

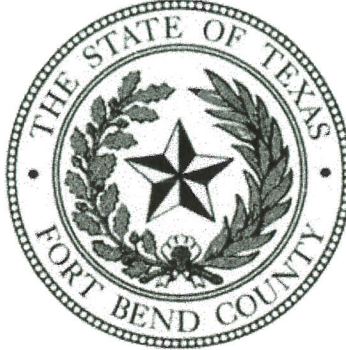
**Fort Bend County Tabulation  
 Bid 20-082  
 Rescue and Chemical Detection Equipment**

**Recommendation: low bidder per item  
 Funding: Homeland Security and Emergency Management SWAT and HAZMAT Grants**

Item Number	Rescue Item Description	Quantity	Delta Fire & Safety Port Neches, TX	Falcon Project Consultants Houston, TX	FarrWest Environmental Supply Schertz, TX	Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist Houston, TX		
			Form 1295					
					Yes		Yes	
			Unit Bid Price	Extended Price	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
1.	HOLMATRO-158.052.201, GCU 5050 i EVO 3 CUTTER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	Disqualified: Not equal to specified item.	Vendor withdrew		No Bid	\$ 10,462.00	\$ 20,924.00
2.	HOLMATRO-158.052.205, GSP 5240 EVO 3 SPREADER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	Disqualified: Not equal to specified item.	\$ 13,406.40	\$ 26,812.80	No Bid	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 21,200.00
3.	HOLMATRO-158.052.208, GRA 4331 EVO 3 RAM, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	Disqualified: Not equal to specified item.	\$ 10,150.80	\$ 20,301.60	No Bid	\$ 8,036.00	\$ 16,072.00
4.	HOLMATRO-150.182.209, BCH 2 GREENLINE CHARGER 100-120 VAC, OR APPROVED EQUAL	6	Disqualified: Not equal to specified item.	\$ 513.60	\$ 3,081.60	No Bid	\$ 405.00	\$ 2,430.00
5.	HOLMATRO-151.000.307, BPA 286 GREENLINE BATTERY 28V 6.0 AH, OR APPROVED EQUAL	12	Disqualified: Not equal to specified item.	\$ 756.00	\$ 9,072.00	No Bid	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,200.00

Item Number	Chemical Detection Item Description	Quantity	Delta Fire & Safety Port Neches, TX		Falcon Project Consultants Houston, TX		FarrWest Environmental Supply Schertz, TX		Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist Houston, TX	
			Unit Bid Price	Extended Price	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
6.	103-032-0002, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 GC/MS; FIELD READY KIT INCLUDES: - G510 GC/MS W/ INTEGRATED HEATED SAMPLE PROBE AND LIQUID INJECTOR - (4) 2590 BATTERIES - (24) HELIUM CARRIER GAS CARTRIDGES - STANDARD TOOL KIT - GSS LIT SOFTWARE W/ NIST 2017 LIBRARY - INJECTOR MAINTENANCE KITS - RUGGEDIZED TRANSPORT CASE - 2-YRS ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT W/ PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE - 2-YRS REACHBACK SUPPORT AND WARRANTY - ON-SITE GC/MS OPERATOR TRAINING CLASS FOR EACH SHIFT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1	No Bid		\$163,289.94	\$ 163,289.94	\$122,499.95	\$ 122,499.95	No Bid	
7.	FW-G510-EXKIT, FLIR G510 ANNUL CONSUMABLES AND SAMPLING KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	No Bid		\$ 1,559.94	\$ 3,119.88	\$ 1,199.95	\$ 2,399.90	No Bid	
8.	606-001-0010, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 PSI PROBE. INCLUDES CASE, ACCESSORY KIT AND GERSTAL TWISTER KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1	No Bid		Vendor withdrew		\$ 9,539.95	\$ 9,539.95	No Bid	

*Fort Bend County, Texas  
Invitation for Bid*



*Rescue and Chemical Detection Equipment  
BID 20-082*

**SUBMIT BIDS TO:**

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department Solicitations  
C/O FBC Mail Center  
301 Jackson  
Richmond, TX 77469

Note: All correspondence must include the term "Purchasing Department" in address to assist in proper delivery.

**SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
2:00 PM (Central)  
(See Section 4.0)

**LABEL ENVELOPE:**

BID 20-082  
RESCUE & CHEMICAL DETECTION

*ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN AND TIME/DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE OF FORT BEND COUNTY BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME/DATE STATED ABOVE.*

*BIDS RECEIVED AS REQUIRED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND READ BY USE OF CONFERENCE BRIDGE/PHONE.*

*BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME, WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.*

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

Requests for information must be in writing and directed to:  
Cheryl Krejci, CPPB  
Senior Buyer  
[cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

**Vendor Responsibilities:**

- Download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County website no later than 48 hours prior to bid opening)
- Submit response in accordance with requirements stated on the cover of this document.
- DO NOT submit responses via email or fax.



**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT**  
Fort Bend County, Texas

**Vendor Information**

Jaime Kovar  
Interim County Purchasing Agent

Office (281) 341-8640

Legal Company Name (top line of W9)	<b>METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC</b>		
Business Name (if different from legal name)			
Federal ID # or S.S. #	<b>76-0598763</b>	DUNS #	
Type of Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation/LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor/Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt Organization	Age in Business? <b>22 years</b>
Publicly Traded Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    Ticker Symbol _____		
Remittance Address	<b>1745 PARANA DR.</b>		
City/State/Zip	<b>HOUSTON, TX 77080</b>		
Physical Address	<b>17350 STATE HWY 249 STE 250</b>		
City/State/Zip	<b>HOUSTON, TX 77064</b>		
Phone/Fax Number	Phone: <u>713-692-0911</u>	Fax: <u>713-692-1591</u>	
Contact Person	<b>MONICA INGRAM</b>		
E-mail	<b>MINGRAM@MFAS.COM</b>		
Check all that apply to the company listed above and provide certification number.	DBE-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification # _____	
	SBE-Small Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification # _____	
	HUB -Texas Historically Underutilized Business <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification # _____	
	WBE-Women's Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification # _____	
Company's gross annual receipts	<\$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$500,000-\$4,999,999 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	\$5,000,000-\$16,999,999 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$17,000,000-\$22,399,999 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	>\$22,400,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
NAICs codes (Please enter all that apply)			
Signature of Authorized Representative	<b>MONICA INGRAM</b>	<small>Digitally signed by MONICA INGRAM DN: cn=MONICA INGRAM, o=METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC, ou=MFAS, email=MINGRAM@MFAS.COM, c=US Date: 2020.05.08 07:52:31 -0500</small>	
Printed Name	<b>MONICA INGRAM</b>		
Title	<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGER</b>		
Date	<b>05/06/2020</b>		

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE**

**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 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 Governing Document: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Fort Bend County's interpretation governs.
- 1.5 Bid Document Completion: Fill out, initial each page, sign, and return ONE (1) complete bid document to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department. An authorized representative of the bidder must sign the Contract Sheet. Do not complete the date at the top of the contract sheet. The bid document must be in a sealed envelope marked with the appropriate bid number and title. 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 correction fluid is not acceptable and may result in the disqualification of bid. If an error is made, the bidder must draw a line through error and initial each change. All response, typed or written, information must be clear and legible.

If a pricing form in Excel is included and posted on the County website amongst this bid document, the Vendor must download, complete and save the Excel file of the pricing form on a CD or flash drive. The Excel file on the CD or flash drive must be downloadable by the Purchasing Department in order to copy and paste the vendor's pricing to the County's tabulation. The CD or flash drive must be included in the same sealed envelope with the respondent's completed bid document along with a printed copy of the pricing form.

- 1.6 Bid Returns: Bidders must return completed bid document to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department, CO FBC Mail Center, at 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas no later than 2:00 PM on the date specified, unless stated otherwise on page one. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows: Fort Bend County Purchasing Department Solicitations/CO FBC Mail Center, 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas 77469.

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- 1.7 Addenda: 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 Cheryl Krejci, Senior Buyer, 301 Jackson, Suite 201, Richmond, Texas 77469, e-mail: [cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov). Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the contract documents which will be posted on Fort Bend County's website. 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 addenda issued will become part of the contract documents. Bidders must sign and include addendum in the returned bid package. Deadline for submission of questions and/or clarification is **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM (CST)**. Requests received after the deadline will not be responded to due to the time constraints of this bid process.
- 1.8 Hold Harmless Agreement: Contractor indemnifies and holds 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 procures and maintains, 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 be held invalid, such holding does 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. Bond/s or cashier's check must be complete with all required signatures.
- 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.

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- 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 becomes null and void. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment will 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 are be the responsibility of the bidder.
- 1.14 Pricing: Prices for all goods and/or services are firm for the duration of this contract and are stated in the bid spreadsheet. Prices are 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: Bidders 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 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.

- 1.18 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. Bidders 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 Term Contracts: If the Contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.21 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.
- 1.22 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.
- 1.23 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.
- 1.24 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.

- 1.25 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.
- 1.26 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.
- 1.27 Term Contracts: If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.28 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.
- 1.29 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.
- 1.30 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. Bidders 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.

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- 1.31 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 will 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.
- 1.32 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.
- 1.33 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.
- 1.34 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.
- 1.35 Interlocal Participation: Additional governmental entities may purchase from this bid. Vendor agrees to accept purchase orders from those participating entities and to invoice each entity separately.
- 1.36 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.

## 2.0 TERMS & 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

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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

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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.
- 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) vendor to purchase rescue and chemical detection equipment for Fort Bend County, as specified herein.

### **4.0 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295:**

- 4.1 Effective January 1, 2016 all contracts executed by Commissioners Court, regardless of the dollar amount, will require completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", per the new Government Code Statute §2252.908. All vendors submitting a response to a formal Bid, RFP, SOQ or any contracts, contract amendments, renewals or change orders are required to complete the Form 1295 online through the State of Texas Ethics Commission website. Please visit: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm).
- 4.2 On-line instructions:
  - 4.2.1 Name of governmental entity is to read: Fort Bend County.
  - 4.2.2 Identification number used by the governmental entity is: B20-082.
  - 4.2.3 Description is the title of the solicitation: Rescue & Chemical Detection Equipment.

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- 4.3 Apparent low bidder(s) will be required to provide the Form 1295 within three (3) calendar days from notification; however, if your company is publicly traded you are not required to complete this form.

**5.0 STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS:**

The contents of this section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

- 5.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code: By signature on vendor form, Contractor verifies Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- 5.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature on vendor form, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

**6.0 HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

By acceptance of this contract, Contractor acknowledges that Fort Bend County is opposed to human trafficking and that no County funds will be used in support of services or activities that violate human trafficking laws.

**7.0 FEDERAL CLAUSES:**

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

- 7.1 ADA Access.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of

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Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

## 7.2 Child Support.

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) All arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

## 7.3 Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Requirements.

Contractor will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and

policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

More specifically, Contractor will comply with:

7.3.1 Civil Rights Act of 1964

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7 (for FEMA related activities).

7.3.2 Civil Rights Act of 1968

Contractor must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (See 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units- i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D)

7.3.3 Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

7.3.4 Education Amendments of 1972

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination

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under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

7.3.5 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. (42 U.S.C. Sections 12101- 12213).

7.3.6 Age Discrimination Act of 1975

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

7.3.7 Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Contractor must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

7.4 Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits and Records Requirements.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency generally, including on any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by the Federal sponsoring agency or the Office of the Governor and on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits.

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records that enable the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency to complete monitoring tasks, including to verify all reporting measures, requests for reimbursements, and expenditure of

match funds related to this Grant Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government or such other persons or entities designated or authorized by the Office of the Governor to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may request documented proof of payment. Acceptable proof of payment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a receipt or other documentation of a paid invoice, a general ledger detailing the specific revenue and expenditures, a monthly bank statement evidencing payment of the specific expenditure, bank reconciliation detail, copies of processed checks, or a printed copy of an electronic payment confirmation evidencing payment of the specific expenditure to which the reimbursement relates.

The Contractor authorizes DHS, the Office of the Governor, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any relevant federal agency, and their representatives, the right to audit, examine, and copy all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other requested records, in any form; relevant to this Agreement and will make them readily available upon request. The Contractor will similarly permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

If requested, the Contractor shall submit to the Office of the Governor a copy of its most recent independent financial audit, any audited financial statements, related management letters and management responses of Contractor, and financial audit documents or portions thereof that are directly related to the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may make unannounced monitoring visits at any time but will, whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, provide the Contractor with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit. Any audit of records shall be conducted at the Contractor's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the Contractor's operations during the Contractor's normal business hours. The Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Governor or its designees, on the Contractor's premises, private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone services and Internet connectivity, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as the Office of the Governor or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this section.

In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the Office of the Governor, including the Office of the Governor asking for more information regarding project performance or funds expenditures. In the event the Office of the Governor requires additional

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information regarding the information or data submitted, the Contractor will promptly provide the additional information. The Contractor also agrees to assist the Office of the Governor in responding to questions and assisting in providing information responsive to any audit, legislative request, or other inquiry regarding the grant award. Upon the request of the Office of the Governor, the Contractor must submit to the Office of the Governor any additional documentation or explanation the Office of the Governor may desire to support or document the requested payment or report submitted under this Agreement.

If after a written request by the Office of the Governor or a relevant federal agency, the Contractor fails to provide required reports, information, documentation, or other information within reasonable deadlines set by the Office of the Governor or the relevant federal agency, as required by this Agreement, or fails to fulfil any requirement in this section, then the Office of the Governor may consider this act a possible default under this Agreement, and the Contractor may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, withholdings and/or other restrictions on the access to funds; referral to relevant agencies for audit review; designation of the Contractor as a high-risk Contractor; or termination of awards.

7.5 Debt to State.

The State shall not be responsible for any debts associated with this Agreement.

7.6 DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances.

All Contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

7.6.1 Contractor must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.

7.6.2 Contractor must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance.

7.6.3 Contractor must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

7.6.4 Contractor must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

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7.6.5 If, during the past three years, Contractor has been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency (LEP)), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, recipients must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS FAO and the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) by e-mail at [crcl@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:crcl@hq.dhs.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Building 410, Mail Stop #0190 Washington, D.C. 20528.

7.6.6 In the event courts or administrative agencies make a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including LEP), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against the Contractor or Contractor settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, Contractor is obligated to share this information with the County. The County is required to then forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS FAO and the CRCL office by e-mail or mail at the addresses listed above.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

7.6.7 Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The Contractor must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6201) which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

7.6.8 Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

7.6.9 Examination of Records.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

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The Contractor agrees to comply and will require all subcontractors of any tier to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The Contractor agrees to retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, all books, records, accounts, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements other third party arrangements of any type, reports, and supporting materials related to those records required under the Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of the Agreement, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

7.6.10 Fly America.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

And with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

7.6.11 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

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The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C F R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to DHS and County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

7.6.12 Health and Human Services, Public Safety or Law Enforcement Agency Compliance

Contractor certifies that it as owner, operator or administrator of a facility has not had any licenses, certificates, or permits revoked by any health and human service agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

7.6.13 Program Fraud, False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies.

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See also 31 U.S.C. Section 3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements.)

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part

31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to Agreement or the DHS assisted project for which the Agreement work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by DHS, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above three clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by DHS. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

#### 7.6.14 Reporting of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

Contractor understands that in the event County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from the Office of the Governor that is made against the Contractor, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations. The County must also promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -  
- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. County must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations.

#### 7.6.15 Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and Related Matters.

Contractor certifies that they have not required any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

#### 7.6.16 National Environmental Policy Act.

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

#### 7.6.17 Political Activities.

Contractors are prohibited from using federal funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including polling, lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for “political” activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

#### 7.6.18 Resource Recovery.

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), “Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials,” 40 C.F.R. part 247.

#### 7.6.19 Retention of Records

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The Contractor agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Contractor must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition. The Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) reserves the right to direct a grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to HSGD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value.

7.6.20 Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to the Underlying Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

7.6.21 Terrorist Financing.

Contractor must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

7.6.22 Text Messaging While Driving.

Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

7.6.23 Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from awarding funds to a private entity or individual who has (1) engaged in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procured a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or

(3) used forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. Contractor shall must inform County immediately upon receipt of any information from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of TVP. Violation of this clause, may result in termination of this Agreement.

7.6.24 USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Contractor must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. Sections 175-175c.

7.6.25 Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags.

Contractor must obtain permission from their DHS FAO, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

7.6.26 No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

7.6.27 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

7.6.28 Contracting with Small, Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

Contractor will take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible by:

- 7.6.28.1 Placing small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 7.6.28.2 Assuring that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources;
- 7.6.28.3 Dividing total requirements, *when economically feasible*, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum



- participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- 7.6.28.4 Establishing delivery schedules, *where the requirement permits*, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- 7.6.28.5 Utilizing the assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;
- 7.6.28.6 Contractor must require subcontractors to take the five affirmative steps described in a-e above.

7.6.29 Whistleblower Protections.

Contractor must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C Section 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. Section 2324, 41 U.S.C. Sections 4304 and 4310.

7.6.30 Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

Contractor's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Contractor will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Contractor will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

7.7 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Contractor and certifies that it and all its subcontractors at every tier will not and have not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, award, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

**8.0 DELIVERY:**

Delivery of all items must be completed by August 1, 2020 to Fort Bend County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, TX 77469, unless otherwise noted on purchase order.

**9.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND BID PRICING:**

Vendor is to include bid prices on the pricing form in the Excel file downloadable (see Section 1.5) from the County's website to provide and deliver the below items or approved equals (see Section 1.18). If bidding an equal, it is required that the vendor provide the manufacturer name, model number and manufacture's specifications with bid submission. Quantity listed below is estimated; all items may not be purchased. Fort Bend County reserves the right to purchase an increased or decreased quantity. Prices bid are all inclusive. No additional fees are permitted.

**10.0 AWARD:**

This contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder meeting specifications per item.

**11.0 REQUIRED FORMS:**

All bidders are required to complete the attached and return with their submission:

- 11.1 Vendor Form
- 11.2 W9 Form
- 11.3 Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification
- 11.4 No Bid Questionnaire if applicable

Initials of Bidder: 

**Contract Sheet  
Bid 20-082**

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

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020  
by and between Fort Bend County in the State of Texas (hereinafter designated County), acting herein by  
County Judge KP George, by virtue of an order of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, and  
METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC. (hereinafter designated Contractor).  
**(company name)**

WITNESSETH:

The Contractor and the County agree that the bid and specifications for the **Rescue and Chemical  
Detection Equipment** 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 June 2020.



County Judge KP George

**Fort Bend County, Texas**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**County Judge, KP George**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Contractor**

By: DAVID L. TOVEY - Territory Mgr \_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name and Title**

**Fort Bend County Pricing Form**  
**Bid 20-082**  
**Rescue and Chemical Detection Equipment**

**Vendor Name:**

Item Number	Rescue Item Description	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
1.	HOLMATRO-158.052.201, GCU 5050 i EVO 3 CUTTER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	10,462	\$ 20,924 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
2.	HOLMATRO-158.052.205, GSP 5240 EVO 3 SPREADER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	10,600	\$ 21,200 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
3.	HOLMATRO-158.052.208, GRA 4331 EVO 3 RAM, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	8036	\$ 16,072 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
4.	HOLMATRO-150.182.209, BCH 2 GREENLINE CHARGER 100-120 VAC, OR APPROVED EQUAL	6	405	\$ 2,430 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
5.	HOLMATRO-151.000.307, BPA 286 GREENLINE BATTERY 28V 6.0 AH, OR APPROVED EQUAL	12	600	\$ 7,200 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$ 67,826 -</b>

Vendor Name:

Item Number	Chemical Detection Item Description	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
6.	103-032-0002, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 GC/MS; FIELD READY KIT INCLUDES: - G510 GC/MS W/ INTEGRATED HEATED SAMPLE PROBE AND LIQUID INJECTOR - (4) 2590 BATTERIES - (24) HELIUM CARRIER GAS CARTRIDGES - STANDARD TOOL KIT - GSS LIT SOFTWARE W/ NIST 2017 LIBRARY - INJECTOR MAINTENANCE KITS - RUGGEDIZED TRANSPORT CASE - 2-YRS ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT W/ PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE - 2-YRS REACHBACK SUPPORT AND WARRANTY - ON-SITE GC/MS OPERATOR TRAINING CLASS FOR EACH SHIFT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1		\$ -  No bid
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
7.	FW-G510-EXKIT, FLIR G510 ANNUL CONSUMABLES AND SAMPLING KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2		\$ No Bid -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
8.	606-001-0010, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 PSI PROBE. INCLUDES CASE, ACCESSORY KIT AND GERSTAL TWISTER KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1		\$ No Bid -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
<b>Total:</b>				\$ — -
<b>Grand Total:</b>				\$ 67,826 -

January 02, 2020

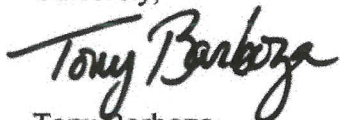
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify in writing that as of this date the sole Factory Authorized source for sales and service of Holmatro® Rescue Tools for the entire state of Texas is:

Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc.  
17350 SH 249 – Suite 250  
Houston, TX 77064  
Tel: 713-692-0911  
President: Mr. Craig Russell  
Director of Sales & Marketing: Mr. Jim Minton  
Cell: 713-724-8610

For sales or service of Holmatro® Rescue Equipment, please feel free to contact them directly.

Sincerely,



**Tony Barboza**  
National Sales Manager  
Holmatro, Inc.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.  
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc.</b>	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. <b>17350 SH 249, Ste. 250</b>	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code <b>Houston, Texas 77064</b>	
7 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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>	
[ ] [ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	
<b>or</b>	
<b>Employer identification number</b>	
7 6 - 0 5 9 8 7 6 3	

## 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); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**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 for Part II, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Monica Ingram</i>	Date ▶ <b>08/27/2019</b>
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## General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

## Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*

Job No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX FORM/DEBT/RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION**  
**(for Advertised Projects)**

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.): 76-0598763

Company Name submitting Bid/Proposal: METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC.

Mailing Address: 1745 PARANA DR HOUSTON, TX 77080

Are you registered to do business in the State of Texas?  Yes  No

If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner or any assumed name(s) under which you operate your business

I. **Property:** List all taxable property in Fort Bend County owned by you or above partnerships as well as any d/b/a names. Include real and personal property as well as mineral interest accounts. (Use a second sheet of paper if necessary.)

<u>Fort Bend County Tax Acct. No.*</u>	<u>Property address or location**</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

\* This is the property account identification number assigned by the Fort Bend County Appraisal District.  
 \*\* For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business personal property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored at a warehouse or other location.

II. **Fort Bend County Debt** - Do you owe any debts to Fort Bend County (taxes on properties listed in I above, tickets, fines, tolls, court judgments, etc.)?

Yes  No  If yes, attach a separate page explaining the debt.

III. **Residence Certification** - Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Fort Bend County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC. is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.  
 [Company Name]

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 [Company Name] [City and State]

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY  
 CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

**1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.**  
 METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALISTS, INC.  
 Houston, TX United States

**Certificate Number:**  
 2020-619525

**Date Filed:**  
 05/14/2020

**2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.**  
 Fort Bend County

**Date Acknowledged:**  
 06/02/2020

**3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.**  
 B20-082  
 RESCUE & CHEMICAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	RUSSELL, CRAIG	HOUSTON, TX United States	X	

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**

**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
 (Declarant)

*Fort Bend County, Texas  
Invitation for Bid*



*Rescue and Chemical Detection Equipment  
BID 20-082*

**SUBMIT BIDS TO:**

Fort Bend County  
Purchasing Department Solicitations  
C/O FBC Mail Center  
301 Jackson  
Richmond, TX 77469

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

**SUBMIT NO LATER THAN:**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
2:00 PM (Central)  
(See Section 4.0)

**LABEL ENVELOPE:**

**BID 20-082  
RESCUE & CHEMICAL DETECTION**

***ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN AND TIME/DATE STAMPED BY THE PURCHASING OFFICE  
OF FORT BEND COUNTY BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME/DATE STATED ABOVE.***

***BIDS RECEIVED AS REQUIRED WILL THEN BE OPENED AND READ BY USE OF CONFERENCE  
BRIDGE/PHONE.***

***BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIME, WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.***

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

Requests for information must be in  
writing and directed to:  
Cheryl Krejci, CPPB  
Senior Buyer  
[cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov)

**Vendor Responsibilities:**

- Download and complete any addendums. (Addendums will be posted on the Fort Bend County website no later than 48 hours prior to bid opening)
- Submit response in accordance with requirements stated on the cover of this document.
- DO NOT submit responses via email or fax.

Prepared: 4/22/20  
Issued: 4/27/20



**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT**  
Fort Bend County, Texas

**Vendor Information**

Jaime Kovar  
Interim County Purchasing Agent

Office (281) 341-8640

Legal Company Name (top line of W9)	FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.		
Business Name (if different from legal name)			
Federal ID # or S.S. #	56-2475084	DUNS #	194322223
Type of Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation/LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor/Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt Organization	Age in Business? 16 years
Publicly Traded Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Ticker Symbol _____		
Remittance Address	108 Commercial Place		
City/State/Zip	Schertz, TX 78154		
Physical Address	108 commercial Place		
City/State/Zip	Schertz, TX 78154		
Phone/Fax Number	Phone: 210-566-1857      Fax: 210-566-1897		
Contact Person	Matt Meyer		
E-mail	mmeyer@farrwestenv.com		
Check all that apply to the company listed above and provide certification number.	DBE-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	SBE-Small Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	HUB -Texas Historically Underutilized Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	WBE-Women's Business Enterprise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certification # _____	Certification # _____
		Certification # 1562475084800	Certification # n/a
Company's gross annual receipts	<\$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$500,000-\$4,999,999 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	\$5,000,000-\$16,999,999 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$17,000,000-\$22,399,999 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	>\$22,400,000 <input type="checkbox"/>		
NAICs codes (Please enter all that apply)	4210,4220,4230,4235,4240,4250		
Signature of Authorized Representative	<p align="center"><b>Matt Meyer</b></p> <p align="right"><small>Digitally signed by Matt Meyer DN: cn=Matt Meyer, o=FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc., email=mmeyer@farrwestenv.com, c=US Date: 2020.05.11 10:25:54 -05'00'</small></p>		
Printed Name	Matt Meyer		
Title	Inside Sales Manager		
Date	5/11/2020		

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SOLICITATION RESPONSE**

**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 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 Governing Document: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Fort Bend County's interpretation governs.
- 1.5 Bid Document Completion: Fill out, initial each page, sign, and return ONE (1) complete bid document to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department. An authorized representative of the bidder must sign the Contract Sheet. Do not complete the date at the top of the contract sheet. The bid document must be in a sealed envelope marked with the appropriate bid number and title. 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 correction fluid is not acceptable and may result in the disqualification of bid. If an error is made, the bidder must draw a line through error and initial each change. All response, typed or written, information must be clear and legible.

If a pricing form in Excel is included and posted on the County website amongst this bid document, the Vendor must download, complete and save the Excel file of the pricing form on a CD or flash drive. The Excel file on the CD or flash drive must be downloadable by the Purchasing Department in order to copy and paste the vendor's pricing to the County's tabulation. The CD or flash drive must be included in the same sealed envelope with the respondent's completed bid document along with a printed copy of the pricing form.

- 1.6 Bid Returns: Bidders must return completed bid document to the Fort Bend County Purchasing Department, CO FBC Mail Center, at 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas no later than 2:00 PM on the date specified, unless stated otherwise on page one. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows: Fort Bend County Purchasing Department Solicitations/CO FBC Mail Center, 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas 77469.

Initials of Bidder: MM

- 1.7 Addenda: 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 Cheryl Krejci, Senior Buyer, 301 Jackson, Suite 201, Richmond, Texas 77469, e-mail: [cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:cheryl.krejci@fortbendcountytexas.gov). Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the contract documents which will be posted on Fort Bend County's website. 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 addenda issued will become part of the contract documents. Bidders must sign and include addendum in the returned bid package. Deadline for submission of questions and/or clarification is **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM (CST)**. Requests received after the deadline will not be responded to due to the time constraints of this bid process.
- 1.8 Hold Harmless Agreement: Contractor indemnifies and holds 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 procures and maintains, 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 be held invalid, such holding does 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. Bond/s or cashier's check must be complete with all required signatures.
- 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.

Initials of Bidder: MM

- 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 becomes null and void. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment will 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 are be the responsibility of the bidder.
- 1.14 Pricing: Prices for all goods and/or services are firm for the duration of this contract and are stated in the bid spreadsheet. Prices are 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: Bidders 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 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.

- 1.18 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. Bidders 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 Term Contracts: If the Contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.21 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.
- 1.22 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.
- 1.23 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.
- 1.24 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.

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- 1.25 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.
- 1.26 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.
- 1.27 Term Contracts: If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, said time will be given in the specifications under scope.
- 1.28 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.
- 1.29 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.
- 1.30 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. Bidders 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.

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- 1.31 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 will 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.
- 1.32 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.
- 1.33 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.
- 1.34 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.
- 1.35 Interlocal Participation: Additional governmental entities may purchase from this bid. Vendor agrees to accept purchase orders from those participating entities and to invoice each entity separately.
- 1.36 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.

**2.0 TERMS & 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

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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

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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.
- 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 effective 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) vendor to purchase rescue and chemical detection equipment for Fort Bend County, as specified herein.

### **4.0 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295:**

- 4.1 Effective January 1, 2016 all contracts executed by Commissioners Court, regardless of the dollar amount, will require completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", per the new Government Code Statute §2252.908. All vendors submitting a response to a formal Bid, RFP, SOQ or any contracts, contract amendments, renewals or change orders are required to complete the Form 1295 online through the State of Texas Ethics Commission website. Please visit: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm).
- 4.2 On-line instructions:
  - 4.2.1 Name of governmental entity is to read: Fort Bend County.
  - 4.2.2 Identification number used by the governmental entity is: B20-082.
  - 4.2.3 Description is the title of the solicitation: Rescue & Chemical Detection Equipment.

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- 4.3 Apparent low bidder(s) will be required to provide the Form 1295 within three (3) calendar days from notification; however, if your company is publicly traded you are not required to complete this form.

**5.0 STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS:**

The contents of this section are required by Texas Law and are included by County regardless of content.

- 5.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code: By signature on vendor form, Contractor verifies Contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- 5.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature on vendor form, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

**6.0 HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

By acceptance of this contract, Contractor acknowledges that Fort Bend County is opposed to human trafficking and that no County funds will be used in support of services or activities that violate human trafficking laws.

**7.0 FEDERAL CLAUSES:**

Contractor understands and acknowledges that this Agreement may be totally or partially funded with federal and or state funds. As a condition of receiving these funds, Contractor represents that it is and will remain in compliance with all federal and or state terms as stated below. These terms flow down to all third party contractors and their subcontracts at every tier that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, unless a particular award term or condition specifically indicates otherwise. The Contractor shall require that these clauses shall be included in each covered transaction at any tier.

- 7.1 ADA Access.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., which requires that accessible facilities and services be made available to individuals with disabilities; and with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4151 et seq., which requires that buildings and public accommodations be accessible to individuals with disabilities, and any subsequent amendments to these laws; (4) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of

Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 C.F.R. Part 35; (5) U.S. DOJ regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 C.F.R. Part 36; (6) U.S. General Services Administration (U.S. GSA) regulations, "Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped," 41 C.F.R. Subpart 101-19; (7) U.S. EEOC, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.

## 7.2 Child Support.

Per Texas Family Code 231.006, a child support obligor or business entity remains ineligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or a state funded loan until: (1) All arrearages have been paid; (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency; or (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from ineligibility as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments.

Before payment can be released Contractor will supply County with the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity.

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

## 7.3 Civil Rights/Nondiscrimination Requirements.

Contractor will comply, with the nondiscrimination requirements which may include the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d); the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC § 3601 et seq.); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC § 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (USC §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Employment in Education Act) (20 USC § 1681 et seq.); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC §§ 6101-07); Titles I, II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Drug Abuse and Treatment Act of 1972 (PL 92-255); the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (PL 91-616); Sections 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 USC §§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3); and 28 CFR 38 (Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); see Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations) and Ex. Order 13559 (fundamental principles and

policymaking criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations).

More specifically, Contractor will comply with:

7.3.1 Civil Rights Act of 1964

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7 (for FEMA related activities).

7.3.2 Civil Rights Act of 1968

Contractor must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (See 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units- i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)-be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Section 100, Subpart D)

7.3.3 Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. Section 794), as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

7.3.4 Education Amendments of 1972

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Section 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination

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under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

7.3.5 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Contractor must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities. (42 U.S.C. Sections 12101- 12213).

7.3.6 Age Discrimination Act of 1975

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Title 42 U.S. Code, Section 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

7.3.7 Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Contractor must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

7.4 Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits and Records Requirements.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency generally, including on any compliance review or complaint investigation conducted by the Federal sponsoring agency or the Office of the Governor and on all grant monitoring requests, including requests related to desk reviews, enhanced programmatic desk reviews, and/or site visits.

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records that enable the Office of the Governor and any relevant federal agency to complete monitoring tasks, including to verify all reporting measures, requests for reimbursements, and expenditure of

match funds related to this Grant Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain such records as are deemed necessary by the Office of the Governor, the State Auditor's Office, other auditors of the State of Texas, the federal government or such other persons or entities designated or authorized by the Office of the Governor to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may request documented proof of payment. Acceptable proof of payment includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a receipt or other documentation of a paid invoice, a general ledger detailing the specific revenue and expenditures, a monthly bank statement evidencing payment of the specific expenditure, bank reconciliation detail, copies of processed checks, or a printed copy of an electronic payment confirmation evidencing payment of the specific expenditure to which the reimbursement relates.

The Contractor authorizes DHS, the Office of the Governor, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, and any relevant federal agency, and their representatives, the right to audit, examine, and copy all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, and any other requested records, in any form; relevant to this Agreement and will make them readily available upon request. The Contractor will similarly permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary.

If requested, the Contractor shall submit to the Office of the Governor a copy of its most recent independent financial audit, any audited financial statements, related management letters and management responses of Contractor, and financial audit documents or portions thereof that are directly related to the Contractor's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

The Office of the Governor may make unannounced monitoring visits at any time but will, whenever practical as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Governor, provide the Contractor with up to five (5) business days advance notice of any such examination or audit. Any audit of records shall be conducted at the Contractor's principal place of business and/or the location(s) of the Contractor's operations during the Contractor's normal business hours. The Contractor shall provide to the Office of the Governor or its designees, on the Contractor's premises, private space, office furnishings (including lockable cabinets), telephone services and Internet connectivity, utilities, and office-related equipment and duplicating services as the Office of the Governor or its designees may reasonably require to perform the audits described in this section.

In addition to the information contained in the required reports, other information may be required as requested by the Office of the Governor, including the Office of the Governor asking for more information regarding project performance or funds expenditures. In the event the Office of the Governor requires additional

information regarding the information or data submitted, the Contractor will promptly provide the additional information. The Contractor also agrees to assist the Office of the Governor in responding to questions and assisting in providing information responsive to any audit, legislative request, or other inquiry regarding the grant award. Upon the request of the Office of the Governor, the Contractor must submit to the Office of the Governor any additional documentation or explanation the Office of the Governor may desire to support or document the requested payment or report submitted under this Agreement.

If after a written request by the Office of the Governor or a relevant federal agency, the Contractor fails to provide required reports, information, documentation, or other information within reasonable deadlines set by the Office of the Governor or the relevant federal agency, as required by this Agreement, or fails to fulfil any requirement in this section, then the Office of the Governor may consider this act a possible default under this Agreement, and the Contractor may be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, withholdings and/or other restrictions on the access to funds; referral to relevant agencies for audit review; designation of the Contractor as a high-risk Contractor; or termination of awards.

7.5 Debt to State.

The State shall not be responsible for any debts associated with this Agreement.

7.6 DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances.

All Contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

7.6.1 Contractor must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS.

7.6.2 Contractor must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance.

7.6.3 Contractor must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

7.6.4 Contractor must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

7.6.5 If, during the past three years, Contractor has been accused of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency (LEP)), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status, recipients must provide a list of all such proceedings, pending or completed, including outcome and copies of settlement agreements to the DHS FAO and the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) by e-mail at [crcl@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:crcl@hq.dhs.gov) or by mail at U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Building 410, Mail Stop #0190 Washington, D.C. 20528.

7.6.6 In the event courts or administrative agencies make a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, national origin (including LEP), sex, age, disability, religion, or familial status against the Contractor or Contractor settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, Contractor is obligated to share this information with the County. The County is required to then forward a copy of the complaint and findings to the DHS FAO and the CRCL office by e-mail or mail at the addresses listed above.

The United States has the right to seek judicial enforcement of these obligations.

7.6.7 Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

The Contractor must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6201) which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

7.6.8 Drug-Free Workplace Regulations.

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of Sec. 5152-5158 of the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* (41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106).

7.6.9 Examination of Records.

The Contractor agrees to provide County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Contractor agrees to comply and will require all subcontractors of any tier to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.333. The Contractor agrees to retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, all books, records, accounts, statistics, leases, subcontracts, arrangements other third party arrangements of any type, reports, and supporting materials related to those records required under the Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of the Agreement, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until County, the Office of the Governor and U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

7.6.10 Fly America.

The Contractor agrees to comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. Section 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. Section 40118) and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981 amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

And with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 301-10, which provide that recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

7.6.11 Government-wide Debarment and Suspension.

The Contractor shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 C.F.R. part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. § 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 C F R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to DHS and County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

7.6.12 Health and Human Services, Public Safety or Law Enforcement Agency Compliance

Contractor certifies that it as owner, operator or administrator of a facility has not had any licenses, certificates, or permits revoked by any health and human service agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.

7.6.13 Program Fraud, False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies.

Contractor must comply with the requirements of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729-3733) which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See also 31 U.S.C. Section 3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements.)

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part

Initials of Bidder: MM

31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to Agreement or the DHS assisted project for which the Agreement work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by DHS, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor agrees to include the above three clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by DHS. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

7.6.14 Reporting of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

Contractor understands that in the event County becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from the Office of the Governor that is made against the Contractor, the County is required to immediately notify OOG of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform OOG of the status of any such on-going investigations. The County must also promptly refer to OOG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has - (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. County must also immediately notify OOG in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. County must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations.

7.6.15 Restrictions and Certifications Regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and Related Matters.

Contractor certifies that they have not required any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts, or purports to prohibit or restrict, the reporting (in accordance with law) of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a state or federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

7.6.16 National Environmental Policy Act.

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

7.6.17 Political Activities.

Contractors are prohibited from using federal funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including polling, lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for "political" activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

7.6.18 Resource Recovery.

The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials," 40 C.F.R. part 247.

7.6.19 Retention of Records

The Contractor agrees to maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures related to this Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333, UGMS, and state law. Contractor must retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of the Agreement or any litigation, dispute, or audit arising from the performance of the Agreement. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for three (3) years after final disposition. The Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) reserves the right to direct a grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to HSGD custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value.

7.6.20 Prompt Payment.

The Contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to the Underlying Agreement for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the Contractor's receipt of payment for that work from County. In addition, the Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

7.6.21 Terrorist Financing.

Contractor must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

7.6.22 Text Messaging While Driving.

Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

7.6.23 Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from awarding funds to a private entity or individual who has (1) engaged in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) procured a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or

(3) used forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. Contractor shall must inform County immediately upon receipt of any information from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition of TVP. Violation of this clause, may result in termination of this Agreement.

7.6.24 USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Contractor must comply with requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. Sections 175-175c.

7.6.25 Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags.

Contractor must obtain permission from their DHS FAO, prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

7.6.26 No Obligation by Federal Government.

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

7.6.27 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

7.6.28 Contracting with Small, Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises and Labor Surplus Area Firms.

Contractor will take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that qualified small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible by:

7.6.28.1 Placing small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

7.6.28.2 Assuring that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources;

7.6.28.3 Dividing total requirements, *when economically feasible*, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum

- participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- 7.6.28.4 Establishing delivery schedules, *where the requirement permits*, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises;
- 7.6.28.5 Utilizing the assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;
- 7.6.28.6 Contractor must require subcontractors to take the five affirmative steps described in a-e above.

7.6.29 Whistleblower Protections.

Contractor must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C Section 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. Section 2324, 41 U.S.C. Sections 4304 and 4310.

7.6.30 Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

Contractor's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Contractor will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Contractor will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

7.7 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the certification required by 49 C.F.R. Part 20, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." Contractor and certifies that it and all its subcontractors at every tier will not and have not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, award, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose the name of any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on its behalf with non-Federal funds with respect to that Federal contract, grant or award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

**8.0 DELIVERY:**

Delivery of all items must be completed by August 1, 2020 to Fort Bend County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, TX 77469, unless otherwise noted on purchase order.

**9.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND BID PRICING:**

Vendor is to include bid prices on the pricing form in the Excel file downloadable (see Section 1.5) from the County's website to provide and deliver the below items or approved equals (see Section 1.18). If bidding an equal, it is required that the vendor provide the manufacturer name, model number and manufacture's specifications with bid submission. Quantity listed below is estimated; all items may not be purchased. Fort Bend County reserves the right to purchase an increased or decreased quantity. Prices bid are all inclusive. No additional fees are permitted.

**10.0 AWARD:**

This contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder meeting specifications per item.

**11.0 REQUIRED FORMS:**

All bidders are required to complete the attached and return with their submission:

- 11.1 Vendor Form
- 11.2 W9 Form
- 11.3 Tax Form/Debt/Residence Certification
- 11.4 No Bid Questionnaire if applicable

**Contract Sheet  
Bid 20-082**

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

This memorandum of agreement made and entered into on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020,  
by and between Fort Bend County in the State of Texas (hereinafter designated County), acting herein by  
County Judge KP George, by virtue of an order of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, and  
FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. (hereinafter designated Contractor).  
**(company name)**

WITNESSETH:

The Contractor and the County agree that the bid and specifications for the **Rescue and Chemical  
Detection Equipment** 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 June 2020.



County Judge KP George

**Fort Bend County, Texas**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**County Judge, KP George**

By: **Matt Meyer** \_\_\_\_\_  
Digitally signed by Matt Meyer  
DN: cn=Matt Meyer, o=FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.,  
email=mmeyer@farrwestenv.com, c=US  
Date: 2020.05.11 10:34:42 -05'00'  
**Signature of Contractor**

By: Matt Meyer, Inside Sales Manager  
**Printed Name and Title**

**Fort Bend County Pricing Form**  
**Bid 20-082**  
**Rescue and Chemical Detection Equipment**

Vendor Name: **FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.**

Item Number	Rescue Item Description	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
1.	HOLMATRO-158.052.201, GCU 5050 i EVO 3 CUTTER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	N/A	\$ 0.00 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
2.	HOLMATRO-158.052.205, GSP 5240 EVO 3 SPREADER, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	N/A	\$ 0.00 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
3.	HOLMATRO-158.052.208, GRA 4331 EVO 3 RAM, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	N/A	\$ 0.00 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
4.	HOLMATRO-150.182.209, BCH 2 GREENLINE CHARGER 100-120 VAC, OR APPROVED EQUAL	6	N/A	\$ 0.00 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
5.	HOLMATRO-151.000.307, BPA 286 GREENLINE BATTERY 28V 6.0 AH, OR APPROVED EQUAL	12	N/A	\$ 0.00 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$ 0.00 -</b>

Vendor Name:

Item Number	Chemical Detection Item Description	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Extended Price
6.	103-032-0002, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 GC/MS; FIELD READY KIT INCLUDES: - G510 GC/MS W/ INTEGRATED HEATED SAMPLE PROBE AND LIQUID INJECTOR - (4) 2590 BATTERIES - (24) HELIUM CARRIER GAS CARTRIDGES - STANDARD TOOL KIT - GSS LIT SOFTWARE W/ NIST 2017 LIBRARY - INJECTOR MAINTENANCE KITS - RUGGEDIZED TRANSPORT CASE - 2-YRS ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT W/ PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE - 2-YRS REACHBACK SUPPORT AND WARRANTY - ON-SITE GC/MS OPERATOR TRAINING CLASS FOR EACH SHIFT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1	122,499.95	\$ 122,499.95 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
7.	FW-G510-EXKIT, FLIR G510 ANNUL CONSUMABLES AND SAMPLING KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	2	1,199.95	\$ 2,399.90 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
8.	606-001-0010, FLIR GRIFFIN G510 PSI PROBE. INCLUDES CASE, ACCESSORY KIT AND GERSTAL TWISTER KIT, OR APPROVED EQUAL	1	9,539.95	\$ 9,539.95 -
(If bidding an equal, provide Manufacturer Name and Number in cell above.)				
			<b>Total:</b>	\$ 134,439.80 -
			<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$ 134,439.80 -

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.</b>	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. <b>108 Commercial Pl</b>	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code <b>Schertz, TX 78154</b>	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Print or type.  
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

### 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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>	
[ ] [ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	
<b>or</b>	
<b>Employer identification number</b>	
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### 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); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**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 for Part II, later.

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶ 01/01/2020

### General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and 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 under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give 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:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

## What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note. ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

**Line 2**

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

**Line 3**

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

**Line 4, Exemptions**

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

**Exempt payee code.**

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note.** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

**Part II. Certification**

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. **Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
2. **Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
3. **Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number to Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>  The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>4</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

**\*Note.** Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

**Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.** Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

**Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Job No.: 20-082

**TAX FORM/DEBT/ RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION**  
**(for Advertised Projects)**

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.): 56-2475084

Company Name submitting Bid/Proposal: FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.

Mailing Address: 108 Commercial Place, Schertz, TX 78154

Are you registered to do business in the State of Texas?  Yes  No

If you are an individual, list the names and addresses of any partnership of which you are a general partner or any assumed name(s) under which you operate your business

\_\_\_\_\_

I. **Property:** List all taxable property in Fort Bend County owned by you or above partnerships as well as any d/b/a names. Include real and personal property as well as mineral interest accounts. (Use a second sheet of paper if necessary.)

<u>Fort Bend County Tax Acct. No.*</u>	<u>Property address or location**</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

\* This is the property account identification number assigned by the Fort Bend County Appraisal District.  
 \*\* For real property, specify the property address or legal description. For business personal property, specify the address where the property is located. For example, office equipment will normally be at your office, but inventory may be stored at a warehouse or other location.

II. **Fort Bend County Debt** - Do you owe any debts to Fort Bend County (taxes on properties listed in I above, tickets, fines, tolls, court judgments, etc.)?  
 Yes  No  If yes, attach a separate page explaining the debt.

III. **Residence Certification** - Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Fort Bend County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc. is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.  
 [Company Name]

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a Nonresident Bidder as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is Schertz, TX.  
 [City and State]



**COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT**  
**Fort Bend County, Texas**

**NO BID/PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS FORM**

Jaime Kovar  
Interim County Purchasing Agent

Office (281) 341-8640

**Bid/RFP/RFQ Number:** 20-082

Vendor's not responding to this solicitation are requested to complete and submit this form to:  
[Jessica.Carabajal@fortbendcountytx.gov](mailto:Jessica.Carabajal@fortbendcountytx.gov)

Please provide your purpose for not responding to this solicitation.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Project size is too large.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project size is too small.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to obtain required bonding.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to obtain required insurance.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not within the scope of our expertise.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not equipped to complete this project.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can supply item, but it is not competitive.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not enough time to respond to this solicitation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not desire to remain on your notification list.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot supply item/service by the delivery/completion date.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not provide this type of product. Please remove us from your notification list for this solicitation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not interested in this type of project. Explain:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot comply with specifications. Explain:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	

Please complete the below information:

Company Name:	FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.
Mailing Address:	108 Commercial Place
Physical Address:	108 Commercial Place
City:	Schertz
State & Zipcode:	Texas 78154
Name of Signatory:	Matt Meyer
Title of Signatory:	Inside Sales Manager
Signature:	Matt Meyer

Digitally signed by Matt Meyer  
DN: cn=Matt Meyer, o=FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.,  
email=mmeyer@farrwesters.com, c=US  
Date: 2020.05.11 11:06:16 -0500

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM **1295**

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY  
CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

**Certificate Number:**  
2020-617615

**Date Filed:**  
05/11/2020

**Date Acknowledged:**  
06/02/2020

**1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.**  
FarrWest Environmental Supply, Inc.  
Schertz, TX United States

**2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.**  
Fort Bend County

**3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.**  
B20-082  
Rescue & Chemical Detection Equipment

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Farr, James	Schertz, TX United States	X	
	Adams, Eileen	Schertz, TX United States	X	

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**

**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
(Declarant)