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**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 August 2, 2011. Thank you.

**DATE:** August 5, 2011

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

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**Vendor Information**

American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC

Legal Name of Contracting Company

Federal ID Number (Company or Corporation) or Social Security Number (Individual)

(281) 403-1701

Telephone Number

(281) 403-1201

Facsimile Number

13627 Stafford Road

Complete Mailing Address (for Correspondence)

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

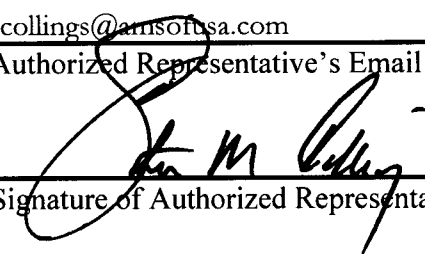
Steve Collings/Project Manager

Authorized Representative and Title (printed)

scollings@amssoftusa.com

Authorized Representative's Email Address

Signature of Authorized Representative



**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- 1.2 General Requirements apply to all advertised bids; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by the scope, special requirements, specifications, special specifications or other data contained herein.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, vendor must draw a line through error and initial each change.
- 1.5 Bid Returns: Bidders 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 Addendums: No interpretation of the meaning of the drawings, specifications or other bid documents will be made to any bidder orally. All requests for such interpretations must be made in writing addressed to Ms Debbie Kaminski, County Assistant Purchasing Agent, 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, phone number (281) 341-8643, fax number (281) 341-8645, e-mail: kaminskid@co.fort-bend.tx.us. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the contract documents which will be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all prospective bidders. Addenda will **ONLY** be issued by the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent. It is the sole responsibility of each bidder to insure receipt of any and all addenda. All addendum issued will become part of the contract documents. Bidders must sign and include it in the returned bid package. Deadline for submission of questions and/or clarification is **Friday, July 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (CST)**. Requests received after the deadline will not be responded to due to the time constraints of this Proposal process.

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- 1.7 References: All bidders must submit, **WITH BID**, at least three (3) references from clients for whom a project similar to that specified herein has been successfully accomplished. References must include clients name, contact person and telephone number.
- 1.8 Bid Bond: All bidders must submit, **WITH BID**, a cashier's check or certified check for at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the order of Fort Bend County, or a Bid Bond in the same amount issued by a surety, acceptable to Fort Bend County, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, as a guarantee that the Bidder will do the work described herein at the rates stated herein. Unsuccessful bidder's Cashier's Check or Certified Check will be returned only after a written request to do so has been received in the Office of the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent.
- 1.9 Material Safety Data Sheets: Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right To Know Act", a bidder must provide to Fort Bend County and using departments, with each delivery, material safety data sheets, which are, applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Bidders 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.
- 1.10 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. 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.
- 1.11 Term Contracts: If the Contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.12 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.



- 1.13 Evaluation: Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which bid items or services are the most efficient and/or most economical for Fort Bend 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.
- 1.14 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 Fort Bend County believes that collusion exists among the bidders. 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 vendor from submitting multiple bids for different products or services.
- 1.15 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 its responsibility.
- 1.16 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 bidders. 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.

## 2.0 SCOPE:

It is the intent of Fort Bend County to contract with one (1) vendor for all materials, supplies, equipment, tools, services, labor and supervision necessary to replace HVAC system at Juvenile located at 122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, hereinafter referred to as the "Project," as specified herein.

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**3.0 PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**

A pre-bid conference will be conducted on **Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 9:00 AM (CST)** with site visit to follow. The pre-bid conference will be held at Fort Bend County Juvenile Office located at 122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, TX. All bidders are encouraged to attend. This is the only opportunity for site visit.

**4.0 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:**

If the Project is not substantially complete within the contract time as adjusted by extension of time approved by Commissioner Court, Fort Bend County will deduct (from the final payment, as liquidated damages), the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) per calendar day that the Project remains not substantially complete, such sum is agreed upon as a reasonable and proper measure of damages which Fort Bend County will sustain per day by failure of Contractor to substantially complete work within the contract time. It is understood that said sum shall be considered as liquidated damages and shall in no sense be considered as a penalty against the Contractor.

**5.0 COMPLETION TIME AND PAYMENT:**

- 5.1 Fort Bend County shall pay the Contractor in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract the contract sum, as stated herein, after receipt of notice to proceed and a purchase order issued by the Fort Bend County Purchasing Agent.
- 5.2 Based upon Applications for payment submitted to the Facilities Department, Fort Bend County shall make progress payments on account of the contract sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the contract documents.
  - 5.2.1 The period covered by each application for payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month.
  - 5.2.2 Provided an application for payment is received by the Facilities Department not later than the 15th day of a month, Fort Bend County shall make payment to the Contractor not later than the 15th day of the next month. If an application for payment is received by the Facilities Department after the application deadline fixed above, payment shall be made by Fort Bend County not later than 30 days after the Facilities Department receives the application for payment.
  - 5.2.3 Application for payment shall indicate the percentage of completion of each portion of the Project as of the end of the period covered by the application for payment.
  - 5.2.4 Subject to the provisions of the contract documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:

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- 5.2.4.1 Take that portion of the contract sum properly allocable to completed Project less retainage of ten percent (10%).
- 5.2.4.2 Add that portion of the contract sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction (or, if approved by Fort Bend County, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing), less retainage of ten percent (10%).
- 5.2.4.3 Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by Fort Bend County.
- 5.2.4.4 The progress payment amount as determined in above shall be further modified under the following circumstances:
  - Add, upon substantial completion of the Project, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum, less such amounts as Fort Bend County shall determine for incomplete work and unsettled claims.
- 5.2.4.5 Final payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the contract sum, shall be made by Fort Bend County to the Contractor when the Contract has been fully performed by the Contractor.
- 5.3 Before the first application for payment, the Contractor shall submit to the Facilities Department a schedule of values allocated to various portions of the work, prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Facilities Department may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Facilities Department shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's application for payment.
- 5.4 Contractor must provide with each application for payment a contractor's affidavit certifying bills against the Contractor for labor, material and expendable equipment employed in the performance of Contractor have been paid in full prior to acceptance of final payment from Fort Bend County.
- 5.5 The Contractor will permit Fort Bend County, or any duly authorized agent of Fort Bend County, to inspect and examine the books and records of the Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Contract. Fort Bend County's right to inspect survives the termination of the Contract for a period of five years.

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**6.0 LIMIT OF APPROPRIATION:**

Prior to the execution of this Contract, Contractor has been advised by County, and Contractor clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence to this Contract, that County shall have available only those funds specifically allocated in this Contract to fully discharge any and all liabilities which may be incurred by County in bringing this Project to an absolute conclusion, resulting in a complete, fully furnished, fully equipped and fully usable facility, and that the total of any and all basic construction costs, costs of providing the required furnishing and equipment, all fees and compensation of any sort to the Contractor, and any and all costs for any and all things or purposes enuring under or out of this Contract, irrespective of the nature thereof, shall not exceed said specifically allocated sum, notwithstanding any word, statement or thing contained in or inferred from the preceding provision of this Contract which might in any light by any person be interpreted to the contrary.

**7.0 RIGHT TO ASSURANCE:**

Whenever Fort Bend County in good faith has reason to question the Contractor's intent to perform, Fort Bend County may demand that the Contractor give written assurance of its intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, Fort Bend County may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Contract.

**8.0 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS:**

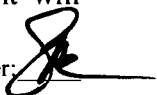
In the event the total accepted bid price exceeds \$25,000 the Contractor must provide to the Office of the County Purchasing Agent, a performance bond and a payment bond, each in the amount of 100% of the total contract sum within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notification of bid award. Such bonds shall be executed by a corporate surety duly authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed in the State of Texas to issue surety bonds with a Best Rating of "A" or better. Fort Bend County reserves the right to accept or reject any surety company proposed by the Contractor. In the event Fort Bend County rejects the proposed surety company, the Contractor will be afforded five (5) additional days to submit the required bonds issued by a surety company acceptable to Fort Bend County.

**9.0 POWER OF ATTORNEY:**

An attorney-in-fact who signs a bid bond, performance bond or payment bond must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of his or her power of attorney.

**10.0 INSURANCE:**

- 10.1 All bidders must submit, with BID, a certificate of insurance indicating coverage in the amounts stated below. In lieu of submitting a certificate of insurance, bidders 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 contractor named therein, if successful, upon award of this Contract. Failure to provide insurance certificate or notarized statement will result in disqualification of bid.

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- 10.2 The certificates of insurance to be satisfactory to Fort Bend County, naming the Contractor and its employees as insured:
  - 10.2.1 Workers Compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed.
  - 10.2.2 Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.
  - 10.2.3 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.
  - 10.2.4 Business Automobile Liability coverage applying to owned, non-owned and hired automobiles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined.
- 10.3 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability (if required). All Liability policies written on behalf of Contractor shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.
- 10.4 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the Contract and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time the work under this Contract is completed.
- 10.5 Contractor shall not commence any portion of the work under this Contract until it has obtained the insurance required herein and certificates of such insurance have been filed with and approved by Fort Bend County.
- 10.6 No cancellation of or changes to the certificates, or the policies, may be made without sixty (60) days prior, written notification to Fort Bend County.
- 10.7 Approval of the insurance by Fort Bend County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor.

**11.0 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 NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF RESPONDENT OR ANY OF RESPONDENT'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 The provision by Respondent of insurance shall not limit the liability of Respondent under an agreement.
- 11.6 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.

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- 11.7 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.

**12.0 PREVAILING WAGES:**

Does not apply to this project.

**13.0 PERMITS:**

It shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain all required permits in the name of Fort Bend County.

**14.0 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK:**

- 14.1 Preconstruction Work. Contractor shall do (or cause to be done) the following as preconstruction work:

14.1.1 On an as needed basis as determined by Fort Bend County, cause the Contractor's personnel to meet with Fort Bend County and the Engineer to discuss the status of the Project.

14.1.2 Review drawings and specifications with the Engineer to permit the Contractor and the Engineer to determine the compliance of the proposed facility with applicable building codes.

- 14.2 Construction Work. Contractor shall do (or cause to be done) the following as construction work:

14.2.1 Perform (or cause to be performed) all preparatory work at the construction site required herein, including (without limitation) soil and concrete testing and demolition of improvements existing at the construction site and all actions necessary for compliance with all laws and regulations as to actions to be taken by owners or contractors before construction begins, including without limitation those in regard to archaeological and environmental requirements.

14.2.2 Construct and install (or cause to be constructed and installed) the Project on the construction site in accordance with this Contract and the drawings and specifications approved by Fort Bend County.

14.2.3 Furnish (or cause to be furnished) all materials, supplies, equipment, tools, labor, supervision, utilities, transportation, and other materials and services necessary to complete the Project described herein.

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14.2.4 Materials testing necessary for the Project and required by laws and regulations, construction industry standards as approved by Fort Bend County and this Contract; the frequency of testing shall be approved by Fort Bend County.

14.3 Standards for Review and Approval.


14.3.1 Fort Bend County acknowledges that in order to meet the deadlines for the completion of the Project, and in order to accomplish the efficient completion of the Project, the Contractor may submit matters to Fort Bend County in stages for approval or consent. Upon receipt of any matter submitted by the Contractor for review and approval, Fort Bend County shall review the same and shall diligently and promptly (but in any event within 14 calendar days for any such matter, other than a proposed change order, and within 28 calendar days for a proposed change order) give the Contractor notice of Fort Bend County's approval or disapproval, setting forth in detail all reasons for any disapproval. Fort Bend County's right to disapprove any such matter submitted (other than a proposed change order) shall be limited to the elements thereof (a) which do not conform substantially to matters previously approved, (b) which are new elements not previously presented and approved and the Contractor is unable to demonstrate that such new element is reasonably necessary for completion of the Project, or (c) which depict matters that are violations of this Contract or applicable laws and regulations.

14.3.2 If Fort Bend County disapproves of a particular matter or Proposed Change Order, the Contractor shall have the right to resubmit such matter or Proposed Change Order to Fort Bend County, altered to satisfy Fort Bend County's basis for disapproval. Any resubmission shall be subject to review and approval by Fort Bend County.


14.3.3 Fort Bend County and the Contractor shall attempt in good faith to resolve any disputes concerning the approval of any aspect of the Project expeditiously, so as not to delay the completion of the Project in accordance with this Contract.

14.3.5 Expedited Approvals. Fort Bend County recognizes the importance of expeditious action upon all matters submitted to Fort Bend County for review and approval and of expeditious response to those aspects of the Project requiring approval by governmental authorities having jurisdiction thereover. Fort Bend County agrees to exercise its rights of review and approval hereunder with due diligence, reasonableness, and good faith. Fort Bend County shall use its reasonable efforts to expedite any required review of the Project or other matters by any governmental authority.

14.4 Changes.

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- 14.4.1 General. Fort Bend County may make changes to the Project by altering, adding to, or deducting from the Project. All changes in the Project which (a) require an adjustment in the contract sum or an adjustment in the final completion date or (b) involve a material change in the overall scope or function of the Project shall be requested and authorized before commencing such changes by use of written change order notices, Proposed Change Orders and Change Orders, which change order procedure shall be the exclusive means to effect such changes in the Project.
- 14.4.2 Change Order Procedure. If at any time Fort Bend County desires to make any change in the Project requiring the issuance of a Change Order, Fort Bend County shall so advise the Contractor in writing by delivery to the Contractor of a written notice describing the change. Upon receipt of such notice initiated by Fort Bend County, the Contractor shall within a reasonable period of time advise Fort Bend County of the Contractor's proposal for the adjustments, if any, in the contract sum, the schedule of values, and the final completion date attributable to such change by delivering a written notice thereof (the "Proposed Change Order") to Fort Bend County. Such Proposed Change Order shall contain a description of the proposed change and shall set forth the Contractor's estimate of the increase or decrease, if any, in the contract sum and the change, if any, in the schedule of values and the final completion date attributable to such change. If the Contractor desires to make a change in the Project requiring the issuance of a change order, the Contractor shall deliver to Fort Bend County a Proposed Change Order. Upon execution by Fort Bend County, a Proposed Change Order shall constitute (and be defined herein as) a "Change Order" for purposes of this Contract. The Contractor shall forthwith perform the work as changed in accordance with such Change Order. All work performed pursuant to a Change Order shall be performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract. All Proposed Change Orders shall be submitted for approval by Fort Bend County. No action, acquiescence or inaction by Fort Bend County or any representative of Fort Bend County shall be construed to be a waiver of requirements set forth in this Contract in regard to Change Orders or ratification of a violation of such requirements, and all acts in violation of this provision shall be considered void.
- 14.4.3 Change Order Authorization. Each Change Order shall be signed by Fort Bend County and an authorized representative of the Contractor.
- 14.4.4 Contract Sum Adjustments. The contract sum and the schedule of values shall be adjusted only as a result of a Change Order requiring such adjustment. Any extra work performed without a proper Change Order shall be considered voluntary and not subject to additional compensation. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in the contract sum

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(or a Change Order permitting such adjustment) or to damages as a result of any delays in the Project caused by the acts or omissions of Fort Bend County, provided that this sentence is not applicable to delays that constitute more than 90 days in any 365-day period or cause the Project to be interrupted for a continuous period of 45 days through no fault of the Contractor.

- 14.4.5 When Fort Bend County and the Contractor agree upon the adjustments in the contract sum, the schedule of values, and the final completion date attributable to such adjustment, such agreement will be documented by preparation and if approved by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, execution of an appropriate Change Order.
- 14.5 Site Access. Prior to the transfer date, Fort Bend County and the Contractor shall have uninterrupted access to the construction site. Subsequent to the transfer date, Fort Bend County will permit the Contractor, the Engineer, and their representatives and subcontractors to enter upon the Project at times reasonably necessary to complete the punch list items.
- 14.6 Applicable Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall in its performance of the Project comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Any delays in the prosecution of the Project caused by any changes in the laws and regulations or the application or enforcement of the laws and regulations may entitle the Contractor to an extension of time.
- 14.7 Familiarity with Project. The Contractor represents and accepts that it has: (a) visited the property(ies), (b) taken such other steps as may be necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the Project and the general and local conditions which affect the Project or the cost thereof, (c) investigated the labor situation as regards to the Project, (d) examined the property(ies), the obstacles which may be encountered and all other observable conditions having a bearing upon the performance of the Project, the superintendence of the Project, the time of completion and all other relevant matters, and (e) reported to Fort Bend County the results of all of the foregoing. The Contractor represents that it is familiar with all phases of the Project and the matters that may affect the Project or its prosecution under this Contract.
- 14.8 Standard of Performance. The Contractor shall prosecute (or cause to be prosecuted) the Project in accordance with the best efforts for the construction and development of projects similar to the Project in the State of Texas, using qualified, careful, and efficient contractors and workers and in conformity with the provisions of this Contract. The Contractor shall perform the work in a good and workmanlike manner.



- 14.9 Warranty of Contractor. The Contractor warrants to Fort Bend County that: (i) the Contractor possesses the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession and the Contractor will use its best efforts to ensure that the services provided under this Contract will be performed, delivered, and conducted in accordance with the best professional standards and in accordance with industry standards, and (ii) the Contractor is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the class of work provided for herein, and that it is properly equipped, organized and financed to perform such work, and (iii) following the date of acceptance of this Contract, the services provided by the Contractor to Fort Bend County will conform to the representations contained in this Contract, including all attachments, schedules and exhibits. All warranties provided by the Contractor in this Contract shall be cumulative, shall be deemed consistent and not in conflict, are intended to be given full force and effect and to be interpreted expansively to give the broadest warranty protection to Fort Bend County.
- 14.10 Contractor's Personnel. Contractor shall employ only competent, skilled personnel for the Project. Prior to the final completion date, the Contractor shall maintain a superintendent who shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Contractor and with whom Fort Bend County may consult at all reasonable times. The superintendent shall not be transferred from the Project without Fort Bend County's consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided, however, the superintendent shall not be assigned solely to the Project and shall be entitled to spend reasonable time working on matters unrelated to the Project so long as such work on other matters does not render the superintendent unavailable to the Project or unavailable to Fort Bend County. However, such obligation to furnish the superintendent and such staff personnel shall not be construed (a) to preclude the promotion within the Contractor's organization of any person assigned to the Project or (b) to give rise to any liability of the Contractor if any person assigned to the Project (including, without limitation, the superintendent) leaves the Contractor's employment. If the superintendent is transferred from the Project, Fort Bend County shall have the right to approve the replacement superintendent (which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). The Contractor, the Architect, and the other subcontractors shall comply with all applicable health, safety, and loss prevention rules of applicable governmental authorities. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, remove from the Project any person who fails to comply with such rules and instructions. The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and shall not employ on the Project any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the work assigned to him. Fort Bend County may, upon written notice to the Contractor, require the Contractor to remove an individual immediately from providing services for the following reasons: violation of the terms and conditions of this Contract; violation of Fort Bend County's or the Contractor's work rules and regulations; criminal activity; or violation of state, federal, or municipal statutes. Fort Bend County may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor, require the removal of any individual from providing services without cause.

- 14.11 Inspection. The Project and all parts thereof shall be subject to inspection from time to time by inspectors designated by Fort Bend County. No such inspections shall relieve The Contractor of any of its obligations hereunder. Neither failure to inspect nor failure to discover or reject any of the work as not in accordance with the drawings and specifications or any provision of this Contract shall be construed to imply an acceptance of such work or to relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations hereunder. Fort Bend County agrees that its right of inspection shall be used reasonably and in a timely manner so as not to delay orderly completion of the Project.
- 14.12 Protection Against Risks. The Contractor shall take all precautions which are necessary and adequate, against conditions created during the progress of the Project which involve a risk of bodily harm to persons or a risk of damage or loss to any property. The Contractor shall regularly inspect all work, materials and equipment to discover and determine any such conditions and shall be responsible for discovery, determination, and correction of any such conditions. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local occupational hazard and safety standards, codes and regulations applicable in the jurisdiction where the Project is being performed. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in its entirety in all subcontracts for any work to be performed at the construction site.
- 14.13 Equipment. Except as expressly provided herein to the contrary, the Contractor shall furnish (or cause to be furnished) all construction, transportation, installation, tools, and other equipment and facilities required for the performance of the Project within the times specified herein. Such equipment and facilities shall be serviceable and kept fit for the uses intended. Defective items shall be removed from the construction site promptly and at the Contractor's cost. The Contractor shall schedule (or cause to be scheduled) its other operations so as to not interfere with its duty to timely furnish the necessary equipment and facilities and personnel to operate the same at the times necessary for the orderly completion of the Project.
- 14.14 Materials. Except as may be specifically provided otherwise in the Contract or approved in advance by Fort Bend County, the Contractor shall provide Fort Bend County with copies of material testing reports and to cause all materials, equipment, and fabricated items incorporated in the Project to be new and of a suitable grade of their respective kinds for their intended use.

**15.0 TERMINATION:**

- 15.1 Fort Bend County may terminate the Contract if the Contractor:
- 15.1.1 Persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper materials.

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- 15.1.2 Fails to make payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the Contractor and the Subcontractor.
- 15.1.3 Persistently disregards laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations or orders of a public authority having jurisdiction.
- 15.1.4 Otherwise is guilty of substantial breach of a provision of the Contract Documents.
- 15.2 When any of the above reasons exists, Fort Bend County may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of Fort Bend County and after giving the Contractor and the Contractor's surety, if any, seven days' written notice, terminate employment of the Contractor and may, subject to any prior rights of the surety:
  - 15.2.1 Take possession of the site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor.
  - 15.2.2 Finish the Project by whatever reasonable method Fort Bend County may deem expedient.
- 15.3 Either party may terminate this Contract at any time by providing thirty (30) days written notice.
- 15.4 When Fort Bend County terminates the Contract for one of the reasons stated in this section, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Project is finished. Therefore, the Contractor shall be promptly paid for all work actually and satisfactorily completed.

**16.0 COMPLETION, TRANSFER, AND ACCEPTANCE:**

- 16.1 Final Completion. Upon the occurrence of the final completion date, the punch list items shall be promptly commenced and thereafter completed within thirty (30) days after final completion.
- 16.2 Transfer and Acceptance. Upon the occurrence of final completion, care, custody and control of the Project shall pass to Fort Bend County. As referenced herein, the "Transfer Date" shall mean the date on which the care, custody and control of the Project passes to Fort Bend County. Subsequent to the Transfer Date all risk of loss with respect to the Project shall be by Fort Bend County and the Contractor shall be thereafter obligated to cover the Project with their Insurance.



**17.0 SUSPENSION BY FORT BEND COUNTY FOR CONVENIENCE:**


- 17.1 Fort Bend County may, without cause, order the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the Project in whole or in part for such period of time as Fort Bend County may determine.
- 17.2 An adjustment shall be made for increase in the cost of performance, caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment shall be made to the extent:
  - 17.2.1 That performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by another cause for which the Contractor is responsible.
  - 17.2.2 That an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of this Contract.
- 17.3 Adjustments made in the cost of performance may have a mutually agreed fixed or percentage fee.

**18.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:**

The Contractor shall be an independent contractor and any provisions of this Contract that may appear to give Fort Bend County the right to direct the Contractor as to the details of the manner of doing the Project shall be deemed to mean that the Contractor shall follow the desires of Fort Bend County in the results of the Project only and not in the means whereby the Project is to be accomplished. The Contractor shall be responsible as to the details of completing the Project. Neither the agents, representatives, nor employees of the Contractor, shall be deemed to be the agents, representatives, or employees of Fort Bend County. The Contractor further represents that it accepts a fiduciary role and responsibility with respect to Fort Bend County and will, to its best abilities, act in the best interests of Fort Bend County and the timely completion of the Project. The Contractor agrees and understands that neither it nor any of its agents or employees may act in the name of Fort Bend County except and unless specifically authorized in writing by Fort Bend County to do so. The Contractor shall furnish construction administration and management services and use the Contractor's best efforts to complete the Project in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the interests of Fort Bend County.

**19.0 NOTICE**

- 19.1 All written notices, demands, and other papers or documents to be delivered to Fort Bend County under this Contract shall be delivered to the Facilities Department, 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas 77469, or at such other place or places as Fort Bend County may from time to time designate by written notice delivered to the Contractor. For purposes of notice under this Contract, a copy of any notice or communication hereunder shall also be forwarded to the following address: Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 719, Richmond, Texas 77469, Attention: County Judge.

Initials of Bidder: 

- 19.2 All written notices, demands, and other papers or documents to be delivered to the Contractor under this Contract shall be delivered to the Authorized Representative identified in the Contract documents or such other place or places as the Contractor may designate by written notice delivered to Fort Bend County.

**20.0 RECORDS:**

- 20.1 Fort Bend County shall be the absolute and unqualified owner of all drawings, preliminary layouts, record drawings, sketches and other documents prepared pursuant to the Contract by Contractor.
- 20.2 The Contractor agrees to maintain and preserve for a period of at least five years after the earlier of the expiration of the defects period or termination of this Contract, accurate and complete records relating to the performance of the Project. The Contractor agrees to, upon request, provide Fort Bend County with such records.

**21.0 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:**

- 21.1 Fort Bend County and the Contractor bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Contract and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract.
- 21.2 Neither Fort Bend County nor the Contractor shall assign, sublet or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other.
- 21.3 Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public and/or governmental body that may be a party hereto.

**22.0 PUBLIC CONTACT:**

Contact with the news media, citizens of Fort Bend County or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of Fort Bend County. Under no circumstances, whatsoever, shall Contractor release any material or information developed in the performance of its services hereunder without the express written permission of Fort Bend County, except where required to do so by law.

**23.0 MODIFICATIONS:**

This instrument contains the entire Contract between the parties relating to the rights herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument shall be of no force and effect excepting a subsequent written modification signed by both parties hereto.

**24.0 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.

**25.0 SEVERABILITY:**

In the event one or more of the provisions contained in these requirements or the specifications shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and these requirements or the specifications shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**26.0 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.

**27.0 TAX EXEMPT:**

Fort Bend County is exempt from state and local sales and use taxes under Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code. This Contract is deemed to be a separate contract for Texas tax purposes, and as such, Fort Bend County hereby issues its Texas Exemption for the purchase of any items qualifying for exemption under this Contract. Contractor is to issue its Texas Resale Certificate to vendors and subcontractors for such items qualifying for this exemption, and further, contractor should state these items at cost.

**28.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT:**

The Parties agree that this Contract contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence and preliminary understandings between the parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Contract. By entering into this Contract, the parties do not intend to create any obligations, express or implied, other than those specifically set out in this Contract.

**\*Amended 07/10/11**


**29.0 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Contract shall be construed under and in accord with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Fort Bend County, Texas, and that venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Contract shall lie solely in the court of appropriate jurisdiction located in Fort Bend County, Texas.

**30.0 SPECIFICATIONS:**

Provide all materials and labor including crane and trucking to remove five (5) existing roof top units and install five (5) replacements as detailed below:

- 30.1 Dispose of old units per Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.
- 30.2 Equipment to be sourced from major manufacturer, i.e., Carrier, Trane, York.
- 30.3 Provide and install new electrical disconnects; all electrical work shall be per National Electric Code (NEC).
- 30.4 Provide a minimum of one (1) year parts and labor warranty for first year of operation and five (5) year compressor warranty.
- \*30.5 All units to be 410A refrigerant and a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 13 or higher or an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 10 or higher.
- 30.6 Must have and maintain license from the State of Texas and submit proof with bid submission.
- 30.7 Provide twenty-four (24) hour contact information and must provide on-site response within four (4) hours for any warranty repair, labor and parts.
- 30.8 Must obtain all necessary permits.
- 30.9 Provide and install new gas shut off valves
- 30.10 Provide and install Hail guards on all units
- 30.11 Provide and install new smoke detectors with pick up tubes.
- 30.12 Reinstall all drain lines, electrical power, high and low voltage.
- 30.13 Provide and install curb adaptors as needed; all curb adaptors shall be warranted against leaks for a minimum of five (5) years.
- 30.14 All roof penetrations shall be warranted against leaks for a minimum of five years.

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30.15 Provide 3 copies of the owner's manual for each piece of equipment.

**31.0 EXISTING EQUIPMENT INFORMATION:**

**Roof Top Unit # 1**

Brand: Carrier  
Model # 48LJD008610  
Serial # 2093G77882  
Voltage/phase: 460/3PH  
Tonnage: 7 ½  
CFM: 3,200  
Net Cooling Cap: 89,000  
Heat Source: Natural Gas  
BTU/hr Input: 125,000  
BTU/hr Output: 100,000

**Roof Top Unit #3**

Brand: Carrier  
Model # 48LJD012610  
Serial # 2093G77751  
Voltage/phase: 460/3PH  
Tonnage: 10  
CFM: 4,000  
Net Cooling Cap: 118,000 btu/hr  
Heat Source: Natural Gas  
BTU/hr Input: 180,000  
BTU/hr Output: 144,000

**Roof Top Unit #4**

Brand: Carrier  
Model # 48LJE006620  
Serial #2093G76846  
Voltage/phase: 460/3PH  
Tonnage: 5  
CFM: 2,000  
Net Cooling Cap: 59,500 btu/hr  
Heat Source: Natural Gas  
BTU/hr Input: 115,000  
BTU/hr Output: 92,000

**Roof Top Unit #5**

Brand: Carrier  
Model # 48DPE014610  
Serial # 0693F33150  
Voltage/phase: 460/3PH  
Tonnage: 12

CFM: 5,000  
Net Cooling Cap: 144,000 btu/hr  
Heat Source: Natural Gas  
BTU/hr Input: 154,000  
BTU/hr Output: 123,000

**Roof Top Unit #9**

Brand: Carrier  
Model # 48DPE014610  
Serial # 0693F33151  
Voltage/phase: 460/3PH  
Tonnage: 12  
CFM: 5,000  
Net Cooling Cap: 144,000 btu/hr  
Heat Source: Natural Gas  
BTU/hr Input: 154,000  
BTU/hr Output: 123,000

**32.0 PRICING:**

Total bid price includes all materials, supplies, equipment, tools, services, labor and supervision necessary to replace HVAC units, as described above:


**\$ 39,493.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**33.0 PROJECT DURATION:**

Bidder agrees, if awarded the contract, to complete all work required by the contract documents **within 30 calendar days** after issuance of a purchase order by the County Purchasing Agent and notice to proceed by the Facilities Department.

**34.0 W9 FORM:**

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

Initials of Bidder: 

**STATE OF TEXAS**

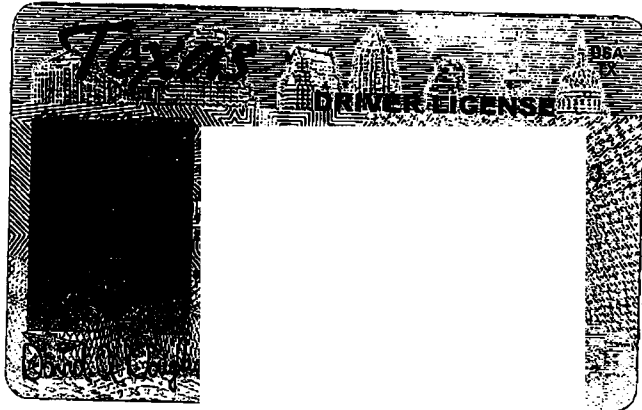
DAVID A DOUGLAS

AIR CONDITIONING &  
REFRIGERATION CONTRACTOR

"A M S NATIONAL, INC DBA AMERIC"



**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION**



**Contract Sheet**

*Bid 11-082*

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FORT BEND**

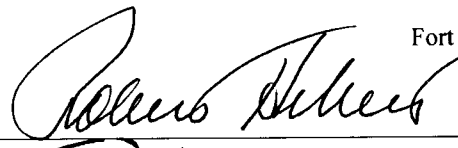
This memorandum of agreement made and entered into on the 2 day of August, 2011, by and between Fort Bend County in the State of Texas (hereinafter designated County), acting herein by County Judge Robert Hebert, by virtue of an order of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, and AMS of Houston, LLC  
(company name)  
(hereinafter designated Contractor).

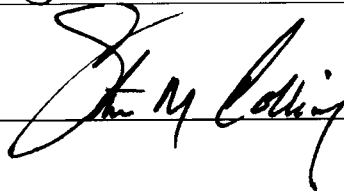
WITNESSETH:

The Contractor and the County agree that the bid and specifications for the **HVAC replacement at Juvenile** 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 2 day of August 2011.

By:  Fort Bend County, Texas  
County Judge

By:   
Signature of Contractor

By: Steve 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) <b>American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC</b>	
	Business name, if different from above <b>dba AMS of Houston, LLC</b>	
	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) ▶ <b>P.....</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>13627 Stafford Road</b>	Requester's name and address (optional) Fort Bend County 4520 Reading Road, Suite A Rosenberg, TX 77471
	City, state, and ZIP code <b>Stafford, TX 77477</b>	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

Employer identification number
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**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	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

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AIA Document A310

Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC  
13627 Stafford Road Stafford, TX 77477

as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and Federal Insurance Company  
15 Mountain View Road Warren, NJ 07059

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of IN  
as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Fort Bend County  
4520 Reading Road, Suite A Rosenberg, TX 77471

as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of Five Percent of Amount Bid

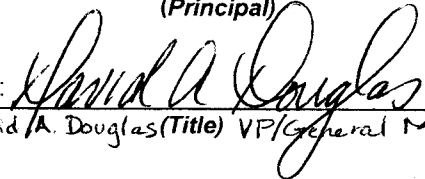
Dollars (\$ 5% ),  
for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind  
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by  
these presents.

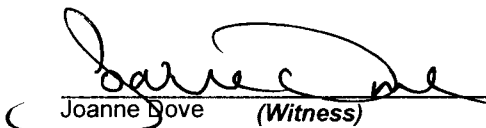
WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for  
Replace HVAC System at Juvenile Located at 122 Golfview Drive, Richmond, TX; Bid 11-082

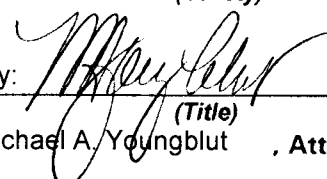
NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in  
accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with  
good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished  
in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the  
Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such  
larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this  
obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of July, 2011

  
Brenda Garcia (Witness)

American Mechanical Services of Houston, LLC  
(Principal) (Seal)  
By:   
David A. Douglas (Title) VP/General Manager

  
Joanne Dove (Witness)

Federal Insurance Company  
(Surety) (Seal)  
By:   
Michael A. Youngblut, Attorney-in-fact



**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. Bianco, 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 **21st** day of **July 2011**



Kenneth C. Wendel, Assistant Secretary

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