



RFQ 2026-066

RFQ 2026-066 Utility Asset Management Consultant and Program Oversight Services

Issue Date: 6/22/2026

Questions Deadline: 7/1/2026 02:00 PM (CT)

Response Deadline: 7/16/2026 05:00 PM (CT)

City of Laredo Purchasing

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Notes: **The City of Laredo strongly encourages electronic proposal submissions through Cit-E-Bid, which is the preferred method for proposal delivery. Electronic submissions help ensure timely receipt and efficient processing. While electronic submission is preferred, hand-delivered proposals will also be accepted. If submitting in person, proposals will also be received at City Hall.**

Vendors/contractors submitting hand-delivered proposals to the City Secretary's Office on the due date must allow sufficient time for check-in at the City Hall reception desk. The City is not responsible for any delays caused by the check-in process. Proposals will not be accepted after the specified deadline, regardless of circumstances. Please plan accordingly to ensure timely submission. The City of Laredo reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any minor irregularities.

*****If the bidder submits both an electronic proposal and a properly completed manual proposal, the Purchasing Division will use the electronic proposal. If the bidder submits an electronic proposal and a manual proposal that is not complete, the Purchasing Division will use the electronic proposal.*****

Proposals forms can be downloaded and printed through Cit-E-Bid. *****Mailed Proposals (i.e. USPS, FedEx, UPS), telegraphic, or facsimile proposals will not be considered.*****

Ship To Information

Contact: Mario I. Maldonado Jr.
Address: City Secretary
City Hall
3rd floor
1110 Houston St
3rd floor
Laredo, TX 78043
Phone: (956) 791-7312

Billing Information

Contact: Jorge Jolly
Address: Accounts Payable
City Hall
2nd
PO Box 210
Laredo, TX 78042
Phone: (956) 791-7326
Email: jjolly@ci.laredo.tx.us

Bid Attachments

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire-Revised 1-1-2021.pdf

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Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)

Non-Collusive Affidavit Form.pdf

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Bid Attributes

1 Questionnaire Description

"The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this request. By submitting this bid the vendor agrees to the City of Laredo specifications and all terms and conditions stipulated in the proposed document. That I, individually and on behalf of the business named in this Business Questionnaire, do by my signature below, certify that the information provided in the questionnaire is true and correct ".

2 Name of Offeror (Business) and Name & Phone Number of Authorized Person to sign bid

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

3 State how long under has the business been in its present business name

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

5 State if the Company is a certified minority business enterprise

The below information is requested for statistical and tracking purposes only and will not influence the amount of expenditure the City will make with any given company.

6 Questions Part 1

1) Is any litigation pending against the Business? 2) Has the Business ever been declared "not responsive" for the purpose of any governmental agency contract award? 3) Has the Business been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded, or other wise disqualified from bidding, proposing or contracting? 4) Are there any proceedings, pending relating to the Business responsibility, debarment, suspension, voluntary exclusion, or qualification to receive a public contract? 5) Has the government or other public entity requested or required enforcement of any of its rights under a surety agreement on the basis of default or in lieu of declaring the Business at default?

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

7 Questions Part 2

1) Is the Business in arrears in any contract or debt? 2) Has the Business been a defaulter, as a principal, surety, or otherwise? 3) Have liquidated damages or penalty provisions been assessed against the Business for failure to complete work on time or any other reason?

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

8 State if the Company is a certified minority business enterprise

- ☐ Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) ☐ Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SCBC)
☐ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) ☐ Other
☐ This company is not a certified minority business

(Required: Check only one)

9 Conflict of Interest Disclosure

A form disclosing potential conflicts of interest involving counties, cities, and other local government entities may be required to be filed after January 1, 2006, by vendors or potential vendors to local government entities. The new requirements are set forth in Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code added by H.B. No. 914 of the last Texas Legislature. Companies and individuals who contract, or seek to contract, with the City of Laredo and its agents may be required to file with the City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040, a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire that describes affiliations or business relationships with the City of Laredo officers, or certain family members or business relationships of the City of Laredo officer, with which such persons do business, or any gifts in an amount of \$250.00 or more to the listed City of Laredo officer (s) or certain family members. The new requirements are in addition to any other disclosures required by law. The dates for filing disclosure statements begin on January 1, 2006. A violation of the filing requirements is a Class C misdemeanor. The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) may be downloaded from [http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict forms.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict%20forms.htm). The City of Laredo officials who come within Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code relating to filing of Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) include: 1. Mayor 2. Council Members 3. City Manager 4. Members of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers Civil Service Commission. 5. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. 6. Members of the Board of Adjustments 7. Members of the Building Standards Board 8. Parks & Leisure Advisory Committee Member, 9. Historic District Land Board Member, 10. Ethics Commission Board Member, 11. The Board of Commissioners of the Laredo Housing Authority 12. The Executive Director of the Laredo Housing Authority 13. Any other City of Laredo decision making board member If additional information is needed please contact Enrique Aldape III, Interim Purchasing Agent at 956-794-1733.

10 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity. This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person 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 person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

11 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Vendor is required to submit Conflict of Interest Form for bid to be considered complete. Have you submitted your completed Conflict of Interest Form with your response?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Required: Check only one)

12 Disclosure Form

For details on use of this form, see Section 4.01 of the City's Ethics Code.

13 Question 1. Name of person submitting this disclosure form

Please include First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name and Suffix (if applicable)

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

1 4	Question 2. Contract Information
	Please include the following: a)Contract or Project Name b)Originating Department
	(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

1 5	Question 3. Name of individual(s) or entity(ies) seeking a contract with the city (i.e. parties to the contract)
	<i>(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)</i>

16 Question 4. List any business entity(ies) that is a partner, parent, subsidiary business entity(ies) of the individual or entity listed in Question 3.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ It applies to my business

(Required: Check only one)

1 7	Question 4. List any business entity(ies) that is a partner, parent, subsidiary business entity(ies) of the individual or entity listed in Question 3 If you selected Not Applicable on Question 4, skip this section. If it applies to you, please list the name of partner, parent, or subsidiary business entity(ies) in this section.

1 8	Question 5. List any individuals or entities that will be subcontractors on this contract
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> It applies to my business <i>(Required: Check only one)</i>

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9**Question 5. List any individuals or entities that will be subcontractors on this contract**

If you selected Not Applicable on Question 5, please skip this section. If it applies to you, please list subcontractors in this section.

(Optional: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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0**Question 6. List any attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract**

☐ Not Applicable ☐ It applies to my business

(Required: Check only one)

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1**Question 6. List any attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract**

If selected Not Applicable on question 6, please skip this section. If it applies to you, please list attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract.

(Optional: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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2**Question 7. Disclosure of political contributions**

List any campaign or officeholder contributions made by the following individuals in the past 24 months totaling more than \$100 to any current member of City Council, former member of City Council, any candidate for City Council, or to any political action committee that contributes to City Council elections. a) Any individual seeking contract with the city (Question 3) b) Any owner or officer of entity seeking contract with the city (Question 3) c) Any individual or owner or officer of any entity listed above as partner, parent, or subsidiary business (Question 4) d) Any subcontractor or owner/office of subcontracting entity for the contract (Question 5) e) The spouse of any individual listed in response to (a) through (d) above f) Any attorney, lobbyist, or consultant retained to assist in seeking contract (Question 6)

☐ Not Applicable ☐ It applies to my business

(Required: Check only one)

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3**Question 7. Disclosure of political contributions**

If you selected Not Applicable on question 7, please skip this section. If it applies to you, please list all contributors in this section.

(Optional: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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4**Updates on contributions required**

Information regarding contributions must be updated by submission of a revised form from the date of the submission of this form, up through the time City Council takes action on the contracts identified in response to Question 2 and continuing for 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

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5**Question 8. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

Are you aware of any fact(s) with regard to this contract that would raise a "conflict of interest" issue under Section 2.01 of the Ethics Code for any City Council member or board/commission member that has not or will not be raised by these city officials?

☐ I am aware of conflict of interest ☐ I am not aware of any conflict of interest

(Required: Check only one)

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6**8. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

If you selected I am aware of conflict of interest in question 8, please list them in this section.

(Optional: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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7**Question 9. Updates Required**

I understand that this form must be updated by submission of a revised form if there is any change in the information before the discretionary contract is the subject of action by the City Council, and no later than five (5) business days after any changes has occurred, whichever comes first. This include information about political contributions made after the initial submission and up until thirty (30) calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

☐ I have read and understand this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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8**Question 10. No Contact with City Officials or Staff during Contract Evaluation**

I understand that a person or entity who seeks or applies for city contract or any other person acting on behalf of that person or entity is prohibited from contacting city officials and employees regarding the contract after a Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), or other solicitation has been released. This no-contact provision shall conclude when the contract is posted as a City of Laredo Council agenda item. If contact is required with city officials or employees, the contact shall take place in accordance with procedures incorporated into the solicitation documents. Violation of this prohibited contacts provision set out in Section 2.09 of the Ethics Code by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

☐ I have read and understand this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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9**Question 11. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)**

Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code requires contractor and vendors to submit a Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ) to the Office the of City Secretary.

☐ I have acknowledge that I have been advised

(Required: Check if applicable)

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Question 11. Oath

Please complete in this section the required information for your company: 1) Name 2) Title 3) Company or DBA 4) Date

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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Question 12. Oath

I swear or affirm that the statements contained in this Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form, including any attachments, to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct, and complete.

☐ I swear or affirm information is correct

(Required: Check if applicable)

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Company Information Questionnaire

☐ I have completed this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

☐ I have completed this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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Non-Collusive Affidavit

☐ I have completed and included this form

(Required: Check if applicable)

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Discretionary Contracts Disclosure

☐ I have completed this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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6**Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)**

In an effort to comply with state law the certificate of interested parties must be filled out once a vendor has been granted a contract. All of this information can be found on the State of Texas website, please use this link provided, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>. Implementation of House Bill 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295): In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295. Filing Process: Starting on January 1, 2016, the commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A business entity must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract. The governmental entity or state agency must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the governmental entity or state agency. Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on this site starting on January 1, 2016. Additional Information: HB 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) New Chapter 46, Ethics Commission Rules: 46.1. Application 46.3. Definitions 46.5. Disclosure of Interested Parties Form In order to comply with state law the Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) must be submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission within 10 days upon receiving notice of award of contract. This form must be submitted within the allotted time otherwise this may result in the cancellation of the contract.

☐ I will comply with this form

(Required: Check if applicable)

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7**Terms and Conditions for Request for Qualifications**

- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS Interested firms (Respondents) are required to submit statements upon the following expressed conditions: A. Respondents shall thoroughly examine the specifications, schedule instructions and other contract documents. Once the award has been made, failure to read all specifications, instructions, and the contract documents, of the City shall not be cause to alter the original contract or for a Respondent to request additional compensation. B. Respondents shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding the services being requested. No pleas of ignorance by the Respondent of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the Respondent to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation to the Respondent. C. Respondents are advised that City contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the City Charter and/or applicable City Ordinances, State and Federal Statutes.

2. PREPARATION OF SUBMITTALS Submittals shall be prepared in accordance with the following: A. For hand delivered submittals only, all information required by the RFQ form shall be furnished. The Respondent shall print or type the business name and manually sign the schedule. For Electronic submittals, this information shall be submitted electronically on Cit-E-Bid system. If vendor submits both manual and electronic bids, the electronic bid will replaced the manual bid and shall be considered the only valid bid. B. Alternate Proposals will not be considered unless authorized by the invitation for proposals or any applicable addendum.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES Not applicable for this request.

4. SUBMISSION OF HAND DELIVERED STATEMENTS A. Statement of qualifications and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, properly addressed and to include the date and hour of the opening.

B. Unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Respondents cover sheet, all hand delivered statements of qualifications must be submitted to the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040. C. SOQ forms can be downloaded and printed through Cit-E-Bid. **Mailed Bids (i.e. USPS, FedEx, UPS), telegraphic, emails or facsimile bids will not be considered.** D. The City shall pay no costs or other amounts incurred by any entity in responding to this RFQ, or as a result of issuance of this RFQ.

5. REJECTION OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS. The City may reject an SOQ if: A. Respondent misstates or conceals any material fact in the SOQ. B. SOQ does not strictly conform to the law or the requirements of the SOQ. C. Respondent is in arrears on existing contracts or taxes with the City of Laredo. D. In the event that a Respondent is delinquent in the payment of City of Laredo taxes on the day the SOQ is opened, including state and local taxes, such fact may constitute grounds for rejection of the SOQ or cancellation of the contract. A Respondent is considered delinquent, regardless of any contract or agreed judgments to pay such delinquent taxes E. No SOQ submitted herein shall be considered unless the Respondent warrants that, upon execution of a contract with the City of Laredo, Respondent will not engage in employment practices such as discriminating against employees because of race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. Respondent will submit such reports as the City may therefore require assuring compliance with said practices. F. The City may reject all SOQs or any part of an SOQ whenever it is deemed necessary.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS SOQs may not be withdrawn after they have been publicly opened, unless approved by the City Council.

7. LATE PROPOSALS OR MODIFICATIONS SOQs and modifications received after the time set for the proposal receiving deadline will not be considered. Late proposals will be returned to the Respondent unopened.

8. CLARIFICATIONS OR OBJECTION TO STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS If any person contemplating submitting an SOQ for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications, or other SOQ documents or any part thereof, they may submit to the City Purchasing Agent. All requests for information shall be made in writing through email or Question & Response section on Cit-E-Bid system no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date for opening to : CITY OF LAREDO PURCHASING AGENT Jaime Zapata 5512 Thomas Avenue Laredo, TX 78041; email: jezapata@ci.laredo.tx.us Any vendor submitting questions shall make reference to a specific RFQ number, section, page and item of this solicitation. Questions untimely submitted may not elicit a response. It is the bidder's responsibility to follow up and make certain that the request was received. In case there are changes, additions, and/or edits to the original scope, an addendum will be issued by the Purchasing Agent to all vendors through Cit-E-Bid system under Questions and Responses section to clarify any inquiries. The City will not be responsible for any other interpretations of the SOQ during the RFQ process, bidder, or any persons acting on their behalf, shall not contact any City official or employee staff except those specifically designated in this or another subsequent solicitation document. The following sequence of activities must take place in filing a protest: To be performed by protesting Respondent: Within ten (10) calendar days prior to the time that the City Council considers the recommendation of the City's Purchasing Officer, the protesting Respondent must provide written protest to the City Purchasing Officer. Such protest must include specific reasons for the protest. To be performed by City's Purchasing Officer: Shall review the records of procurement and determine legitimacy and procedural correctness. With five (5) working days, the City Purchasing Officer shall provide written response to the protesting Respondent of the decision. If the protesting Respondent is not satisfied with the decision of the City Purchasing Officer, such protesting Respondent may appeal to the City Manager of the City of Laredo. If the protesting Respondent cannot resolve the issue with the City Manager, he shall be entitled to address his concerns when the City Council of the City of Laredo considers the awarding of the contract. Such appeal may be made only after exhausting all administrative procedures through the City Manager. All protests must be duly submitted via Certified Mail to: City of Laredo - Purchasing Agent 5512 Thomas Ave. Laredo, Texas 78041.

9. RESPONDENT DISCOUNTS Not applicable for this contract.

- **10. AWARD OF CONTRACT** The selection and award shall be based on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services; and for a fair and reasonable price. The firm selected will be the firm which, in the opinion of the City, is the best qualified. The professional fees under the contract may not exceed any maximum established by law. The Respondent shall bear the burden of proof of compliance with the City of Laredo specifications. A duly authorize purchase order number shall reference item/services description, item number, quantity and price. Invoices shall reference the assign purchase order number to avoid any duplication (2 CFR 200.318 (d)). Contract terms are the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) and the respective City user department(s).

- **11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

(a)All covenants, conditions and agreement contained in the solicitation, are hereby made part of the Agreement to the same extent and with the force as is fully set forth herein. If and to the extent of this

Agreement and the terms of this solicitation and supplier response conflict Terms & Conditions of this solicitation shall control.

12.. PAYMENTS & INVOICING All invoices to the City of Laredo have a 30-day term from receipt of completion of services. All invoices must show the purchase order number and invoices shall be legible. Invoices shall be mailed to the Accounts Payable Office, City Hall, P.O. Box 210, Laredo, Texas 78042. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments are also available; if electronic payments are preferred, an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization form needs to be completed and returned via e-mail to: jjolly@ci.laredo.tx.us . For more information, please contact Mr. Jorge Jolly, Accounts Payable Manager at (956) 791-7328.

13. PROHIBITED CONTACTS DURING CONTRACT SOLICITATION PERIOD A person or entity who seeks or applies for a city contract or any other person acting on behalf of such person entity is prohibited from contacting city officials and employees regarding such a contract after a Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualification (RFQ) or other solicitation has been released. This no-contact provision shall conclude when the contract is awarded. If contact is required, such contact will be done in accordance with procedures incorporated into the solicitation document. Violation of this provision by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

14. TITLE VI ASSURANCE The City of Laredo along with the Texas Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S. C. ss 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all providers that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Statements of Qualifications in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

15. In accordance to State of Texas, the City of Laredo follows State practices when awarding any and all competitive solicitations:

TEXAS ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING PRACTICE ACTS AND RULES CONCERNING PRACTICE AND LICENSURE

OCCUPATIONS CODE TITLE 6. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LAND SURVEYING, AND RELATED PRACTICES SUBTITLE A. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING AND RELATED PRACTICES CHAPTER 1001. TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

CHAPTER 137: COMPLIANCE AND PROFESSIONALISM

SUBCHAPTER C: PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS

§137.53 ENGINEER STANDARDS OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT ACT

(a) A licensed engineer shall not submit or request, orally or in writing, a competitive bid to perform professional engineering services for a governmental entity unless specifically authorized by state law and shall report to the board any requests from governmental entities and/or their representatives that request a bid or cost and/or pricing information or any other information from which pricing or cost can be derived prior to selection based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services. (b) For the purposes of this section, competitive bidding to perform engineering services includes, but is not limited to, the submission of any monetary cost information in the initial step of selecting qualified engineers. Cost information or other information from which cost can be derived must not be submitted until the second step of negotiating a contract at a fair and reasonable cost. (c) This section does not prohibit competitive bidding in the private sector.

Source Note: The provisions of this §137.53 adopted to be effective May 20, 2004, 29 TexReg 4878; amended to be effective June 4, 2007, 32 TexReg 2996.

☐ I Agree to the Terms and Conditions
(Required: Check if applicable)

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8**Disqualification & Debarment Certification**

DISQUALIFICATION & DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION By submitting this request for bids, proposal or statement of qualifications, the firm certifies that it is not currently debarred or eligible for debarment from the City of Laredo pursuant to **Ordinance No. 2017-O-098**, and that it is not an agent of a person or entity that is currently debarred from receiving contracts from any political subdivision or agency of the State of Texas. The City will further verify debarment status through use of the federal website SAM.gov. The contract parties are further prohibited from making any award at any tier to any party that is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

By executing this agreement, the Engineer certifies that it is not currently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549. The parties to this contract shall require any party to a subcontract or purchase order awarded under this contract to certify its eligibility to receive Federal funds and, when requested by the City, to furnish a copy of the certification. Additionally, in accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

The signatory executing this contract on behalf of company verifies that the company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. S.B. 252 (V. Taylor/S. Davis) is a bill relating to government contracts with terrorists. The bill provides that: (1) a governmental entity, including a city, may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained by the comptroller and that does business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization; and (2) a company that the United States government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, its federal sanctions regime relating to Iran, or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization is not subject to the contract prohibition under the bill.

☐ I certify to the terms and conditions

(Required: Check if applicable)

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9**Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)****Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)**

Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

☐ I have read and understand this section

(Required: Check if applicable)

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0**Ordinance 2018-O-175**

The City of Laredo has established a local vendor preference ordinance 2018-O-175. All informal and formal Requests for bids for contracts will be evaluated with a 5% preference for local vendors.

(Optional: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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1**Addendum**

The City of Laredo reserves the right to issue addenda to solicitations as necessary. Addenda are used to clarify, revise, or otherwise modify solicitation documents. All submitting parties are responsible for acknowledging receipt of each addendum issued. Failure to acknowledge any issued addendum will result in the submission being returned and considered incomplete.

Important Notice:

- Addendum notifications will be sent to the email address associated with each submission.
- It is the submitting party's responsibility to monitor the provided email address and ensure that all addenda are received and acknowledged.
- Failure to acknowledge any issued addendum will result in the submission being returned and considered incomplete.

☐ Acknowledge*(Required: Check if applicable)*4
2**Insurance Terms and Conditions****INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If and when applicable or required by the contract, the successful bidder(s) shall furnish the City with original copies of valid insurance policies herein required upon execution of the contract and shall maintain said policies in full force and effect at all times throughout the term of this contract.

(a) Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall include products/completed operations (\$1,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate) and XCU (Explosion, Collapse, Underground) hazards. Coverage must be written on an occurrence form. Contractual Liability must be maintained covering the Contractors obligations contained in the contract. The general aggregate limit must be at least two (2) times the each occurrence limit.

(b) Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including Employers Liability coverage a minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence each accident/\$1,000,000 by disease each-occurrence/\$1,000,000 by disease aggregate.

(c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired car coverage.

(d) Professional Liability, Errors & Omissions coverage, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim/ \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. This coverage must be maintained for at least two years after the project is completed. If coverage is written on a claims-made basis, a policy retroactive date equivalent to the inception date of the contract (or earlier) must be maintained during the full term of the contract.

(e) Any Subcontractor(s) hired by the Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage equal to that required of the Contractor. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to assure compliance with this provision. The City of Laredo accepts no responsibility arising from the conduct, or lack of conduct, of the Subcontractor.

(f) A Comprehensive General Liability insurance form may be used in lieu of a Commercial General Liability insurance form. In this event, coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, at limits of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence, combined single limit, and coverage must include a broad form Comprehensive General Liability Endorsement, products/completed operations, XCU hazards, and contractual liability.

(g) With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, Contractor shall specifically endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:

1. The City of Laredo shall be named as an additional insured with respect to General Liability and Automobile Liability.
2. All liability policies shall contain no cross-liability exclusions or insured versus insured restrictions.
3. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the City of Laredo shall be contained in the Workers compensation, and

all liability policies.

4. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify The City of Laredo of any material change in the insurance coverage.
5. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that The City of Laredo will receive at least sixty- (60) days' notice prior to cancellation or non-renewal of the insurance.
6. All insurance policies, which name The City of Laredo as an additional insured, must be endorsed to read as primary coverage regardless of the application of other insurance.
7. Required limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary and umbrella liability insurances.
8. Contractor may maintain reasonable and customary deductibles, subject to approval by The City of Laredo.
9. Insurance must be purchased from insurers that are financially acceptable to the City of Laredo. Insurer must be rated A- or greater by AM Best Rating with an admitted carrier licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance.

(h) All insurance must be written on forms filed with and approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:

1. Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverage's according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
2. Shall specifically set forth the notice-of-cancellation or termination provisions to The City of Laredo.

(i) Upon request, Contractor shall furnish The City of Laredo with certified copies of all insurance policies.

(j) Certificates of insurance are always subject to review and approval from the City of Laredo Risk Management.

(k) Specialty certificates and licenses must be inspected and verified for accuracy and validity before award of contract.

(l) Awarded vendor is required to maintain current and active all: certifications, licenses, permits and/or insurance coverages, required to perform work, throughout the duration of this project/contract.

NON-CONSTRUCTION BIDS:

Insurance Requirements

The successful bidder(s) shall furnish the City with a Certificate of Insurance herein required upon execution of the contract and shall maintain said policies in full force and effect at all times during the term of this contract.

(a) Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage, Coverage must be amended to provide for an each-project aggregate limit of insurance. An alternative would be to have separate limits for all lines of General Liability coverage for each project.

(b) Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including Employers Liability coverage a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence each accident/\$1,000,000 by disease each-occurrence/\$1,000,000 by disease aggregate.

(c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non- owned, and hired car coverage.

(d) Any Subcontractor(s) hired by the Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage equal to that required of the Contractor. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to assure compliance with this provision. The City of Laredo accepts no responsibility arising from the conduct, or lack of conduct, of the Subcontractor. The independent subcontractor performing onsite labor will extend completed operations to additional insured parties.

(e) A Comprehensive General Liability insurance form may be used in lieu of a Commercial General Liability insurance form. In this event, coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, at limits of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence, combined single limit, and coverage must include a broad form Comprehensive General Liability Endorsement.

(f) With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, Contractor shall specifically endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:

1. The City of Laredo shall be named as a primary and non-contributory additional insured with respect to

General Liability and Automobile Liability. The additional insured for General Liability shall include operations and completed operations. Completed operation are to be kept in force for a period of 10 years.

2. All liability policies shall contain no cross-liability exclusions or insured versus insured restrictions.

3. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the City of Laredo shall be contained in the Workers compensation, and all liability policies.

4. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify The City of Laredo of any material change in the insurance coverage.

5. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that The City of Laredo will receive at least sixty- (60) days' notice prior to cancellation or non-renewal of the insurance.

6. All insurance policies, which name The City of Laredo as an additional insured, must be endorsed to read as primary coverage regardless of the application of other insurance.

7. Required limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary and umbrella liability insurances.

8. Contractor may maintain reasonable and customary deductibles, subject to approval by The City of Laredo.

9. Insurance must be purchased from insurers that are financially acceptable to the City of Laredo. Insurer must be rated A- or greater by AM Best Rating with an admitted carrier licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance.

(g) All insurance must be written on forms filed with and approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:

1. Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverages according to requirements and instructions contained herein.

2. Certificates of insurance shall be accompanied by a copy of each required endorsement including the notice of cancellation or termination provisions to the City of Laredo for each required type of insurance.

(h) Upon receipt of a verified claim and at the request of the City of Laredo, Contractor shall furnish The City of Laredo with certified copies of all required insurance policies.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS:

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

When required and specified in the City of Laredo bid specifications, the successful bidder(s) shall furnish the City with Certificate of Insurance herein required upon execution of the contract and shall maintain said policies in full force and effect at all times during the term of this contract.

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insurance policies as follows:

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2. All liability policies shall contain no cross-liability exclusions or insured versus insured restrictions.
3. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the City of Laredo shall be contained in the Workers compensation, Builders Risk, and all liability policies. 13. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify The City of Laredo of any material change in the insurance coverage.
4. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that The City of Laredo will receive at least sixty- (60) days' notice prior to cancellation or non-renewal of the insurance.
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(o) All insurance must be written on forms filed with and approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:

1. Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverages according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
2. Certificates of insurance shall be accompanied by a copy of each required endorsement including the notice of cancellation or termination provisions to the City of Laredo for each required type of insurance.

(p) Upon receipt of a verified claim and at the request of the City of Laredo, Contractor shall furnish The City of Laredo with certified copies of all required insurance policies.

☐ I agree my insurance meets minumum requirements

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Contract Requirements

1.CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE Vendors doing business with the City of Laredo shall comply with all provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of Ethics (Ordinance, as amended). Vendors may be required to participate in Code of Ethics trainings.

1.2 PROHIBITED CONTACTS DURING CONTRACT SOLICITATION PERIOD A person or entity who seeks or applies for a city contract or any other person acting on behalf of such person or entity, is prohibited from contacting city officials and employees regarding such a contract after a Formal Bid, Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualification (RFQ) or other solicitation has been released. This no-contact provision shall conclude when the contract is awarded. The City of Laredo reserves the right to contact respondents and may require such contact as part of the evaluation process (for presentation, clarification) of bids and/or negotiation of RFP submittal(s) prior to the award of contract. If contact is required, such contact will be done in accordance with provisions of Chapter 252 and 271 of the Texas Local Government Code and procedures incorporated into the solicitation document. Violation of this provision by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

1.3 NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT (Form can be downloaded and submitted through Cit-E-Bid system) The City may require that vendors submit a Non-Collusive Affidavit. The vendor will be required to state that the party submitting a proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said Bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any Bidder or Person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price or affiant or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other Bidder, or to secure any advantage against the City of Laredo or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

1.4 CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORMS (This is submitted through Cit-E-Bid system) The City of Laredo requires the following forms to be completed as a part of this bid for consideration; 1. Company Information Questionnaire, 2. Signed Price Schedule, 3. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, 4. Non-Collusive Affidavit 5. Discretionary Contracts Disclosure 6. Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) ****Upon Award of RFP Only****

1.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS (This is submitted through Cit-E-Bid system) Conflict of Interest Disclosure: A form disclosing potential conflicts of interest involving counties, cities, and other local government entities may be required to be filed after January 1, 2006, by vendors or potential vendors to local government entities. The new requirements are set forth in Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code added by H.B. No. 914 of the last Texas Legislature.

1.6 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION (Form 1295, Form can be downloaded and submitted through Cit-E-Bid system) Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) Implementation of House Bill 1295: In an effort to comply with state law the certificate of interested parties must be filled out once a vendor has been granted a contract. All of this information can be found on the state of Texas website, please use this link provided, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>. In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. In order to comply with state law the Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) must be submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission within 10 days upon receiving notice of award of contract. This form must be submitted within the allotted time otherwise this may result in the cancellation of the contract.

Changes to Form 1295:

Changes to the law requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an "unsworn declaration."

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Section I: Proven Water Utility Asset Management Experience (30 Points)

The City will give the highest consideration to firms with direct, verifiable experience completing asset management projects for municipal water utilities in Texas or comparable utilities nationwide. **Refer to Sub-Criteria 52.1.1**

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Section II: Understanding of Water Utility Asset Management. (25 Points)

The City will evaluate how well the proposer understands the practical needs of a water utility, including day-to-day operations, long-term infrastructure planning, and the connection between field conditions, data, budgets, and service reliability. **Refer to Sub-Criteria 52.2.1.**

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Section III: Creativity, Innovation, and Practical Approach. (20 Points)

The City is looking for a firm that can bring fresh ideas while still providing realistic, usable, and cost-effective solutions. Innovation will be scored higher when it improves operations, reduces staff burden, strengthens decision-making, or helps the City maintain the program after the contract is complete. **Refer to Sub-Criteria 52.3.1**

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47 Section IV: Technical Methodology and Work Plan. (15 Points)

The City will evaluate whether the proposer has a clear, organized, and realistic plan for completing the work. The work plan should include defined phases, measurable deliverables, City review points, and a practical schedule. **Refer to Sub-Criteria 52.4.1**

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48 Section V: Project Team Qualifications, Capacity, and Knowledge Transfer. (10 Points)

The City will evaluate the qualifications, experience, availability, and capacity of the proposed project team. The City will also consider how well the proposer plans to train staff and leave behind tools, documentation, and procedures that can be used after the project ends. **Refer to Sub-Criteria 52.5.1**

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Supplier Information

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Supplier Notes

By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Print Name

Signature