

City of Houston



Administration & Regulatory Affairs

CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
NOTICE OF BEST VALUE BID (BVB)
SOLICITATION NO.: S44-L24238

STRATEGIC PURCHASING DIVISION
"PARTNERING TO BETTER SERVE HOUSTON"

NIGP CODE:

801-86

SOLICITATION DUE DATE/TIME:

May 24, 2012 at 10:30 A.M., CST

SUBMITTAL LOCATION:

**City Secretary's Office
City Hall Annex, Public Level
900 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002**

DESCRIPTION:

REMOVAL OF UNPERMITTED OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
May 7, 2012	1:30 PM	SPD, 901 Bagby, Conference Rm. 1 (Lower Level), Houston, TX 77002

In accordance with T.L.G.C. § Chapter 252, competitive sealed Bids for the services specified will be received by the City Secretary's Office of the City of Houston at the above specified location, until the time and date cited. Offers must be in the actual possession of the City Secretary's Office on or prior to the time and date, and at the location indicated above. Late offers will not be considered.

Offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope or package with the Solicitation Number and the Offeror's name and address clearly indicated on the envelope or package. All offers must be completed in ink or typewritten. Additional instructions for preparing an offer are included in this Solicitation.

OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION

Solicitation Contact Person:

John Tatman

Name

John.Tatman@houstontx.gov

E-Mail Address

City Purchasing Agent

April 27, 2012

Date

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1.0 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURE:

1.1 Sealed bids, two (2) hard copies of the Bid package, including one (1) printed original must be signed in ink on the Official Signature Page by an authorized officer of the Offering Company. Additionally, the Bid package must include the hard copy of the Electronic Bid Form, Exhibit A, and five (5) additional electronic CD copies of the Bid Forms as referenced in Section 2.3 below are required to be submitted in a sealed envelope/box bearing the assigned Solicitation Number, located on the first page of the BVB document to:

City Secretary's Office
 City Hall Annex, Public Level
 900 Bagby St.
 Houston, Texas 77002

1.2 The deadline for the submittal of the Bid to the City Secretary's Office is no later than the date and time as indicated on the first page of the BVB document. All bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chamber, City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby St. at 11:00 AM on the solicitation due date. Failure to submit the required number of copies as stated above may be subject for disqualification from the BVB process.

1.3 Respondents may elect to either mail or personally deliver their Bids to the City Secretary's Office.

1.4 The City of Houston shall bear no responsibility for submitting responses on behalf of any Offeror. Offeror(s) may submit their Bid to the City Secretary's Office any time prior to the stated deadline.

2.0 BEST VALUE BID FORMAT:

2.1 The Bid should be electronically generated, printed and signed in original ink. The bid should not be submitted in elaborate or expensive binders. Legibility, clarity, and completeness are important and essential.

2.2 The Bid must be signed by an individual(s) legally authorized to bind the Offeror(s), and the City may accept this bid offer by issuance of a Contract to the said Offeror(s) at any time on or before the 180th day following the day this Official Bid Form is opened by the City. This offer shall be irrevocable for 180 days, but shall expire on the 181st day unless the parties mutually agree to an extension of time in writing.

2.3 The complete Bid packet shall consist of the following items:

TABLE 1 – REQUIRED BID FORMS
Signed Official Signature Page
Hard Copy of Electronic Bid Form (Pricing Sheet)
*Affidavit of Ownership.doc
*Fair Campaign Ordinance.doc
*Statement of Residency.doc
*Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.doc
*Pay or Play Program Acknowledgement Form
Contractor's Questionnaire
Expertise/Experience/Reliability Statement
Certifications/Licenses (If applicable) & Resumes of Key Personnel
Financial Statements
Five (5) Electronic CD Copies

* Documents/forms can be downloaded from the City's Website: <http://purchasing.houstontx.gov/index.shtml>

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Table 2 lists other documents and forms that should be viewed/downloaded from the City's website, but are not required to be submitted with the bid. The City will request these forms, as applicable, to be completed and submitted to the City by the recommended/successful bidder:

TABLE 2 - DOCUMENTS & FORMS
Drug Forms.doc
EEOC.doc
Formal Instructions for Bid Terms.doc
Sample Insurance Over \$50,000.pdf
Pay or Play Office of Business Opportunity & Contract Compliance Q & A
Pay or Play Office of Business Opportunity & Contract Compliance Requirements
Pay or Play Contractor/Subcontractor Payment Reporting Form
Pay or Play Contractor/Subcontractor Waiver Request
Pay or Play List of Participating Subcontractors

3.0 PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

3.1 A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the date, time, and location as indicated on the first page of the BVB document. Interested Offeror(s) should plan to attend. It will be assumed that potential Offeror(s) attending this meeting have reviewed the BVB in detail, and are prepared to bring up any substantive questions not already addressed by the City.

4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATION CHANGES:

4.1 Requests for additional information and questions should be addressed to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department, Strategic Purchasing Division Buyer, John Tatman, telephone: (832) 393-8751, fax: (832) 393-8759, or e-mail (preferred method to): John.Tatman@houstontx.gov, no later than May 10, 2012 at 12:00 P.M. CST. The City of Houston shall provide written response to all questions received in writing before the submittal deadline. Questions received from all Offeror(s) shall be answered and sent to all Offerors(s) who are listed as having obtained the BVB. Offeror(s) shall be notified in writing of any changes in the specifications contained in this BVB.

5.0 LETTER(S) OF CLARIFICATION:

5.1 All Letters of Clarification and interpretations to this Solicitation shall be in writing. Any Letter of Clarification(s) or interpretation that is not in writing shall not legally bind the City of Houston. Only information supplied by the City of Houston in writing or outlined in this BVB should be used in preparing bid responses.

5.2 The City does not assume responsibility for the receipt of any Letters of Clarification sent to Offerors(s).

6.0 EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS:

6.1 Each Offeror shall carefully examine all BVB documents and thoroughly familiarize themselves with all requirements prior to submitting a Bid to ensure that the Bid meets the intent of this BVB.

6.2 Before submitting a Bid, each Offeror shall be responsible for making all investigations and examinations that are necessary to ascertain conditions and requirements affecting the requirements of this BVB. Failure to make such investigations and examinations shall not relieve the Offeror from obligation to comply, in every detail, with all provisions and requirements of the BVB.

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7.0 EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

7.1 Best Value Bids: An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, may be rejected.

8.0 ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF BIDS:

8.1 The City reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids received and to make award on the basis of individual items or combination of items, as it is deemed most advantageous or in the best interest to the City.

8.2 The City may accept this bid offer by issuance of a Contract covering award of said bid to this Bidder at any time on or before the 180th day following the day this Official Bid Form is opened by the City. This offer shall be irrevocable for 180 days, but shall expire on the 181st day unless the parties mutually agree to an extension of time in writing.

9.0 HIRE HOUSTON FIRST:

9.1 Designation as a City Business or Local Business

9.1.1 To be designated as a City or Local Business for the purposes of the Hire Houston First Program, as set out in Article XI of Chapter 15 of the Houston City Code, a bidder or proposer must submit the **Hire Houston First Application and Affidavit ("HHF Affidavit")** to the Director of the Mayor's Office of Business Opportunities and receive notice that the submission has been approved prior to award of a contract. Bidders are encouraged to secure a designation prior to submission of a bid or proposal if at all possible.

9.1.2 **Download the HHF Affidavit** from the Office of Business Opportunities Webpage at the City of Houston e-Government Website at the following location:

www.houstontx.gov/obo/moreforms/hirehoustonfirstaffidavit.pdf

9.1.3 Submit the completed application forms to: Mayor's Office of Business Opportunity, One Stop Business Center, 900 Bagby St., Public Level, Houston, TX 77002 or Applications may be submitted via e-mail to HHF-MOBO@houstontx.gov or faxed to 832.393.0952.

9.2 Award of Procurement Pursuant to a Request for Proposal, Best Value Solicitation or Alternative--- Pursuant to the Local Government Code.

9.2.1 IN EVALUATION OF A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE PROCUREMENT METHODS, THE CITY SHALL AWARD EXTRA POINTS EQUAL TO

- **THREE PERCENT** OF THE TOTAL EVALUATION POINTS AVAILABLE TO A "LOCAL BUSINESS," AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-176 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND
- **FIVE PERCENT** OF THE TOTAL EVALUATION POINTS AVAILABLE TO A "CITY BUSINESS," AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-176 OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES
- UNLESS THE USER DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT AN AWARD TO THE LOCAL OR CITY BUSINESS WOULD UNDULY INTERFERE WITH CONTRACT NEEDS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-181 OF THE CODE.

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10.0 PROTEST:

10.1 A protest shall comply with and be resolved, according to the City of Houston Municipal Code, Chapter 15, Article 1 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be submitted in writing and filed with both, the City Secretary and the City Purchasing Agent. A pre-award protest of the BVB shall be received by the City Secretary and the City Purchasing Agent prior to the Contract award date. A post-award protest of an awarded Contract shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows, or should have known, the basis or outcome of the Contract award.

10.2 A protest shall include the following:

10.2.1 The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the protester;

10.2.2 The signature of the protester or its representative who has the delegated authority to legally bind its company;

10.2.3 Identification of the BVB description and the BVB or Contract number;

10.2.4 A detailed written statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including copies of relevant documents, etc.; and

10.2.5 The desired form of relief or outcome, which the protester is seeking.

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- 1.0 This BVB does not commit the City of Houston to award a Contract, issue a Purchase Order, or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a Bid in response to this request.
- 2.0 The Bid will become part of the City's official files without any obligation on the City's part. All Responses shall be held confidential from all parties other than the City until after the Bids are opened and publicly read. Afterward, the Bids shall be available to the public.
- 3.0 The City of Houston shall not be held accountable if material from responses is obtained without the written consent of the Offeror by parties other than the City, at any time during the Bid evaluation process.
- 4.0 In the event an Offeror submits trade secret information to the City, the information must be clearly labeled as a **"Trade Secret."** The City will maintain the confidentiality of such trade secrets to the extent provided by law.
- 5.0 Offeror(s) shall not offer any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any official or employee of the City of Houston (including any and all members of the Bid evaluation committees).
- 6.0 Offeror(s) shall not collude in any manner, or engage in any practices, with any other Offeror(s), which may restrict or eliminate competition, or otherwise restrain trade. This is not intended to preclude subcontracts and joint ventures for the purposes of: a) responding to this BVB; or b) establishing a project team with the required experience and/or capability to provide the goods or services specified herein.
- 7.0 Offeror(s), their authorized representatives and their agents are responsible for obtaining, and will be deemed to have, full knowledge of the Conditions, requirements, and Specifications of the BVB at the time a Bid is submitted to the City.
- 8.0 The Agreement(s)/Purchase Order shall be issued on, about, or before August 17, 2012. The City of Houston reserves the option of extending the Agreements/Purchase Order.
- 9.0 If necessary for the completion of tasks required under the project, the City will provide reasonable working space to the Prime Contractor.
- 10.0 Clerical support and reproduction of documentation costs shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor. If required, such support and costs shall be factored into the Bid amount.
- 11.0 Prime Contractor personnel essential to the continuity, and the successful and timely completion of the project should be available for the duration of the project unless substitutions are approved in writing by the City Project Director.
- 12.0 The Prime Contractor will be expected to adhere to all standard agreement requirements of the City which shall include, but are not limited to, provisions for: Time Extensions; Appropriation of Available Funds; Approvals; Term and Termination; Independent Contractor; Business Structure and Assignments; Subcontractors; Parties in Interest; Non-Waiver; Applicable Laws; Notices; Use of Work Products; Equal Employment Opportunity; Force Majeure; and Inspections and Audits.
- 13.0 The City may terminate its performance under a Contract in the event of a default by the Prime Contractor and a failure to cure such default after receiving notice of default from the City. Default may result from the Prime Contractor's failure to perform under the Terms of the Contract or from the Prime Contractor becoming insolvent, having a substantial portion of its assets assessed for the benefit of creditors, or having a receiver or trustee appointed.
- 14.0 Prime Contractor must promptly report to the City Project Director any conditions, transactions, situation, or circumstances encountered by the Prime Contractor which would impede or impair the proper and timely performance of the Contract.
- 15.0 The City of Houston has sole discretion and reserves the right to cancel this BVB, or to reject any or all Bids received prior to Contract award.

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- 16.0 The City reserves the right to waive any minor informality concerning this BVB, or to reject any or all Bids or any part thereof.
- 17.0 The City reserves the right to request clarity of any Bid after they have been received.
- 18.0 After Agreement/Purchase Order execution, the successful Offeror shall be the Prime Contractor and responsible party for contracting and communicating the work to be performed to subcontractors, and for channeling other information between the City and subcontractors. Any subcontracting must be specified in the BVB. Any subcontracting not specified in the BVB will need prior written approval from the City Purchasing Agent.
- 19.0 Prime Contractor assumes total responsibility for the quality and quantity of all work performed, whether it is undertaken by the Prime Contractor or is subcontracted to another organization.
- 20.0 If subcontractor involvement is required in the use of license, patent, or proprietary process, the Prime Contractor is responsible for obtaining written authorization from the subcontractor to use the process, or provide another process comparable to that which is required and which is acceptable to the City, all at no additional cost or liability to the City.

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SPECIFICATIONS / SCOPE OF WORK

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1.0 BACKGROUND:

- 1.1. From time to time, the City of Houston (the "City") will issue special permits in accordance with Section 4617 of the Sign Code of the City, to allow for the relocation of off-premise signs that must be removed to accommodate the construction of publicly-funded transportation system projects. In order to obtain a special permit, a sign owner must agree to remove the relocated sign after the expiration of ten years. If the sign owner fails to remove the sign after the 10-year period has expired, the sign becomes the City's property and may be removed by the City.
- 1.2. The signs at the addresses described in Exhibit "A" were all relocated pursuant to special permits issued more than 10 years ago. In each case, the Sign Owner and the Landowner have failed to remove the sign. Accordingly, the City now has the right to enter upon the land where the sign is located, and, directly or through its contractors "use such force as may be reasonably necessary to remove the sign without liability for any damage reasonably and consequently resulting there from to the property or other improvements thereon."
- 1.3. The purpose of this solicitation is to seek competitive bids for the removal of 21 signs located at the addresses listed in Exhibit "A". The estimated value of each sign is equal to or above the cost incurred for removal of the sign. **The base bid for the removal of each sign shall be removal of the sign in exchange for ownership of the sign and any materials removed.** The bidder may also offer an additional amount of money to the City in exchange for removing the sign. Because the Sign Owners or Landowners may redeem their breaches of the Agreements by removing the signs before the City does, each of the signs listed in Exhibit A must be bid on an individual basis.
- 1.4. The term "sign" as used in this clause shall include the sign structure.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICE:

- 2.1. The successful Offeror shall provide all labor and equipment to remove the signs located at the addresses shown on Exhibit "A". The Offeror shall own the signs upon removing them from the property and may sell or dispose of them at its sole discretion.
- 2.2. For each sign, Offeror shall bid the base bid and if the Offeror believes the value of the sign exceeds the base bid, the Offer may bid an additional amount of money it will pay the City for each sign. The Offeror shall also bid on the time frame it will take the Offeror to remove the sign.

3.0 OFFEROR OBLIGATIONS:

- 3.1. The successful Offeror(s) must be duly licensed under all federal, state, and local applicable laws to perform all work required under the Contract. The successful Offeror shall be responsible for securing all required permits and shall comply with all federal, state, and local requirements regarding the work to be performed under this Contract.
- 3.2. Any publicity released by an Offeror giving reference to this award, whether in the form of a press release, brochure, photographic coverage, or verbal announcement, shall be only with the approval of the City.
- 3.3. The successful Offeror(s) is prohibited by City ordinance from re-erecting signs removed under this solicitation as off-premise signs anywhere within the City of Houston city limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction. Use of the signs for purposes other than as off-premise signs must be in strict conformance with the City Sign Code and applicable City ordinances. Failure to abide by these restrictions will constitute a material breach of the contract and will subject the violator to all remedies under the law for breach of contract as well as those remedies under City Code.
- 3.4. A successful Offeror(s) shall contact the City's Sign Administrator prior to removing any sign to ensure that a representative of the Sign Administration is present when the sign is removed.

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4.0 PAYMENT:

4.1 For and in consideration of the value of the sign and performance of the services specified the under this solicitation, Offeror offers to pay the City.

5.0 ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:

5.1 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.

6.0 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES NOT GUARANTEED:

6.1 The estimated quantities specified herein are not a guarantee of actual quantities, as the City does not guarantee any particular quantity of services outlined in the scope of work during the term of this contract. The quantities may vary depending upon the actual needs of the user 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 Vendor enters into based on the City purchasing requiring all the quantities specified herein. **THE CITY DOES NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT ALL SIGNS SET OUT IN EXHIBIT "A" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REMOVAL.**

7.0 OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

7.1 Contractor shall comply with all terms and conditions, including insurance, pay or play and other requirements as set out in "Terms and Conditions for Purchase Orders" section specified in this document.

8.0 WARRANTY OF SERVICES:

8.1 *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.

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

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 If the City does not require correction or re-performance, the City shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price.

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The term "contractor", "sub-contractor", "vendor", "supplier" or "lessee" for the purpose of this document shall have the same meaning, and any reference to word "City", shall mean the City of Houston, Texas.

Acceptance:

The "City" shall accept the item(s) on the twentieth (20th) business day after the date of receipt of the item(s) by the "City" unless prior to the twentieth (20th) day, the City of Houston Purchasing Agent or his/her designee delivers a notice to the "contractor" stating the reason(s) why the item(s) have not been accepted.

Amendment or Modification:

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, this Contract shall be subject to change, amendment or modification only by the mutual written consent of the parties hereto.

Applicable Laws:

This Contract is made subject to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and the Charter and Ordinances of the "City". Any suit in connection with this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Harris County, Texas.

Captions:

The captions at the beginning of the Articles of this Contract are guides and labels to assist in locating and reading such Articles, and shall not be restrictive of the subject matter of any article, section or part of this Contract.

Default:

If the "contractor" fails to provide the Official Performance Bond (if required by the purchase order and/or change order), or the item(s) listed on the purchase order and/or change order at the unit prices quoted, the "City", at its option, may terminate this Contract for default by delivering a written notice to the "contractor", and the "City" shall have no further obligation under this Contract. At the City's option, through a notice to the "contractor" in writing from the City of Houston Purchasing Agent, the "contractor" may be allowed to cure such default within the time specified in said notice. In the event there is a failure to deliver any item(s), the "City" may cover its loss by reasonably procuring from another source the item(s) not delivered. The "contractor" shall be responsible for, and shall pay to the "City" immediately upon demand; the difference in price between that offered by the "contractor" and that which the "City" was forced to pay for covering the "contractor's" failure to deliver. Default by the "City" shall occur if the "City" fails to perform, or observe the terms and conditions of this Contract, and the "contractor" gives notice in writing to the "City" within thirty (30) days of the act or omission claimed by the "contractor". Upon receipt of such notice in writing from the "contractor", the "City" shall have thirty (30) days to cure such default.

Delivery:

The "contractor" shall:

- Deliver the item(s) specified on the purchase order and/or change order to the designated "FOB Point", within the time specified by the "City". Timely delivery is of the essence to this Contract.
- Ensure all deliveries are made on a business day, during business hours (Monday through Friday, except City Council designated holidays, from 8:00 am, to 5:00 pm).
- Provide, at no additional charge, any equipment, labor, packaging, crating or padding necessary to load, tie down and unload the item(s) to be delivered, so that they may be transported in a normal, safe manner without damage.
- Be liable for all risks for the item(s) until accepted by the "City". The "contractor" is responsible for any freight charges incurred in delivering the item(s) to the "FOB Point." A representative of the "City" will sign the "contractor's" delivery ticket to acknowledge receipt of the item(s) by the "City". Unless the "contractor" receives such signature, the "City" shall not be responsible for the receipt of the item(s). The "City" retains the right to inspect the delivered item(s) prior to acceptance, and shall not accept item(s) that do not conform to the requirements of this Contract.

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In the event the item(s) on the face of the purchase order and/or the change order are services rather than goods, such services shall be performed in accordance with the specifications, or scope of work, and the "City" reserves the right to require the "contractor" to provide service(s) in conformance with such description prior to accrual of the City's obligation for payment.

Equal Opportunity Ordinance:

The "contractor" is and represents to be an equal opportunity employer and agrees to abide by the terms of the "City" of Houston Equal Opportunity Ordinance as follows:

- The "contractor", "sub-contractor", "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", "sub-contractor", "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 limited to: 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", "sub-contractor", "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.
- The "contractor", "sub-contractor", "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.
- The "contractor", "sub-contractor", "vendor", "supplier", or "lessee" will send to each labor union or representative 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 workers representative of the "contractor's" and "sub-contractor'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.
- The "contractor", "sub-contractor", "vendor", "supplier", or "lessee" will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 and the rules, regulations, and applicable orders of the Department of Labor or other Federal Agency responsible for enforcement of applicable equal opportunity and affirmative action provisions 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.
- The "contractor" shall file and shall cause each of his "sub-contractor's", 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 "sub-contractor".
- The "contractor", "sub-contractor", "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 Department 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 workforce statistics of the "contractor", "sub-contractor", "vendor", "supplier", or "lessee".
- In the event of the "contractor's", "sub-contractor's", "vendor's", "supplier's", or "lessee's" noncompliance with the non-discrimination clause of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, and the "contractor", "sub-contractor", "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.
- The "contractor" shall include the provisions of paragraphs 1-6 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 "sub-contractor" or "vendor". The "contractor" will take such action with respect to any "sub-contractor" 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 "sub-contractor" 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.

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Firm Price: (NON-APPLICABLE)

The price(s) specified on the face of the purchase order and/or the change order is firm, and may not be increased or supplemented on the "contractor's" invoice.

Force Majeure:

Timely performance by the "contractor" is essential to this Contract. However, the "contractor" will not be liable for delays in performing its obligations to the extent such delays are caused by unforeseeable conditions that are beyond the "contractor's" reasonable control, and that are without "contractor's" fault or negligence, subject to the following provisions: Acts of God such as storms or floods, as well as judicial restraints, acts of law-enforcement or military authorities, fires, epidemics, war or riot are examples of events that might be excusable as being beyond the "contractor's" reasonable control: however, no time extension because of an excusable shall ever be allowed unless: (a) within seven (7) calendar days of the commencement of any excusable delay, "contractor" shall provide "City" with written notice of the cause and extent thereof as well as a request for a time extension equal to the estimated duration thereof; and (b) within seven (7) calendar days of the cessation of the event causing delay, "contractor" shall provide "City" with written notice of the actual delay incurred, upon receipt of which, the time for "contractor's" performance shall be extended for the time actually lost by reason of an excusable delay.

Indemnification:

"vendor" covenants and warrants that it will protect, defend, and hold harmless the "City", its employees, officers, and legal representatives (collectively the "City") from any and all third party claims, demands, and liability, including defense costs, relating in any way to damages, claims, or fines arising by reason of or in connection with "vendor's" actual or alleged negligence or other actionable performance or omission of the "vendor" in connection with or during the performance of the duties under this agreement. "vendor" further covenants and agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the "City" from all claims, allegations, fines, and damages relating in any way to the actual or alleged joint and/or concurrent negligence of the "City" and "vendor", whether the "vendor" is immune from liability or not.

It is the expressed intention of the parties hereto, that the indemnity provided herein is an agreement by the "vendor" to indemnify and protect the "City" from the City's own negligence where said negligence is an alleged or actual cause of any alleged third-party harm.

The indemnity provision provided herein shall have no application to any claim or demand where bodily injury, death, or damage results from the sole negligence of the "City", unmixed with any fault of another party or entity, including the "vendor".

Notwithstanding, anything herein to the contrary, the liability of the "vendor" under this indemnity provision shall not exceed \$600,000 per occurrence.

Independent "contractor":

In performing its obligations under this Contract, the "contractor" shall act as an independent "contractor" solely for his own account and not as an agent, representative or employee of the "City". No employee, agent, or representative of the "contractor" shall be considered an employee of the "City" nor be eligible for any benefits, rights or privileges afforded to "City" employees.

Invoices and Payment: (NON-APPLICABLE)

The "contractor" shall submit an invoice in triplicate to the addresses specified on the purchase order and/or change order, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the item(s) or service(s) by the "City". At a minimum, each invoice will contain the:

1. Purchase order number;
2. "Contractor's" name and address;
3. Description of the item(s) delivered;
4. Exact quantity of each item delivered;
5. Date of delivery to the "City";
6. Unit price for each item, if a unit price was offered by the "contractor";
7. Total amount of the charge(s) for the item(s) delivered, which amount shall not exceed the amount of the purchase order; and the
8. Name of the City Department that requested the item(s) or service(s).

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The "City" shall pay the "contractor" either the lump sum for the item(s) or, if unit prices are specified, the unit price per item for each item multiplied by the number of units actually delivered and received and accepted by the "City". The "City" shall never be obligated to pay a sum greater than the segregate price offered for the item(s). The unit price shall control in the event of a conflict. Payment is due thirty (30) days after the "City" has approved the invoice or after the "City" has accepted the goods, whichever occurs later.

Rejection:

In the event the "City" rejects any item(s), the "contractor" shall have ten (10) days after receipt of notice of such rejection to replace any item(s) with replacements which conform to this Contract, at no additional cost to the "City".

"Sub-contractors" and Suppliers:

If the "contractor" receives payment from the "City" for work performed by any "sub-contractor(s)", or for materials provided by any "supplier(s)", and the "contractor" withholds or has withheld payment to the "sub-contractor(s)" or "supplier(s)" on account of a deficiency in the quality or quantity of that "sub-contractor's" or "supplier's" work or materials, the "City" may withhold the amount associated with such work or materials from any pending or future payments to the "contractor" until the next regular payment to the "contractor" occurring after the "City" receives reasonable documentation that the deficiency has been remedied.

Successors and Assigns:

This Contract shall bind and benefit the respective parties and their legal successors, and shall not be assignable, in whole or in part, by any party hereto without first obtaining the written consent of the other party. This provision is not intended to limit the "contractor's" ability to assign receivables under this Contract, but only applies to performance of the Contract. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the "City".

Tax Exempt Status:

The "City" is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax, and the limited Sales and Use Tax. Unless the "City" of Houston Bid Form or specifications specifically indicates otherwise, the price bid must be net exclusive of above mentioned taxes. A "vendor" desiring refunds of, or exemptions from taxes paid on the item(s) accepted by the "City", must submit the proper forms, and the City of Houston Purchasing Agent, if satisfied as to the facts, and will issue the necessary certificate.

Warranties - Guarantees: (NON-APPLICABLE)

The "contractor" warrants that each item delivered will (1) be new (unless otherwise specified on the face of the purchase order, change order or specifications), free from liens and defects in design, materials, workmanship and defects in title (including any defect in the "contractor's" right to sell a patented or copyrighted product or to use a patented process), (2) conform in all respects to the terms of the purchase order, change order or specifications, and (3) be of the best quality, if no specific quality is established in the specification(s). If within one (1) year from the date of acceptance by the "City", it appears that an item, or any commercial unit thereof, does not conform to these warranties, and the City of Houston Purchasing Agent notifies the "contractor" within a reasonable amount of time after discovery, the "contractor" shall correct such nonconformity to the satisfaction of the City of Houston Purchasing Agent at the "contractor's" expense. Should this occur, the "City" may revoke acceptance, and purchase substitute item's correcting the nonconformity. The cost of the substitute item(s) correcting any nonconforming item(s) shall be borne by the "contractor". Additionally, the "contractor" shall transfer to the "City" any manufacturer's warranty which it has for the item(s).

Insurance:

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:

- Commercial General Liability insurance including Contractual Liability insurance:
 - \$500,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 aggregate
- Workers' Compensation including Broad Form All States endorsement:

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- Statutory amount
- 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
- 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)

All insurance policies must require on their face, or 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

- Immediately suspend Contractor from any further performance under this Agreement and begin procedures to terminate for default, or
- Purchase the required insurance with City funds and deduct the cost of the premiums from amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement. (NON-APPLICABLE)

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EXHIBIT "A"

UNPERMITTED OFF-PREMISE SIGN REMOVAL BID

Sign Location	Removal Time (e.g., Days)
16726 North Freeway	
2505 Southwest Freeway	
16712 North Freeway	
18103 Gulf Freeway	
6855 Southwest Fwy	
11901 Katy Fwy	
8601 Southwest Fwy	
5615 Southwest Fwy	
25690 North Fwy	
22323 Eastex Fwy	
16000 North Fwy	
21326 SH 249	
11700 Wilcrest	
21837 Eastex Fwy	
11420 Southwest Fwy	
12375 Gulf Fwy	
15625 Katy Fwy	
13801 North Fwy	
6222 Southwest Fwy	
5545 Southwest Fwy	
11211 Katy Fwy	

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To simplify the review process and to obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the Offeror(s) must provide the responses to the items set forth below and include this information as requested in their bid packet; to allow for the evaluation committee to conduct a thorough assessment of the Offeror(s) experience and capabilities. Moreover, Offeror(s) are encouraged to include additional relevant and supporting information to demonstrate their qualifications.

1.0 EXPERTISE/EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATION STATEMENT:

- 1.1 Provide a brief statement describing the Offeror's background information, history, resources and/or track record. Please limit to three (3) pages.
- 1.2 Provide an organizational chart of proposed team or staff for this project.
- 1.3 Provide resumes of key personnel whom will be responsible for the delivery of the services/project.
- 1.4 Provide copies of key personnel certifications and/or licenses.

2.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- 2.1 Submit your company's audited annual financial statements, in accordance with and as defined in the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) regulation(s) for the past two years. In addition, include your and Dunn & Bradstreet Report or Federal Tax Forms Filed to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the past two years.

3.0 SITE INSPECTION:

- 3.1 The City of Houston reserves the right to inspect the bidder's current place of business to evaluate equipment condition and capabilities, staff experience, training and capabilities, and storage capabilities as they relate to the performance of this contract.

4.0 QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP:

- 4.1 The bidder must be able to demonstrate upon request that it has satisfactorily performed services similar to the services specified herein. The bidder will provide records of warranty and repair services upon request by City. The City of Houston shall be the sole judge as to whether the services performed are similar to the scope of services contained herein and whether the bidder is capable of performing such services.

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1.0 EVALUATION SUMMARY:

1.1 An evaluation committee will develop a short list of Offeror(s) based upon the initial review of each Bid received. The short listed Offeror(s) may be scheduled for a structured oral presentation, demonstration, site visit and/or interview. Such presentations will be at no cost to the City of Houston. At the end of the oral presentation, demonstration and/or interview, the evaluation of the short listed Offeror(s) will be completed. However, the evaluation committee reserves the right to issue letter(s) of clarity when deemed necessary to any or all Offeror(s). The oral presentations, demonstrations, site visits and/or interview may be recorded and/or videotaped.

2.0 SELECTION PROCESS:

2.1 The award of this Bid will be made to the respondent(s) offering the response which best meets the needs of the City. The City may make investigations, as it deems necessary, to determine the capabilities of the Offeror(s) to create, modify and implement the required application modules. The Offeror(s) shall furnish to the City such data as the City may request for this purpose. The City reserves the right to reject any offer if the evidence submitted by or the investigation of the Offeror(s) fails to satisfy the City or the Offeror(s) is deemed unqualified to provide the services contemplated. Each Offeror will be evaluated on the basis of the following evaluation criteria that are listed in order of importance below:

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| 2.1.1 | Revenue to City | 40% |
| 2.1.2 | Time of Performance | 30% |
| 2.1.3 | Expertise / Experience / Qualifications
(Including performance on City of Houston contracts. Include contact information to confirm that bidder has completed at least two contracts for similar services in the past, including one of comparable size to the City of Houston). | 10% |
| 2.1.4 | Safety Record
(List of all OSHA citations in the last 5 years). | 10% |
| 2.1.5 | Resources
Offeror's equipment, personnel and other resources necessary to complete assigned jobs. | 10% |

* Hire Houston First Preference Points (City Business = five (5) extra percentage points or Local Business = three (3) extra percentage points and Non-City and Non-Local Business will receive zero (0) extra percentage points).

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