



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP# 2018-806

Purchase and Installation of Bulk Fuel Tank

Gregg County, Texas

Pre-Bid meeting scheduled for November 21, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. at 710
W. Martin L. King Blvd. Kilgore, TX 75663

DUE DATE: December 04, 2017

BY: 2:00PM

Gregg County Purchasing Office
101 East Methvin Street, Suite 205
Longview, Texas 75601

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RFP INSTRUCTIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ ***SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: Two (2) complete sets*** of all RFP documents (original and one (1) copy) shall be sealed and **marked** RFP# 2018-806 Purchase and Installation of Bulk Fuel Tank

Gregg County Purchasing
Kelli Davis, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
101 East Methvin, St. 205
Longview, Texas 75601

- ❖ Questions concerning this RFP process shall be directed to Gregg County Purchasing Director by email to purchasing@co.gregg.tx.us; Kelli Davis. Failure to comply with this guideline could result in disqualification from the RFP process.
- ❖ **All RFP's must be sealed** when returned to Gregg County.
- ❖ The proposal must be signed and dated by a representative of the vendor's company who is authorized. It should be sealed, and received by Gregg County Purchasing Agent, 101 East Methvin, St. 205, Longview, TX, 75601 by the closing date and time specified. A facsimile transmission is **not** an acceptable response to this RFP.
- ❖ All questions/checklists/blanks must be included in your response on the forms provided. Failure to include any of the requested information within your proposal may result in rejection/disqualification.
- ❖ PROPOSALS WILL BE received and publicly acknowledged at the Gregg County Purchasing Department located at the address, date and time listed above. Vendors, their representatives and interested persons may be present. All submissions shall be open for public inspection except for trade secrets, financial information, and other confidential information contained in the proposal and identified as such by vendor.
- ❖ **It is the respondent's sole responsibility to print and review all pages of the RFP document, attachments, questions and their answers, addenda and special notices. The RFP Signature Form, Certification of eligibility and contract must be signed and returned. Failure to provide signatures on these forms could render bid non-responsive.**
- ❖ **All documents relating to this RFP including but not limited to, the RFP document, questions and their responses, addenda and special notices will be posted under the RFP number on the Gregg County Purchasing Department website and available for download.. It is the respondents' sole responsibility to review this site and retrieve all related documents prior to the RFP due date.**

- ❖ **Any proposal received after the date and/or hour set for RFP opening will not be accepted. Respondent will be notified and will advise Gregg County Purchasing as to the disposition by either pick up, return at Respondent's expense, or destroyed with written authorization of the respondent.** If your proposal is sent by mail to the Purchasing Department, the bidder shall be responsible for actual delivery of their proposal to the Purchasing Department before the advertised date and hour for opening of RFP. If mail is delayed either in the postal service or in the internal mail system of Gregg County beyond the date and hour set for the RFP opening, RFP thus delayed will not be considered and will be disposed of as authorized.

RFP Submission Requirements

Completed and signed Forms including *Certification of Eligibility, RFP Signature Form, RFP Contract, Official RFP Sheet and Vendor References.* Vendor shall submit original forms with original signatures,

Insurance Certificates – Respondents must submit all Insurance Certificates with proposal.

List of Sub-Contractors (If applicable) – Respondents must submit a list of sub-contractors that will be used to complete RFP guidelines.

Company profile, including experience and resume of proposed project manages. Also, include information regarding any pending or past lawsuits within 10 years.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposals are solicited for Tires, Tubes, and Service and Related Supplies for Gregg County. **By returning this RFP with price(s) quoted and forms executed, Respondent's certify and agree to the following:**

1. Alternate bids will not be considered unless authorized. If there is any question as to the specifications or any part thereof, Respondent may submit to the Gregg County, Texas Purchasing Agent, a request for clarification. Such requests must be received a minimum of five (5) days prior to scheduled opening date.
2. Non-performance or non-compliance of the Standard Terms & Conditions, or non-performance or non-compliance with the Statement of Work and Specifications shall be basis for termination by Gregg County of the final executed contract. Termination in whole, or in part, by the County may be made solely at the County's option and without prejudice to any other remedy to which Gregg County may be entitled by law or in equity, or elsewhere under this proposal or the agreement, by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the vendor with the understanding that all work being performed under this agreement shall cease upon the date specified in such notice. Gregg County shall not pay for work, equipment, services or supplies, which are unsatisfactory. The Respondent may be given reasonable opportunity prior to termination to correct any deficiency. This however shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance or non-compliance.
3. Respondent shall make all inquiries necessary to be thoroughly informed as to the specifications and all other requirements proposed in the RFP. Any apparent omission or silence of detail in the description concerning any point in the specifications shall be interpreted on the basis of best commercial practices, and best commercial practices shall prevail.
4. The Respondent shall affirmatively demonstrate Respondent's qualifications by meeting or exceeding the following minimum requirements:
 - ✓ Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required.
 - ✓ Be able to comply with any required or proposed delivery schedule.
 - ✓ Have a satisfactory record of performance.
 - ✓ Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics.
 - ✓ Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive the award.
5. Invoices shall be sent to the Gregg County Purchasing Department, 101 East Methvin, St. 205, Longview, TX, 75601. Invoices must detail the materials/equipment/services delivered and **must reference the Gregg County Purchase Order Number.** Payments are processed after the Purchasing Department has verified that the material or equipment and/or services have been delivered in good condition and that no unauthorized substitutions have been made according to specifications. Neither a signed receipt nor payments shall be construed

as an acceptance of any defective work, improper materials, or release of any claim for damage.

6. Only the Commissioners Court of Gregg County, Texas acting as a body may enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Gregg County. Department heads, other elected or appointed officials, are not authorized to enter into any type of agreement or contract on behalf of Gregg County, or to agree to any type of supplemental agreements or contracts for goods or services. Contracts are subject to review by the County's attorney prior to signature by the authorized County official.
7. The Respondent shall be considered an independent Contractor and not an agent, servant, employee or representative of the County in the performance of the work. No term or provision, hereof, or act of the Respondent shall be construed as changing that status.
8. The Respondent shall defend, indemnify, and shall save whole and harmless the County and all its officers, agents, employees from and against all suits, actions, or claims of the character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages (including but not restricted to death) received or sustained by any person(s) or property on account of, arising out of, or in connection with the performance of the work, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any negligent act or omission of the Respondent on the execution or performance of the Contract.
9. The Respondent agrees, during the performance of the work, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Longview, Gregg County, or State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.
10. The Respondent shall obtain from the appropriate City, County, or State of Texas the necessary permit(s) required by the ordinances of the City, County, or State, for performance of the work.
11. The Respondent shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey the agreement in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the County.
12. The parties herein agree that the agreement shall be enforceable in Gregg County, Texas, and if legal action is necessary to enforce it, exclusive venue shall lie in Gregg County, Texas.
13. The agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Texas and all applicable Federal Laws.
14. Funding Clause - Payments required to be made by Gregg County under the terms of the agreement shall be contingent upon and subject to the initial and continuing appropriation of funding for the agreement by and through the Commissioners Court of Gregg County, Texas. In the event appropriations for funding of the agreement are not approved by and through the Commissioners Court, the contract shall terminate. Gregg County shall, submit written notice to Respondent thirty (30) days prior to such termination. Upon

notice of termination, as provided in this paragraph, the Respondent may submit a final invoice to the County and coordinate with the Purchasing Agent to remove all property belonging to said Respondent as soon as possible. Payment for final invoice will be subject to verification and approval by the purchasing agent. Thereupon, Gregg County will be released from its obligation to make further payments.

15. Gregg County is exempt from federal excise and sales taxes, ad valorem taxes and personal property taxes; therefore, tax must not be included in proposal tendered. Bids offered must be complete and all inclusive. Gregg County will not pay additional taxes, surcharges or other fees not included in proposal prices.
16. Gregg County expressly reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole, any proposals submitted, and to waive any technicalities or formalities as to such waiver is determined to be in the best interest of Gregg County.
17. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in the agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and the agreement shall be considered as if such had never been contained herein.
18. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the official opening. Alterations made before the time of official opening must be initialed by Respondent guaranteeing authenticity. Proposals may not be amended, altered or withdrawn after the official opening, except upon the explicit recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and the formal approval of the Commissioners Court.
19. The agreement embodies the complete agreement of the parties hereto, superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties and relating to matters herein, and except as otherwise provided herein cannot be modified without written agreement of the parties. A contract will be executed after determination of the award.
20. Respondent must provide a certificate of insurance conforming to the above listed requirements or a statement of Respondent's insurance carrier certifying that the required coverage shall be obtained by Respondent within ten (10) days of formal award of the Contract. In the case where a certification letter from an insurance carrier is attached to the proposal in lieu of an insurance certificate, any formal award of a contract shall be contingent upon required coverage being put into force **prior** to any performance required by subject agreement.
21. Gregg County reserves the right to terminate an agreement/contract at any time, without cause, upon ten (10) days written notice to Respondent. Upon termination, Gregg County shall pay Respondent for those costs directly attributable to work done or supplies obtained in preparation for completion or compliance with the Contract, except no payment shall be made for costs recoverable by Respondent in the normal course of doing business or which can be mitigated through the sale of supplies or materials

obtained for use under this Contract. It is further agreed by Respondent that Gregg County shall not be liable for loss or reduction in any anticipated profit.

22. Additional or alternate bonds may be required in accordance with Texas statutes as outlined in the specifications.
23. Gregg County is wholly committed to developing, establishing, maintaining, and enhancing minority business involvement in the total procurement process. The County, its contractors, their suppliers and sub-contractors, vendors of goods, equipment, services, and professional services, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or sex in the award and/or performance of contracts. However, competition and quality of work remain the ultimate standards in contractor, sub-contractor, vendor service, professional service, and supplier utilization. All vendors, suppliers, professionals and contractors doing business or anticipating doing business with Gregg County shall support, encourage and implement steps toward our common goal of establishing equal opportunity for all citizens of Gregg County.
24. Respondents must agree to provide the following information as part of this RFP:
 - ✓ Form of business. (If a corporation, limited partnership or limited liability company, indicate the state of creation).
 - ✓ Name of contact person (single point of contact with the Respondent).
 - ✓ List of all criminal charges, civil lawsuits or dispute resolutions to which Respondent is a party in the past five (5) years and the nature of the issue. Indicate if and how it was resolved.
 - ✓ List all criminal charges, civil lawsuits, or alternative dispute resolutions to which Respondent becomes a party for the period beginning with the submission of the RFP until the rejection or award of the RFP/RFP.
25. Gregg County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, or to accept the proposals which, in its sole judgment, best serves the interest of the County, or to award a contract to the next most qualified Respondent if a successful Respondent does not execute a contract within 10 business days after approval of the selection by the Gregg County Commissioners Court. Gregg County Reserves the right to award multiple contracts as necessary and in the best interest of the County.
26. Gregg County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information of one or more Respondents.
27. Costs of preparation of a response to this request for RFP are solely those of the Respondent. Gregg County assumes no responsibility for any such costs incurred by the Respondent. The Respondent also agrees that Gregg County assumes no responsibility for any costs associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.

28. The awarding Respondent shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least two (2) years after completion of the contract resulting from this request for proposal. Gregg County shall have access to all records, documents and information collected and/or maintained by others in the course of the administration of this agreement.
29. Bidder understands and agrees that in returning a response to this RFP that it is neither an "offer" nor an "acceptance" until such time a formal contract is authorized/awarded by the Gregg County Commissioners Court; if any.
30. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. Proposals will not be considered if submitted by telephone, fax or any other means of rapid dispatch, nor will a proposal be considered if submitted to any other person or department other than specifically instructed.
31. Gratuities– Gregg County may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller if it is determined by Gregg 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 Gregg County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is canceled by Gregg County pursuant to this provision, Gregg 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.
32. Termination - The performance of work under this order may be terminated in whole or in part by the Buyer in accordance with this provision. Termination of work hereunder 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 Buyer.
33. Force Majeure - If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemies, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that

the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty.

34. Assignment Delegation - No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of the Buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.
35. Waivers - No claim or right arising out of a breach of this contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.
36. Modification - Contract can be modified or rescinded only by a written and signed agreement by both of the parties duly authorized agents.
37. Applicable Law - This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement.
38. Advertising - Seller shall not advertise or publish, without Buyer's prior consent, the fact that Buyer has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.
39. Right to Assurance - Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give written assurance of his intent to perform. In the event a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.
40. Venue - Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be in Longview, Gregg County, Texas.
41. No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be executed by the vendor as a result of any discussions with any public service official, employee and/or consultant. Only those transactions provided in written form may be considered binding.
42. The contents of each vendor's proposal, including pricing and specifications shall remain valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the RFP due date.
43. All documents submitted as part of the vendor's offering will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process.

44. Subcontracting: The Vendor must function as the single point of responsibility for the Agency. No vendor shall submit a proposal comprised of separate software packages from multiple subcontractors.
45. Investigation of Conditions: Before submitting a proposal, respondent should carefully examine the specifications and fully inform themselves to the conditions of the equipment and limitations.
46. Contract Award:
 - 1) Gregg County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in a proposer's response if deemed in the best interests of the County.
 - 2) Award of a contract (if any) resulting from this RFP will be made only by written authorization from Gregg County Commissioners Court.
47. Conflict of Interest: No public official shall have interest in this contract except in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171. State Law (CHAPTER 176 of the Local Government Code) requires the filing of a CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE by certain individuals and businesses.
48. Design, Strength, Quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practice.
49. All Hardware of any other item offered in this proposal must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition and of current manufacture.
50. Descriptions: Whenever an article or material is defined or used in the RFP specifications by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a manufacturer, model number, or make, the term "or equal" if not inserted, shall be implied. Any reference to specified article or material shall be understood as descriptive, NOT restrictive, and is used to indicate type and quality level desired for comparison purposes unless otherwise noted. Proposals must be submitted on units of quantity specified, extended, and totaled. In the event of discrepancies in extension, the unit prices shall govern.
51. Addendum: Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this RFP and Specifications will be made by addendum, unless otherwise stated. Issuing authority of addendum shall be the Commissioners' Court of Gregg County, Texas. Addendum will be posted on website for download, mailed, emailed, or faxed to all that are known to have received a copy of the RFP. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda and include receipt and response to addenda with submission.

52. Patents/Copyrights: The successful vendor agrees to protect Gregg County from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
53. Contract Administrator: The Contract Administrator will serve as sole liaison between the Gregg County Commissioners Court and affected Gregg County Departments and the successful vendor. Unless directly outlined in this specification the vendor shall consider no one but the Contract Administrator authorized to communicate, by any means, information or suggestions regarding or resembling this RFP throughout the RFP process. The Contract Administrator has been designated the responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The County will not pay for work, equipment or supplies, which it deems unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity to correct deficiencies before termination. This however, shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance.
54. Packing slips or other suitable shipping documents shall accompany each special order shipment and shall include:
 - (a) Name and address of successful vendor;
 - (b) Name and address of receiving department and/or location;
 - (c) Gregg County Purchase Order number; and,
 - (d) Descriptive information of the materials shipped or services rendered, including item numbers, serial numbers, quantities, number of containers and package numbers, address/location of services rendered, as applicable.
55. Unless otherwise indicated, items will be new, unused, and in first class condition in containers suitable for damage-free shipment and storage.
56. Invoices must show all information as stated above, and will be issued for each purchase order.
57. Equipment/Good/Services supplied under this contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Item(s) found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the successful vendor within one (1) week after notification at no expense to the County. If item(s) is not picked up within one (1) week after notification, the item(s) will become a donation to the County for disposition.
58. Warranty: Successful vendor shall warrant that all equipment/goods/services shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.
59. Remedies: The successful vendor and Gregg County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
60. Silence of Specification: The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detail or

to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

61. The Contractor shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, volunteers, employees or subcontractors. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be considered in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute to it. Further, the Contractor shall include all subcontractors as additional insured under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. **All Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be furnished to the County's Purchasing Agent and approved by the County before work commences.**

62. ***Standard Insurance Policies Required:***
 - a. Commercial General Liability Policy
 - b. Automobile Liability Policy
 - c. Worker's Compensation Policy

General Requirements applicable to all policies:

- a. Only insurance carriers licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas will be accepted.
- b. Deductibles shall be listed on the Certificate of Insurance and are acceptable only on a per occurrence basis for property damage only.
- c. "Claims Made" policies will not be accepted.
- d. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to Gregg County.
- e. All insurance policies shall be furnished to Gregg County upon request.

Commercial General Liability

- a. General Liability insurance shall be written by carrier with an A:VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating guide.
- b. Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily Injury and property damage with Gregg County named as an additional insured.
- c. No coverage shall be deleted from the standard policy without notification of individual exclusions being attached for review and acceptance.

Automobile Liability

- a. General Liability Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A:VIII or better rating in accordance with the current Best Key Rating Guide.
- b. Minimum Combined Single Limit of \$600,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

63. **Workers Compensation Insurance** - Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Title 28, Section 110.110 of the Texas compensation insurance policy; either directly through their employer's policy (the Contractor's or subcontractor's policy) or through an executed coverage agreement on an approved TWCC form. Accordingly, if a subcontractor does not have his or her own policy and a coverage agreement is used, Contractors and subcontractors must use that portion of the form whereby the hiring contractor agrees to provide coverage to the employees of the subcontractor. The portion of the form that would otherwise allow them not to provide coverage for the employees of an independent contractor may not be used.

The worker's compensation insurance shall include the following terms:

- a. Employer's Liability limits of \$500,000.00 for each accident are required.
- b. "Texas Waiver of Our Right to Recover from Others Endorsement" shall be included in this policy. (Waiver of Subrogation)

Pursuant to the explicit terms of Title 28, Section 110.110 (c) (7) of the Texas Administrative Code, the RFP statement of work and specifications, this Agreement, and all subcontracts on this Project must include the following terms and conditions in the following language, without any additional words or changes, except those required to accommodate the specific document in which they are contained or to impose stricter standards of documentation:

Definitions:

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") - A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81), TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory worker's compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the Contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractors" in section 406.096 {of the Texas Labor Code}) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the Contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent Contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering

equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage respondents, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

- The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on the proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, that meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all employees of the Contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
- The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
- If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
- The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
 - (1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file providing services on the project, and certificates of coverage showing coverage for all person; and
 - (2) no later than seven calendar days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - (3) The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 calendar days after the Contractor knew or should have known, or any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

- (1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreement, that meets the statutory

- requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
- (2) provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;
 - (3) provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - (4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
 - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - (b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;
 - (5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;
 - (6) notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 calendar days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - (7) Contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required; with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

By signing a contract with Gregg County, or providing, or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier, or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent, and shall contain the following provisions and warranties:

- a. The company is licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Texas.
- b. The insurance policies provided by the insurance company are underwritten on forms that have been provided by the Texas State Board of Insurance or ISO.
- c. All endorsements and insurance coverage according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
- d. The form of the notice of cancellation, termination, or change in coverage provisions to Gregg County.
- e. Original endorsements affecting coverage required by the section shall be furnished with the certificates of insurance.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS

If applicable, a bid Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 262.032 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code, if the contract contemplated by this request is a bid for the construction of public works, or will be under a contract exceeding \$100,000.00, Gregg County may require the vendor to execute a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total contract price. Said bond shall be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

If applicable, a Performance Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 262.032 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code, within thirty (30) days of the date of the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid by Gregg County Commissioners Court and prior to commencement of the actual work, the successful vendor shall furnish a performance bond to Gregg County for the full amount of the contract if the contract exceeds \$50,000.00. Said bond shall be for the purpose of insuring the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications and contract documents associated with the contract.

If applicable, a Payment Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2253.021, Texas Government Code, if the amount of the contract awarded to the successful vendor exceeds \$25,000.00, the successful vendor shall execute a payment bond in the amount of the contract. Said bond is solely for the protection and use of payment bond beneficiaries who have a direct contractual relationship with the prime contractor or a subcontractor to supply public work labor or material. This bond must be issued to the County within ten (10) days of the award of the contract and before vendor begins the work.

If applicable, a Performance Bond shall be required. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2253.021, Texas Government Code, if the amount of the contract awarded to the successful vendor exceeds \$100,000.00, the successful vendor shall execute a performance bond in the amount of the contract. Said performance bond is solely for the protection of Gregg County and is conditioned on the faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents. This bond must be issued to the County within ten (10) days of the award of the contract and before the vendor begins the work.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Any County projects will require vendors to enter sensitive security areas. These include, but are not limited to, Gregg County Courthouse, Gregg County Sheriff's Department and/or Gregg County Jails.

The following will apply to awarded vendor personnel.

- The successful Respondent shall provide information, including, but not limited to, name, date of birth, and driver's license number for each individual who will be performing work on Gregg County property.
- Vendor personnel who perform work on Gregg County property must submit to and pass a Sheriff's Department Criminal Background Check. That status must be maintained by all vendor personnel entering County buildings for the duration of the contract.
- Criminal Background checks conducted by your firm may or may not be acceptable to certain departments depending on their particular requirements. The County reserves the right to conduct additional Criminal Background Checks as it deems necessary.
- Award of a contract could be affected by your firms' refusal to agree to these terms. Award could also be affected if your firm is unable to supply personnel who can pass a Criminal Background Check.

The Criminal Background Check applies to the individual and not the company.

Special Conditions

WORK. The CONTRACTOR shall provide and pay for all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, services, insurance, and all water, light, power, fuel, transportation and other facilities necessary for the execution and completion of the work covered by the contract Documents. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new and both workmanship and materials shall be of a good quality. The CONTRACTOR shall if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. The OWNER reserves the right to enter the property or location on which the work herein is contracted for by such agent or agents as he may elect, for the purpose of inspecting the work, or for the purpose of constructing or installing such collateral work as said OWNER may desire.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANT. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the care, preservation, conservation, and protection of all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, apparatus, accessories, facilities, all means of construction, and any and all parts of the work, whether the CONTRACTOR has been paid, partially paid, or not paid for such work, until the entire work is completed and accepted.

CHARACTER OF WORKMEN. The CONTRACTOR agrees to employ only orderly and competent men, skillful in the performance of the type of work required under this contract, to do the work; and agrees that whenever the OWNER shall inform him in writing that any man or men on the work are, in his opinion, incompetent, unfaithful or disorderly, such man or men shall be discharged from the work and shall not again be employed on the work without the OWNER'S written consent.

PROTECTION AGAINST ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times exercise reasonable precautions for the safety of employees and others on or near the work and shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and Municipal safety laws and building and construction codes. All machinery and equipment and other physical hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" of the Associated General Contractors of America except where incompatible with Federal, State, or Municipal laws or regulations. The CONTRACTOR shall provide such machinery guards, safe walkways, ladders, bridges, gangplanks, and other safety devices if necessary. The safety precautions actually taken and their adequacy shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, acting at his discretion as an independent contractor.

PROTECTION OF ADJOINING PROPERTY. The said CONTRACTOR shall take proper means to protect the adjacent or adjoining property or properties in any way encountered, which might be injured or seriously affected by any process of construction to undertaken under this Agreement, from any damage or injury by reason of said process of construction; and he shall be liable for any and all claims for such damage on account of his failure to fully protect all adjoining property. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless the OWNER against any claim or claims for damages due to any injury to any adjacent or adjoining

property, arising or growing out of the performance of the contract; but any such indemnity shall not apply to any claim of any kind arising out of the existence or character of the work.

PROTECTION AGAINST CLAIMS OF SUB-CONTRACTORS, LABORERS, MATERIALMEN AND FURNISHERS OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. The CONTRACTOR agrees that he will indemnify and save the OWNER harmless from all claims growing out of the lawful demands of sub-contractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, material men and furnishers of machinery and parts thereof, equipment, power tools, and all supplies, including commissary, incurred in the furtherance of the performance of this contract. When so desired by the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature hereinabove designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If the CONTRACTOR fails so to do, then the OWNER may at the option of the CONTRACTOR either pay directly any unpaid bills, of which the OWNER has written notice, or withhold from the CONTRACTOR'S unpaid compensation a sum of money deemed reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all liabilities have been fully discharged, whereupon payments to the CONTRACTOR shall be resumed in full, in accordance with the terms of this contract, but in no event shall the provisions of this sentence be construed to impose any obligation upon the OWNER by either the CONTRACTOR or his Surety.

FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE. Within ten (10) days after the CONTRACTOR has given the OWNER written notice that the work has been completed, or substantially completed, the OWNER shall inspect the work and within said time, prepare and send a list of deficiencies. If there are not deficiencies found then OWNER will process final payment.

FINAL PAYMENT. The OWNER, who shall pay to the CONTRACTOR on or before the 30th day, and before the 35th day, after the date of Project Completion, the balance due the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement, provided he has fully performed his contractual obligations under the terms of this contract.

PAYMENTS WITHELD. The OWNER may, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, withhold payment to such extent as may be necessary to protect himself from loss on account of:

- (a) Defective work not remedied.
- (b) Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims.
- (c) Failure of the CONTRACTOR to make payments properly to subcontractors or for material or labor.
- (d) Damage to another contractor.
- (e) Reasonable doubt that the work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract amount.
- (f) Reasonable indication that the work will not be completed within the contract time.

CHANGE ORDERS: Without invalidating this Agreement, the OWNER may, at any time or from time to time, order deletions or revisions to the work; such changes will be authorized by Change Order to be prepared by the OWNER after formal approval of the Gregg County Commissioners Court. The Change Order shall set forth the basis for any change in contract

price, as hereinafter set forth for Extra Work, and any change in contract time which may result from the change..

EXAMINATION OF SITE OF PROJECT. Prospective bidders shall make a careful examination of the site of the project, soil and water conditions to be encountered, improvements to be protected, disposal sites for surplus materials not designated to be salvaged materials, and methods of providing ingress and egress to private properties and of handling traffic during construction of the entire project.

TRADE NAMES AND MATERIALS.

Where materials or equipment are specified by a trade or brand name, it is not the intention of the Owner to discriminate against an equal product of another manufacturer, but rather to set a definite standard of quality of performance, and to establish an equal basis for the evaluation of bids. Where the words "equivalent", "proper" or "equal to" are used, they shall be understood to mean the equivalent of, or equal to some other thing, in the opinion or judgment of the Owner. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be the best of their respective kinds and shall be in all cases fully equal to approved samples. Notwithstanding that the words "or equal to" or other such expressions may be used in the specifications in connection with a material, manufactured article or process, the materials, article or process specifically designated shall be used, unless a substitute shall be approved in writing by the Owner, and the Owner shall have the right to require the use of such specifically designated material, article or process.

BARRICADES, LIGHTS, AND WATCHMEN. Where the work is carried on in or adjacent to any street, alley or public place, the Contractor shall at his own cost and expense furnish and erect such barricades, fences, lights, and danger signals, shall provide such watchmen, and shall provide such other precautionary measures for the protection of persons or property and of the work as are necessary. Barricades shall be painted in a color that will be visible at night. From sunset to sunrise the Contractor shall furnish and maintain at least one light at each barricade and sufficient number of barricades shall be erected to keep vehicles from being driven on or into any work under construction. The Contractor shall furnish watchmen in sufficient numbers to protect the work. The Contractor will be held responsible for all damage to the work due to failure of barricades, signs, lights, and watchmen to protect it, and whenever evidence is found of such damage, the Owner may order the damaged portion immediately removed and replaced by the Contractor at his cost and expense. The Contractor's responsibility for the maintenance of barricades, signs, and lights, and for providing watchmen shall not cease until the project shall have been accepted by the Owner.

RESTORATION OF SITE & CLEANUP. Upon completion of the project (or major portions thereof) the Contractor shall restore the site to its original condition or better. Driveways and streets shall be compacted and resurfaced as originally found. All private property disrupted during construction including fences, patios, retaining walls, sidewalks, wooden decks, etc. shall be mended or repaired to their original condition. At the conclusion of the work, all tools, temporary structures and materials belonging to the Contractor shall be promptly removed, and all dirt, rubbish and other foreign substances shall be disposed of. The Contractor shall thoroughly clean all equipment and materials installed by him and shall deliver over such materials and equipment in an undamaged, clean condition.

SAFETY.

- In accordance with generally accepted construction practices, the Contractor alone will be solely and completely responsible for conditions of the job site, including safety of all persons and property during performance of the work. This requirement will apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.
- The duty of the Owner to conduct construction review of the Contractor's performance is not intended to include review of the adequacy of the Contractor's safety measures, in, or on, or near the construction site.

EXISTING UTILITIES AND SERVICE LINES. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all existing utilities or service lines crossed or exposed by his construction operations. Where existing utilities or service lines are cut, broken or damaged, the Contractor shall replace or repair the utilities or service lines with the same type of original material and construction, or better, at his own cost and expense.

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY. The Contractor shall, at no additional expense to the Owner, protect by false work, braces, shoring or other property along his line of work or affected directly by his work, against damage and shall repair the damages or repay the injured Owners if such damage occurs. The Contractor shall exercise care to protect from injury all water pipes, sanitary sewer pipes, gas mains, telephone cables, electric cables, service pipes, and other utilities or fixtures which may be encountered during the progress of the work. All utilities and other service facilities or fixtures if damaged, shall be repaired by the Contractor without additional compensation. Protection is Contractor's responsibility and he must satisfy himself as to the existence and location of all utilities and structures.

CONTRACTS IN DEFAULT. The Owner may declare a contract in default for any one or more of the following reasons:

- Failure to complete the work within the contract period or any extension thereof.
- Failure or refusal to comply with an order of the Owner within a reasonable time.
- Failure or refusal to remove rejected materials.
- Failure or refusal to perform anew any defective or unacceptable work.
- Bankruptcy or insolvency, or the making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- Failure to provide a qualified superintendent, competent workmen or subcontractors to carry on the work in an acceptable manner or failure to prosecute the work according to the agreed schedule of completion.
- Disregard or violation of any other important provisions of the Contract Documents as determined by the Engineer.

Scope of Work

Gregg County is requesting sealed proposals from qualified vendors to provide and install and bulk fuel tank at Gregg County Precinct 4, Gregg County, Texas. Gregg County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all of the proposals received, purchase from any State contract and/or inter-local agreement and or award contracts in lump sum or in parts. All contracts must be approved by the Gregg County Commissioners Court. Prices and services will remain the same throughout the contract period. Project(s) shall be compliant with the Industry Standards and the Laws of the State of Texas.

Location to Install Tank:

Gregg County Precinct 4

710 West Martin L. King Blvd.
Kilgore, Texas 75663

- ✓ Vendor shall provide and install a fuel management system with software that can be designed for manual input.
- ✓ Vendor shall install a commercial fleet dispenser single hose for gasoline and single hose for diesel dispenser with a remote satellite.
- ✓ Vendor shall install a 4,000 gallon double walled above ground storage tank with two compartments 3000 diesel/1000 gasoline.
- ✓ Vendor shall install all necessary piping, submersible pumps, containment and electrical for the fuel system including 6 inch guard post at dispensers.
- ✓ Vendor shall manage all necessary paperwork and permitting as required through Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

The system must perform the following functions:

- Restrict the dispensing of fuel to only authorized assets
- Limit the type of fuel dispensed for each asset
- Allow for the fueling of nonstandard asset like fuel buggies and gas cans
- Allow the system administrator to set up assets in a single database
- Allow the system administrator to assign four digit numbers per asset

For each transaction the system must capture the following

- a. A unique transact number
- b. Asset being fueled
- c. Type of fuel
- d. Quantity of fuel
- e. Date and time
- f. Location
- h. Asset utilizations (both hours and miles)

Supply, at a minimum, the following reports in a printable and exportable Microsoft Excel format

- All transactions for a given date range listing Asset number, date, fuel type, quantity, cost, location, Service Area, and Service Unit Sorted by any field
- Listing date, time, fuel type, quantity, location Sorted by any field
- Amount of fuel in all storage tanks.
- Allow the system administrator to make custom reports based on any or all data collected by the system.

Vendor Requirements

- ✓ Vendor to supply a “Turn Key” fully operational system no later than 90 ninety days after receipt of signed contract..
- ✓ The installation of the system shall be done in the manner that causes the least amount of interference in the daily operation of the Precinct’s fleet.
- ✓ Vendor’s work plan should assume the facilities will be available during normal operating hours.
- ✓ The Contact Administrator (Commissioner Precinct 4) will have final approval of work schedule for installation activities.
- ✓ The vendor must supply all their own tools, supplies and staff to complete the retrofitting.
- ✓ Vendor will perform all work in accordance with federal, state and local laws and regulations. Vendor’s proposal will include installation safety plans.
- ✓ The Vendor will supply hands on training and printed training manuals/procedures for precinct staff on the installation and setup of all items needed to install the system.
- ✓ County’s preference is to have training manuals/procedures in hard copy and in electronic format
- ✓ The Vendor will supply hands on training and printed training manuals/procedures on the operation and general maintenance of the all components and software for the system.
- ✓ County’s preference is to have training manuals/procedures in hard copy and electronic format
- ✓ Vendor will assume complete responsibility for installation and setup of the system at the fueling location
- ✓ Vendor to install proper dispenser lighting and propose tank site lighting
- ✓ Vendor to provide any and all necessary warranty information.

Support – Vendor must supply the following support services

1. Vendor to provide online documentation for all modules with screenshots
2. Vendor to provide online documentation for new releases/functionality
3. Vendor to provide technical support for software upgrades
4. Vendor to provide dedicated customer support and technical resources post implementation
5. Vendor to provide defined Service Level Agreement on support response times
6. Vendor to provide system testing and user acceptance testing plans during implementation
7. Vendor shall provide an online support portal for incident submission and tracking

Vendors should organize Proposals into the following Sections:

- A. System
- B. Capability to meet the project requirements
- C. Maintenance and Repairs
- D. Qualifications and Experience
- E. References
- F. Fee Proposal
- G. Authorized Negotiator
- H. Attachments

PROPOSAL EVALUATIONS

The county will conduct a comprehensive, fair and impartial evaluation of all Proposals received in response to this RFP. Each proposal will be analyzed to determine the overall responsiveness and qualification under the RFP. Gregg County will award a contract to the vendor who provides the best value to the County.

The evaluation criteria will include the following, but may not be limited to the following:

- ✓ Vendor's past performance record with Gregg County
- ✓ Gregg County's evaluation of vendor's ability to perform
- ✓ Gregg County's experience with products RFP
- ✓ Special needs and requirements of Gregg County
- ✓ Location of Vendor
- ✓ Vendors responsiveness to this RFP packet

The following describes the elements that should be included in each of the proposal sections and the weighted point system that will be used for evaluation of the proposals.

A. System – 15 points

1. Include a written description of the proposed fuel management system.

B. Capability to meet the project requirements – 20 points

1. A description of the steps needed to install and procure bulk fuel island.
2. Include the estimated time required to complete fueling site.
3. Include lead time needed to begin project after award of a signed contract.

C. Maintenance and Repairs – 15 points

1. Supply the name, address and phone number for the nearest services center and the ability to have a technician on site. Include estimated time it will take for technician to be onsite for repair service.

D. Qualifications and Experience – 20 points

1. Provide a written description of qualifications and experience in installation of Bulk fuel site. This must include a description of the firm's overall qualifications and experience, plus a description of the qualifications and experience of the individuals to be assigned to the project.

E. References - 5 points

1. Include three references to similar projects

F. Fee Proposal - 25 points

1. The information requested in this section is required to support the reasonableness of your quotation. The Cost should be separated in to itemized list and an estimated annual cost to Technical Support.

2. The fee proposed must include the total estimated cost for the project when it is 100% complete. This total may be adjusted after negotiations with the County and prior to signing a formal contract, if justified.

G. Authorized Negotiator

1. Include the name, phone number, and e-mail address of persons(s) in your organization authorized to negotiate the agreement with the county,

Based on the review, proposals may be further evaluated through vendor presentations and discussion regarding their proposals. Gregg County reserves the right to request presentations from only the top ranked vendor. Discussions will cover cost, methods, and all other relevant factors. Gregg County reserves the right to request best and final offers. Proposals are subject to re-evaluation and scoring as a result of best and final offers (BAFO)

Gregg County Commissioners reserve the right to award contracts to more than one vendor if it deems in the best interest of the County.

Vendors whose proposals do not meet the mandatory requirements will be considered non-compliant. After the evaluation of the proposals and selection of the successful vendor(s), all vendors will be notified in writing of the selected firm.

RFP Forms

VENDOR REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references of current customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. The County prefers customers of similar size and scope of work to this RFP. ***THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFP.***

REFERENCE ONE:

COMPANY NAME:
ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP:
CONTACT NAME/TITLE:
BUSINESS PHONE/FAX:
CONTRACT PERIOD: SCOPE OF WORK:

REFERENCE TWO:

COMPANY NAME:
ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP:
CONTACT NAME/TITLE:
BUSINESS PHONE/FAX:
CONTRACT PERIOD: SCOPE OF WORK:

REFERENCE THREE:

COMPANY NAME:
ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP:
CONTACT NAME/TITLE:
BUSINESS PHONE/FAX:
CONTRACT PERIOD: SCOPE OF WORK:

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added Section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a government entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the government entity. The disclosure of interested parties will be submitted online via Form 1295 and must be submitted to the governmental entity prior to any signed contract and/or vote by the governing authority.

The Filing Process:

1. Prior to award by Commissioners Court, your firm will be required to log in to the Texas Ethics Commission, https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm and fill out the Electronic Filing Application.
2. Once submitted, the system will generate an electronic Form 1295 displaying a “Certificate Number.” Your firm must print, sign and notarize Form 1295.
3. **Within ten (10) business days** from notification of pending award by the Gregg County Purchasing Agent, the completed Form 1295 **must** be submitted to Gregg County.
4. Your firm will need to repeat this process and obtain a separate Form 1295 each time you enter into a new contract, renew a contract or make modification and/or amendments to a Gregg County contract.

Instructions and information are available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm> or you may call the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800.

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

By submitting a Proposal in response to this solicitation, the Respondent certifies that at the time of submission, he/she is ***not*** on the Federal Government’s list of suspended, ineligible, or debarred contractors.

In the event of placement on the list between the time of proposal submission and time of award, the Respondent will notify the Gregg County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating this contract for default.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM

The undersigned agrees this proposal becomes the property of Gregg County after the official opening.

The undersigned affirms that they are familiarized with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed; satisfied himself/herself of the conditions of delivery, handling and storage of equipment and all other matters which may be incidental to the work, before submitting a proposal.

The undersigned agrees if this proposal is accepted, to furnish any and all items/services upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Specifications. The period for acceptance of this RFP will be ninety (90) calendar days unless a different period is noted by the Respondent.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this proposal has not been prepared in collusion with any other respondent, nor any employee of Gregg County, and that the contents of this proposal have not been communicated to any other respondent or to any employee of Gregg County prior to the official bid opening.

Vendor hereby assigns to purchase any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA Section 1 et seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, et seq.

The undersigned affirms that they have read and do understand the statement of work and specifications and any attachments contained in this RFP package. ***Failure to sign and return this form could result in rejection of the entire proposal.***

Signature _____ **X**

Company Name		
Address		
City/State/Zip Code		
Phone:	Office: Cell:	Fax: Email:
Print Name		
Job Title		

To: Vendors of Gregg County, Texas
From: Kelli L. Davis, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Re: ***Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ)***

Vendor;

Attached, please find link below to a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. Please complete this form if you have a conflict of interest with any Gregg County Official, Employee, or Department. The questionnaire should reflect the name of the individual with whom the conflict of interest occurs. If you have any questions regarding compliance with Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, please consult your legal representative. Compliance is the responsibility of each individual, business, agent or representative who is subject to the law's filing requirements.

<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf>

Original completed forms should be filed with the County Clerk's Office and a copy sent to the Gregg County Purchasing Department either through RFP return, fax, or email. Please see contact information below.

Gregg County Clerk
Gregg County Courthouse
101 East Methvin, St. 200
Longview, Texas 75601
Ph; 903-236-8430

Gregg County Purchasing Department
Email: purchasing@co.gregg.tx.us
Ph: 903-237-2684
Fx: 903-237-2682

Applicable Law

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Gregg County (County Clerk) no later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Texas Local Government Code.



Gregg County Purchasing Department
Kelli L. Davis, CPPB Purchasing Agent
101 E. Methvin St., Suite 205, Longview, Texas 75601
Phone (903) 237-2684 Fax (903) 237-2682 purchasing@co.gregg.tx.us

November 6, 2017

To: Longview News-Journal

From: Kelli L. Davis, CPPB

Subject: Advertisement RFP# 2018-806 Purchase and Installation of Bulk Fuel Tank

Please run the following ad on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 and Monday, November 20, 2017 in the Longview-News Journal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Department, at 101 E. Methvin St., Suite 205, Longview, TX 75601, on Monday December 04, 2017 by 2:00 PM for RFP No.2018-806 Installation of Bulk Fuel Tank for Gregg County. Late proposals will not be accepted. Specifications will be available on 11/14/17 by visiting www.co.gregg.tx.us on the Purchasing Department web page, or request by e-mail at purchasing@co.gregg.tx.us or by calling (903)-237-2684. Payment will be made after items have been received in accordance with award. Vendors must bid unit costs, but may offer lump sum discounts. Gregg County reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any bid received and to waive any irregularities or formalities in the best interest of Gregg County.