follows:

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**3.0 PARTS INCORPORATED:**

3.1 The above described sections and exhibits are incorporated into this Agreement.

**4.0 CONTROLLING PARTS:**

4.1 If a conflict among the sections or exhibits arises the Exhibits control over the Sections.

**5.0 DEFINITIONS:**

5.1 Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Exhibit "A".

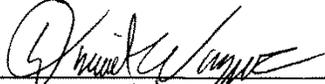
**6.0 SIGNATURES:**

6.1 The Parties have executed this Agreement in multiple copies, each of which is an original.

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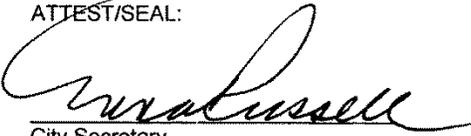
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WITNESS (if not a corporation):

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Name: Daniel Wagner  
Title: Vice President-Finance

By:   
Name: MARK S. ROSE  
Title: PRESIDENT  
Federal Tax ID Number: 26-0888960

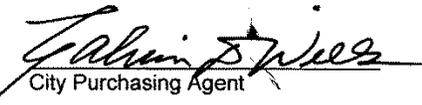
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City Secretary

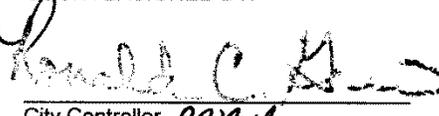
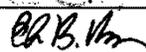
CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

Signed by:   
Mayor Madeline D. Appel

APPROVED:

  
City Purchasing Agent

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

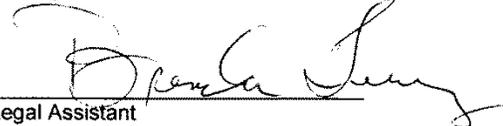
  
City Controller 

DATE COUNTERSIGNED:

4-5-13

This Contract has been reviewed as to form by the undersigned legal assistant and has been found to meet established Legal Department criteria. The Legal Department has not reviewed the content of these documents.

3-4-13  
Date

  
Legal Assistant

## II. DUTIES OF CONTRACTOR

### 1.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- 1.1 In consideration of the payments specified in this Agreement, Contractor shall provide all labor, material, equipment, transportation and supervision necessary to perform the services described in Exhibit "B."

### 2.0 INDEMNITY AND RELEASE:

#### 2.1 RELEASE

PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER AGREES TO AND SHALL RELEASE THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE CITY) FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR INCIDENTAL TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THE INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE CITY'S SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE AND/OR THE CITY'S STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR STRICT STATUTORY LIABILITY.

#### 2.2 INDEMNIFICATION:

PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER AGREES TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY "THE CITY") HARMLESS FOR ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITIES, FINES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COURT COSTS, AND ALL OTHER DEFENSE COSTS AND INTEREST) FOR INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR INCIDENTAL TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THOSE CAUSED BY:

2.2.1 PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIERS AND/OR ITS AGENTS', EMPLOYEES', OFFICERS', DIRECTORS', CONTRACTORS', OR SUBCONTRACTORS' (COLLECTIVELY IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS 2.1-2.3, "PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER") ACTUAL OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS;

2.2.2 THE CITY'S AND PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S ACTUAL OR ALLEGED CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY OR NOT; AND

2.2.3 THE CITY'S AND PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S ACTUAL OR ALLEGED STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR STRICT STATUTORY LIABILITY, WHETHER PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY OR NOT.

2.2.4 PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY HARMLESS DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT AND FOR FOUR YEARS AFTER THE AGREEMENT TERMINATES. PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER'S INDEMNIFICATION IS LIMITED TO \$500,000.00 PER OCCURRENCE. PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER SHALL NOT INDEMNIFY THE CITY FOR THE CITY'S SOLE NEGLIGENCE.

#### 2.3 INDEMNIFICATION:

CONTRACTOR SHALL REQUIRE ALL OF ITS SUBCONTRACTORS (AND THEIR

**SUBCONTRACTORS) TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE CITY TO THE SAME EXTENT AND IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS ITS RELEASE AND INDEMNITY TO THE CITY.**

**3.0 INDEMNIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

3.1 Notice of Claims. If the City or Prime Contractor/Supplier receives notice of any claim or circumstances which could give rise to an indemnified loss, the receiving party shall give written notice to the other party within 10 days. The notice must include the following:

3.1.1 a description of the indemnification event in reasonable detail,

3.1.2 the basis on which indemnification may be due, and

3.1.3 the anticipated amount of the indemnified loss.

3.2 This notice does not stop or prevent the City from later asserting a different basis for indemnification or a different amount of indemnified loss than that indicated in the initial notice. If the City does not provide this notice within the 10 day period, it does not waive any right to indemnification except to the extent that Prime Contractor/Supplier is prejudiced, suffers loss, or incurs expense because of the delay.

3.3 Defense of Claims

3.3.1 Assumption of Defense. Prime Contractor/Supplier may assume the defense of the claim at its own expense with counsel chosen by it that is reasonably satisfactory to the City. Prime Contractor/Supplier shall then control the defense and any negotiations to settle the claim. Within 10 days after receiving written notice of the indemnification request, Prime Contractor/Supplier must advise the City as to whether or not it will defend the claim. If Prime Contractor/Supplier does not assume the defense, the City shall assume and control the defense, and all defense expenses constitute an indemnification loss.

3.3.2 Continued Participation. If Prime Contractor/Supplier elects to defend the claim, the City may retain separate counsel to participate in (but not control) the defense and to participate in (but not control) any settlement negotiations. Prime Contractor/Supplier may settle the claim without the consent or agreement of the City, unless it (i) would result in injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or otherwise require the City to comply with restrictions or limitations that adversely affect the City, (ii) would require the City to pay amounts that Prime Contractor/Supplier does not fund in full, (iii) would not result in the City's full and complete release from all liability to the plaintiffs or claimants who are parties to or otherwise bound by the settlement.

**4.0 INSURANCE:**

4.1 Contractor shall maintain in effect certain insurance coverage and shall furnish certificates of insurance, in duplicate form, before beginning its performance under this Agreement. All policies except Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation must name the City as an additional insured. The issuer of any policy (1) shall have a Certificate of Authority to transact insurance business in Texas or (2) shall be an eligible non-admitted insurer in the State of Texas and have a Best's rating of at least B+ and a Best's Financial Size Category of Class VI or better, according to the most current edition Best's Key Rating Guide. Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverages in the following amounts:

4.1.1 Commercial General Liability insurance including Contractual Liability insurance:

\$500,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 aggregate

- 4.1.2 Workers' Compensation including Broad Form All States endorsement:  
Statutory amount
- 4.1.3 Automobile Liability insurance
  - \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence
  - Defense costs are excluded from the face amount of the policy.
  - Aggregate Limits are per 12-month policy period unless otherwise indicated.
- 4.1.4 Employer's Liability
  - Bodily injury by accident \$100,000 (each accident)
  - Bodily injury by disease \$100,000 (policy limit)
  - Bodily injury by disease \$100,000 (each employee)
- 4.2 All insurance policies must require by endorsement, that the insurance carrier waives any rights of subrogation against the City, Contractor shall give written notice to the Director if any of its insurance policies are cancelled, materially changed or non-renewed. Within the 30 day period, Contractor shall provide other suitable policies in lieu of those about to be canceled, materially changed, or non-renewed so as to maintain in effect the required coverage. If Contractor does not comply with this requirement, the Director, at his or sole discretion, may:
  - 4.2.1 immediately suspend Contractor from any further performance under this Agreement and begin procedures to terminate for default, or
  - 4.2.2 purchase the required insurance with City funds and deduct the cost of the premiums from amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement.
  - 4.2.3 All certificates of insurance submitted by Contractor shall be accompanied by endorsements for additional insured coverage in favor of the City for Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies; and waivers of subrogation in favor of the City for Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Worker's Compensation/Employers' Liability policies. For a list of pre-approved endorsement forms see <http://purchasing.houstontx.gov/forms.shtml>. The Director will consider all other forms on a case-by-case basis.

## 5.0 **WARRANTIES:**

- 5.1 Contractor represents and warrants that it shall perform all work in a good and workmanlike manner, meeting the standards of quality prevailing in Harris County, Texas for work of this kind. Contractor shall perform all work using trained and skilled persons having substantial experience performing the work required under this Agreement.
- 5.2 With respect to any parts and goods furnished by it, Contractor warrants:
  - 5.2.1 that all items are free of defects in title, material, and workmanship,
  - 5.2.2 that each item meets or exceeds the manufacturer's specifications and requirements for the equipment, structure, or other improvement in which the item is installed,
  - 5.2.3 that each replacement item is new in accordance with original equipment manufacturer's specifications, and of a quality at least as good as the quality of the item which it replaces (when the replaced item was new), and
  - 5.2.4 that no item or its use infringes any patent, copyright, or proprietary right.

**6.0 LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

6.1 Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, and certificates required by any statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

**7.0 COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORDINANCE:**

7.1 Contractor shall comply with the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Ordinance as set out in Exhibit "C."

**8.0 MWBE COMPLIANCE:**

8.1 Contractor shall comply with the City's Minority and Women Business Enterprise ("MWBE") programs as set out in Chapter 15, Article V of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Contractor shall make good faith efforts to award subcontracts or supply agreements in at least 11% of the value of this Agreement to MWBEs. Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed the requirements for good faith efforts on file with the City's Office of Business Opportunity ("OBO"), and will comply with them.

8.2 Contractor shall require written subcontracts with all MWBE subcontractors and shall submit all disputes with MWBEs to binding arbitration to be conducted in Houston, Texas if directed to do so by the OBO Director. MWBE subcontracts must contain the terms set out in Exhibit "D."

**9.0 DRUG ABUSE DETECTION AND DETERRENCE:**

9.1 It is the policy of the City to achieve a drug-free workforce and workplace. The manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale, or use of illegal drugs or alcohol by contractors while on City Premises is prohibited. Contractor shall comply with all the requirements and procedures set forth in the Mayor's Drug Abuse Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors, Executive Order No. 1-31 ("Executive Order"), which is incorporated into this Agreement and is on file in the City Secretary's Office.

9.2 Before the City signs this Agreement, Contractor shall file with the Contract Compliance Officer for Drug Testing ("CCODT"):

9.2.1 a copy of its drug-free workplace policy,

9.2.2 the Drug Policy Compliance Agreement substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit "E," together with a written designation of all safety impact positions and,

9.2.3 if applicable (e.g. no safety impact positions), the Certification of No Safety Impact Positions, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit "F."

9.3 If Contractor files a written designation of safety impact positions with its Drug Policy Compliance Agreement, it also shall file every 6 months during the performance of this Agreement or on completion of this Agreement if performance is less than 6 months, a Drug Policy Compliance Declaration in a form substantially similar to Exhibit "G." Contractor shall submit the Drug Policy Compliance Declaration to the CCODT within 30 days of the expiration of each 6-month period of performance and within 30 days of completion of this Agreement. The first 6-month period begins to run on the date the City issues its Notice to Proceed or if no Notice to Proceed is issued, on the first day Contractor begins work under this Agreement.

9.4 Contractor also shall file updated designations of safety impact positions with the CCODT if additional safety impact positions are added to Contractor's employee work force.

9.5 Contractor shall require that its subcontractors comply with the Executive Order, and Contractor shall secure and maintain the required documents for City inspection.

#### **10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS:**

10.1 Contractor shall comply with all rules, regulations, statutes, or orders of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"), and any other governmental agency with the authority to promulgate environmental rules and regulations ("Environmental Laws"). Contractor shall promptly reimburse the City for any fines or penalties levied against the City because of Contractor's failure to comply.

10.2 Contractor shall not possess, use, generate, release, discharge, store, dispose of, or transport any Hazardous Materials on, under, in, above, to, or from the site except in strict compliance with the Environmental Regulations. "Hazardous Materials" means any substances, materials, or wastes that are or become regulated as hazardous or toxic substances under any applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or orders. Contractor shall not deposit oil, gasoline, grease, lubricants or any ignitable or hazardous liquids, materials, or substances in the City's storm sewer system or sanitary sewer system or elsewhere on City Property in violation of the Environmental Laws.

#### **11.0 CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE:**

11.1 Contractor shall make citizen satisfaction a priority in providing services under this Agreement. Contractor shall train its employees to be customer service-oriented and to positively and politely interact with citizens when performing contract services. Contractor's employees shall be clean, courteous, efficient, and neat in appearance and committed to offering the highest quality of service to the public. If, in the Director's opinion, Contractor is not interacting in a positive and polite manner with citizens, he or she shall direct Contractor to take all remedial steps to conform to these standards.

#### **12.0 PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS:**

12.1 Contractor shall make timely payments in accordance with applicable state and federal law to all persons and entities supplying labor, materials or equipment for the performance of this Agreement including Contractor's employees.

12.2 Failure of Contractor to pay its employees as required by law shall constitute a default under this contract for which the Contractor and its surety shall be liable on Contractor's performance bond if Contractor fails to cure the default as provided under this Agreement.

12.3 Contractor shall defend and indemnify the City from any claims or liability arising out of Contractor's failure to pay its subcontractors as required by law. Contractor shall submit disputes relating to payment of M/WBE subcontractors to arbitration in the same manner as any other disputes under the M/WBE subcontract.

#### **13.0 CONTRACTOR PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM:**

13.1 The requirement and terms of the City of Houston Pay or Play Policy, as set out in Executive Order 1-7, are incorporated into this Agreement for all purposes. Contractor has reviewed Executive Order 1-7 and shall comply with its terms and conditions as they are set out at the time of City Council approval of this Agreement. Exhibit "I".

- 13.2 The Pay or Play Program for various departments will be administered by the City of Houston Affirmative Action Division's designee and for a Department specific contract; the Department's designated contract administrator will administer the Pay or Play Program.

### III. DUTIES OF CITY

#### 1.0 PAYMENT TERMS:

- 1.1 The City shall pay and Contractor shall accept fees at the unit prices provided in Exhibit H for all services rendered and the Deliverables furnished by Contractor. The fees must only be paid from Allocated Funds, as provided below.
- 1.2 Any quantities of services or Deliverables shown in any part of this contract or its exhibits are estimated only and are not any guarantee that the City will not purchase more or less of those services or Deliverables. The City will pay only for the services or Deliverables actually ordered and only at the unit prices set out.

#### 2.0 TAXES:

- 2.1 The City is exempt from payment of Federal Excise and Transportation Tax and Texas Limited Sales and Use Tax. Contractor's invoices to the City must not contain assessments of any of these taxes. The Director will furnish the City's exemption certificate and federal tax identification number to Contractor if requested.

#### 3.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- 3.1 The City shall pay Contractor on the basis of invoices submitted by Contractor and approved by the Director, showing the specific tasks completed in the preceding month and the corresponding prices. The City shall make payments to Contractor at its address for notices within 30 days of receipt of an approved invoice.

#### 4.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT - DISPUTED PAYMENTS:

- 4.1 If the City disputes any items in an invoice Contractor submits for any reason, including lack of supporting documentation, the Director shall temporarily delete the disputed item and pay the remainder of the invoice. The Director shall promptly notify Contractor of the dispute and request remedial action. After the dispute is settled, Contractor shall include the disputed amount on a subsequent regularly scheduled invoice or on a special invoice for the disputed item only.

#### 5.0 LIMIT OF APPROPRIATION:

- 5.1 The City's duty to pay money to Contractor under this Agreement is limited in its entirety by the provisions of this Section.
- 5.2 In order to comply with Article II, Sections 19 and 19a of the City's Charter and Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, the City has appropriated and allocated the sum of **\$303,000.00** to pay money due under this Agreement (the "Original Allocation"). The executive and legislative officers of the City, in their discretion, may allocate supplemental funds for this Agreement, but they are not obligated to do so. Therefore, the parties have agreed to the following procedures and remedies:
- 5.3 The City makes a Supplemental Allocation by issuing to Contractor a Service Release Order, or similar form approved by the City Controller, containing the language set out below. When necessary, the Supplemental Allocation shall be approved by motion or ordinance of City

Council.

**NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

**By the signature below, the City Controller certifies that, upon the request of the responsible director, the supplemental sum set out below has been allocated for the purposes of the Agreement out of funds appropriated for this purpose by the City Council of the City of Houston. This supplemental allocation has been charged to such appropriation.**

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5.4 The Original Allocation plus all supplemental allocations are the Allocated Funds. The City shall never be obligated to pay any money under this Agreement in excess of the Allocated Funds. Contractor must assure itself that sufficient allocations have been made to pay for services it provides. If Allocated Funds are exhausted, Contractor's only remedy is suspension or termination of its performance under this Agreement and it has no other remedy in law or in equity against the City and no right to damages of any kind.

**6.0 CHANGES:**

6.1 At any time during the Agreement Term, the City Purchasing Agent or Director may issue a Change Order to increase or decrease the scope of services or change plans and specifications, as he or she may find necessary to accomplish the general purposes of this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the services or deliverables in the Change Order in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement plus any special provisions, specifications, or special instructions issued to execute the extra work.

6.2 The City Purchasing Agent or Director will issue the Change Order in substantially the following form:

**CHANGE ORDER**

TO: [Name of Contractor]  
FROM: City of Houston, Texas (the "City")  
DATE: [Date of Notice]  
SUBJECT: Change Order under the Agreement between the City and [Name of Contractor] countersigned by the City Controller on [Date of countersignature of the Agreement]

Subject to all terms and conditions of the Agreement, the City requests that Contractor provide the following:

[Here describe the additions to or changes to the equipment or services and the Change Order Charges applicable to each.]

Signed:  
[Signature of City Purchasing Agent or Director]

6.3 The City Purchasing Agent or Director may issue more than one Change Order, subject to the following limitations:

6.3.1 Council expressly authorizes the City Purchasing Agent or Director to approve a Change Order of up to \$50,000. A Change Order of more than \$50,000 over the approved contract amount must be approved by the City Council.

- 6.3.2 If a Change Order describes items that Contractor is otherwise required to provide under this Agreement, the City is not obligated to pay any additional money to Contractor.
- 6.3.3 The Total of all Change Orders issued under this section may not increase the Original Agreement amount by more than 25%.
- 6.4 Whenever Contractor receives a Change Order, Contractor shall furnish all material, equipment, and personnel necessary to perform the work described in the Change Order. Contractor shall complete the work within the time prescribed. If no time for completion is prescribed, Contractor shall complete the work within a reasonable time. If the work described in any Change Order causes an unavoidable delay in any other work Contractor is required to perform under this Agreement, Contractor may request a time extension for the completion of the work. The City Purchasing Agent's or Director's decision regarding a time extension is final.
- 6.5 A product or service provided under a Change Order is subject to inspection, acceptance, or rejection in the same manner as the work described in the Original Agreement, and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement as if it had originally been a part of the Agreement.
- 6.6 Change Orders are subject to the Allocated Funds provisions of this Agreement.

#### **IV. TERM AND TERMINATION**

##### **1.0 CONTRACT TERM:**

- 1.1 This Agreement is effective on the Countersignature Date and expires three (3) years after the date specified in the Notice to Proceed unless sooner terminated according to the terms of this Agreement.

##### **2.0 NOTICE TO PROCEED:**

- 2.1 Contractor shall begin performance under this Agreement on the date specified in a Notice to Proceed from the City Purchasing Agent.

##### **3.0 RENEWALS:**

- 3.1 Upon expiration of the Initial Term, and so long as the City makes sufficient supplemental allocations, this Agreement will be automatically renewed for two successive one-year terms on the same terms and conditions. If the Director of the City Department elects not to renew this Agreement, the City Purchasing shall notify Contractor in writing of non-renewal at least 30 days before the expiration of the then-current term.

##### **4.0 TIME EXTENSIONS:**

- 4.1 If the Department requests an extension of time to complete its performance, then the City Purchasing Agent may, in his or her sole discretion, extend the time so long as the extension does not exceed 90 days. The extension must be in writing but does not require amendment of this Agreement. Contractor is not entitled to damages for delay(s) regardless of the cause of the delay(s).

##### **5.0 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE BY THE CITY:**

- 5.1 The City Purchasing Agent or Director may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving 30 days written notice to Contractor. The City's right to terminate this Agreement for convenience is cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future.

- 5.2 On receiving the notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue all services under this Agreement and cancel all existing orders and subcontracts that are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practicable after receiving the termination notice, Contractor shall submit an invoice showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement up to the termination date. The City shall then pay the fees to Contractor for services actually performed, but not already paid for, in the same manner as prescribed in Section III unless the fees exceed the allocated funds remaining under this Agreement.
- 5.3 TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND RECEIPT OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED ARE CONTRACTOR'S ONLY REMEDIES FOR THE CITY'S TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE, WHICH DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEFAULT OR BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR WAIVES ANY CLAIM (OTHER THAN ITS CLAIM FOR PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION), IT MAY HAVE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE FOR FINANCIAL LOSSES OR OTHER DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE CITY'S TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.

## **6.0 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE BY CITY:**

- 6.1 If Contractor defaults under this Agreement, the City Purchasing Agent or Director may either terminate this Agreement or allow Contractor to cure the default as provided below. The City's right to terminate this Agreement for Contractor's default is cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future. Default by Contractor occurs if:
- 6.1.1 Contractor fails to perform any of its duties under this Agreement;
  - 6.1.2 Contractor becomes insolvent;
  - 6.1.3 all or a substantial part of Contractor's assets are assigned for the benefit of its creditors;  
or
  - 6.1.4 a receiver or trustee is appointed for Contractor.
- 6.2 If a default occurs, the City Purchasing Agent or Director may, but is not obligated to, deliver a written notice to Contractor describing the default and the termination date. The City Purchasing Agent or Director at his or her sole option, may extend the termination date to a later date. If the City Purchasing Agent or Director allows Contractor to cure the default and Contractor does so to the City Purchasing Agent's or Director's satisfaction before the termination date, then the termination is ineffective. If Contractor does not cure the default before the termination date, then the City Purchasing Agent or Director may terminate this Agreement on the termination date, at no further obligation of the City.
- 6.3 To effect final termination, the City Purchasing Agent or Director must notify Contractor in writing. After receiving the notice, Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue all services under this Agreement, and promptly cancel all orders or subcontracts chargeable to this Agreement.

## **7.0 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE BY CONTRACTOR:**

- 7.1 Contractor may terminate its performance under this Agreement only if the City defaults and fails to cure the default after receiving written notice of it. Default by the City occurs if the City fails to perform one or more of its material duties under this Agreement. If a default occurs and Contractor wishes to terminate the Agreement, then Contractor must deliver a written notice to the Director describing the default and the proposed termination date.
- 7.2 The date must be at least 30 days after the Director receives notice. Contractor, at its sole

option, may extend the proposed termination date to a later date. If the City cures the default before the proposed termination date, then the proposed termination is ineffective. If the City does not cure the default before the proposed termination date, then Contractor may terminate its performance under this Agreement on the termination date.

## **8.0 REMOVAL OF CONTRACTOR OWNED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:**

8.1 Upon expiration, or termination of this Agreement, Contractor is permitted ten (10) days within which to remove contractor-owned material and equipment from the City's premises. The City shall make such material and equipment readily available to Contractor. The time period may be extended upon approval by the Director. The City reserves the right to deny any extension of time.

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:**

1.1 Contractor shall perform its obligations under this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the City.

### **2.0 FORCE MAJEURE:**

2.1 Timely performance by both parties is essential to this Agreement. However, neither party is liable for delays or other failures to perform its obligations under this Agreement to the extent the delay or failure is caused by Force Majeure. Force Majeure means fires, floods, explosions, and other acts of God, war, terrorist acts, riots, court orders, and the acts of superior governmental or military authority.

2.2 This relief is not applicable unless the affected party does the following:

2.2.1 uses due diligence to remove the Force Majeure as quickly as possible; and

2.2.2 provides the other party with prompt written notice of the cause and its anticipated effect.

2.3 The City may perform contract functions itself or contract them out during periods of Force Majeure. Such performance does not constitute a default or breach of this Agreement by the City.

2.4 If the Force Majeure continues for more than 30 days, the City Purchasing Agent or Director may terminate this Agreement by giving 30 days' written notice to Contractor. This termination is not a default or breach of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR WAIVES ANY CLAIM IT MAY HAVE FOR FINANCIAL LOSSES OR OTHER DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE TERMINATION EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF THE TERMINATION.

### **3.0 SEVERABILITY:**

3.1 If any part of this Agreement is for any reason found to be unenforceable, all other parts remain enforceable unless the result materially prejudices either party.

### **4.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT:**

4.1 This Agreement merges the prior negotiations and understandings of the Parties and embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. No other agreements, assurances, conditions, covenants (express or implied), or other terms of any kind exist between the Parties regarding this Agreement.

**5.0 WRITTEN AMENDMENT:**

5.1 Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended only by written instrument executed on behalf of the City (by authority of an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council) and Contractor. The Director is only authorized to perform the functions specifically delegated to him or her in this Agreement.

**6.0 APPLICABLE LAWS:**

6.1 This Agreement is subject to the laws of the State of Texas, the City Charter and Ordinances, the laws of the federal government of the United States, and all rules and regulations of any regulatory body or officer having jurisdiction.

6.2 Venue for any litigation relating to this Agreement is Harris County, Texas.

**7.0 NOTICES:**

7.1 All notices to either party to the Agreement must be in writing and must be delivered by hand, facsimile, United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, United States Express Mail, Federal Express, Airborne Express, UPS or any other national overnight express delivery service. The notice must be addressed to the party to whom the notice is given at its address set out in Section I of this Agreement or other address the receiving party has designated previously by proper notice to the sending party. Postage or delivery charges must be paid by the party giving the notice.

**8.0 NON-WAIVER:**

8.1 If either party fails to require the other to perform a term of this Agreement, that failure does not prevent the party from later enforcing that term and all other terms. If either party waives the other's breach of a term, that waiver does not waive a later breach of this Agreement.

8.2 An approval by the Director, or by any other employee or agent of the City, of any part of Contractor's performance does not waive compliance with this Agreement or establish a standard of performance other than that required by this Agreement and by law. The Director is not authorized to vary the terms of this Agreement.

**9.0 INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS:**

9.1 City representatives may perform, or have performed, (1) audits of Contractor's books and records, and (2) inspections of all places where work is undertaken in connection with this Agreement. Contractor shall keep its books and records available for this purpose for at least 4 years after this Agreement terminates. This provision does not affect the applicable statute of limitations.

**10.0 ENFORCEMENT:**

10.1 The City Attorney or his or her designee may enforce all legal rights and obligations under this Agreement without further authorization. Contractor shall provide to the City Attorney all documents and records that the City Attorney requests to assist in determining Contractor's compliance with this Agreement, with the exception of those documents made confidential by federal or State law or regulation.

**11.0 AMBIGUITIES:**

11.1 If any term of this Agreement is ambiguous, it shall not be construed for or against any party on the basis that the party did or did not write it.

**12.0 SURVIVAL:**

12.1 Contractor shall remain obligated to the City under all clauses of this Agreement that expressly or by their nature extend beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement, including but not limited to, the indemnity provisions.

**13.0 PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

13.1 This Agreement does not bestow any rights upon any third party, but binds and benefits the City and Contractor only.

**14.0 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:**

14.1 This Agreement binds and benefits the Parties and their legal successors and permitted assigns; however, this provision does not alter the restrictions on assignment and disposal of assets set out in the following paragraph. This Agreement does not create any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the City.

**15.0 BUSINESS STRUCTURE AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

15.1 Contractor shall not assign this Agreement at law or otherwise or dispose of all or substantially all of its assets without the City Purchasing Agent's or Director's prior written consent. Nothing in this clause, however, prevents the assignment of accounts receivable or the creation of a security interest under Section 9.406 (c) of the Texas Business & Commerce Code. In the case of such an assignment, Contractor shall immediately furnish the City with proof of the assignment and the name, telephone number, and address of the Assignee and a clear identification of the fees to be paid to the Assignee.

15.2 Contractor shall not delegate any portion of its performance under this Agreement without the City Purchasing Agent's or Director's prior written consent.

**16.0 REMEDIES CUMULATIVE:**

16.1 Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this Agreement, the rights and remedies contained in this Agreement are not exclusive, but are cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future. Neither party may terminate its duties under this Agreement except in accordance with its provisions.

**17.0 CONTRACTOR DEBT:**

17.1 If Contractor, at any time during the term of this agreement, incurs a debt, as the word is defined in Section 15-122 of the Houston City Code of Ordinances, it shall immediately notify the City Controller in writing. If the City Controller becomes aware that Contractor has incurred a debt, she shall immediately notify contractor in writing. If Contractor does not pay the debt within 30 days of either such notification, the City Controller may deduct funds in an amount equal to the debt from any payments owed to Contractor under this agreement, and Contractor waives any recourse therefor.

## EXHIBIT "A" DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings set out below:

"Agreement" means this contract between the Parties, including all exhibits, change orders, and any written amendments authorized by City Council and Contractor.

"Biodegradable Bag" means a transparent, disposable bag made of plastic film or any other synthetic or natural organic material that has sufficient strength and quality to securely contain a capacity of not more than 39 gallons and meets the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) D6400-04 Standard Test Method for Compostable Plastics. The bags must be approved by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Department, City of Houston, and bear the City's seal.

"City" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

"City Purchasing Agent" is defined as the person or duly authorized successor, authorized in writing to act for the City. The term includes, except as otherwise provided in this Contract, the authorized representative of the City Purchasing Agent acting within the limits of delegated authority.

"Contractor Administrator" means the representative of the Department who is responsible for the administration for the Contract.

"Contract Award Notice" means the official notification substantiated by the Notice to Proceed issued by the City Purchasing Agent to the Contractor.

"Contract Charges" means charges that accrue during a given month as defined in Article III.

"Contract Term" is defined in Article IV.

"Contractor" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

"Countersignature Date" means the date this agreement is countersigned by the City Controller.

"Director" mean the Directors/Chiefs of each of the Departments or the City Purchasing Agent for the City, or the person he or she designates.

"Effective Date" is defined as date contract is countersigned by the City Controller.

"Governing Body" means the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston.

"Hazardous Materials" is defined in Article II (Environmental Laws).

"Notice to Proceed" means a written communication from the City Purchasing Agent to Contractor instructing Contractor to begin performance.

"Parties" mean all the entities set out in the Preamble who are bound by this Agreement.

"Wood Waste" means all "clean wood waste", consisting of tree limbs, branches and stumps, other organic materials generated from routine grounds maintenance, and clean, untreated lumber (Wood free of all paints and chemicals). The use of chipped wood for boiler fuel applications is also acceptable.

"Yard Waste" means all "clean yard waste" consisting of "clean bagged yard trimmings" and "clean bundled yard trimmings". "Clean yard waste" consists of leaves, grass, twigs and small brush generated from routine grounds maintenance. "Clean bagged yard trimmings" will be delivered by the City of Houston in City of Houston approved "biodegradable bags" bearing the City of Houston seal of approval.

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**1.0 Scope of Services:**

- 1.1 The Contractor shall provide all labor, supplies, materials, equipment, transportation, and supervision necessary to provide wood waste and yard waste removal services for the Solid Waste Management Department. At no time should the material be used or placed in the landfill.
- 1.2 The Contractor shall grind and compost "clean wood waste", consisting of tree limbs, branches and stumps, other organic materials generated from routine grounds maintenance, and clean, untreated lumber (**Wood free of all paints and chemicals**). The use of chipped wood for boiler fuel applications is also acceptable. The Contractor shall process "clean yard waste", consisting of "clean bagged yard trimmings" and "clean bundled yard trimmings". "Clean yard waste" will consist of leaves, grass, twigs and small brush generated from routine grounds maintenance.
- 1.3 The City shall have the right to deliver "clean wood waste" and "clean yard waste" to a collection site in each quadrant of the City.
- 1.4 The Contractor has the option to identify one, two, three or four collection sites, with the stipulation that a quadrant of the City will have only one collection site.
- 1.5 Preference will be given to vendors that can provide multiple collection sites throughout the city.
- 1.6 Preference will be given to vendors that can provide a rebate back to the City based on the sale of bulk and bagged mulch/compost products produced using the wood waste and yard waste material delivered by the City to the vendor.

**2.0 Site Requirements/Options:**

- 2.1 The City will deposit "clean wood waste" and "clean yard waste" at the "collection site" most convenient for city vehicles during its monthly heavy trash collection operations. Collection sites will be available during normal operating hours which are Monday – Friday and some Saturdays depending on the City's holiday schedules.
- 2.2 The Contractor shall bear the responsibility of providing a portable scale system at each site it operates. The Contractor shall also be responsible for providing a building i.e., trailer/scale office or appropriate facility at each site. The Contractor shall also be responsible to market the processed material.
- 2.3 Although the City intends to exercise care to ensure that material not meeting the definition of "cleans wood waste" and "clean yard waste" is not collected, it is possible that such material may be delivered to a "collection site". Should such material be delivered, the Contractor shall move it to a remote area of the "collection site" and inform the City. This material shall be collected and removed by the City at the City's expense.
- 2.4 All inclusive costs/revenue rates per ton (including the grinding/processing of "clean

wood waste” and “clean yard waste” delivered, and the composting of the ground/processed material), must be included in the Contractor’s per ton cost/revenue.

2.5 The Contractor shall process all “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” delivered by the City to the “collection site(s)” during the term of this agreement.

### **3.0 Compensation**

3.1 The contractor shall pay the City the cost per ton indicated as in the contract fee schedule, or charge the City the unit price indicated.

### **4.0 Daily Record:**

4.1 The Contractor shall maintain a daily record of truck numbers arriving at the “collection site”. The daily record shall include the time, date, truck number, weight, type of each load of “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” and any other information as the City and Contractor shall mutually agree upon. Two copies of the daily record of deliveries of wood waste and yard waste received at the “collection site” shall be furnished to the Solid Waste Management Department of the City Of Houston on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the next succeeding month. The City shall provide the Contractor a truck tare weight list.

### **5.0 Title to Wood Waste and Yard Waste:**

5.1 Title to and all risks and responsibilities of ownership of the “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” delivered hereunder shall be transferred to and vested in Contractor at the time the “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” is fully unloaded at the designated working area of the “collection site” and the City’s vehicle has departed the “collection site.

### **6.0 Safety Regulations:**

6.1 Equipment and employees entering the “collection site” shall comply with all federal, state and local health and safety regulations, including reasonable work or safety rules which have been promulgated by Contractor to govern operations at the “collection site”. Equipment or employees found not to be in compliance may be denied entry to or removed from the Processing Facility, provided that Contractor shall give written notice to the Director, within twenty-four (24) hours of such denial or removal, and of the reasons therefore.

### **7.0 Hours of Operations:**

7.1 The Contractor shall operate the “collection site” from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend (Saturday) deposits may be needed, depending on holidays,

business needs or emergency operations. The Contractor will be notified at least 24 hours in advance if weekend deposits are needed.

### **8.0 Site Inspectors:**

8.1 The Director or designee shall have the right to station one or more Site Inspectors at

the “collection site” to observe the operations under the Contract. The Contractor agrees to allow Site Inspectors access to those portions of the “collection site” where operations under this Agreement are carried out, to observe and record all equipment entering and exiting the facility, and to take any other actions necessary to accommodate the City’s Site Inspectors. City Inspectors will sign in at the “collection site” prior to making inspections. The Contractor shall inform the Site Inspector, in advance, of material changes in the operation plan in effect at the “collection site” which relates to processing of “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste”, so that the Site Inspector can coordinate with City managers that utilize the “collection site”.

## **9.0 Truck Unloading:**

9.1 The Contractor shall operate the “collection site” in accordance with all applicable permits, standards, rules and regulations imposed by governmental agencies having jurisdiction. The Contractor shall use all reasonable efforts to control odors generated by the “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” processing operation. The Contractor shall provide a written statement to the Director or designee if there is an excessive or unreasonable delay from the time of entrance (check point) to the “collection site” to the time of discharge. The Contractor shall maintain a stabilized all weather tipping pad (with access thereto via all weather roads) which can accommodate up to two (2) trucks to unload at one time. The Contractor shall make space available on such pad for use of City vehicles.

## **10.0 Material Processing:**

10.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the processing of the “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste”. The Contractor shall ensure that the material shall be marketed and distributed effectively. No “clean wood waste” or “clean yard waste” processed or unprocessed should be disposed of in a landfill.

## **11.0 Scale:**

11.1 The Contractor shall make available, at its expense, at the “collection site(s)” scales to weigh the “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste”. The Contractor shall maintain and calibrate the scales at least quarterly and shall permit a City representative to observe such procedures. The Contractor shall give the City at least three (3) working/business days notice of calibration. The City reserves the right to inspect and test the scales at any time, to have a City representative present at the “collection site” during City “clean wood waste” and “clean yard waste” deliveries and to audit scale house records at any time. If the scales are not operating at the time of delivery, the City shall be paid on the basis of weight based historical weights in tons of deliveries by such vehicles for the previous 30 days.

## **12.0 ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:**

12.1 The City, by written notice from the City Purchasing Agent to the Contractor, at any time during the term of this contract, may add or delete like or similar equipment, supplies, locations and/or services to the list of equipment, supplies, locations, and/or services to be provided. Any such written notice shall take effect on the date stated in the notice from the City. Similar equipment, supplies, services, or locations added to the contract shall be in accordance with the contract specification/scope of services, and the

charges or rates for items added shall be the same as specified in the fee schedule. In the event that the additional equipment, supplies, locations and/or services are not identical to the item(s) already under contract, the charges therefore will then be the Contractor's normal and customary charges or rates for the equipment, supplies, locations and/or services classified in the fee schedule.

**13.0 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES NOT GUARANTEED:**

13.1 The estimated quantities specified herein are not a guarantee of actual quantities, as the City does not guarantee any particular quantity of services during the term of this Contract. The quantities may vary depending upon the actual needs of the Department. The quantities specified herein are good faith estimates of usage during the term of this Contract. Therefore, the City shall not be liable for any contractual agreements/obligations the Contractor enters into based on the City purchasing all the quantities specified herein.

**14.0 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:**

14.1 Under the same terms and conditions hereunder, the Contract may be expanded to other government entities through inter-local agreements between the City of Houston and the respective government entity that encompass all or part of the products/services provided under this contract. Separate contracts will be drawn to reflect the needs of each participating entity.

**15.0 WARRANTY OF SERVICES:**

15.1 *Definitions:* "Acceptance" as used in this clause, means the act of an authorized representative of the City by which the City assumes for itself, approval of specific services, as partial or complete performance of the Contract.

15.2 "Correction" as used in this clause, means the elimination of a defect.

15.3 Notwithstanding inspection and acceptance by the City or any provision concerning the conclusiveness thereof, the Contractor warrants that all services performed under this Contract will, at the time of acceptance, be free from defects in workmanship and conform to the requirements of this Contract. The City shall give written notice of any defect or nonconformance to the Contractor within a one-year period from the date of acceptance by the City. This notice shall state either (1) that the Contractor shall

correct or re-perform any defective or non-conforming services at no additional cost to the City, or (2) that the City does not require correction or re-performance.

15.4 If the Contractor is required to correct or re-perform, it shall be at no cost to the City, and any services corrected or re-performed by the Contractor shall be subject to this clause to the same extent as work initially performed. If the Contractor fails or refuses to correct or re-perform, the City may, by contract or otherwise correct or replace with similar services and charge to the Contractor the cost occasioned to the City thereby, or make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price.

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

1. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or age. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or age. Such action will include, but not be limited to, the following: employment; upgrading; demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier or lessee agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees, and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the City setting forth the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause.

2. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee states that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin or age.

3. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee will send to each labor union or representatives of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the said labor union or worker's representative of the contractor's and subcontractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

4. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor or other Federal Agency responsible for enforcement of the equal employment opportunity and affirmative action provisions applicable and will likewise furnish all information and reports required by the Mayor and/or Contractor Compliance Officer(s) for purposes of investigation to ascertain and effect compliance with this program.

5. The contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to all books, records, and accounts by the appropriate City and Federal Officials for purposes of investigations to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders. Compliance reports filed at such times as directed shall contain information as to the employment practice policies, program, and work force statistics of the contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee.

6. In the event of the contractor's, subcontractor's, vendor's, supplier's, or lessee's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clause of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or lessee may be declared ineligible for further City contracts in accordance with procedures provided in Executive Order No. 11246, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in the said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as may otherwise be provided by law.

7. The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1-8 of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause 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 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontractor or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

8. The contractor shall file and shall cause his or her subcontractors, if any, to file compliance reports with the City in the form and to the extent as may be prescribed by the Mayor. Compliance reports filed at such times as directed shall contain information as to the practices, policies, programs, and employment policies and employment statistics of the contractor and each subcontractor.

EXHIBIT "D"  
MWBE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate #  
13-1-6587

LETTER OF INTENT

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO BINDING ARBITRATION ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS GENERAL ARBITRATION ACT.

TO: City of Houston  
City Purchasing Agent

**MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) AND SUPPLIER**

LETTER OF INTENT

Contract Bid Number: L24414

Bid Title: Wood Waste Removal Services for the solid Waste Management Department

Bid Amount: \$ 3,635,813.71

M/WBE Participation Amount: \$ 399,939.51 M/WBE GOAL 11%

1. Oil Products Distribution, LTD.  
**Name of Minority/Woman Business Enterprise** agrees to perform work/supply goods and/or services in connection with the above-named contract and The LETCO Group, LLC as:  
**Name of Prime Contractor**  
 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ An Individual  
 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ A Partnership  
 (c) X \_\_\_\_\_ A Corporation  
 (d) \_\_\_\_\_ A Joint Venture
2. Oil Products Distribution, LTD.  
**Name of Minority/Women Business Enterprise** status is confirmed by M/WBE Directory made available through the City of Houston Affirmative Action Division. ~~Certificate # 07-08-6587~~
3. The LETCO Group, LLC and Oil Products Distribution LTD.  
**Name of Prime Contractor** Minority/Women Business Enterprise intend to work on the above-named contract in accordance with the M/WBE Participation Section of the City of Houston Contract Bid Provision.

The terms and conditions of Attachment "C" attached hereto are incorporated into this Letter of Intent for all purposes.

[Signature]  
Signed-Prime Contractor  
PRESIDENT  
Title  
12/11/2012  
Date

[Signature]  
Signed-Minority/Women Business Enterprise  
~~PRESIDENT~~ MEGANN VICE  
Title President  
01/21/13  
Date

EXHIBIT "E"

DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I, Daniel Wagner, Vice President Finance as an owner or officer of (Name) (Print/Type) (Title)

The LETCO Group, LLC (Contractor) (Name of Company)

have authority to bind Contractor with respect to its bid, offer or performance of any and all contracts it may enter into with the City of Houston; and that by making this Agreement, I affirm that the Contractor is aware of and by the time the contract is awarded will be bound by and agree to designate appropriate safety impact positions for company employee positions, and to comply with the following requirements before the City issues a notice to proceed.

- 1. Develop and implement a written Drug Free Workplace Policy and related drug testing procedures for the Contractor that meet the criteria and requirements established by the Mayor's Amended Policy on Drug Detection and Deterrence (Mayor's Drug Policy) and the Mayor's Drug Detection and Deterrence Procedures for Contractors (Executive Order No. 1-31).
2. Obtain a facility to collect urine samples consistent with Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines and a HHS certified drug testing laboratory to perform the drug tests.
3. Monitor and keep records of drug tests given and the results; and upon request from the City of Houston, provide confirmation of such testing and results.
4. Submit semi-annual Drug Policy Compliance Declarations.

I affirm on behalf of the Contractor that full compliance with the Mayor's Drug Policy and Executive Order No. 1-31 is a material condition of the contract with the City of Houston.

I further acknowledge that falsification, failure to comply with or failure to timely submit declarations and/or documentation in compliance with the Mayor's Drug Policy and/or Executive Order No. 1-31 will be considered a breach of the contract with the City and may result in non-award or termination of the contract by the City of Houston.

02/18/2013 Date

Contractor Name The LETCO Group, LLC
Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Title Vice President Finance

**EXHIBIT "F"**

**DRUG POLICY COMPLIANCE DECLARATION**

I, Daniel Wagner, Vice President Finance as an owner or officer of  
 (Name) (Print/Type) (Title)  
The LETCO Group, LLC (Contractor)  
 (Name of Company)

have personal knowledge and full authority to make the following declarations:

This reporting period covers the preceding six months from July to December 20 12

DW A written Drug Free Workplace Policy has been implemented and employees notified. The policy meets the  
 Initials the criteria established by the Mayor's Amended Policy on Drug Detection and Deterrence (Mayor's Policy).

DW Written drug testing procedures have been implemented in conformity with the Mayor's Drug Detection and  
 Initials Deterrence Procedures for Contractors, Executive Order 1-31. Employees have been notified of such procedures.

DW Collection/testing has been conducted in compliance with federal Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines.  
 Initials

DW Appropriate safety impact positions have been designated for employee positions performing on the City of Houston  
 Initials contract. The number of total employees on safety impact positions during this reporting period is 5

DW From July to December the following testing has occurred:  
 Initial (start date) (end date)

	<u>Reasonable</u>	<u>Post</u>	
	<u>Random</u>	<u>Suspicion</u>	<u>Accident</u>
	<u>Total</u>		

Number of Employees Tested

Number of Employees Positive

Percent Employees Positive

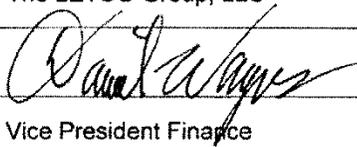
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DW Any employee who tested positive was immediately removed from the City worksite consistent with the Mayor's Policy  
 Initials and Executive Order No. 1-31.

DW I affirm that falsification or failure to submit this declaration timely in accordance with established guidelines  
 Initials will be considered a breach of contract.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the affirmations made herein and all information contained in this declaration are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

02/18/2013  
 Date

Contractor Name The LETCO Group, LLC  
 Signature   
 Title Vice President Finance

**EXHIBIT "G"  
FEES AND COSTS**

**Year One - Group I Wood Waste Services**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
1		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 11500 South Post Oak Road to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.65
2		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1506 Central to Contractor's Location	TON	\$11.65
3		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 5617 Neches to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.35
4		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1245 Judiway to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.65

**Year One - Group II Compostable Bags**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
1		Commission Paid to City from Contractor for Compostable Bags	TON	\$5.25

**Year Two - Group I Wood Waste Services**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
1		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 11500 South Post Oak Road to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.90
2		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1506 Central to Contractor's Location	TON	\$11.88
3		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 5617 Neches to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.62
4		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1245 Judiway to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.90

**Year Two - Group II Compostable Bags**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Material Description</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
1		Commission Paid to City from Contractor for Compostable Bags	TON	\$5.25

**Year Three - Group I Wood Waste Services**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 11500 South Post Oak Road to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.16
2		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1506 Central to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.12
3		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 5617 Neches to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.89
4		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1245 Judiway to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.16

**Year Three - Group II Compostable Bags**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Commission Paid to City from Contractor for Compostable Bags	TON	\$5.25

**Year Four - Group I Wood Waste Services**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 11500 South Post Oak Road to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.42
2		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1506 Central to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.36
3		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 5617 Neches to Contractor's Location	TON	\$14.17
4		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1245 Judiway to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.42

**Year Four - Group II Compostable Bags**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Commission Paid to City from Contractor for Compostable Bags	TON	\$5.25

**Year Five - Group I Wood Waste Services**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 11500 South Post Oak Road to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.69

2	Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1506 Central to Contractor's Location	TON	\$12.61
3	Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 5617 Neches to Contractor's Location	TON	\$14.45
4	Cost Per Ton for City to Deliver from 1245 Judiway to Contractor's Location	TON	\$13.69

**Year Five - Group II Compostable Bags**

Item #	Material Description	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
1		Commission Paid to City from Contractor for Compostable Bags	TON	\$5.25

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City of Houston  
Pay or Play Program  
Acknowledgement Form

**What this form does.** This form acknowledges your awareness of the Pay or Play program. Your signature affirms that you will comply with the requirements of the program if you are the successful bidder/proposer, and ensure the same on behalf of subcontracts subject to the Pay or Play Program.

**For more information, contact the Contract Administrator.**

**Routing.** Return this form with your bid or proposal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas that if awarded a contract, I will comply with the requirements of the Pay or Play Program.

*Daniel Wagner*  
Signature

2/18/13  
Date

Daniel Wagner  
Print Name

111665  
City Vendor ID

The LETCO Group, LLC  
Company Name

972-506-8575  
Phone Number

dwagner@letcogroup.com  
Email Address

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**City of Houston  
Certification of Compliance with  
Pay or Play Program**

Form POP-2



Contractor Name: The LETCO Group, LLC \$3,635,813.71  
(Contractor/Subcontractor) (Amount of Contract)

Contractor Address: 1501 California Crossing, Dallas, Texas 75220

Project No.: [GFS/CIP/AIP/File No.] L24414

Project Name: [Legal Project Name] Wood Waste Removal Services

POP Liaison Name: Ellen Clint

In accordance with the City of Houston Pay or Play Program authorized by Ordinance 2007-534 and Executive Order 1-7, Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to abide by the terms of this Program. This certification is required of all contractors for contracts subject to the program. You must agree EITHER to PAY or to PLAY for all covered employees. The Contractor/Subcontractor may also Pay on behalf of some covered employees and Play on behalf of other covered employees.

The Contractor/Subcontractor will comply with all provisions of the Pay or Play Program and will furnish all information and reports requested to determine compliance with program requirements of the Pay or Play Program (See Executive Order 1-7 for the terms of the Pay or Play program) The criteria of the program is as follows:

The Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to "Pay" \$1.00 per hour for work performed by covered employees under the contract with the City. If independent contract labor is utilized the Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to report hours worked by the independent contract laborer and pay \$1.00 per hour for work performed.

Otherwise the Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to "Play" by providing health benefits to each covered employee. The health benefits must meet the following criteria:

1. The employer will contribute no less than \$150 per employee per month toward the total premium cost for single coverage only; and
2. The employee contribution, if any amount, will be no greater than 50% of the total premium cost and no more than \$150 per month.
3. Pursuant to E.O. 1-7 section 4.04 a contractor is deemed to have complied with respect to a covered employee who is not provided health benefits if the employee refuses the benefits and the employee's contribution to the premium is no more than \$40 per month.

Please select whether you choose to:	Pay	Play	Both
		X	

The Contractor/Subcontractor will file compliance reports with the City, which will include activity for covered employees subject to the program, in the form and to the extent requested by the administering department. Compliance reports shall contain information including, but not limited to, documentation showing employee health coverage and employee work records.

**Note: The Contractor is responsible to the City for the compliance of covered employees of covered subcontractors and only forms that are accurate and complete will be accepted.**

Category	Count	Notes
Total Employees on City Job	5	N/A
Covered Employees	5	N/A
Non-Covered Employees	0	N/A
Exempt Employees	2	N/A

**\*Required**  
I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

*Daniel Wagner*  
 Contractor (Signature)  
 Daniel Wagner, Vice President Finance  
 Name and Title (Print or type)

1/16/13  
Date