

**CITY OF MISSION
SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD FORM**

**SOLICITATION INFORMATION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

1. PROPOSAL NO.: 20-263-07-21
2. ISSUE DATE: June 30, 2020
3. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: (No collect calls)
NAME: Eduardo Belmarez, Deputy Assistant/Purchasing Director
TELEPHONE: (956) 580-8667 **FAX:** (956) 580-8798
E-MAIL: ebelmarez@missiontexas.us

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

**Independent Third Party Engineering
 Comprehensive Review of an Energy Savings
 Performance Contract**

5. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE MEETING:
 (*Highly Recommended*)
 **** There WILL be a conference via Zoom. ****
DATE: July 08, 2020
TIME: 10:00 AM CST
 Zoom Meeting Info:
Meeting ID: 220 547 6707
Password: 9iY2Y2

6. ADVERTISING DATES:
 1st Week of Advertisement Date: __06__ / __30__ / __20__
 2nd Week of Advertisement Date: __07__ / __07__ / __20__

7. SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO:
Mailing/Hand/Commercial Courier Delivery

**City of Mission
 Purchasing Department**
 1201 E. 8th Street R101
 Mission, TX 78572
 Proposal # 20-263-07-21

8. OFFER SUBMISSION DUE DATE AND TIME:

DATE: July 21, 2020

TIME: 2:00 PM CST

9. No Facsimiles or late arrivals will be accepted. Any proposal received after offer submission due date and time will not be opened and will be returned. City of Mission Purchasing Department time stamp clock will be the governing time for acceptability of bids. Overnight mail must also be properly labeled on the outside of the express envelope or package in reference to RFQ.

10. SUBMIT WITH OFFER: Original offer and 6 photocopies including documents and attachments so indicated on Page 2 of this form.

11. Offers submitted in response to an RFB will be opened publicly by The City of Mission Purchasing Department, immediately after the submission due date and time. Offers submitted in response to an RFP will NOT be publicly opened.

12. FIRM OFFER PERIOD: Offers submitted shall remain firm for a period of 60 calendar days from the final due date for proposals.

13. NOTE: For Invitation for Bids, "offer" and "offeror" mean "bid" and "bidder".

**OFFER
(To be completed by Offeror)**

14. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within the period specified in Block 12, above, to furnish any or all items, or provide the service(s), upon which prices are negotiated and agreed for service, and to deliver the item(s) and or perform the service(s) at the designated location(s) within the time specified.

15. FIRM NAME, ADDRESS: (Type or Print)

TELEPHONE: **E-MAIL:**
CELL PHONE: **FAX:**

**16. NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
 THE OFFER:** (Type or Print)

17. OFFEROR SIGNATURE & DATE:

**AWARD
(To be completed by City of Mission)**

18. TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARD:

19. PURCHASING DIRECTOR SIGNATURE & DATE OF AWARD:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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20. CONTENTS: (DOCUMENTS WITH A YES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED WITH OFFER)

	NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT WITH OFFER?
●	Cover Sheet	Solicitation, Offer and Award Form (Complete in its entirety to include Sign and Date)	YES
●	Instructions to Bidders	General Terms & Conditions	YES
		Firms Qualifications Proposal	YES
		Performance Bonds	NO
		Insurance Certificate	NO
●	Schedule of Subcontractor(s)/Subconsultant(s)	Attachment #1 (Signed & Executed)	YES
●	Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate	Vendor Acknowledgement Form (Signed & Executed)	YES
●	Firm Fixed Rate/Lump Sum Cost	Signed and Completed (Signed & Executed)	NO
●	Addenda Checklist & Addendums	Confirmation Receipt of Addendum(s) (Signed & Executed)	YES
●	Additional Responsibility Criteria & Bidder's General Questionnaire	General Questions (Supporting Documentation) (Signed & Executed)	YES
●	CIQ Questionnaire	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Signed & Executed)	YES
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●			

21. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDUMS:	ADDENDUMS #	DATE	ADDENDUMS #	DATE
Offeror acknowledges receipt of the following addendum(s) to the solicitation:				
(Identify addendum number and date of each.)				

*****Firm name and authorized signature must appear on each page that calls For this information. Failure to do so may disqualify your Proposal *****

City of Mission
Instructions to Proposer – General Terms & Conditions
RFQ Name/No.: Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review of an Energy Savings Performance Contract / 20-263-07-21

The City of Mission is soliciting statements of qualifications (“Qualifications”) from professional firms (“Respondents”) for selection of an Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review for an Energy Savings Performance Scope and Calculations in accordance with the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in this Request for Qualifications. This Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) provides Respondents with the information necessary to prepare and submit Qualifications Statements for consideration by the City.

(1) Introduction and Purpose of Solicitation

The City of Mission, Texas is seeking statements of qualifications from experienced engineering firms to provide a comprehensive Third Party Independent review of the project scope and calculations for an Energy Savings Performance Contract. The selected professionals will be properly licensed in the State of Texas in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, as applicable.

In accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code of the State of Texas and 23 CFR 172, the City shall make the selection on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services for the project throughout the term of the contract. The services shall be provided for a fair and reasonable price and not to exceed any maximum established by law. Negotiations will be initiated with the providers judged most highly qualified to attempt to arrive at a fair and reasonable price. If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated with that provider, negotiations will be formally concluded, and an attempt will be made to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the provider judged the next highly qualified. If the negotiations with this provider are not successful, the process will be repeated until a satisfactory contract is entered into.

(2) Type of Business

(a) The Proposer represents as part of its offer that it operates as (Mark one with an "X"):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> an individual | <input type="checkbox"/> a sole proprietorship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> a corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> another entity _____. | |

(3) Interest of Public Officials

The offeror represents and warrants that no employee, official, or member of the Council (Executive Committee) of the City is or will be pecuniarily interested in or benefited directly or indirectly as a result of this contract.

(4) Covenant Against Gratuities

The offeror represents as part of its offer that neither it nor any of its employees, representatives or agents have offered or given gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise) to any director, officer or employee of the City with the view toward securing favorable treatment in the awarding, amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performing of the contract.

(5) Submission of Proposals

(a) Proposals and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes or sealed cartons and submitted to the Purchasing Director of the City of Mission at the address specified in the solicitation. The proposer shall show the hour and date specified in the solicitation for receipt of Proposals, the solicitation number, and the proposer's name, address, and telephone number on the face of the envelope or carton.

(b) Telegraphic Proposals will not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice, provided such notice is received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of Proposals.

(c) Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified and, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, at no expense to the City. If not destroyed by testing, samples will be returned at the proposer's request and expense, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

(d) Each copy of the proposal shall include the legal name of the proposer and a statement whether the proposer is a sole proprietorship, a corporation, or any other legal entity. A proposal from a corporation shall further give the state of incorporation and have the corporate seal affixed to it.

(6) Acknowledgement by Signature

Proposals must give full firm name and address of proposer, and be manually signed. Failure to do so will disqualify your proposal. **Person signing proposal must show title or CITY TO BIND HIS FIRM IN A CONTRACT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on each page that calls for this information.**

(7) Pre-Proposal Conference and Questions Concerning the Solicitation

(a) A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for all interested parties to discuss the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) requirements, if so indicated on the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form. Details concerning the conference date, time and location are provided below.

A Pre-proposal Conference shall be held **via Zoom on July 8th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** All prospective proposers are encouraged to attend.

Meeting ID: 220 547 6707

Password: 9iYey2

(b) Questions and requests for clarification relating to this solicitation, shall be submitted in writing, to the contact person identified in the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form by mail, facsimile or commercial courier, at least three (3) working days in advance of the scheduled conference to allow sufficient time for responses to be considered and prepared by the City. Questions concerning the solicitation that are not addressed at the conference, if one is held, shall be submitted in writing no later than five (5) working days in advance of the offer submission due date and time, which is the minimum time required for the City's reply to reach offerors before the offer submission due date and time, as required by the "Acknowledgement of Amendments to the Invitations for Proposals" clause. Questions received less than five (5) working days in advance of the offer submission due date and time will be responded only if the City determines that the question and its response would have a material and substantive impact on the solicitation.

(8) Explanation to Proposers

Any explanation desired by a proposer regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must be requested in writing from the City's authorized representative and with sufficient time allowed for a reply to reach Proposers before the submission of Proposals. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of any contract, at any pre-proposal conferences or otherwise, will not be binding on the City. Any information given to a proposer concerning an interpretation of the solicitation will be furnished to all Proposers as an amendment to the solicitation, if such information is necessary to Proposers in submitting Proposals on the solicitation or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed Proposers.

(9) Acknowledgment of Addendums to Request for Qualifications

(a) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

- (b) Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of any addendums to this solicitation: (1) by signing and returning the addendums; or (2) by identifying the addendums number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the RFQ form; or (3) by letter or telegram. The City must receive the acknowledgment by the time and at the place specified for receipt of Proposals.

(10) Alter or Amend

Proposals **cannot** be altered or amended after opening time. Alterations made before opening time must be initiated by proposer guaranteeing authenticity. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening time without acceptable reason in writing and only after approval by the City of Mission.

(11) Non-collusion

Respondents, by submitting a signed qualifications statement, certify that the accompanying submission is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Texas or United States law.

(12) Non-discrimination

Respondents, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the firm.

(13) Respondent Default

City reserves the right, in case of submitter defaults, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

(14) Subcontracting

The successful submitter may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the City of Mission.

(15) Communication with Evaluation Team Members

Firms submitting qualifications shall not discuss this RFQ with employees of City of Mission or City Council Members. The only discussions allowed will be at the scheduled interview, if held, if your firm is selected for an interview. Failure to abide by this requirement may result in disqualification.

(16) Respondents Are Not To Provide a Fee Proposal with This Submittal

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, (Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001), et seq.

(17) Responsibilities of Firm

Firm agrees to and shall perform and complete the professional services and specific tasks required by City in connection with the Project in strict accordance with the Scope of Service.

Firm shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by professional firms practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The firm shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and to ensure the orderly progress of the Project.

Firm shall identify a representative authorized to act on behalf of and bind the firm with respect to the Project.

Except with City's knowledge and consent, firm shall not engage in any activity, or accept any employment, interest or contribution that would reasonably appear to compromise firm's professional judgment with respect to the City's Energy Savings Performance project scope and calculations.

The firm shall obtain, maintain, and pay for all licenses, permits, and certificates including all professional licenses required by any statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The firm shall immediately notify the City of Mission of any suspension, revocation, or other detrimental action against any such license.

The firm shall maintain the insurance and endorsements required in this Section in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement and any extensions thereto.

(18) Contents of Proposal

The Comprehensive Study Proposal shall be concise and complete. The following will be required for the evaluation process. The City will require **six (6) copies** of the proposals from all interested firms. Each proposal must address, but may not be limited to, the following elements:

1. Firm name, including the addresses of all firm offices identifying in which office the work will be performed. Names position, phone, fax numbers of contact person(s) and Qualifications of Team projected to be involved with the project development; years firm has been in business.
2. Include appropriate state registrations or professional licenses.
3. Include a portfolio of past work such as a list of relevant projects and clients (include contact person and phone numbers) that may be contacted for references and verification of background. A listing of at least three related projects to contain dates, scope, engineering fee, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of representatives of the Owners who can be contacted as references.
4. Names of principals in the firm
5. Names and disciplines of sub consultants (if any) proposed for the project.
6. Listing of all pending litigation against or involving the firm or its agents or employees with respect to any work performed.
7. Amount of professional liability insurance coverage carried by your firm.
8. Responsiveness of Submissions: The City wants to receive competitive submissions, but will declare “non-responsive” submissions that fail to meet significant requirements outlined in the proposal requirements.

(19) Method of Selection

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by an evaluation team for the purpose of making a selection, request the submission of supplemental information, or require firms to make formal presentations before the selection committee for possible interviews. The purpose of the interviews will be to identify and recommend an individual or firm offering, in total, the highest qualifications and experience with this type of professional services. The firm who is deemed the most qualified shall be recommended for award. The recommendation of the evaluation committee will be forwarded to the City Council for award consideration. Upon approval, the City Manager or his designated representative will then begin negotiating a contract with the selected firm. The proposals will be evaluated on various criteria including but not limited to the following (percent listed at the end of each item lists the importance of the evaluation criteria):

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will generally be used to evaluate proposals:

- a) **Experience of Third Party Engineering firm (50 points):** Past experience with developing Comprehensive Independent Third Party review of an Energy Savings Performance Contract of similar size and scope. Thorough understanding, experience, and implementation of Local Government Code Sec. 302, “Energy Savings Performance Contracts for Local Governments”.
- b) **Work Performance (30 points):** Performance regarding the success and capabilities of the firm’s/person’s past services will be assessed. Performance includes completing review of project scope and calculations accurately, review scope of service activities on schedule, and compliance with legislation and acceptable engineering services similar to that proposed. Proposals should reflect the prospective firm’s understanding of the scope involved and the approach for implementation and the successful completion of analysis.

- c) **References (20 points):** List of references for which a comprehensive independent third party review has been executed for an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC). Include Point of Contact, Overview of Similar Scope, Approximate Project Costs, and Concurrence or Non-Concurrence of project scopes and energy savings calculations.

(20) Evaluation and Basis for Award

(A) One Award

One contract award is anticipated under this solicitation. Multiple contract awards shall not be made.

(21) Contract Award

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineering services firms that submit qualifications, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act, as amended, and the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. Responding architectural/engineering services firms will be notified if an oral presentation is necessary. The contract will be awarded to the most highly qualified firm. A written award (or acceptance of proposal) which is mailed, telegraphed, or otherwise furnished to the successful proposer within the time for acceptance specified in the solicitation shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party. The engagement process is summarized as follows:

- a) Requests for qualifications (RFQs) will be published as legal notices in the city's website, local paper (The Progress Times), and a large regional paper (The Monitor).
- b) The City will open submissions and a panel comprised of City of Mission staff and possibly council members will review submissions.
- c) Review Committee will score/rank qualifications according to the qualification rating sheet criteria and prepare a recommendation to the City Commission for final approval at the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting after the rankings/shortlist presentations. The scoring committee if needed will conduct interviews with the most qualified engineering firm(s).
- d) At the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting, Commission will instruct the City Manager to begin negotiations with the highest scoring firm and authorize him to execute an agreement following successful negotiation. Proposing firms may be required to attend the City Commission meeting.
- e) Following successful negotiations and concurrence an agreement will be executed and documents will be exchanged. If the negotiations with the highest scoring firm are not successful, the staff will conclude negotiations with that firm and contact the next highest scoring firm and begin negotiations with the next firm.
- f) The City of Mission will ensure that a qualified consultant is obtained through an equitable selection process and the prescribed scope is property accomplished in a timely manner at a fair and reasonable cost.

(22) Proposed Cost of Service

Compensation for services will be in a lump sum contract for all services contracted in accordance with accepted practice and applicable program guidelines. The amount of compensation will not be higher than the recommended practices and fees published by the applicable professional associations.

(23) Independent Firm

The Firm at all times shall be an independent firm. The Firm shall be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of its employees, subfirms, and their suppliers, and shall be specifically responsible for sufficient supervision and inspection to ensure compliance in every respect with the contract requirements. There shall be no contractual relationship between any subfirm or supplier of the Firm and the City by virtue of this contract. No provision of this contract shall be for the benefit of any party other than the City and the Firm.

(24) Confidential Data

Each proposer may clearly mark each page of the proposal that contains trade secrets or other confidential commercial or financial information which the proposer believes should not be disclosed outside the City. Disclosure of requested information will be determined in accordance with the Texas Open Records Act.

(25) Cancellation of Solicitation

This solicitation may be cancelled by the City before or after receipt of Proposals (as applicable).

(26) Removal of Contract Personnel

- (a) The Firm and any subfirm acknowledge that any person assigned to work under this Contract must perform their duties so as to not unduly impair contract performance. By assigning a person to work under this Contract, the Firm agrees to be responsible for the behavior of that person during contract performance.
- (b) The Firm acknowledges that the City has the right to require the removal of any Firm or subfirm employee determined, to be negatively effecting performance of work under the contract. Examples of such behavior include: (1) conduct which poses a threat to the safety of anyone working under the contract; (2) conduct which is disruptive to contract performance; (3) careless work performance; and (4) other behavior determined by one of the three (3) project officials to be objectionable or unduly hindering contract performance.
- (c) Upon receipt of written notice from the Purchasing Director that a person's behavior is unduly impairing contract performance, the Firm agrees to remove that person from doing any further work on the contract, and to cause that person to be removed from the worksite. The Firm agrees that it is not entitled to any additional costs it may incur as a result of the removal of the person named by the Purchasing Director.

(27) Discrepancies or Omissions

Proposer shall carefully examine the proposal forms, general terms and conditions, and scope of service. Should the proposer find discrepancies in, or omissions from proposal forms, general terms and conditions, specifications, or other documents, or should he/she be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she should at once notify the Purchasing Department (Mission City Hall, (956) 580-8667) and obtain clarification by addendum prior to submitting any bid.

(28) Compliance with Federal, State and Local

Proposers must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Texas in addition to the requirements of these Terms & Conditions.

(29) Indemnification

The proposer agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, the Purchasing Director and any assistants from all suits and actions of every nature and descriptive brought against them or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products or processes, and he/she shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction shall be submitted upon request of the Purchasing Director, as a necessary requirement in connection with the final estimate for payment in which such patented appliance, products or processes are used.

(30) BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The City of Mission will execute payment by mail within thirty (30) working days after each percentage of work has been completed and found to meet specifications for **“Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review”** as indicated below.

(a) Invoices may be submitted once per month to and shall conform to policies or regulations adopted from time to time by the City. Invoices shall be legible and shall contain, as a minimum, the following information: (1) the contract and purchase order number (if any); (2) a complete itemization of all costs including quantities ordered and delivery order numbers (if any); (3) any discounts offered to the City under the terms of the contract; (4) evidence of the acceptance of the supplies or services by the City; (5) unique traceable invoice number(s); and (6) any other information necessary to demonstrate entitlement to payment under the terms of the contract. Failure to provide the above critical information may result in the rejection and return of the invoice for resubmission with complete data.

(b) Subject to the withholding provisions of the contract, payment shall be made within 30 days after the City's receipt of a properly prepared invoice.

(31) Funding

Funds for this procurement have been provided through local funds. The award of a proposal or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt for the City.

(32) Submission of Schedule of Subfirm(s)/Subconsultant(s)

Each offeror should include with proposal a completed Schedule of Subfirm(s)/Subconsultant(s) form provided as Attachment 1 to General Terms and Conditions with their offer. The contents of the form may be a factor used in determining an offeror's responsibility.

(33) Duty to Inform

If, at any time during the performance of the contract the Firm becomes aware of an actual or potential problem, fault, limitation, or defect in the scope or any non-conformance with any contract document, federal, state or local law, rule, or regulation, the Firm shall give immediate written notice thereof to the City of Mission. If the Firm is aware of any such problem, fault, defect or non-conformance, or should be aware through proper diligence of any such problem, fault, defect or non-conformance, and the Firm fails to give the required notice, the Firm shall assume full responsibility therefore and shall bear all costs attributed thereto.

(34) Municipality's Right to Carry Out the Work

If the firm fails or refuses to carry out all or any part of the work in accordance with the contract requirements or within the contract schedule and fails or refuses to correct such deficiency within seven (7) days of receipt of written notice thereof from the City of Mission, the City, in its sole discretion and without waiving any other rights it may have, may elect to correct such deficiencies and charge the firm the cost of such corrections. Nothing in this clause shall relieve the firm of its obligation to perform the remainder of the work in accordance with the contract.

(35) Governing Law

The rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Whenever there is no applicable state statute or decisional precedent governing the interpretation of, or disputes arising under or related to, this contract, then federal common law, including the law developed by federal boards of contract appeals, the United States Claims Court (formerly the Court of Claims), and the Comptroller General of the United States, shall govern. Venue for any action shall lie exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas. This is the complete agreement between the parties. If any provision of the contract is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be impaired.

(36) Disclosure of Interested Parties

Contractor is to comply with Government Code Section 2252.908 enacted by H.B. 1295, which prohibits a government entity or state agency from entering into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties. For more information go to the Texas Ethics Commission web page at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

(37) Default

(a) If the firm refuses or fails (i) to commence the work within the time required by this contract, (ii) to prosecute the work or any separable part with the diligence that will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, including any extension, (iii) to provide sufficient and properly skilled workmen or proper materials or equipment to complete the work in an acceptable manner and without delay, (iv) to promptly pay its subfirms, laborers, and materialmen, (v) to perform any of its other obligations under this contract, or (vi) to complete the work within the time specified in this contract ("events of default"), the City may, by written notice to the Firm, terminate the right to proceed with the work (or the separable part of the work). In this event, the City may take over the work and complete it by contract or otherwise, and may take possession of and use any materials, appliances, and plant on the work site necessary for completing the work. The Firm and its sureties shall be liable for any damage to the City resulting from events of default, whether or not the Firm's right to proceed with the work is terminated. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the City in completing the work.

(b) The Firm's right to proceed shall not be terminated because of delays nor the Firm charged with damages under this clause, if --

(1) the delay in completing the work arises from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Firm (examples of such causes include (i) acts of God or of the public enemy, (ii) acts of the City in either its public or contractual capacity, (iii) acts of another Firm in the performance of a contract with the City, (iv) fires, (v) floods, (vi) epidemics, (vii) quarantine restrictions, (viii) strikes, (ix) freight embargoes, (x) unusually severe weather, or (xi) delays of subfirms or suppliers at any tier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of both the Firm and the subfirms or suppliers); and

(1) the Firm, within 10 days from the beginning of any delay (unless extended by the Purchasing Director), notifies the City Engineer or Purchasing Director in writing of the causes of delay. The Purchasing Director shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay. If, in the judgment of the City staff, the findings of fact warrant such action, the time for completing the work shall be extended. The findings of the Purchasing Director shall be final and conclusive on the parties but subject to appeal.

(c) If, after termination of the firm's right to proceed, it is determined that the Firm was not in default, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the City.

(d) The rights and remedies of the City in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract. Time is of the essence for all delivery, performance, submittal, and completion dates in this contract.

(38) Termination for Convenience

The Purchasing Director may, whenever the interests of the City so require, terminate this contract, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the City. The Purchasing Director shall give written notice of the termination to the Firm specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective.

(a) The Firm shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work, and, on the date set in the notice of termination, the Firm will stop work to the extent specified. The Firm shall also terminate

outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The Firm shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The Purchasing Director may direct the Firm to assign the Firm's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the City. The Firm must still complete the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

(b) The Purchasing Director may require the Firm to transfer title and deliver to the City in the manner and to the extent directed by the Purchasing Director: (i) the fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in process, completed work, supplies, and other material produced or acquired for the work terminated; and (ii) the completed or partially completed plans, drawings, information, and other property that, if the contract had been completed, would be required to be furnished to the City. The Firm shall, upon direction of the Purchasing Director, protect and preserve property in the possession of the Firm in which the City has an interest. If the Purchasing Director does not exercise this right, the Firm shall use its best efforts to sell such supplies and manufacturing materials.

(c) The City shall pay the Firm the following amounts:

(1) For contract work performed before the effective date of termination, the total (without duplication of any items) of --

(i) the cost of this work;

(ii) a sum, as profit on (i), above, determined by the Purchasing Director to be fair and reasonable; however, if it appears that the Firm would have sustained a loss on the entire contract had it been completed, the Purchasing Director shall allow no profit under this subparagraph

(iii) and shall reduce the settlement to reflect the indicated rate of loss.

(2) The reasonable costs of settlement of the work terminated, including --

(i) accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of termination settlement proposals and supporting data;

(ii) the termination and settlement of subcontracts (excluding the amounts of such settlements); and

(iii) storage, transportation, and other costs incurred, reasonably necessary for the preservation, protection, or disposition of the termination inventory.

(3) The total sum to be paid the Firm under this subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price plus the reasonable settlement costs of the Firm reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of construction, supplies, and construction materials under this subparagraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(39) Termination for Default

(a) The City may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) below, by written notice of default to the Firm, terminate the whole or any part of this contract in either one of the following circumstances:

(1) if the Firm fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the service within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or

(2) if the Firm fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Purchasing Director may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Purchasing Director specifying such failure.

(b) In the event the City terminates this contract in whole or in part as provided in paragraph (a) of this clause, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Director may deem appropriate, supplies or services similar to those so terminated, and the Firm shall be liable to the City for any excess costs for such similar supplies or services; provided, that the Firm shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent, if any, it has not been terminated under the provisions of this clause.

(c) Except with respect to defaults of subfirms, the Firm shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Firm. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, the following: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the City, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; provided, however, in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Firm. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subfirm and if such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both the Firm and subfirm and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Firm shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subfirm were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Firm to meet the required delivery schedule.

(d) If this contract is terminated as provided in paragraph (a) of this clause, the City, in addition to any other rights provided in this clause, may require the Firm to transfer title and deliver to the City in the manner and to the extent directed by the Purchasing Director (i) any completed supplies and (ii) such partially completed supplies and materials, parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures, plans, drawings, information, and contract rights (hereinafter called "manufacturing materials") as the Firm has specifically produced or specifically acquired for the performance of such part of this contract as has been terminated; and the Firm shall, upon direction of the Purchasing Director, protect and preserve property in possession of the Firm in which the City has an interest. Payment for completed supplies delivered to and accepted by the City shall be at the contract price. Payment for manufacturing materials delivered to and accepted by the City and for the protection and preservation of property shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Firm and Purchasing Director. Failure to agree to such amount shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the Disputes Clause of this contract. The City may withhold from amounts otherwise due the Firm for such completed supplies or manufacturing materials such sum as the Purchasing Director determines to be necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders.

(e) If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the Firm was not in default or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be those provided in the Termination for the Convenience of the City Clause hereof. Failure to agree to any such adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the Disputes Clause of this contract.

(f) The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract. Time is of the essence for all delivery, performance, submittal, and completion dates in this contract.

(g) As used in paragraph (c) of this clause, the terms "subfirm" and "subfirms" mean subfirm(s) at any tier.

(40) Appeal Process

An appeal may be brought by the lowest bidder deemed to have been non-responsive and/or not responsible. Appeals are limited to the following:

1. Matters of bias, discrimination, or conflict of interest
2. Computing errors and alleged improprieties or ambiguities in bid specifications; and
3. Non-compliance with procedures described in solicitation or City Policy.

The appeal must be in writing and shall be filed with the Purchasing Director at:

Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
City of Mission
1201 E. 8th Street, Room R-101
Mission, Texas 78572

Appeals must include the following information:

- a. Name, address, email, telephone and fax number of appellant;
- b. Bid identification number;
- c. A detailed description of the legal and factual basis of the appeal (include any and all relevant documents, diagrams, photos, etc.);
- d. The desired outcome/solution;
- e. Signed and dated

All appeals must be filed within three (3) working days from the date of award by City Council. Untimely appeals will not be considered. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Purchasing Director will have three (3) working days to attempt to clarify or resolve any issues addressed in the request for appeal.

If the appeal is not resolved with the Purchasing Director, then it shall be considered at a public hearing at the next City Council meeting. All determinations made by the City Council are final.

CITY OF MISSION

Scope of Service

RFQ Name/No: Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review of an Energy Savings Performance Contract/ 20-263-07-21

I. Services Required

The qualified firm selected should be experienced in developing comprehensive review of an Energy Savings Performance Contract as per Local Government Code Chapter 302. It is expected that the qualified firm selected will have a sufficient level of resources and engineering expertise to carry out the scope of service.

The qualified firm will be required to conduct a detailed analysis of the energy and operation savings as well as the water utility revenue increase provided in the Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC). The engineer shall focus primarily on the proposed improvements from an engineering perspective, the methodology and calculations related to cost savings, increases in revenue, and if applicable, efficiency or accuracy of metering equipment.

The engineer that reviews the project scope, calculations, and the overall contract shall maintain the confidentiality of any proprietary information the engineer acquires while reviewing the contract. Firms must be prepared to assure the City of Mission that key personnel indicated in their qualifications statement will maintain their role during the review.

II. Submittals

In order for your proposal to be considered responsive, the following information must be included at a minimum as part of your response to the solicitation:

- Must have at a minimum three years of third party review experience
- Must have completed at least (5) third party reviews of ESPC projects in the last three (3) years.
- Provide a list of third party review projects in the last three years (July 2016-June 2020).
- The City reserves the right to check all references from the list of references submitted.
- Resumes of the proposed Lead Engineer and any other team member that will be conducting the third party review. All team members must be in good standing with their respective Texas Professional governing boards.
- A complete disclosure of any alleged significant prior or ongoing contract failures, any civil or criminal litigation or investigation pending which involves the proposer or in which the proposer has been judged guilty or liable.

III. Administration

1. Engineer will be required to present findings, analysis, assessments and expert opinion at workshops and/or council meeting.
2. Third Party review analysis will be applied to the written guarantee from the provider that the energy savings, increase in billable revenues, or increase in meter accuracy from the energy or water conservation or usage measures will at least equal the cost of the energy or water conservation or usage measures, all causally connected work, and ancillary improvements provided for in an energy savings performance contract.

CITY OF MISSION
Attachment 1 to General Terms and Conditions - Schedule of
Subfirm(s)/Subconsultant(s)

Offerors should provide information on **all** of their prospective subfirm(s)/subconsultant(s) who submit Proposals/proposals in support of this solicitation. Use additional sheets as needed.

Project Name: “Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review of an Energy Savings Performance Contract” Solicitation Number: RFQ No: 20-263-07-21

Name of Prime Firm: _____

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUBFIRM(S)/SUBCONSULTANT(S)	TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED	MINORITY OR WOMAN FIRM? (Check all that apply)	PREVIOUS YEAR'S ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS
NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: FAX: E-MAIL: TAX ID #: CONTACT PERSON:	TYPE OF WORK: AGE OF FIRM:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> IF YES: DBE <input type="checkbox"/> OR MBE <input type="checkbox"/> OR WBE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> less than \$500K <input type="checkbox"/> \$500K - \$2 mil. <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 mil. - \$5 mil. <input type="checkbox"/> more than \$5 mil.
NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: FAX: E-MAIL: TAX ID #: CONTACT PERSON:	TYPE OF WORK: AGE OF FIRM:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> IF YES: DBE <input type="checkbox"/> OR MBE <input type="checkbox"/> OR WBE <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> less than \$500K <input type="checkbox"/> \$500K - \$2 mil. <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 mil. - \$5 mil. <input type="checkbox"/> more than \$5 mil.
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Name/Title of Person completing this form: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

City Of Mission
Vendor Acknowledgment Form - Non-Collusive Bidding Certification
Bid Name/No.: “Independent Third Party Engineering Comprehensive Review of an Energy Savings
Performance Contract”/ 20-263-07-21

I/We have read instructions to proposer and specifications. My/Our proposal conforms to all proposal scope of service, conditions, and instructions as outlined by *CITY OF MISSION*.

Signing the Acknowledgment Form confirms that our company will enter into a binding contract with CITY OF MISSION for item(s) awarded to our company. I/We have read instructions to proposer and specifications.

The undersigned Proposer, by signing and executing this proposal, certifies and represents to the CITY OF MISSION that Proposer has not been offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by §1.07(a)(6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment or advantage relating to this proposal; the Proposer also certifies and represents that Proposer has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other things of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this bid; the Proposer certifies and represents that Proposer has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent of employee of the CITY OF MISSION concerning this proposal on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the Proposer also certifies and represents that Proposer has not received any information not available to other Proposers so as to give the undersigned a preferential advantage with respect to this proposal; the Proposer further certifies and represents that Proposer has not violated any state, federal or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to bribery, improper influence, collusion or the like and that Proposer will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent or member of the CITY OF MISSION in return for the person having exercised the person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this proposal; the Proposer certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent or member of CITY OF MISSION in connection with information regarding this proposal, the submission of this proposal, the award of this contract or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this proposal.

Date: _____
Company Name: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____

Note: This form, along with the Execution of Offer, must be filled in and submitted with the sealed proposal.

GENERAL BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE
(SUPPLIES, SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION)

This questionnaire, the requested list of references and the authorization to release financial information are used in part to assist in determining a potential contractor's responsibility. Offerors shall submit the General Business Questionnaire information within two (2) work days from the date of notification by the City, or with the offer, if so indicated in the Table of Contents page 2 of the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form. All information must be current and traceable. Each venturer of a joint venture must submit a separate signed form.

City of Mission reserves the right to make additional inquiries based on information submitted, or the lack thereof. Questions concerning this questionnaire or the authorization form should be directed to the contact person identified on the Solicitation, Offer and Award Form. In cases where a question does not apply or if unable to respond, offeror should refer to the item number, repeat the question, and indicate N/A (Not Applicable) or N/R (No Response), as appropriate. Offeror will explain the reason when responding N/A or N/R.

1. Name of Offeror ("Business"): _____

2. List name(s) and business address of officers and directors for corporations, partners for partnerships, and venturers for joint ventures (attach additional pages as necessary).

3. Number of years in business under present business name: _____

4. If applicable, list all other names under which the Business identified above operated in the last 5 years.

5. Annual Gross Revenue (Past year): (M represents millions, K represents thousands)
\$100K or less \$100K-\$500K \$500K-\$1M \$1M-\$5M \$5M-\$10M
\$10M-\$16M \$16M or Over

6. Will bidder/proposer provide a copy of its financial statements for the past two (2) years, if requested by City of Mission? Yes No

7. Number of current employees: _____

8. Has the Business, or any officer or partner thereof, failed to complete a contract? Yes No

9. Is any litigation pending against the Business? Yes No

10. Is offeror currently for sale or involved in any transaction to expand or to become acquired by another business entity? If yes, offeror needs to explain the expected impact, both in organizational and directional terms. Yes No

11. Has the Business ever been declared "not responsible" for the purpose of any governmental agency contract award? Yes No
12. Has the Business been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded, or otherwise disqualified from bidding, proposing, or contracting? Yes No
13. Are there any proceedings pending relating to the Business' responsibility, debarment, suspension, voluntary exclusion, or qualification to receive a public contract? Yes No
14. Has the government or other public entity requested or required enforcement of any of its rights under a surety agreement on the basis of a default or in lieu of declaring the Business in default? Yes No
15. Is the Business in arrears on any contract or debt? Yes No
16. Has the Business been a defaulter, as a principal, surety, or otherwise? Yes No
17. Have liquidated damages or penalty provisions been assessed against the Business for failure to complete work on time or for any other reason? Yes No
18. Does offeror have a contingency plan or disaster recovery plan in the event of a disaster? If so, then Bidder will provide a copy of the plan. Yes No
19. Does offeror have quality assurance program? If yes, offeror will describe its quality assurance program, its quality requirements, and how they are measured. Yes No
20. If a "yes" response is given under questions 9 through 19, please provide a detailed explanation including dates, reference to contract information, contacts, etc. (attach additional pages as necessary).

I, individually and on behalf of the business named in this Business Questionnaire, do by my signature below, certify that the information provided in this questionnaire is true and correct. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations regarding the Business named above may result in: 1) termination of any or all contracts which City of Mission has or may have with the Business; 2) disqualification of the Business from consideration for contracts; 3) removal of the Business from City of Mission's vendors' list; or/and 4) legal action(s) applicable under federal, state, or local law.

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (Owner, CEO, President, Majority Stockholder or Designated Representative)

LIST OF REFERENCES FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS

Use additional pages as necessary.

1. Project:
Date of Completion (if applicable):
Contact Person:
Company Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

2. Project:
Date of Completion (if applicable):
Contact Person:
Company Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

3. Project:
Date of Completion (if applicable):
Contact Person:
Company Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

4. Project:
Date of Completion (if applicable):
Contact Person:
Company Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

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

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.