

MEMORANDUM

TO: Judge Robert Hebert
County Judge

FROM: Debbie Kaminski
Assistant Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: Please sign the attached contract(s) approved in Commissioners Court on May 3, 2011. Thank you.

DATE: May 12, 2011

RETURN TO: Purchasing Department
Rosenberg Annex
4520 Reading Road, Suite A
Rosenberg

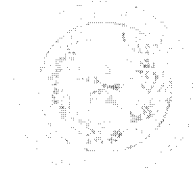
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5-19-11 orig. ret. to Cheryl at Purchasing

Fort Bend County Specification Download Acknowledgment



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Invitation for Bid

**Term Contract for HVAC Repairs
BID 11-035**

VENDORS MUST IMMEDIATELY RETURN THIS FORM BY FAX TO 281-341-8645

Vendor Responsibilities:

- Vendors are responsible to download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County Website no later than 48 hours prior to Bid Opening)
- Vendors will submit responses in accordance with requirements stated on cover of document.
- Vendors may not submit responses via email or fax.

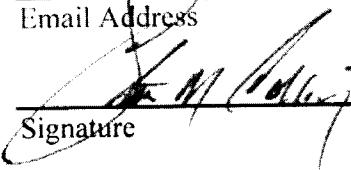
American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC
Legal Name of Contracting Company

Steve Collings
Contact Person

13627 Stafford Road, Stafford, TX 77477
Complete Mailing Address

(281) 403-1701 Telephone Number (281) 403-1201 Facsimile Number

scollings@amsfusa.com
Email Address

 Signature 2/17/2011 Date

Vendor Information

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Stafford, TX 77477
City, State and Zip Code


AMS of Houston, LLC, P.O. Box 95000-2320
Complete Remittance Address (if different from above)

Philadelphia, PA 19195-2320
City, State and Zip Code

Steve Collings/Project Manager
Authorized Representative and Title (printed)

scollings@amsfusa.com
Authorized Representative's Email Address


Signature of Authorized Representative

Initials of Bidder: 

**Fort Bend County, Texas
Invitation for Bid**



**Term Contract for HVAC Repairs
BID 11-035**

SUBMIT BIDS TO:

**Fort Bend County
Purchasing Department
Rosenberg Annex
4520 Reading Road, Suite A
Rosenberg, TX 77471**

****NOTE:**

**All correspondence must include the term
"Purchasing Department" in address to assist in
proper delivery**

SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:

**Thursday, February 17, 2011
1:30 PM (Central)**

MARK ENVELOPE:

**Bid 11-035
HVAC Repairs**

***ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE
BEFORE RECEIVING DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.
BIDS RECEIVED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND PUBLICLY READ.
BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME WILL BE RETURNED
UNOPENED.***

**Results will not be given by phone.
Results will be provided to contractors in writing
after Commissioners Court award.**

**Fort Bend County is always conscious
and extremely appreciative of your effort
in the preparation of this bid. Requests for
information must be in writing and directed
to:
Debbie Kaminski, CPPB
Assistant County Purchasing Agent
[kaminsk@d@co.fort-bend.tx.us](mailto:kaminskd@co.fort-bend.tx.us)**

1.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.1 Read this entire document carefully. Follow all instructions. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure you understand them.
- 1.2 General Requirements apply to all advertised bids; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by the scope, special requirements, specifications, special specifications or other data contained herein.
- 1.3 Governing Law: Bidder is advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Fort Bend County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.
- 1.4 Bid Form Completion: Fill out, sign, and return to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department ONE (1) complete bid form. An authorized representative of the bidder must sign the Contract Sheet. The contract will be binding only when signed by the County Judge, Fort Bend County and a purchase order authorizing the item(s) desired has been issued. The use of liquid paper is not acceptable and may result in the disqualification of bid. If an error is made, contractor must draw a line through error and initial each change.
- 1.5 Bid Returns: Contractors must return all completed bids to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department at 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas no later than 1:30 P.M. on the date specified. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows: Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent, Rosenberg Annex, 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.
- 1.6 Governing Forms: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Fort Bend County's interpretation shall govern.
- 1.7 Addendums: When specifications are revised, the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department will issue an addendum addressing the nature of the change. Contractors must sign and include it in the returned bid package.



- 1.8 **Hold Harmless Agreement:** Contractor shall indemnify and hold Fort Bend County harmless from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage arising from any cause whatsoever, resulting directly or indirectly from contractor's performance. Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this bid, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this bid. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.
- 1.9 **Waiver of Subrogation:** Bidder and bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Fort Bend County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from bidder's performance under this agreement.
- 1.10 **Severability:** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.
- 1.11 **Bonds:** If this bid requires submission of bid guarantee and performance bond, there will be a separate page explaining those requirements. Bids submitted without the required bid bond or cashier's checks are not acceptable.
- 1.12 **Taxes:** Fort Bend County is exempt from all federal excise, state and local taxes unless otherwise stated in this document. Fort Bend County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Chapter 20, Title 122a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, as amended. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department.
- 1.13 **Fiscal Funding:** A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement (if requested by the specifications), or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include fiscal funding out. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the lease or contract, said lease or contract shall become null and void. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the bidder from the using department without penalty of any kind or form to Fort Bend County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and redelivery shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

- 1.14 Pricing: Prices for all goods and/or services shall be firm for the duration of this contract and shall be stated on the bid sheet. Prices shall be all inclusive. No price changes, additions, or subsequent qualifications will be honored during the course of the contract. All prices must be written in ink or typewritten. Pricing on all transportation, freight, and other charges are to be prepaid by the contractor and included in the bid prices. If there are any additional charges of any kind, other than those mentioned above, specified or unspecified, bidder MUST indicate the items required and attendant costs or forfeit the right to payment for such items.
- 1.15 Silence of Specifications: The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality as to materials used and workmanship. Manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item bid.
- 1.16 Supplemental Materials: Contractors are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the returned bid package. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the bid package and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the bidder wishes to include as a condition of the bid, must also be in the returned bid package. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire bid.
- 1.17 Material Safety Data Sheets: Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right To Know Act", a bidder must provide to County and using departments, with each delivery, material safety data sheets, which are, applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Contractors are obligated to maintain a current, updated file in the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department. Failure of the bidder to maintain such a file will be cause to reject any bid applying thereto.
- 1.18 Name Brands: Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Fort Bend County to restrict these bids in such cases, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Contractors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with them. Fort Bend County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.




- 1.19 Color Selection: Determination of colors of materials is a right reserved by the using department unless otherwise specified in the bid. Unspecified colors shall be quoted as standard colors, not colors, which require up charges or special handling. Unspecified fabrics or vinyl should be construed as medium grade. If bidder fails to get color/material approvals prior to delivery of merchandise, the using department may refuse to accept the items and demand correct shipment without penalty, subject to other legal remedies.
- 1.20 Evaluation: Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which bid items or services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County. It shall be based on all factors, which have a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user environment. All bids are subject to tabulation by the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department and recommendation to Fort Bend County Commissioners Court. Compliance with all bid requirements, delivery and needs of the using department are considerations in evaluating bids. Pricing is NOT the only criteria for making a recommendation. The Fort Bend County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any bidder, at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to any bid.
- 1.21 Inspections: Fort Bend County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the using department. If a bidder cannot furnish a sample of a bid item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the bid as inadequate.
- 1.22 Testing: Fort Bend County reserves the right to test equipment, supplies, material and goods bid for quality, compliance with specifications and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, the bid is subject to rejection.
- 1.23 Disqualification of Bidder: Upon signing this bid document, a bidder offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Fort Bend County certifies that the bidder has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in section 15.01, et seq., Business & Commerce Code, or the federal antitrust laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all bids may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the contractors. Bids in which the prices are obviously unbalanced may be rejected. If multiple bids are submitted by a bidder and after the bids are opened, one of the bids is withdrawn, the result will be that all of the bids submitted by that bidder will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits a contractor from submitting multiple bids for different products or services.



- 1.24 Awards: Fort Bend County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of lowest and best bid in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one bidder, to reject any or all bids. In the event the lowest dollar bidder meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the bidder may appear before the Commissioners Court and present evidence concerning his responsibility. An award is final only upon formal execution by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court or the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent. Fort Bend County reserves the right to withdraw any award until execution by the proper authority.
- 1.25 Assignment: The successful contractor may not assign, sell or otherwise transfer this contract without written permission of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.
- 1.26 Term Contracts: If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.27 Maintenance: Maintenance required for equipment bid should be available in Fort Bend County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on the bid sheet as requested or on a separate sheet, as required. If Fort Bend County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.
- 1.28 Contract Obligation: Fort Bend County Commissioners Court must award the contract and the County Judge or other person authorized by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Fort Bend County or the contractors. Department heads are not authorized to sign agreements for Fort Bend County. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this purchase have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.
- 1.29 Title Transfer: Title and Risk of Loss of goods shall not pass to Fort Bend County until Fort Bend County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the using department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contractors are advised to consult the using department for instructions. The place of delivery shall be shown under the "Special Requirement" section of this bid document and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Ship To:" address.



- 1.30 Purchase Order and Delivery: The successful bidder shall not deliver products or provide services without a Fort Bend County Purchase Order, signed by an authorized agent of the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department. The fastest, most reasonable delivery time shall be indicated by the bidder in the proper place on the bid sheet. Any special information concerning delivery should also be included, on a separate sheet, if necessary. All items shall be shipped F.O.B. inside delivery unless otherwise stated in the specifications. This shall be understood to include bringing merchandise to the appropriate room or place designated by the using department. Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of these requirements and the specifications including time, delivery and quality. Nonconformance shall constitute a breach, which must be rectified prior to expiration of the time for performance. Failure to rectify within the performance period will be considered cause to reject future deliveries and cancellation of the contract by Fort Bend County without prejudice to other remedies provided by law. Where delivery times are critical, Fort Bend County reserves the right to award accordingly.
- 1.31 Contract Extension: Extensions may be made only by written agreement between Fort Bend County and the bidder. Any price escalations are limited to those stated by the bidder in the original bid.
- 1.32 Termination: Fort Bend County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if Seller breaches any of the terms therein, including warranties of bidder or if the bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies, which Fort Bend County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Fort Bend County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Contracts may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to either party unless otherwise specified.
- 1.33 Recycled Materials: Fort Bend County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet applicable specifications as to quantity and quality. Fort Bend County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.
- 1.34 Interlocal Participation: Additional governmental entities, within Fort Bend County, may purchase from this bid. Contractor agrees to accept purchase orders from those participating entities and to invoice each entity separately.



- 1.35 Escalation Clause: Successful bidder may apply for a price increase to the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court. Price increase will be the amount increased to the contractor from his supplier. Written documentation of the increase must be provided to the Purchasing Agent. No application for a price increase may be submitted within the first four (4) months of this contract. Increases of more than 25% of the original bid price will not be considered.

2.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 2.1 Seller to Package Goods: Seller will package goods in accordance with good commercial practice. Each delivery container shall be clearly and permanently marked as follows (a) Seller's name and address; (b) Consignee's name, address and purchase order number and the bid number if applicable; (c) Container number and total number of containers (e.g. box 1 of 4 boxes); and (d) the number of the container bearing the packing slip. Seller shall bear cost of packaging unless otherwise provided. Goods shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation costs and to conform to requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Fort Bend County's count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing list.
- 2.2 Shipment Under Reservation Prohibited: Seller is not authorized to ship goods under reservation and no tender of a bill of lading will operate as a tender of goods.
- 2.3 Title and Risk of Loss: The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to the County until a County employee actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery.
- 2.4 Delivery Terms: F.O.B. Destination Freight Prepaid, Inside Delivery, unless delivery terms are specified otherwise on Purchase Order.
- 2.5 No Replacement of Defective Tender: Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of the Purchase Order as to time of delivery, quality and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Seller shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender.
- 2.6 Place of Delivery: The place of delivery shall be that set forth in the block of the purchase order entitled "Ship To". Any change thereto shall be effective by modification as provided for in Clause number 2.20 "Modifications", hereof. The terms of this agreement are "no arrival, no sale", at the discretion of Fort Bend County.

2.7 Invoices and Payments:

2.7.1 Seller shall submit separate invoices, in duplicate. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number and the bid number if applicable. Invoices shall be itemized and transportation charges, if any, shall be listed separately. A copy of the bill of lading, and the freight waybill when applicable should be attached to the invoice.

2.7.2 Fort Bend County's obligation is payable only and solely from funds available for the purpose of this purchase. Lack of funds shall render the order null and void to the extent funds are not available and any delivered but unpaid goods will be returned to Seller by the county.

2.7.3 Do not include Federal Excise, State, or City Sales Tax. Fort Bend County is a tax-exempt governmental entity.

2.8 Gratuities: Fort Bend County may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel any order without liability, if it is determined by the County that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent or representative of the Seller to any officer or employee of Fort Bend County with a view toward securing an order. In the event an order is canceled by the County pursuant to this provision, the County shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller in providing such gratuities.

2.9 Special Tools and Test Equipment: If the price stated on the face of an order includes the cost of any special tooling or special test equipment fabricated or required by Seller for the purpose of filing this order, such special tooling equipment and any process sheets related thereto shall become the property of the County and to the extent feasible shall be identified by the Seller as such.

2.10 Warranty/Price:

2.10.1 The price to be paid by the County shall be that contained in Seller's quote or bid which Seller warrants to be no higher than Seller's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by an order for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Seller breaches this warranty the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Seller's current prices on orders by others. Fort Bend County may cancel this contract without liability.



- 2.10.2 The Seller warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure any County order based upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Seller for the purpose of securing business. A breach or violation of this warranty gives the County the right, in addition to any other right or rights, to cancel this contract without liability.
- 2.11 Warranty Product: Seller shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties and any attempt to do so shall render an order voidable at the option of the County. Seller warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings, and description listed in the bid invitation and purchase order as applicable, and to the sample(s) furnished by Seller if any. In the event of a conflict between the specifications, drawings, and descriptions, the specifications shall govern.
- 2.12 Safety Warranty: Seller warrants that the product sold to Fort Bend County shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event the product does not conform to OSHA standards, the County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Seller's expense. In the event Seller fails to make the appropriate correction within 10 days, correction made by the County will be at Seller's expense.
- 2.13 No Warranty by Fort Bend County Against Infringements: As part of a contract for sale Seller agrees to ascertain whether goods manufactured in accordance with the specifications will give rise to the rightful claim of any third person by way of infringement. Fort Bend County makes no warranty that the production of goods according to the specification will not give rise to such a claim and in no event shall Fort Bend County be liable to Seller for indemnification in the event the Seller is sued on the grounds of infringement or the like. If Seller is of the opinion that an infringement will result, he will notify Fort Bend County to this effect in writing within two days after the receiving Purchase Order. If the County does not receive notice and is subsequently held liable for the infringement, Seller will defend and save the County harmless. If Seller in good faith ascertains that production of the goods in accordance with the specifications will result in infringement, this contract shall be null and void except that the County will pay Seller the reasonable cost of his search as to infringements.
- 2.14 Right of Inspection: The County shall have the right to inspect the goods at delivery before accepting them.



- 2.15 Cancellation: Fort Bend County shall have the right to cancel for default all or any part of the undelivered portion of an order if Seller breaches any of the terms hereof including warranties of Seller, or if the Seller becomes insolvent or files for protection under the bankruptcy laws. Such rights of cancellation are in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies, which Fort Bend County may have in law or equity.
- 2.16 Termination: The performance of work under a Purchase Order may be terminated in whole or in part by the County in accordance with this provision. Termination of work there under shall be effected by the delivery to the Seller of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the order is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of rights of Fort Bend County set forth in Clause 15 herein.
- 2.17 Force Majeure: Force Majeure means a delay encountered by a party in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, which is caused by an event beyond the reasonable control of that party. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, "Force Majeure" shall include but not be restricted to the following types of events: acts of God or public enemy; acts of governmental or regulatory authorities; fires, floods, epidemics or serious accidents; unusually severe weather conditions; strikes, lockouts, or other labor disputes; and defaults by subcontractors. In the event of a Force Majeure, the affected party shall not be deemed to have violated its obligations under this Agreement, and the time for performance of any obligations of that party shall be extended by a period of time necessary to overcome the effects of the Force Majeure, provided that the foregoing shall not prevent this Agreement from terminating in accordance with the termination provisions. If any event constituting a Force Majeure occurs, the affected party shall notify the other parties in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours, and disclose the estimated length of delay, and cause of the delay.
- 2.18 Assignment-Delegation: No right or interest in an order shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of Fort Bend County. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.
- 2.19 Waiver: No claim or right arising out of a breach of any contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waived or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.
- 2.20 Modification: A Purchase Order can be modified or rescinded only by a writing signed by both of the parties or their duly authorized agents.

Initials of Bidder:



- 2.21 Parol Evidence: This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any terms rendered under this agreement and shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this agreement even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in this agreement, the definition contained in the Code is to control.
- 2.22 Applicable Law: This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Whenever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas and in effect on the date of the purchase order.
- 2.23 Advertising: Seller shall not advertise or publish, without the County's prior consent the fact that Fort Bend County has entered into any contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.
- 2.24 Right to Assurance: Whenever the County in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform. The County may demand that the other party give written assurance of his intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the County may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.
- 2.25 Venue: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas.
- 2.26 Prohibition Against Personal Interest in Contracts: No officer or employee of the County shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the County, or shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the County of any land, materials, supplies, or service, except on behalf of the County as an officer or employee. Any willful violation of this section shall constitute malfeasance in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall be subject to disciplinary action under applicable laws, statutes and codes of the State of Texas. Any violation of this section, with the knowledge, expressed or implied of the person or corporation contracting with the County shall render the contract involved voidable by the County Commissioners Court.



3.0 SCOPE:

It is the intent of Fort Bend County to contract with one (1) contractor to provide all materials, labor and equipment for needed HVAC repairs on existing equipment, located throughout the county and/or installation of new equipment, which meet or exceed the specifications contained herein.

4.0 PERIOD OF CONTRACT:

The period of this contract is **1 APRIL 2011** through **31 MARCH 2012**, renewable annually for four (4) years (through 31 March 2016) under the same terms and conditions if mutually agreeable by both parties. This contract may be terminated by either party for any reason by giving thirty (30) days written notice of intent to terminate.

5.0. BID FORM COMPLETION:

Fill out, initial each page, SIGN CONTRACT SHEET, and return to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department ONE (1) complete bid form. An authorized representative of the bidder MUST sign the contract sheet. The contract will be binding only when signed by the County Judge, Fort Bend County and a purchase order authorizing the item(s) desired has been issued. The use of liquid paper is **NOT** acceptable and may result in the disqualification of bid. If an error is made, contractor **MUST** draw a line through error and initial each change.

6.0 PERFORMANCE SECURITY:

The successful bidder must within ten (10) calendar days after notification of bid award, provide the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent with a Performance Security in the amount of \$1000.00. Performance Security must be in the form of a Surety Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check payable to Fort Bend County.

7.0 INSURANCE:

7.1 All respondents must submit, with BID, a certificate of insurance indicating coverage in the amounts stated below. In lieu of submitting a certificate of insurance, respondents may submit, with bid, a notarized statement from an Insurance company, authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas, and acceptable to Fort Bend County, guaranteeing the issuance of an insurance policy, with the coverage stated below, to the Respondent named therein, if successful, upon award of this Contract. Failure to provide insurance certificate or notarized statement will result in disqualification of bid.

7.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance. Commercial general liability insurance or a comparable policy form, naming Respondent as the named insured and Fort Bend County as additional insured with the following coverages and limits:

Initials of Bidder:



7.2.1	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
7.2.2	Products Completed Operation – Aggregate	\$2,000,000
7.2.3	Personal Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
7.2.4	Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
7.2.5	Fire Damage Limit (any one fire)	\$50,000
7.2.6	Medical Expense Limit (any one person)	\$5,000

7.3. Such insurance shall contain blanket contractual coverage and shall also provide the following protection:

- 7.3.1 premises/operations coverage;
- 7.3.2 broad form property damage liability coverage
- 7.3.3 completed operations coverage for a period of 2 years following the date of substantial completion of the Work;
- 7.3.4 XCU coverage;
- 7.3.5 independent contractors and employees as additional insureds;
- 7.3.6 contractual liability coverage.

7.4 Business Automobile Liability Insurance. Automobile liability and property damage insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the Work, with Respondent as the named insured and Fort Bend County as additional insured, insuring against liability for bodily injury and death and for property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

7.5 Worker's Compensation Insurance. Worker's compensation insurance providing statutory Texas coverage for all persons or entities employed by Respondent and all subcontractors in connection with the Project, with employer's liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate and a waiver of subrogation in favor of Fort Bend County.

7.6 Umbrella Liability Insurance. Umbrella liability insurance naming Respondent as the named insured and Fort Bend County as additional insured, in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate.

7.7 Worker's Compensation Special Requirements. In regard to Worker's Compensation Insurance the following special requirements shall apply. All parties working on the Project shall maintain Worker's Compensation as required by Texas law.

7.8 Before commencing work, the Respondent shall be required, at its own expense, to furnish the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of all insurance certificate(s) indicating the coverage to remain in force throughout the term of any agreement. Respondent shall obtain and keep in full force and effect

Initials of Bidder:



until throughout the Project the insurance coverages hereinafter specified; such coverages shall be in primary form as to the liabilities assumed hereunder or excess form with limits not less than those designated above.

8.0 Indemnification:

RESPONDENT SHALL SAVE HARMLESS COUNTY FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF RESPONDENT, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENCE ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF RESPONDENT OR ANY OF RESPONDENT'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.


- 8.1 Respondent shall timely report all such matters to Fort Bend County and shall, upon the receipt of any such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment, not later than the fifteenth day of each month; provide Fort Bend County with a written report on each such matter, setting forth the status of each matter, the schedule or planned proceedings with respect to each matter and the cooperation or assistance, if any, of Fort Bend County required by Respondent in the defense of each matter.
- 8.2 Respondent's duty to defend indemnify and hold Fort Bend County harmless shall be absolute. It shall not abate or end by reason of the expiration or termination of any contract unless otherwise agreed by Fort Bend County in writing. The provisions of this section shall survive the termination of the contract and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all such matters no matter when they arise.
- 8.3 In the event of any dispute between the parties as to whether a claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment appears to have been caused by or appears to have arisen out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Respondent, Respondent shall never-the-less fully defend such claim, demand, suit, action, proceeding, lien or judgment until and unless there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the acts and omissions of Respondent are not at issue in the matter.
- 8.4 Respondent's indemnification shall cover, and Respondent agrees to indemnify Fort Bend County, in the event Fort Bend County is found to have been negligent for having selected Respondent to perform the work described in this request.
- 8.5 The provision by Respondent of insurance shall not limit the liability of Respondent under an agreement.



- 8.6 Respondent shall cause all trade contractors and any other contractor who may have a contract to perform construction or installation work in the area where work will be performed under this request, to agree to indemnify Fort Bend County and to hold it harmless from all claims for bodily injury and property damage that arise may from said Respondent's operations. Such provisions shall be in form satisfactory to Fort Bend County.
- 8.7 Loss Deduction Clause - Fort Bend County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of deductibles shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent and/or trade contractor providing such insurance.

9.0 SPECIFICATIONS:

- 9.1 All repair work shall be measured and paid on a time and materials basis. Included in the labor rates are small tools, powered and non-powered. For purposes of definition, equipment and tools, with a new cost of \$1,000.00 or less shall be considered small tools. Mobilization shall be included in the labor and equipment hourly rates. For any special equipment needed for a job with a new cost in excess of \$1,000.00, Fort Bend County shall reimburse the contractor for their cost of rental, and blade/bit wear. No additional mark-ups (i.e. overhead and profit) will be allowed. If the contractor owns the equipment being used, Fort Bend County will only reimburse the contractor for blade/bit wear. The use of or payment for any special equipment must be approved, in writing, by the Director of Facilities Maintenance and Planning or his designated representative prior to use on any job under this contract.
- 9.2 Labor rate will not commence until contractor is onsite with Fort Bend County's designated representative. Contractor may not charge for any incurred trip charges (i.e. mileage, truck, etc.)
- 9.3 There is no mark-up on materials allowed. For materials incorporated in the work, the contractor must also include copies of their manufacturer's/vendor's invoices for material used thereby providing verification of actual material costs.
- 9.4 Invoices must be legibly prepared showing the full description of all work performed.
- 9.5 Contractor must provide maximum of four (4) hours on-site response time for emergency calls. Scheduled work must be started with one (1) day notice by authorized County representative.
- 9.6 Contractor must show proof of Class A License with bid submittal.

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- 9.7 Contractor must complete all work in accordance with industry standard guidelines.
- 9.8 Contractor must be capable of completing all required electrical connections of units.
- 9.9 Contractor must have at least one controls technician capable working with Johnson Metasys, Johnson Facility Explorer, TAC/CSI, Building Automation System, and Automated Logic/UES.
- 9.10 Fort Bend County intends to utilize this contract and selected contractor for HVAC repairs Fort Bend County reserves the right to contract with other HVAC contractors during the period of this contract without penalty when deemed appropriate by the County Purchasing Agent.

10.0 REFERENCES:

Contractors must submit, with bid, a list of three (3) references of HVAC contracting with governmental entities within the last three (3) years. References must state company name, contact person, telephone number and mailing address.

11.0 AWARD:

The contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder meeting specifications.

12.0 FORT BEND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:

Point of contact for this contract is Debbie Kaminski, CPPB, Assistant County Purchasing Agent (281) 341-8643 or kaminskd@co.fort-bend.tx.us.

13.0 PRICING:

\$ 92.50 per hour, for work performed during normal working hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm).

\$ 138.75 per hour, for work performed after normal working hours (Monday through Friday, after 5:00 pm and/or on weekends).

14.0 W9 FORM:

All vendors submitting are required to complete the attached W9 form and return with submission.



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CONTRACT SHEET

Bid 11-035

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FORT BEND

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into on the 3 day of May, 2011, by and between Fort Bend County in the State of Texas (hereinafter designated County), acting herein by County Judge Robert Hebert, by virtue of an order of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, and American Mechanical Service (company name) (hereinafter designated Contractor).

WITNESSETH:

The Contractor and the County agree that the bid and specifications for the **HVAC Repairs** which are hereto attached and made a part hereof, together with this instrument and the bond (when required) shall constitute the full agreement and contract between parties and for furnishing the items set out and described; the County agrees to pay the prices stipulated in the accepted bid.

It is further agreed that this contract shall not become binding or effective until signed by the parties hereto and a purchase order authorizing the items desired has been issued.

Executed at Richmond, Texas this 3 day of May, 2011.

Fort Bend County, Texas

By: Robert Hebert
County Judge

By: Steve M Collings
Signature of Contractor

By: STEVE M COLLINGS PROJECT MANAGER
Printed Name and Title

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return) American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC	
	Business name, if different from above dba AMS of Houston, LLC	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ P..... <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 13627 Stafford Road	Requester's name and address (optional) Fort Bend County 4520 Reading Road, Suite A Rosenberg, TX 77471
	City, state, and ZIP code Stafford, TX 77477	List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
: : : :

OR

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>David A Douglas</i>	Date ▶ 02/08/2011
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

10.0 REFERENCES

1. Company name: City of Sugar Land
 Contact person: Mike Garrison
 Telephone number: (832) 586-6200
 Mailing address: 1040 Industrial, Sugar Land, TX 77478

2. Company name: Houston Police Federal Credit Union
 Contact person: Carolyn Roos
 Telephone number: (713) 986-0200
 Mailing address: 1600 Memorial, Houston, TX 77007

3. Company name: GSA
 Contact person: Duke Le
 Telephone number: (281) 772-6072 (cell) or (713) 209-3097 (office)
 Mailing address: 515 Rusk St., Houston, TX 77002



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

OP ID VL

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

02/15/11

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Hess, Egan, Hagerty & L'Homme dieu a div. of M&T Insurance Agency 41 University Drive, Ste. 405 Newtown PA 18940	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (AC, No, Ext): 215-504-1215 FAX (AC, No): 215-504-1235 E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #: AMER17	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
INSURED D.A.C Acquisition Co. LLC etal AMS National Inc., dba AMS of Houston Branch #9314 13627 Stafford Road Stafford TX 77477	INSURER A: Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	19682
	INSURER B: North River Insurance Co.	21105
	INSURER C: Liberty Mutual Insurance Co	23043
	INSURER D: Steadfast Insurance Company	26387
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY		01UENOC1240	03/01/10	03/01/11	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY					DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 300,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR					MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractual Liabl					PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No KCU Exclusions					GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:					PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROJ <input type="checkbox"/> LOC					\$
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY		01UENOC1241	03/01/10	03/01/11	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO					BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS					BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS					\$
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS					\$
B	UMBRELLA LIAB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR	552-014420-4	03/01/10	03/01/11	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 20,000,000
	EXCESS LIAB	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE				AGGREGATE \$ 20,000,000
	DEDUCTIBLE					\$ FOLLOWS
	RETENTION \$					\$ FORM
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY		01WEOC1239	03/01/10	03/01/11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory In N/A)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000
						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000
						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
D	Pollution		CPL9675025-03	03/01/10	03/01/11	Pollution 5,000,000
C	Installation Float		YU2L9L44270201	03/01/10	03/01/11	All Risk 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
 Fort Bend County is included as Additional Insured, ATIMA, when required by written contract. Waiver of Subrogation applies in favor of Fort Bend County (where allowed by law), and this insurance is primary & non-contributory when required by written contract. No X,C,U, exclusions. Thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation/change in coverage applies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER FORTBEN Fort Bend County Rosenberg Annex 4520 Reading, Suite A Rosenberg TX 77471	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Donald W. Ambrecht

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Bond No. 8218-97-06

AIA Document A312

Performance Bond

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):

American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC
13627 Stafford Road
Stafford, TX 77477

SURETY (Name and Principal Place of Business):

Federal Insurance Company
15 Mountain View Road
Warren, NJ 07059

OWNER (Name and Address):

Fort Bend County
4520 Reading Road, Suite A
Rosenberg, TX 77471

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: May 3, 2033

Amount: \$1,000.00 One Thousand Dollars and 00/100

Description (Name and Location): Fort Bend County Bid 11-035 Term Contract for HVAC Repairs for Fort Bend County

BOND

Date (Not earlier than Construction Contract Date): May 10, 2011

Amount: \$1,000.00 One Thousand Dollars and 00/100

Modifications to this Bond:

[X] None

[] See Page 3

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL

Company: (Corporate Seal)

American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC

Signature: David A Douglas
Name and Title:

SURETY

Company: (Corporate Seal)

Federal Insurance Company

Signature: Michael A. Youngblut
Name and Title: Attorney-in-Fact

(Any additional signatures appear on page 3)

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Name, Address and Telephone)

AGENT or BROKER:

Hess, Egan, Hagerty & L'Hommedieu
5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Ste. 620
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-654-3600

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE (Architect, Engineer or other party):

1 The Contractor and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the Owner for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2 If the Contractor performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the Contractor shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.

3 If there is no Owner Default, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after:

3.1 The Owner has notified the Contractor and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below that the Owner is considering declaring a Contractor Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the Contractor and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the Owner, the Contractor and the Surety agree, the Contractor shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the Owner's right, if any, subsequently to declare a Contractor Default; and

3.2 The Owner has declared a Contractor Default and formally terminated the Contractor's right to complete the contract. Such Contractor Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the Contractor and the Surety have received notice as provided in Subparagraph 3.1; and

3.3 The Owner has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to the Surety in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract or to a contractor selected to perform the Construction Contract in accordance with the terms of the contract with the Owner.

4 When the Owner has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take one of the following actions:

4.1 Arrange for the Contractor, with consent of the Owner, to perform and complete the Construction Contract; or

4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent contractors; or

4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the Owner for a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the Owner and the contractor selected with the Owner's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the Owner the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the Owner resulting from the Contractor's default; or

4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new contractor and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:

.1 After investigation, determine the amount for

which it may be liable to the Owner and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the Owner; or

.2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the Owner citing reasons therefor.

5 If the Surety does not proceed as provided in Paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the Owner to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner. If the Surety proceeds as provided in Subparagraph 4.4, and the Owner refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the Owner shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the Owner.

6 After the Owner has terminated the Contractor's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under Subparagraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the Owner shall not be greater than those of the Contractor under the Construction Contract, and the responsibilities of the Owner to the Surety shall not be greater than those of the Owner under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the Owner of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:

6.1 The responsibilities of the Contractor for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;

6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the Contractor's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under Paragraph 4; and

6.3 Liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or non-performance of the Contractor.

7 The Surety shall not be liable to the Owner or others for obligations of the Contractor that are unrelated to the Construction Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the Owner or its heirs, executors, administrators or successors.

8 The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

9 Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after Contractor Default or within two years after the Contractor ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation avail-

able to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

10 Notice to the Surety, the Owner or the Contractor shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.

11 When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

12 DEFINITIONS

12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the Con-

tractor of any amounts received or to be received by the Owner in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the Contractor is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the Contractor under the Construction Contract.

12.2 Construction Contract: The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

12.3 Contractor Default: Failure of the Contractor, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.

12.4 Owner Default: Failure of the Owner, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the Contractor as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

MODIFICATIONS TO THIS BOND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(Space is provided below for additional signatures of added parties, other than those appearing on the cover page.)

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: _____ (Corporate Seal)

SURETY
Company: _____ (Corporate Seal)

Signature: _____
Name and Title:
Address:

Signature: _____
Name and Title:
Address:

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS



Bond No. 8218-97-06

AIA Document A311

Labor and Material Payment Bond

THIS BOND IS ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PERFORMANCE BOND IN FAVOR OF THE OWNER CONDITIONED ON THE FULL AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Contractor)

13627 Stafford Road Stafford, TX 77477

as Principal, hereinafter called Principal, and, Federal Insurance Company
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Surety)

15 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059

as Surety, hereinafter called Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Fort Bend County
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Owner)

4520 Reading Road, Suite A Rosenberg, TX 77471

as Obligee, hereinafter called Owner, for the use and benefit of claimants as hereinbelow defined, in the

amount of One Thousand Dollars and 00/100
(Here insert a sum equal to at least one-half of the contract price) Dollars (\$ 1,000.00),

for the payment whereof Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS,

Principal has by written agreement dated May 3, 2033, entered into a contract with Owner
for

(Here insert full name, address and description of project)

Fort Bend County Bid 11-035 Term Contract for HVAC Repairs for Fort Bend County

in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by
(Here insert full name and address or legal title of Architect)

which contract is by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that, if Principal shall promptly make payment to all claimants as hereinafter defined, for all labor and material used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject, however, to the following conditions:

1. A claimant is defined as one having a direct contract with the Principal or with a Subcontractor of the Principal for labor, material, or both, used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, labor and material being construed to include that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental of equipment directly applicable to the Contract.

2. The above named Principal and Surety hereby jointly and severally agree with the Owner that every claimant as herein defined, who has not been paid in full before the expiration of a period of ninety (90) days after the date on which the last of such claimant's work or labor was done or performed, or materials were furnished by such claimant, may sue on this bond for the use of such claimant, prosecute the suit to final judgment for such sum or sums as may be justly due claimant, and have execution thereon. The owner shall not be liable for the payment of any costs or expenses of any such suit.

3. No suit or action shall be commenced hereunder by any claimant:

a) Unless claimant, other than one having a direct contract with the Principal, shall have given written notice to any two of the following: the Principal, the Owner, or the Surety above named, within ninety (90) days after such claimant did or performed the last of the work or labor, or furnished the last of the materials for which said claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the amount claimed

and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished, or for whom the work or labor was done or performed. Such notice shall be served by mailing the same by registered mail or certified mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Principal, Owner or Surety, at any place where an office is regularly maintained for the transaction of business, or served in any manner in which legal process may be served in the state in which the aforesaid project is located, save that such service need not be made by a public officer.

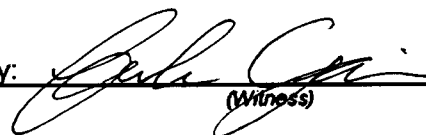
b) After the expiration of one (1) year following the date on which principal ceased Work on said Contract, it being understood, however, that if any limitation embodied in this bond is prohibited by any law controlling the construction hereof such limitation shall be deemed to be amended so as to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.

c) Other than in state court of competent jurisdiction in and for the county or other political subdivision of the state in which the Project, or any part thereof, is situated, or in the United States District Court for the district in which the Project, or any part thereof, is situated, and not elsewhere.

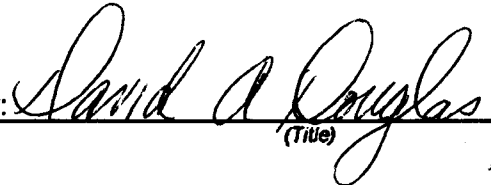
4. The amount of this bond shall be reduced by and to the extent of any payment or payments made in good faith hereunder, inclusive of the payment by Surety or mechanics' liens which may be filed of record against said improvement, whether or not claim for the amount of such lien be presented under and against this bond.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

By: 
(Witness)

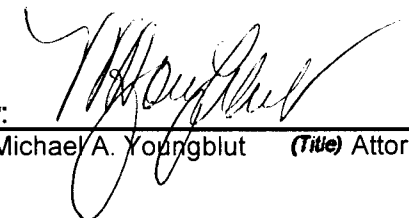
American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC
(Principal) (Seal)

By: 
(Title)

WITNESS:

By: 
Joanne Dove (Witness)

Federal Insurance Company
(Surety) (Seal)

By: 
Michael A. Youngblut (Title) Attorney-in-Fact

Policyholder Information Notice

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call Chubb's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at

1-800-36-CHUBB

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
FAX # (512) 475-1771
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

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Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al

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DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

Este aviso es solo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.



**Chubb
Surety**

**POWER
OF
ATTORNEY**

**Federal Insurance Company
Vigilant Insurance Company
Pacific Indemnity Company**

**Attn: Surety Department
15 Mountain View Road
Warren, NJ 07059**

Know All by These Presents, That FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana corporation, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York corporation, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, do each hereby constitute and appoint Michael B. Coakley, Eugene P. Dessureau, Joanne L. Dove, Stephen W. Freeman, Michele E.H. Blanco, Robin V. Russell, Michael A. Youngblut and John J. Younger of Chevy Chase, Maryland-----

each as their true and lawful Attorney- In- Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (other than bail bonds) given or executed in the course of business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instrument referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, said FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this **3rd** day of **March, 2011**.

Kenneth C. Wendel, Assistant Secretary

David B. Norris, Jr., Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Somerset

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On this **3rd** day of **March, 2011** before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Kenneth C. Wendel, to me known to be Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Kenneth C. Wendel, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY and knows the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of the By- Laws of said Companies; and that he signed said Power of Attorney as Assistant Secretary of said Companies by like authority; and that he is acquainted with David B. Norris, Jr., and knows him to be Vice President of said Companies; and that the signature of David B. Norris, Jr., subscribed to said Power of Attorney is in the genuine handwriting of David B. Norris, Jr., and was thereto subscribed by authority of said By- Laws and in deponent's presence.

Notarial Seal



**KATHERINE J. ADELAAR
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No. 2316685
Commission Expires July 14, 2014**

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Extract from the By- Laws of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY:

"All powers of attorney for and on behalf of the Company may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company, either by the Chairman or the President or a Vice President or an Assistant Vice President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations. The signature of such officers may be engraved, printed or lithographed. The signature of each of the following officers: Chairman, President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys- In- Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

I, Kenneth C. Wendel, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

- (i) the foregoing extract of the By- Laws of the Companies is true and correct,
- (ii) the Companies are duly licensed and authorized to transact surety business in all 50 of the United States of America and the District of Columbia and are authorized by the U.S. Treasury Department; further, Federal and Vigilant are licensed in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Federal is licensed in American Samoa, Guam, and each of the Provinces of Canada except Prince Edward Island; and
- (iii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Warren, NJ this ^{10th} day of **May** 2011



Kenneth C. Wendel, Assistant Secretary

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO NOTIFY US OF A CLAIM, VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE, OR BY Telephone (908) 903- 3493 Fax (908) 903- 3656 e-mail: surety@chubb.com