

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

INVITATION FOR BID

**PERIMETER FENCING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
FOR NORTH FOREST CAMPUS**

IFB NO.: 20-21

ISSUED BY:

Procurement Operations Department

FOR:

Facilities Department

PROCUREMENT OFFICER:

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BIDS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW

NO LATER THAN:

March 23, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. (local time)

at

Houston Community College
Procurement Operations Department
3100 Main Street, 11th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

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for North Forest Campus

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SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The following is the anticipated solicitation schedule including a brief description for milestone dates:

| Solicitation Milestone | Date & Time |
|--|---|
| IFB released and posted to HCC's & ESBD's websites | Tuesday, February 18, 2020 |
| Pre-Bid Meeting & Site Visit (Non-Mandatory) will be held by the Procurement Operations Department at the North Forest Campus, Academic Building C, Room No. "128", 6010 Little York Road, Houston, TX 77016. A Site Visit will follow after the Pre-Bid Conference. | Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:00 am (local time) |
| Deadline to receive written question/inquiries | Monday, March 2, 2020 by 2:00 pm |
| Responses to written questions/inquiries (estimated) | Wednesday, March 4, 2020 |
| Bid Submittal Due Date | Monday, March 23, 2020 by 2:00 pm (local time) |
| Small Business Subcontracting Plan Submittal | Tuesday, March 24, 2020 by 2:00 pm (local time) |
| Anticipated Board Recommendation and Approval | April, 2020 |

NOTE: Houston Community College reserves the right to revise this schedule. Any such revision will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the IFB and posted on Procurement Operations web site for your convenience.

Section 1 – Bid Overview & Scope of Work

1. Bid Overview

The Houston Community College, (“HCC”) or (“College”) is seeking competitive sealed bids from qualified firms to provide Perimeter Fence and Drainage Improvements Project in accordance with the plans and specifications referenced herein. Qualified firms are invited to submit a written response outlining your bid to provide goods, equipment and services as described in the Scope of Work, and in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid (IFB). The successful bidder will provide the scope of work in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and professional standards.

1.1 Background Information

Houston Community College is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the country with more than 70,000 students each semester, including more international students (8%) than any community college in the country. With an inspiring vision, HCC will become an opportunity institution for every student we serve – essential to our community’s success. To learn more about HCC visit our website at hccs.edu.

The Houston Community College System service area is Houston Independent School District, Katy, Spring Branch, Alief Independent School Districts, Stafford Municipal District, and the Fort Bend portion of Missouri City.

To learn more about HCC follow the link below:

<https://www.hccs.edu/fact-book/>

Houston Community College has six District colleges, one administration location and more than fifteen campuses with over seventy-six (76) buildings enclosing five (5.8) million square feet. All are located in the greater Houston area. HCC is also completing a facility development program through a \$465 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The System includes six garages within the real estate portfolio.

The main colleges and administration location include:

1. Central College
2. Coleman College of Health Sciences
3. Northeast College
4. Northwest College
5. Southeast College
6. Southwest College
7. District Offices-HCC Administration Building

To learn more about the various campuses and locations click on the link below:

<http://www.hccs.edu/locations/>

1.2 Pre-Bid Conference / Site Visit

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at a time and location as indicated in the *Solicitation Schedule* above. Attendance at this conference is advised if your firm wishes to ask any questions in connection with this IFB. *Please print a copy of the IFB and bring it with you, as no additional copies will be provided at the conference.* The College intends to present general information, which may be helpful in the preparation of proposals, and to offer firms the opportunity to ask questions concerning this IFB.

The pre-bid conference also provides opportunities for respondents to network and establish SBE and/or subcontracting relationships.

Firms planning to attend the Pre-Bid Conference should notify Art Lopez by email Arturo.lopez@hccs.edu, no later than 3:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** of the names, titles, and phone numbers of the individuals who will attend.

Immediately following the Pre-Bid meeting there will be a walk through and site visit of the work location. It is highly encouraged that all vendors participate in the site visit also.

Note: The Contractor shall be responsible for supplying any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) necessary to conduct inspection of the work location.

1.3 Term of Agreement

The award resulting from this solicitation, if any, will be a one (1) time purchase as required for the term of the project in accordance with the project schedule.

1.4 Performance and Payment Bonds

The successful Contractor(s) shall be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the total amount (100%) of the Contract, if the award is in excess of \$25,000.00, only the Payment Bond will only be required. If award is in excess of \$100,000.00, both Performance and Payment Bonds are required.

The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be in the same form as that distributed by HCC, and attached hereto, all duly executed by bidder (as "Principal") and by an incorporated surety company licensed to do business in the State of Texas. If the amount of the bond is greater than \$100,000.00 the surety must hold a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury.

2. Scope of Work

The Contractor shall furnish all material, labor, tools, supplies, permits, equipment, insurance, bonds, transportation, superintendence, barricades, temporary protection, temporary construction of every nature, taxes, contributions and all services and facilities, unless specifically excepted, and install all materials, items, and equipment required to complete the construction of perimeter fence and drainage improvements as a Turn-Key project. The project is located at HCC's North Forest Campus, 6010 Little York Road, Houston, TX 77016.

2.1 Contractor Requirements

- 2.1.1 The Contractor shall be required to secure cost for all permits. Security will be provided by HCC.
- 2.1.2 The Contractor shall be required to provide qualifications with experience coordinating and managing multiple scopes of work to include demolition, concrete, civil, landscaping, fencing, and electrical.
- 2.1.3 The Contractor shall be required to have experience working in and around higher education facilities.
- 2.1.4 General Contractor will be required to coordinate with HCC Administration, HCC Facilities, HCC IT & Security and Project Management team.

2.2 Items of Work Include

- 2.2.1 Addition of a perimeter fence to the existing North Forest Campus;
- 2.2.2 Minor demolition;
- 2.2.3 Ornamental metal fence, chain link fence, gates;
- 2.2.4. Landscaping;

- 2.2.5 Site work;
- 2.2.6 Civil, concrete, and
- 2.2.7 Electrical.

2.3 Allowable General Conditions (if applicable)

- 2.3.1 Jobsite Safety & Equipment
- 2.3.2 Fire Extinguishers
- 2.3.3 Dumpsters & Trash Removal
- 2.3.4 Weekly & Final Clean
- 2.3.5 Site Security
- 2.3.6 Temporary Fencing
- 2.3.7 Barricades
- 2.3.8 Project Signage
- 2.3.9 Telephone / Cell Phones
- 2.3.10 Dewatering Equipment
- 2.3.11 Generators
- 2.3.12 Miscellaneous Equipment
- 2.3.13 Small Tools & Supplies
- 2.3.14 Reproduction and Graphics
- 2.3.15 As-Builts and O&M Manuals
- 2.3.16 Postage & Delivery Expenses
- 2.3.17 Parking Fees
- 2.3.18 Project Superintendent
- 2.3.19 Project Manager
- 2.3.20 Project Coordinator / Engineer
- 2.3.21 Safety Manager / Director
- 2.3.22 QA/QC Manager

2.4 Safety Program

List your firm's Worker Compensation Experience Modification Rate (EMR) for the last 5 years as obtained from your insurance agent:

- 1) List Number of injuries and illness
- 2) Number of lost time accidents
- 3) Number of recordable cases
- 4) Number of fatalities
- 5) Number of employee direct hire fixed hours worked. (Round to 1,000's)
- 6) Are regular Project safety meetings held for Field Supervisor(s)? Yes No
- 7) If yes, frequency: Weekly. Bi-Monthly. Monthly. As Needed
- 8) Are Project safety inspections conducted? Yes No
 - a. If yes, who performs inspection?
 - b. How often?

c. Who is required to attend?

9) Does your firm have a written safety program? Yes No

The scope of work covers the requirements for the contractor to provide perimeter fence and drainage improvements as outlined in the construction drawings, plans and specifications described in the attached **Exhibit No. 2.**

Found by checking the links below: Construction Documents and HCC Standards.

Bid Documents Public Link: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=f12b991a7a9f414fbd5fcacb121f19b6>

HCC Standards Public Link: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=49cd5f4081554287881591d93479a1f7>

3. Additional Information

A bid award, if any, will be through the issuance of an HCC purchase order (PO) and shall be governed by the general terms and conditions of purchase outlined on the HCC PO document unless such terms and conditions are superseded by the content of this IFB or contract (if terms are in conflict, the terms of the IFB will take precedence).

By submitting a response to this request, the offer or accepts the responsibility for downloading, reading and abiding by the terms and conditions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions found on the HCC web site at: <https://HCC General-Terms-and-Conditions-of-Purchase-Orders.pdf>

The final authority to approve or disapprove delivered products and/or services lies with HCC.

In the event products/services delivered do not meet specification quality level, or do not perform as specified in this proposal, the supplier will replace the items, at no additional cost to HCC.

The bidder shall be responsible for all claims against the manufacturer for manufacturing defects.

Any correspondence regarding a HCC PO, specifically an invoice, must include the PO number to ensure correct and timely processing. Invoices must reference HCC's PO number.

HCC will not be responsible for products delivered or services rendered in advance of a supplier's receipt of a purchase order.

The bidder must notify HCC immediately once it is known that products and/or services will not be delivered / rendered as promised.

If HCC, in the exercise of its best judgment, determines the supplier's process for the delivery of products and/or services is unsafe or hazardous to life or property, HCC will suspend the process until the supplier takes corrective action.

No allowance will be made for a supplier' waste, loss, breakage, damage or difficulties.

Trash or refuse generated because of the operations or activities of the supplier delivering products and/or the supplier, at supplier's expense, will properly dispose of services.

The bidder shall be responsible for all claims against a carrier for freight and/or damage.

4. Additional Services

In the event College may require additional related services to be performed by Contractor that are outside the scope of this Agreement ("Additional Services") it may submit a written request for a proposal from Contractor ("Proposal"), which Contractor may provide if Contractor is willing and able to perform such Additional Services. Such Proposal shall contain (a) the scope of work to be performed; (b) a fixed billing rate for the proposed services; and (c) any other information relevant to such Proposal. Contractor shall deliver such Proposal to College within a reasonable period of time. If such Proposal for Additional Services is acceptable to the College, it will sign such Proposal. College may deny such Proposal at its sole and absolute discretion.

5. Additions and Deletions

HCC, by written notice to the Contractor, at any time during the term of this contract, may add or delete like or similar locations and/or services to be performed. Any such written notice shall take effect on the date stated in the notice from the College. The Contractor will be requested to provide a monthly fee equal to their normal and customary charges or rates for the equipment, locations and/or services requested.

Location(s): Location(s) of facilities are specified on the solicitation. HCC reserves the right to add or delete facilities serviced under the purchase order/contract. HCC will provide ten working days written notice to the vendor for facilities which need to be deleted or of any additional locations requiring service within the same area or region.

6. Estimated Quantities Not Guaranteed

The estimated quantities specified herein are not a guarantee of actual quantities, as HCC does not guarantee any particular quantity of equipment or services requested during the term of this contract. The quantities may vary depending upon the actual needs of the user department. The quantities specified herein are good faith estimates of usage during the term of this contract. Therefore, HCC shall not be liable for any contractual agreements/obligations the Contractor enters into based on all the quantities specified herein. There is no guaranteed amount of business, expressed or implied, to be purchased or contracted for by HCC.

7. First Year Warranty and Maintenance Service

A full one-year warranty shall be provided after delivery. The first year warranty should include all parts and labor, including all necessary on-site labor and all travel expenses for technicians.

The Contractor warrants all items acquired shall conform to all contractors' representations, the requirements of this contract, and all published documentation.

The Contractor shall provide the following Warranty details:

- i. Describe the warranty period including a detailed description of what is covered and what may be excluded from coverage.
- ii. Provide detailed description of what is covered and what may be excluded from coverage under the optional maintenance.
- iii. Identify what type and kind of field support you will provide under this solicitation; if any.

8. Added Value

HCC is interested in maximizing the value of expenditures as it relates to achieving additional value that would further benefit HCC and its operation, as well as its community of citizens and their tax based funding. As such, bidders are encouraged to consider, develop and propose added value concepts, programs, components and the like that would further enhance the proposed acquisition represented in this solicitation request.

Section 2 – Sealed Bid Form

1. Instructions

The Bidder shall furnish necessary resources and services required to complete the project, in accordance with the scope of work and project specifications and drawings hereby incorporated and made a part of this IFB and the contract documents, for the prices listed below.

Please provide a Total Proposed Price reflecting all project costs to successfully complete the project. Work requirements will be specified in individual purchase orders issued by Houston Community College.

Please submit this form in a separate sealed envelope and label it "Price Bid".

2. Engineers Estimated Budget: \$600,00 to \$700,000.

Owners Contingency

Undersigned has included the specified Owner's Contingency sum of **\$50,000** in the Base Bid Total.

3. Total Cost

| TASK ITEM | DESCRIPTION | UOM | QTY | EXTENDED PRICE |
|------------------|--|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Minor demolition, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 2. | Ornamental Metal Fence, Chain Link Fence and Gates | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 3. | Landscaping, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 4. | Site Work, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 5. | Civil Work, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 6. | Concrete Work, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 7. | Electrical Work, as per specification. | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 8. | General Conditions | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 9. | Contractor Fee | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 10. | Permit Fee | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 11. | Insurance | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| 12. | Bond Cost | LOT | 1 | \$ |
| | BASE BID TOTAL – "TURN-KEY PROJECT" | | | \$ |
| | CONTINGENCY | | | \$50,000 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | | | \$ |

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The Total Base Bid for the HCC Perimeter Fence and Drainage Improvements for North Forest Campus, based upon the above estimated quantities is:

TOTAL BASE BID _____(Use Words)

\$ _____(Use figures)

Bidder's maximum project duration (in calendar days) _____ Days

Rate Sheet for Additional Services

The college may request proposal for related serves, the Contractor is asked to include their standard price sheet to cover all items and services not specifically covered in the IFB. (The additional price sheets will not be considered in the evaluation)

4. Cooperative Contract

Please list the following information for the cooperative contract that your proposal is being submitted under:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Cooperative Contract Name: | |
| Cooperative Contract No. | |
| Cooperative Contract Term | |
| Cooperative Contract Website link: | |

5. Sealed Bid Signature

I have received and thoroughly examined the plans, specifications, and project schedule and have visited and examined the work site. I have also received and considered all solicitation amendments as posted on the solicitation website and have included those provisions in my Bid.

I understand the work to be done as provided in the plans and specifications. I further understand that the work is subject to the review and approval of Houston Community College System and submit the following Bid.

In submitting this Bid, the undersigned agrees and accepts all provisions and exhibits within this IFB.

| | |
|------------|--|
| Name: | |
| Title: | |
| Date: | |
| Signature: | |

Section 3 – Bid Evaluations

1. Evaluation of Bids

The general selection criteria for this IFB in order of precedence are as follows:

- a. Responsible low bid meeting specifications and being responsive to the requirements of this IFB.
- b. Compliance with HCC's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal will be considered as part of the bidders' responsibility. Failure to meet the goal may be grounds for determination that a bidder is not a responsible bidder.

Finalists may be asked to make a presentation to HCC prior to a final decision being made.

2. Eligibility for Award

In order for a bid to be eligible to be awarded the contract, the bid must be responsive to the solicitation and HCC must be able to determine that the bidder is responsible and has the resources and capacity to perform the resulting contract satisfactorily. Responsive bids are those that comply with all material aspects of the solicitation, conform to the solicitation documents, and meet the requirements set forth in this solicitation. Bids, which do not comply with all the terms and conditions of this solicitation, will be rejected as non-responsive.

- c. Responsible bids, at a minimum, must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of any resulting contract;
 - ii. Be able to comply with the required performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing business commitments;
 - iii. Have a satisfactory record of past performance;
 - iv. Have necessary personnel and management capability to perform any resulting contract;
 - v. Be qualified as an established firm regularly engaged in the type of business necessary to fulfill the contract requirements;
 - vi. Certify that the firm is not delinquent in any tax owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code; and is not delinquent in taxes owed to the Houston Community College System; signing and submitting the bid is so certifying to such non-delinquency; and
 - vii. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- d. Bid(s) may be requested to submit additional written evidence verifying that the firm meets the minimum requirements described above and as necessary, to perform the requirements of the solicitation and be determined a responsible bidder. Failure to provide any requested additional information may result in the bidder being declared non-responsive and the bid being rejected.

- e. A person is not eligible to be considered for award of this solicitation or any resulting contract or to be a subcontractor of the bidder or prime contractor if the person assisted in the development of this solicitation or any part of this solicitation or if the person participated in a project related to this solicitation when such participation would give the person special knowledge that would give that person or a prime contractor an unfair advantage over other bidders.
- f. A person or bidder shall not be eligible to be considered for this solicitation if the person or bidder engaged in or attempted to engage in prohibited communications as described in Section 5.17 - Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions.
- g. Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (This does not preclude a respondent from using subcontractors or contractors.) HCC will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits a response to this IFB.

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Section 4 – Instructions to Proposers

1. General Instructions

- a. Proposers should carefully read the information contained herein and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed.
- b. Proposals and any other information submitted by Proposers in response to this Request for Proposal (IFB) shall become the property of HCC.
- c. HCC will not provide compensation to Proposers for any expenses incurred by the Proposer(s) for proposal preparation or for any demonstrations that may be made, unless otherwise expressly stated. Proposers submit proposals at their own risk and expense.
- d. Proposals, which are qualified with conditional clauses, or alterations, or items, not called for in the IFB documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to disqualification by HCC, at its option.
- e. Each proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of your firm's ability to meet the requirements of this IFB. Emphasis should be on completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of HCCs needs.
- f. HCC makes no guarantee that an award will be made as a result of this IFB, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirements from this IFB or resulting Agreement when deemed to be in HCCs best interest. Representations made within the proposal will be binding on responding firms. HCC will not be bound to act by any previous communication or proposal submitted by the firms other than this IFB.
- g. Firms wishing to submit a "No-Response" are requested to return the first page of the Contact Award Form (ref. Attachment No. 1). The returned form should indicate your company's name and include the words "No-Response" in the right-hand column.
- h. Failure to comply with the requirements contained in this Request for Proposal may result in the rejection of your proposal.

2. Preparation and Submittal Instructions

All Attachments noted are to be completed and submitted with Proposal, Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

3. Document Format and Content

- a. Proposal must be signed by Proposer's company official(s) authorized to commit such proposals. Failure to sign and return these forms will subject your proposal to disqualification.
- b. Responses to this IFB must include a response to the proposal requirements set forth in the Scope of Services, above.
- c. Proposals must be typed on letter-size (8-1/2" x 11") paper. HCC requests that proposals be submitted in a binder. Preprinted material should be referenced in the proposal and included as labeled attachments. Sections should be divided by tabs for ease of reference. An electronic copy of the proposal must be provided in an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.
- d. Table of Contents: Include with the proposal a Table of Contents that includes page number references. The Table of Contents should be in sufficient detail to facilitate easy reference of the sections of the proposal as well as separate attachments (which should be included in the main Table of Contents). Supplemental information and attachments included by your firm (i.e., not required) should be clearly identified in the Table of Contents and provided as a separate section.
- e. Pagination: All pages of the proposal should be numbered sequentially in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.) Attachments should be numbered or referenced separately.
- f. Number of Copies: Submit one (1) original printed and one (1) electronic copy of your Proposal including all required HCC Forms and documents. An original (manual) signature must appear on the original printed copy and must be reflected in the original electronic copy. The electronic copies should be in non-editable .PDF format and should include the entire submission, including an individual separate file containing your price proposal. The front cover of the binder containing your response should be clearly marked with the Project Name and Number.
 - a. Proposals must be submitted and received in the HCC Procurement Operations Department on or before the time and date specified in the Solicitation Schedule.
 - b. The envelope containing a proposal shall be addressed as follows:
 - i. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Proposer;

- ii. Project Description/Title; Project Number; and Proposal Due Date/Time.
- c. Late proposals properly identified will be returned to Proposer unopened. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
- d. Telephone, Facsimile ("FAX") or electronic (email) proposals are not acceptable when in response to this Request for Proposal.

4. Proposer Response

General: Your Technical Proposal should clearly define (i) your Firm's total capacity and capabilities, (ii) your qualifications to perform the work, (iii) your ability to perform the services outlined in the Scope of Services, (iv) your understanding of HCC, and (v) what differentiates you from your competitors. At a minimum, your Technical Proposal shall include the following:

- a. Cover letter
The cover letter shall not exceed 1 page in length, summarizing key points in the proposal and shall briefly furnish background information about your firm, including date of founding, legal form (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation/state of incorporation), number and location of offices, location of company headquarters/main office, total number of employees' company-wide and total number of employees in the State of Texas, and principal lines of business. Certify that the firm is legally permitted or licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas for the services offered.

Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (This does not preclude a respondent from using consultants.) HCC will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits a response to this IFB.

- b. Table of Contents
Immediately following the cover letter and introduction, include a complete table of contents for material included in the response documents.
- c. Tab 1: Firm's Qualification and Experience
 - i. Qualifications & Experience of the Firm:
Provide a brief description of your firm, including the total number of supporting personnel related to providing the services of the type and kind required in this IFB.
 1. Provide firm's principal(s) and staff commitment in providing the services required in this solicitation.
 2. Provide firm's overall ability in providing the services required in this solicitation.
 3. Demonstrate firm's understanding, knowledge and experience of the solicitation requirements.

- 4. Provide examples of your firm civic activities including awards and recognitions.

- ii. Provide a detailed list where your firm has provided services of the type and kind required in this IFB during the past 3 years including but not limited to public and private organizations including: state agencies, state institutions of higher education, cities, counties, school districts, junior colleges, or other special authorities and districts.

HCC may verify all information furnished. As a minimum, include the following per project experience:

1. Project Name, Location – Year Completed.
2. Brief project description describing your experience, work performed by your firm and work subcontracted.
3. Owner's Name, title, and current phone number.
4. Identify firm's role; completion date; and contract name(s).
5. The methods of delivery used and how the firm maintains quality control.
6. Provide documented experience in providing the types of services described herein especially related to community or junior college experience or higher education facilities experience and with regard to accomplishment of past engagements involving services of the type and kind required in this IFB. List if firm was prime or subcontractor.

d. Tab 2 – Demonstrated Qualifications of Personnel and Team

This section should discuss the proposed designated staff of the responding firm (key personnel) committed to HCC and providing the services described in this solicitation.

- i. Key Personnel: Identify key personnel that would be assigned to HCC and that will provide the services described in the Scope of Services. Include an organizational chart, which identifies key personnel and their particular roles in furnishing the services required under this IFB. Describe how the team will be organized to deliver the services defined in this IFB.
- ii. Provide brief resumes (not more than one (1) page) for each key personnel. The resumes must clearly specify the number of years the personnel has been providing the type of services as described in this IFB.

1. Please include the following: A brief description of their unique qualifications, experience and education as it pertains to services of the type and kind required in this IFB.
 2. Availability and commitment of the respondent, its principal(s) and assigned professionals to undertake the services described in this IFB.
 3. Personnel's job functions, role, percent of time to be assigned to this account and physical office location.
 4. Designate the individual, who is authorized to sign and enter into any resulting contract.
 5. Provide a list of similar accounts where they have provided services of the type and kind required in this solicitation and include detailed description of their particular role in the account and length of time on the account.
- e. Tab 3 – Proposed Approach & Methodology
This section should describe and discuss your proposed approach and methodology in providing the services of the type and kind required in this IFB. By reading the proposed approach and methodology overview, HCC must be able to gain a comfortable grasp and clear understanding of the level of services to be provided and the methods proposed by the firm to provide them. A detailed explanation shall be included to understand how the services comply with the requirements of this IFB.
- i. Proposer shall respond to all requirements and questions noted in Section 1 using the attached Exhibit 1 – Functionality Response Document.
 - ii. Provide a detailed implementation plan with projected start and end dates of completion for each task from delivery of service to HCC. List any required HCC resources or expectations needed in order to meet the proposed timeline.
 - iii. Proposer must provide an approach and methodology overview which consists of a concise and detailed description of the requested services proposed in response to this IFB.
 - iv. HCC intends that each proposer provide a detailed and comprehensive description of all services that the proposer will provide if it enters into a contract pursuant to the IFB.
 - v. Quality: Please identify the key metrics you propose to use to measure your performance in delivering services of the type and kind required in this IFB to HCC. Your response should indicate the frequency of the measurement, how it will be used to continually improve performance, and how this information will be shared with HCC. Your response should include how do you measure and monitor quality of work, ensure delivery is met, and how problems are tracked, escalated (if required) both internally and with the customer.
- vi. Customer Satisfaction: How do you measure and monitor customer satisfaction; describe the method used, frequency, and how results are reported.
- vii. Capabilities and Capacity: Proposer shall clearly define its in-house capability and capacity to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services of this IFB. Your response must describe the various technologies, tools, methods, and technical expertise that you will provide to HCC and/or that will be used in the delivery of the services and how that will be of benefit in the delivery of services to HCC.
- f. Tab 4 - Past Performance and References
This section should establish the ability of the respondent (and its sub-consultant), if any to satisfactorily perform the required work.
- i. Provide contact information for the list of accounts noted in Tab 1 above, HCC may verify all information furnished.
 - ii. Describe lessons learned from previous clients for services of the type and kind required in this IFB that were not successful and what steps your firm has taken to effectively identify and mitigate from recurring.
 - iii. Demonstrate the capability and successful past performance of the firm with respect to producing high quality services, maintaining good working relations for services of the required in this IFB.
 - iv. Provide a list of all contracts that may have ended during the past 3 years; including contracts that may have been terminated or not renewed when a renewal was available. Include a detailed explanation of the circumstances related therein for any such contracts noted.
 - v. Provide a list of any work that your firm may have completed for Houston Community College during the past 3 years, including a detailed description of the work effort, performance and define if the work was completed as a contractor

directly with HCC or as a subcontractor under an engagement.

- vi. Provide letters of recommendations from other public junior or community colleges or higher education clients or other relevant references listing recently completed engagements for the services of the type and kind required in this IFB.

g. Tab 5 – Price Proposal

The Proposer/Contractor shall furnish all resources and services necessary and required to provide the services of the type and kind required in this IFB, in accordance with the Scope of Services, and the governing terms and conditions for the proposed price(s) listed in Section 2 – Price Proposal.

- i. Please include a description of any discount offered to HCC and an outline of any other fees or charges.
- ii. For the purposes of this IFB, Houston Community College will review the overall rate structure to evaluate its reasonableness for the anticipated work. Failure to fully disclose any fees or cost and to comply with the requirements herein may be cause for HCC to reject, as non-compliant, a proposal from further consideration.

h. Tab 6 - Small Business Practices

This section shall include a clear statement of the firm's commitment and plan to meet the small business goal specified in this solicitation, if any.

- i. Describe your previous experience, involvement and approach in working with certified Small Business firms; including level of effort, division of duties and providing opinions. Provide a statement detailing small business participation commitment.
- ii. For this solicitation HCC has a small business participation goal of **Thirty-Five Percent (35%)**.
- iii. At a minimum, your response must include: (a) Firm's commitment to meeting the small business participation goal for the solicitation (b) a description of previous engagements where your firm has successfully subcontracted work to small businesses including the percentage (%) of work subcontracted to these firms under each engagement; (c) a narrative outlining your overall approach to subcontracting and how you will solicit small businesses for participation as part of this solicitation; and (d) indicate what

challenges you anticipate in attaining HCC's goal.

- iv. Describe your company's process for the selection of subcontractors in accordance with the statutory procedures required for the solicitation of subcontractors, including your process for evaluating subcontractors' performance while also incorporating a Small Business Development Program.

- v. Provide a reference list of all customers noted in Tab 4 above that included a Small Business or similar program where you have performed work similar to the type of work described in this IFB. Provide the contact person and the representative who served as the Small Business Development liaison (or equivalent), telephone number and email address.

i. Tab 7 - Firm's Financial Status

- i. Please provide a statement from the president, owner or financial officer on company letterhead certifying that the company is in good financial standing and current in payment of all taxes and fees including but not limited to state franchise fees.
- ii. Is your company currently in default on any loan agreement or financing agreement with any bank, financial institution, or other entity? If yes, specify date(s), details, circumstances, and prospects for resolution.

j. Tab 8 – Business Relationship Strength

"Business Relationship Strength" for the purpose of this IFB shall mean the definition and commitment of the respondent towards a mutually successful "relationship" between the selected contractor and HCC for the duration of the contract. Respondent's Statement of Qualification must include their definition, proposal and commitment to forge, foster and maintain a mutually successful "relationship" with HCC. At a minimum, your response must include:

- i. your definition of a mutually successful "relationship" between your firm and HCC; and
- ii. your firm's commitment to a mutually successful "relationship" in the form of at least three, and not more than five, specific, obtainable criteria, activities, agreements or requirements that shall, at the discretion of HCC, become features of the awarded contract and shall guide the HCC-Contractor relationship for the duration of the contract.

iii. Student Internship: HCC is expanding its student internship program. Proposers are encouraged to describe how they envision using HCC students as part of their delivered service to support the application of relevant educational programs as aligned with real world work experience. Proposers willing to participate in this educational enrichment opportunity should provide the following information in the proposal response:

1. Number of HCC students proposed to be used as student interns in delivering the scope of services as defined in this IFB.
2. Proposed task and objectives that HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract.
3. Proposed number of hours and length of engagement for HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract.

4. Proposed work location where HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract. If not on site as part of the project team, any proposed work locations must be within Houston, Texas given student class schedules.

5. Proposed mentor/representative that will be responsible in working with and leading HCC student interns under the resulting contract.

k. Tab 9 – Required Attachments

This section shall include all Attachments noted in Section 6, all forms shall be completed, signed and submitted with Proposal. Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

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Section 5 – General Information

PROPOSERS ARE CAUTIONED TO READ THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS IFB CAREFULLY AND TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO ALL REQUIREMENTS AND QUESTIONS AS DIRECTED.

1. General Information

Houston Community College's service area is Houston Independent School District, Katy, Spring Branch, Alief Independent School Districts, Stafford Municipal District, and the Fort Bend portion of Missouri City. The System is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree.

Houston Community College serves its students each semester, by offering associate degrees, certificates, academic preparation, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities that prepares students in our diverse community to compete in an increasingly technological and international society. Houston Community College plays an integral role in transforming the lives of its students and making our community work.

More information regarding HCC can be found in the annual [HCC Fact Book](#).

HCC Mission - Houston Community College is an open-admission, public institution of higher education offering a high-quality, affordable education for academic advancement, workforce training, career development, and lifelong learning to prepare individuals in our diverse communities for life and work in a global and technological society.

HCC Vision - Houston Community College will be a leader in providing high quality, innovative education leading to student success and completion of workforce and academic programs. We will be responsive to community needs and drive economic development in the communities we serve.

Additional information about Houston Community College may be found by visiting [HCC Website](#).

Visit the [HCC Procurement Operations Department website](#) to get more information on this and other business opportunities. While at our website we invite you to [Register as a Vendor](#), if already registered, please confirm your contact information is current.

2. Overview

The Houston Community College, ("HCC") or ("College") is seeking proposals from qualified firms in accordance with the Scope of Services noted above. Qualified respondents are invited to submit a written response outlining your qualifications and willingness to provide the services as described in the Scope of Services, and in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal (IFB). The successful proposer will provide the scope of services in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and professional standards.

HCC reserves the right to make single, multiple or no award for the services described herein and as deemed in its own best interests.

HCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposals it considers most favorable to HCC, or to waive irregularities in the Request for Proposal (IFB) and submittal process. HCC further reserves the right to reject all proposals or submittals and terminate the solicitation process or seek new proposals when such procedure is reasonably in the best interest of HCC.

This IFB solicitation does not in any way obligate HCC to award a contract or pay any expense or cost incurred in the review and submission of proposals responding to this IFB.

All applicable attachments contained in the IFB shall be completed. Failure to do so may result in the firm's proposal or submittal being declared non-responsive to the solicitation requirements.

Information provided in response to the IFB is subject to the Texas Public Information Act and may be subject to public disclosure.

By submitting its proposal in response to this IFB, respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that determination of "most-qualified" and "best valued" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the Evaluation Committee.

Any exceptions taken to the terms of the IFB must be specific, and the respondent must indicate clearly what alternative is being offered to allow HCC a meaningful opportunity to evaluate and rank proposals and implications of the exception (if any).

Where exceptions are taken, HCC shall determine the acceptability of the proposed exceptions. HCC may accept or reject the exceptions. Where exceptions are rejected, HCC may insist that the respondent furnish the services described herein or negotiate an acceptable alternative.

All exceptions shall be referenced by utilizing the corresponding Section, paragraph and page number in this IFB. However, HCC is under no obligation to accept any exceptions. Respondent shall be deemed to have accepted

all terms and conditions to which no exceptions have been taken.

The IFB provides information necessary to prepare and submit proposals or responses for consideration by HCC based on the listed criteria. HCC may request additional clarification and oral interviews solely on the written responses to this request for proposals.

3. Award / Contract Approval

This Procurement, any award under this procurement, and the resulting contract, if any, is subject to approval by HCC Board of Trustees. Subsequent to Board approval, the only person authorized to commit HCC contractually is the Chancellor or designee. This solicitation is a request for proposals and neither this solicitation nor the response or proposal from any prospective proposer shall create a contractual relationship that would bind HCC until such time as both HCC and the selected proposer sign a legally binding contract, which includes, without limitation, the terms required by HCC as set forth in the Scope of Work/Services and this IFB.

4. Pre-Proposal Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to briefly describe the procurement process and specifications while allowing interested firms to ask general questions. Nothing said in the pre-proposal meeting shall be binding to HCC; any changes to the requirements of this IFB shall be made by way of written solicitation amendment.

If applicable, the Pre-Proposal Meeting date and time is noted in the Solicitation Schedule (see Page 2)

5. HCC Contact

Any questions or concerns regarding this Request for Qualification shall be directed to the Procurement Officer listed on the cover page. HCC specifically requests that proposer restrict all contact and questions regarding this IFB to the Procurement Officer. The Procurement Officer must receive all questions or concerns no later than the date and time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

6. Inquiries and Interpretations

Responses to inquiries, which directly affect an interpretation or change to this IFB, will be issued in writing by addendum (amendment) and all addenda will be posted on the HCC Website www.hccs.edu. All such addenda issued by HCC prior to the time that proposals are received shall be considered part of the IFB, and the Proposer shall be required to consider and acknowledge receipt of such in their proposal.

Only those HCC replies to inquiries, which are made by formal written addenda, shall be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarification will be without legal effect. Proposer must acknowledge receipt of all addenda in Attachment No. 1 of this IFB (Contract Award Form).

7. Commitment

Proposer understands and agrees that this IFB and any resulting Agreement is issued predicated on anticipated

requirements for the materials or services described herein and that HCC has made no representation, guarantee or commitment with respect to any specific quantity of or dollar value to be furnished under any resulting Agreement. Further Proposer recognizes and understands that any cost borne by the Proposer, which arises from Proposer's performance under any resulting agreement, shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of Proposer.

8. Acquisition from Other Sources

HCC reserves the right and may, from time to time as required by HCCs operational needs, acquire services of equal type and kind from other sources during the term of the agreement without invalidating in whole or in part, the agreement or any rights or remedies HCC may have hereunder.

9. Vendor Registration

The Houston Community College Procurement Operations Department has developed an online vendor application. This is designed to allow firms or individuals that are interested in doing business with HCC to register online and become part of our vendor database. Once registered, you will receive a password and personal login information that will allow you to modify your vendor information anytime a change occurs with your company. You will have the flexibility to add or delete commodity lines, update phone numbers, and contact information, etc. This database will allow HCC to notify, via email, all companies that match the desired commodity criteria for procurement opportunities within Houston Community College. What a great way to never miss out on an HCC bid or proposal opportunity again.

Please take a moment to go to the Houston Community College Procurement Operations Department website and register as a vendor. The website address to access the vendor registration form is:

<https://hccs.sbcompliance.com/FrontEnd/VendorsIntroduction.asp>

If you do not have internet access, you are welcome to use a computer at any HCC library to access the website and register.

10. Obligation and Waivers

THIS IFB IS A SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSAL AND IS NOT A CONTRACT OR AN OFFER TO CONTRACT.

A PROPERLY COMPLETED VENDOR APPLICATION IS REQUIRED AND IS A CONDITION OF CONTRACT AWARD.

THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOES NOT OBLIGATE HCC TO AWARD A CONTRACT OR PAY ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE PROPOSER IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL.

HCC, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL AND/OR REJECT

ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS OR A PART OF A PROPOSAL, WITHOUT REASON OR CAUSE, SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY NON-RESPONSIVE OR CONDITIONAL PROPOSAL. HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES, IRREGULARITIES AND/OR TECHNICALITIES IN THIS SOLICITATION, THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AND /OR PROPOSALS RECEIVED OR SUBMITTED.

BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, PROPOSER AGREES TO WAIVE ANY CLAIM IT HAS, OR MAY HAVE, AGAINST HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND ITS TRUSTEES OR AGENTS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANY PROPOSAL; (2) ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SOLICITATION, PROPOSAL PACKAGE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTS; (3) THE REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL OR ANY PART OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND/OR (4) THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT, IF ANY.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THIS SOLICITATION AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON; REMOVE ANY SCOPE COMPONENT FOR ANY REASON AND TO ISSUE SUCH CLARIFICATIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDING SCOPE, STAFFING LEVELS, AND FEES WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER. IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER, HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER AND SO ON UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. WHEN AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, HCC WILL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

HCC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, WHICH DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, AGE, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR VETERAN STATUS.

11. Contract Award

Award of a contract, if awarded, will be made to the proposer who (a) submits a responsive proposal; (b) is a responsible proposer; and (c) offers the best value to HCC, price and other factors considered.

A responsive proposal and a responsible proposer are those that meet the requirements of and are as described in this solicitation. HCC may award a contract, based on initial proposals received, without discussion of such proposals. Accordingly, each initial proposal should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint, which the proposer can submit to HCC. Except as otherwise may be set forth in this solicitation, HCC reserves the right to waive any informalities, non-material errors, technicalities, or

irregularities in the proposal documents submitted and consider the proposal for award.

12. Postponement of Proposals Due Date/Time:

Notwithstanding the date/time for receipt of proposals established in this solicitation, the date and time established herein for receiving proposals may be postponed solely at HCCs discretion.

13. Oral Presentations:

During the process of selecting a company to provide the required services, oral presentations may or may not be held. Each proposer should be prepared to make a presentation to HCC. The presentations must show that the proposer clearly understands the requirements of the solicitation, and has a strategic plan and approach to complete the work.

14. Small Business Development Program (SBDP):

The Houston Community College System's Small Business Development Program ("SBDP" or the "Program") was created to provide business opportunities for local small businesses to participate in contracting and procurement at Houston Community College (HCC).

The SBDP is a goal-oriented program, requiring Contractors who receive Contracts from HCC to use Good Faith Efforts to utilize certified small businesses. The Program applies to all Contracts over \$50,000, except Contracts for sole-source items, federally funded Contracts, Contracts with other governmental entities, and those Contracts that are otherwise prohibited by applicable law or expressly exempted by HCC. The SBDP is a race and gender-neutral program, however HCC actively encourages the participation of minority and women-owned small businesses in the SBDP.

To participate, small businesses must be certified by an agency or organization whose certification is recognized by HCC. Certification is based on the firm's gross revenues or number of employees averaged over the past three years, inclusive of any affiliates as defined by 13 C.F.R. § 121.103, does not exceed the size standards as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and 13 C.F.R. § 121.201.

HCC recognizes certification by the following governmental and private agencies: Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) SBE Certification, City of Houston SBE, MWPDBE and DBE Certifications, Texas Department of Transportation SBE Certification, City of Austin SBE Certification, South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency SBE Certification, Small Business Administration 8(a). HCC has the right to revoke acceptance of a business as a certified or qualifying small business and to conduct certification reviews.

Good Faith Efforts: HCC will make a good faith effort to utilize small businesses in all contracts. The annual program

goals may be met by contracting directly with small businesses or indirectly through subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, any business that contracts with HCC will be required to make a good faith effort to award subcontracts to small businesses. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. By implementing the following procedures, a contractor shall be presumed to have made a good faith effort:

- a. To the extent consistent with industry practices, divide the contract work into reasonable lots.
- b. Give notice to SBDP eligible firms of subcontract opportunities or post notices of such opportunities in newspapers and other circulars.
- c. Document reasons for rejecting a firm that bids on subcontracting opportunities.

Points shall be awarded in accordance with the Proposal Response based on the prime vendor's certifications and/or commitment to small business subcontracting stated in the solicitation document and the published point distribution sliding scale.

A copy of the complete SBDP Procedure may be found on our [Small Business Website](#).

- a. Certified small business prime contractor – automatically eligible for maximum available points. However, HCC reserves the right to deny the points, and look only to the prime contractor's use of subcontractors, if HCC, in evaluating solicitation responses, makes a determination that the prime contractor will not have a legitimate and active role in the performance of the contract;
- b. Non-certified small business prime contractor with certified small business subcontractor – eligible for points proportionate to proposed subcontracting commitment (sliding scale);
- c. Non-small business prime contractor with non-small business subcontractor – no points; and
- d. Non-small business prime contractor self-performing work – no points.

| Proposed SBE Subcontracting | Available Points |
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| 35% | |

15. Prime Contractor/Contracts for Services:

The prime contractor must perform a minimum of 30% of any contract for services with its labor force and or demonstrate management of the contract for services to the satisfaction of HCC.

16. Internship Program:

HCC is expanding its student internship program. All vendors are encouraged to make a commitment to utilize certain HCC student(s) in an internship capacity with the company under any resulting contract for services required

under this solicitation. At the sole discretion of the vendor, the internship opportunity may be paid or unpaid and shall be intended to serve as a relevant and meaningful educational enrichment opportunity for the HCC students involved. HCC will provide the selected contractor with the name of student(s) eligible to participate in the internship program.

For additional information regarding the internship program, please contact Mr. Miguel San Juan, Executive Director of External and Institutional Initiatives at 713-718-8035.

17. Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions:

Except as provided in exceptions below, political contributions and the following communications regarding this solicitation or any other invitation for bids, requests for proposal, requests for qualifications, or other solicitation are prohibited:

- [1] Between a potential vendor, subcontractor to vendor, service provider, respondent, Offeror, lobbyist or consultant and any Trustee;
- [2] Between any Trustee and any member of a selection or evaluation committee; and
- [3] Between any Trustee and administrator or employee.

The communications prohibition shall be imposed from the day the solicitation is first advertised through thirty (30) days after the contract is executed by the Chancellor or his/her designee, or when a determination is made that the contract will not be awarded. During this period, no HCC Trustee and no vendor shall communicate in any way concerning any pending Solicitation involving the Vendor, subject to the penalties stated herein.

In the event the Board refers the recommendation back to the staff for reconsideration, the communication prohibition shall be re-imposed.

The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:

- [1] Duly noted pre-bid or pre-proposal conferences.
- [2] Communications with the HCC General Counsel.
- [3] Emergency contracts.
- [4] Presentations made to the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting.
- [5] Unless otherwise prohibited in the solicitation documents, any written communications between any parties, provided that the originator shall immediately file a copy of any written communication with the Board Services Office. The Board Services Office shall make copies available to any person upon request.
- [6] Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting in accordance with applicable Board policies, regarding action on the contract.

Any potential vendor, subcontractor vendor, service provider, proposer, offeror, lobbyist or consultant who engages or attempts to engage in prohibited communications shall not be eligible for the award of any resulting contract under this solicitation. Any other direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive purposes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive proposers, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify proposers, vendors, service providers, lobbyist, consultants, and contractors from both this current and any future consideration for participation in HCC orders and contracts.

18. Drug Policy:

HCC is a drug-free workforce and workplace. The manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illegal drugs (except legally prescribed medications under physician's prescription and in the original container) or alcohol by vendors or contractors while on HCC's premises is strictly prohibited.

19. Taxes:

HCC is tax exempt as a governmental subdivision of the State of Texas under Section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Limited Sales Tax Number: 1-74-1709152-1. No proposal shall include any costs for taxes to be assessed against HCC. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes and fees, including but not limited to, excise tax, state and local income tax, payroll and withholding taxes for Contractor Employees. The contract shall hold HCC harmless for all claims arising from payment of such taxes and fees.

20. Texas Public Information Act:

HCC considers all information, documentation and other materials requested to be submitted in response to this solicitation to be of a non-confidential and/or non-proprietary nature, and therefore, shall be subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.001, et seq.) ("The Act") after a contract if any, is awarded. If the proposer considers any information submitted in response to this request for proposal to be confidential under law or constitute trade secrets or other protected information, the proposer must identify such materials in the proposal response. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the identification of such materials would not be construed or require HCC to act in contravention of its obligation to comply with the Act and the proposer releases HCC from any liability or responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of such documents.

21. Appropriated Funds:

The purchase of service or product, which arises from this solicitation, is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. HCC shall have the right to terminate the resulting contract at the end of the current or each succeeding fiscal year if funds are not appropriated by the HCC Board of Trustees for the next fiscal year that would permit continuation of the resulting contract. If funds are withdrawn or do not become available, HCC reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract by giving the selected contractor a thirty (30) day written notice of its

intention terminate without penalty or any further obligations on the part of HCC or the contractor. Upon termination of the contract HCC shall not be responsible for any payment of any service or product received that occurs after the end of the current contract period or the effective date of termination, whichever is the earlier to occur. HCC's fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31st.

22. Conflict of Interest:

If a firm, proposer, contractor, or other person responding to this solicitation knows of any material personal interest, direct or indirect, that any member, official, or employee of HCC would have in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the firm must disclose this information to HCC. Persons submitting a proposal or response to this solicitation must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Texas Government Code, including, without limitation, Chapter 171 and 176 of the Local Government Code. The person /proposer submitting a response to this solicitation must complete (as applicable), sign and submit **Attachment No. 6, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form, and Attachment No. 7, Financial Interest and Potential Conflict of Interests** with the proposal package. HCC expects the selected contractor to comply with Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code and that failure to comply will be grounds for termination of the contract.

Note: **Attachment No. 6 and Attachment No. 7** shall be completed signed and returned to HCC. Enter N/A in those areas on the Attachments that are not applicable to your company. Failure to complete, sign and notarize (if applicable) these Attachments may render your proposal non-responsive.

23. Ethics Conduct:

Any direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive purposes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive proposers, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify vendors and contractors from current and future consideration for participation in HCC orders and contracts.

24. No Third Party Rights:

This Contract is made for the sole benefit of HCC and the Contractor and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Nothing in this Contract shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the Parties to this Contract and any third person, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary or fiduciary.

25. Withdrawal or Modification:

No proposal may be changed, amended, modified by telegram or otherwise, after the same has been submitted or filed in response to this solicitation, except for obvious errors in extension. However, a proposal may be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn after the submittal deadline without approval by HCC, which shall be based on Respondent's submittal, in writing, of a reason acceptable to HCC.

26. Validity Period:

Proposals are to be valid for HCCs acceptance for a minimum of 180 days from the submittal deadline date to allow time for evaluation, selection, and any unforeseen delays. Proposals, if accepted, shall remain valid for the life of the Agreement.

27. Terms and Conditions:

The HCC Services Agreement shall govern any Purchase Order issued as a result of this solicitation.

Proposer may offer for HCC's consideration alternate provisions to the Terms and Conditions. Alternates proposed must refer to the specific article(s) or section(s) concerned. General exceptions such as "company standard sales terms apply" or "will negotiate" are not acceptable. Bidder's silence as to the terms and conditions shall be construed as an indication of complete acceptance of these conditions as written.

28. Submission Waiver:

By submitting a response to this Solicitation, the Offeror or respondent agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against Houston Community College System and its trustees, employees or agents arising out of or in connection with (1) the Administration, evaluation or recommendation of any offer or response; (2) any requirements under the solicitation, the solicitation or response package or related documents; (3) the rejection of any offer or any response or any part of any offer or response; and/or (4) the award of a contract, if any.

29. Indemnification:

Contractor shall indemnify, pay for the defense of, and hold harmless the College and its officers, agents and employees of and from any and all liabilities, claims, debts, damages, demands, suits, actions and causes of actions of whatsoever kind, nature or sort which may be incurred by reason of Contractor's negligence, recklessness, or willful acts and/or omission in rendering any services hereunder. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for payments of federal, state and local taxes or contributions imposed or required under the social security, Workers' Compensation or income tax law, or any disability or unemployment law, or retirement contribution of any sort whatever, concerning Contractor or any employee and shall further indemnify, pay for the defense of, and hold harmless the College of and from any such payment or liability arising out of or in any manner connected with Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

30. Delegation:

Unless delegated, HCC Board of Trustees must approve all contracts valued at over \$100,000. The Board has granted the Chancellor authority to initiate and execute contracts valued up to \$100,000. The procurement of goods and services, including professional services and construction services shall be completed as per any applicable HCC policy and procedure and shall be in accordance with

Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code for the purchase of goods and services, Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code for the purchase of Professional and Consulting Services, and Section 2269 of the Texas Government Code for the purchase of construction services. The Board delegates its authority to the administration and the designated evaluation committee to evaluate score and rank the proposals. This includes the evaluation of all bids, proposals, or statements of qualification under procurement, regardless of contract amount, including the final ranking and selection which shall be made on the evaluation and scoring as per the published selection criteria and the final evaluation ranking. The Board of Trustees shall approve the final award of contracts to the firm based on the published selection criteria and as evidenced in the final evaluation, scoring and ranking.

31. Invoice:

To facilitate payment, invoices for goods or services delivered in accordance with the resulting contract and purchase order shall be emailed to the Accounts Payable Department with copy to the Small Business Development Program. Pursuant to Texas Law, payment terms shall be net thirty (30) days.

All invoices shall include certified documentation noting any small business participation activity including but not limited to: small business firm's name, certification number, certification expiration date, description of work performed for the corresponding period noted on the invoice and amount being paid to the certified small business. Such documentation shall be certified by the small business and be used to monitor the ongoing small business commitment in accordance with the original proposed commitment and governing contract.

32. Cooperative Purchasing Agreement:

As permitted under Inter-local Cooperation Act C Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, other governmental entities may wish to also participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract. If this solicitation does not specifically list additional entities, each entity wishing to participate must have prior authorization from Houston Community College and the vendor. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring the goods or services. Houston Community College shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for goods or services ordered by the entities. Proposer is to state their willingness to allow other governmental entities to participate in this contract, if awarded.

33. W9 Form

Bidder shall include a W9 Form with their bid submission. This may be done electronically by clicking on the "Response attachments" tab and clicking on *New under "Response Attachments". I acknowledge that a copy of my company's W9 Form has been included with this submission.

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Section 6 – Required Attachments

Proposers shall complete all noted Attachments and submit with Proposal, Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

| Attachment Number | Attachment Title |
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| Attachment No. 1 | Contract Award Form |
| Attachment No. 2 | Determination of Good Faith Effort Form |
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**ATTACHMENT NO. 1
CONTRACT AWARD FORM
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

PROJECT TITLE: PERIMETER FENCING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR NORTH FOREST CAMPUS

PROJECT NO.: IFB 20-21

Name of Bidder/Contractor: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____
(Note: please refer to Section 5.9 Vendor Registration)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Where did you learn of this IFB (please be specific): HCC Website Other _____;
 SBDP event _____; Newspaper _____; Other _____.

In compliance with the requirements of this Request for Proposal for providing _____, the undersigned hereby proposes to furnish all necessary resources required to perform the services in accordance with the Technical Proposal and Price Form dated _____ and as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiations, if any.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by the requirements and terms and conditions and any and all amendments issued by HCC and made a part of this solicitation as set forth or referenced in this solicitation. The undersigned understands and agrees that any award resulting from this offer will be made in the form of an HCC Purchase Order and will have the following order of precedence: 1) HCC Terms and Conditions of Purchase Order, 2) HCC referenced solicitation including all amendments issued by HCC, 3) the IFB response as accepted and awarded by HCC. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized to make the statements and representations in its response to this solicitation and that said statements and representations are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned understands and agrees that when evaluating bids and making an award decision, HCC relies on the truth and accuracy of the statements and representations presented in the bid response. Accordingly, HCC has the right to suspend or debar the undersigned from its procurement process and/or terminate any contract award that may have resulted from this solicitation if HCC determines that any statements or representations made were not true and accurate.

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 2
DETERMINATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORT
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

Bidder _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax Number _____

In making a determination that a good faith effort has been made, HCC requires the Bidder to complete this form as directed below:

Section 1.

After having divided the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices, the Bidder must determine what portion(s) of work, including goods or services, will be subcontracted. Check the appropriate box that identifies your subcontracting intentions:

_____ Yes, I will be subcontracting portion(s) of the contract.
(If Yes, please complete Section 2, below and Attachments No. 3 and No. 4)

_____ No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources.
(If No, complete Section 3, below.)

Section 2.

In making a determination that a good faith effort has been made, HCC requires the Bidder to complete this form Section and submit supporting documentation explaining in what ways the Bidder has made a good faith effort to attain the goal. The Bidder will respond by answering "yes" or "no" to the following and provide supporting documentation.

_____ (1) Whether the Bidder provided written notices and/or advertising to at least five (5) certified small businesses or advertised in general circulation, trade association and/or small businesses focus media concerning subcontracting opportunities.

_____ (2) Whether the Bidder divided the work into the reasonable portions in accordance with standard industry practices.

_____ (3) Whether the Bidder documented reasons for rejection or met with the rejected small business to discuss the rejection.

_____ (4) Whether the Bidder negotiated in good faith with small businesses, not rejecting qualified subcontractors who were also the lowest responsive bidder.

NOTE: If the Bidder is subcontracting a portion of the work and is unable to meet the solicitation goal or if any of the above items, (1-4) are answered "no", the Bidder must submit a letter of justification.

Section 3

SELF-PERFORMANCE JUSTIFICATION

If you responded "No" in SECTION 1, please explain how your company will perform the entire contract with its own equipment, supplies, materials, and/or employees.

Section 4

CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

Please list the small business certification type for all proposed vendors included in the proposed offer; proposer shall include the prime contractor and sub-contractor details as noted below.

See Section 5.14 Small Business Development Program

| Vendor Name (Prime and Subcontractor) | Certification Type | Certification Number | Certification Expiration Date |
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Signature of Bidder

Title

Date

**ATTACHMENT NO. 3
 SMALL BUSINESS UNAVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE
 HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

I, _____, _____, of _____
(Name) (Title) (Name of Bidder's Company)

Certify that on the date(s) shown, the small businesses listed herein were contacted to solicit Proposals for Materials or Services to be used on this project.

| DATE CONTACTED | SMALL BUSINESS NAME | TELEPHONE NO. | CONTACT PERSON | MATERIALS OR SERVICES | RESULTS |
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, said small business was unavailable for this solicitation, unable to prepare a proposal or prepared a proposal that was rejected for the reason(s) stated in the RESULTS column above.

The above statement is a true and accurate account of why I am unable to commit to awarding subcontract(s) or supply order(s) to the small business listed above.

NOTE: This form to be submitted with all Proposal documents for waiver of small business participation. (See Instructions to Bidders)

Signature: _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 4
CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION FORM
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-XX**

Bidder/offeror presents the following participants in this solicitation and any resulting Contract. All Bidders/Offerors, including small businesses submitting proposals as prime contractors, are required to demonstrate good faith efforts to include eligible small businesses in their proposal submissions.

| CONTRACTOR | Specify in Detail Type of Work to be Performed | List ALL Small Business Certification Status including Agency and Number (i.e. SB – COH, METRO, etc.) | Percentage of Contract Effort | Price |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| Business Name: | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Telephone No. : | | | | |
| Contact Person Name/E-mail: | | | | |
| SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.) | | | | |
| Business Name: | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Telephone No. : | | | | |
| Contact Person: | | | | |
| NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.) | | | | |
| Business Name: | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Telephone No. : | | | | |
| Contact Person: | | | | |
| NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.) | | | | |
| Business Name: | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Telephone No. : | | | | |
| Contact Person: | | | | |
| NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.) | | | | |
| Business Name: | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Telephone No. : | | | | |
| Contact Person: | | | | |
| NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.) | | | | |

Business Name: _____ Submitted (Name): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____ Date: _____

Contractor's Price/Total: \$ _____

Small Business Subcontractor (s) Price/Total: \$ _____

Non-Small Business

Subcontractors Price/Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 5
PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATIONS
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

The undersigned certifies that he/she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or in the selection of subcontractors because of race, color, age, religion, gender, national origin or disability. The undersigned shall also take action to ensure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin or disability. Such action shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: non-discriminatory employment practices: employment, upgrading or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

2. BLACKOUT PERIOD COMPLIANCE:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions provision set forth in the solicitation. The undersigned further understands that the Bidder shall not communicate with a HCC Trustee, employee, or any member of the selection/evaluation committee in any way concerning this Solicitation from the day it is first advertised through thirty (30) days after the contract is executed by the Chancellor or his/her designee, or when a determination is made that the contract will not be awarded.

This period is known as the "Blackout Period," as further defined in Section 1.7.10 and 3.3 of the Procurement Operations Manual. Violation of the Blackout Period is considered unethical conduct and will be handled as such with regard to a Trustee and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, local ordinances, board policies and procurement procedures with respect to their conduct as public officials involved in the procurement process.

With regard to a Bidder, violation of the Blackout Period may result in the cancellation of the referenced transaction, debarment, and disqualification from future procurement solicitations and prosecution in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas.

3. ASSURANCE OF SBDP GOAL:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the small

business provisions set forth in this Solicitation. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized to make the statements and representations in the Solicitation and that said statements and representations are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned will enter into formal agreement(s) for work identified on the CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION form conditioned upon execution of a contract with HCC. The undersigned agrees to attain the small business utilization percentages of the total offer amount as set forth below:

Small Business Participation Goal =

The undersigned certifies that the firm shown below has not discriminated against any small business or other potential subcontractor because of race, color, religion, gender, age, veteran's status, disability or national origin, but has provided full and equal opportunity to all potential subcontractors irrespective of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin or veteran status.

The undersigned understands that if any of the statements and representations are made knowing them to be false or there is a failure to implement any of the stated commitments set forth herein without prior approval of HCC's Chancellor or the duly authorized representative, the Bidder may be subject to the loss of the contract or the termination thereof.

4. CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

A person or business entity entering into a contract with HCC is required by Texas Law to disclose, in advance of the contract award, if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The disclosure should include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony as provided in section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code. The requested information is being collected in accordance with applicable law. This requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation.

If an individual:

Have you been convicted of a felony?
YES or NO

If a business entity:
YES or NO

Has any owner of your business entity been convicted of a felony?

Has any operator of your business entity been convicted of a felony?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of the felony, including the Case Number, the applicable dates, the State and County where the conviction occurred, and the sentence.

5. DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has accurately completed the attached Exhibit 1 "Ownership Interest Disclosure List." For the purposes of this section, in accordance with Board Bylaws, the term "Contractors" shall include any member of the potential vendor's board of directors, its chairperson, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, and any person with an ownership interest of 10% or more. This requirement shall also apply to any Subcontractor listed on the "Contractor and Subcontractor Participation Form."

6. PROHIBITED CONTRACTS/PURCHASES:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and is eligible to receive a contract in accordance with HCC Board of Trustees Bylaw regarding Prohibited Contracts/Purchases as further defined in the attached Exhibit 2.

7. HOUSE BILL 89 ACKNOWLEDMENT:

Pursuant to the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270, by acknowledging this attribute, vendor verifies that their company:

- 1. Does not boycott Israel currently, and
- 2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

- 1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with,

terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and

2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

8. SENATE BILL 252 ACKNOWLEDGE:

Pursuant to the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Texas Government Code 2252.152 (CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION PROHIBITED)a governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code Section 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153.

Sec. 2252.153. LISTED COMPANIES. The comptroller shall prepare and maintain, and make available to each governmental entity, a list of companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to a foreign terrorist organization.

Sec. 2252.154. EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding any other law, a company that the United States government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, its federal sanctions regime relating to Iran, or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization is not subject to contract prohibition under this subchapter.

9. DIVESTMENT STATUTE LISTS:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/divestment.php>

10. CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES FORM

Beginning January 1, 2016, successful bidders awarded contracts that are valued at \$50,000 or more shall be required by state law to complete online the Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 and submit an unsworn declaration of completion to the Purchasing staff member listed in the solicitation before the purchase/contract will be presented to the Board of

Trustees for approval. For a list of Frequently Asked Questions you can go to:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ_Form1295.html

The form must be submitted at:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_for_m1295.htm

The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either:

- (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed; or
- (2) has a value of at least \$1 million.

A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

- (1) a sponsored research contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;
- (2) an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;
- (3) a contract related to health and human services, if:
 - *The values of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and
 - *any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;
- (4) a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;
- (5) a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code, or
- (6) a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code.

Gov't Code § 2252.908. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. The District may not enter into a contract with a business entity that fails to submit the form as required.

If your company qualifies for one of the exemptions listed in the Certificate of Interested Parties attribute, please indicate which exemption applies.

11. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

No person shall be engaged by the vendor to work on District property where students are present who have charges pending, or who have been convicted, received probation or deferred adjudication. The following is a list of offenses which apply: 1) Any offense against a child; 2) Any sex offense; 3) Any crimes against persons involving weapons or violence; 4) Any felony offense involving controlled substances; 5) Any felony offense against property; or 6) Any other offense that the District believes might compromise the safety of students, staff or property.

It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to ensure compliance with this provision.

Prior to the start of the contract vendor shall submit a NATIONAL criminal background investigation report for all employees with an updated report to include any new hires working on District property to the facility manager or District Chief of Police. During the duration of the contract the District reserves the right to request additional reports from the vendor if any employee is suspected of a criminal offense as stated above. Report must be in accordance with Texas Education Code 22.0834.

12. DEBARMENT

The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract), by any governmental department or agency. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the District. The Contractor must notify the District Director of Strategic Sourcing within 30 days if debarred by any governmental entity during the Contract period.

13. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER (EOE)

Personnel relations of the Vendor's employees shall be the Vendor's responsibility, including compliance with all applicable government regulations related to the employment of personnel. The Vendor shall be an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall neither discriminate nor permit discrimination in its operations or employment practices against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or veteran status. The vendor shall hire only persons who may legally work in the United States, to include citizens and nationals of the United States and foreign citizens who have the necessary authorization to work. It is the vendor's responsibility to verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone hired for performance under this contract. Furthermore, all persons performing work under this contract must be an employee of the company.

14. NON COLLUSION STATEMENT

The Contractor certifies that you are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation or firm has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee

or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid.

15. DELINQUENT FRANCHISE TAXES CERTIFICATION

As required by §2252.903, Government Code, bidder's official certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code, or that it is exempt from, or not subject to, such tax. Please indicate your status:
A. the Corporation is exempt from payment of franchise

taxes or is an out-of-state corporation not subject to franchise tax; therefore, I am submitting a certified statement to that effect.

B. The corporation is subject to Texas franchise tax. I hereby certify that there is no delinquent Texas franchise tax pending against the corporation.

C. I hereby certify that there is delinquent Texas franchise tax pending against the corporation.

I attest that I have answered the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

**EXHIBIT 1 - TO ATTACHMENT NO. 5
OWNERSHIP INTEREST DISCLOSURE LIST
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

Instruction: Using the following table, please fill in the names of any member of the Respondent’s company who is a “Contractor” (as defined in Section 5 above); any person with an ownership interest of 10% or more; and any Subcontractor listed on the “Contractor and Subcontractor Participation Form.”

| Name | Title | Company Name |
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Company Name: _____

Authorized Company Representative: _____

Authorized Representative’s Title: _____

Authorized Representative’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

If **NO** Ownership Interest Discloser has been stated above, check

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**EXHIBIT 2 - TO ATTACHMENT NO. 5
PROHIBITED CONTRACTS/PURCHASES
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

The College shall not contract with a business entity in which a Board Member, Senior Staff Member, or a relative of a Board member or Senior Staff Member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity, has any pecuniary interest. All such contracts executed prior to June 21, 2012 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Further, the College shall not contract with a business entity that employs, hires, or contracts with, in any capacity, including but not limited to, a subcontractor, employee, contractor, advisor or independent contractor, a Board Member or a Senior Staff Member.

Further, the College shall not contract with a business entity that employs an officer or director who is a relative of a Board member or a Senior Staff Member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity.

Definitions:

"Business entity" shall not include a corporation or a subsidiary or division of a corporation whose shares are listed on a national or regional stock exchange or traded in the over-the-counter market. "Business entity" shall not include non-profit corporations or religious, educational, and governmental institutions, except that private, for-profit educational institutions are included in the definition of Business entity.

"Director" is defined as an appointed or elected member of the board of directors of a company who, with other directors, has the responsibility for determining and implementing the company's policy, and as the company's agent, can bind the company with valid contracts.

"Officer" is defined as a person appointed by the board of directors of a company to manage the day-to-day business of the company and carry out the policies set by the board. An officer includes, but is not limited to, a chief executive officer (CEO), president, chief operating officer (COO), chief financial officer (CFO), vice-president, or other senior company official, as determined by the Board.

"Senior Staff Member" shall have the meaning as defined in Article A, Section 3 of the Board Bylaws which includes:

- a. Any member of the Chancellor's Advisory Council;
- b. HCC employees classified as E-10 and above;
- c. All procurement and purchasing personnel;
- d. Any employee who participates on an evaluation or selection committee for any HCC solicitation for goods or services; and
- e. Any employee who participates in the evaluation of goods or services provided by a vendor or contractor.

Absent other legal requirements, all contracts entered into by the College in violation of this policy shall be voided within 30 days of notice of the violation.

I attest that I have answered the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

**ATTACHMENT NO. 6
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

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| CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE | FORM CIQ |
| For vendor doing business with local governmental entity | |
| <p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p> | OFFICE USE ONLY |
| 1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity. | Date Received |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.) | |
| 3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed. | |
| <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Name of Officer | |
| 4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary. | |
| <p>A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> | |
| 5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more. | |
| 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1). | |
| 7 | |
| <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity | <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Date |

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

www.ethics.state.tx.us

Revised 11/30/2015

NOTE: When completing this Questionnaire, please be certain to answer each and every question; indicate "Not Applicable", if appropriate. Please sign and date.

**ATTACHMENT NO. 7
FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21**

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires that vendors desiring to enter into certain contracts with a local governmental entity must disclose the financial and potential conflict of interest information as specified below.

Vendor shall disclose the financial interest and potential conflict of interest information identified in Sections one (1) through three (3) below as a condition of receiving an award or contract. Submit this information along with your bid, proposal, or offer. **This form must be received by HCC Office of System-wide Compliance before the vendor's bid, proposal, or offer will be considered received or evaluated.** Completed forms must be **NOTARIZED** and delivered to:

This requirement applies to contracts with a value exceeding \$50,000.

Section 1 - Disclosure of Financial Interest in the Vendor

a. If any officers or employees of HCC ("individuals") have one of the following financial interests in the vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor(s), please show their name and address and check all that apply and (include additional documents if needed):

Name: _____
Address: _____

b. For each individual named above, show the type of ownership/distributable income share:

- Ownership interest of at least 10% (_____)
- Ownership interest of at least \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of vendor (_____)
- Distributive Income Share from Vendor exceeding 10% of individual's gross income (_____)
- Real property interest with fair market value of at least \$2,500 (_____)
- Person related within first degree of affinity to individual has the following ownership or real property interest in Vendor: (_____)
 - 1. Ownership interest of at least 10%
 - 2. Ownership interest of at least \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of vendor
 - 3. Distributive Income Share from Vendor exceeding 10% of the individual's gross income
 - 4. Real property interest with fair market value of at least \$2,500
- No individuals have any of the above financial interests (If none go to Section 4) (_____)

c. For each individual named above, show the **dollar value or proportionate share** of the ownership interest in the vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor (s) as follows:

If the proportionate share of the named individual(s) in the ownership of the vendor (or its principal) or subcontractor of vendor is 10% or less, and if the value of the ownership interest of the named individual(s) is \$15,000 or less of the fair market value of vendor, check here (_____).

If the proportionate share of ownership exceeds 10%, or the value of the ownership interest exceeds \$15,000 of the fair market value of vendor, show either:

the percent of ownership _____ %, or
the value of ownership interest \$ _____ .

Section 2 - Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

For each of the individuals having the level of financial interest identified in Section 1 above, and for any other HCC individual not identified in Section 1 above check "Yes" or "No" to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes", please describe (use space under applicable section-attach additional pages as necessary).

a. Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, including but not limited to contractual employment for services for vendor.

Yes _____ No _____

b. Employment of individual's spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including but not limited to contractual employment for services for vendor in the previous 2 years.

Yes _____ No _____

Section 3- Disclosure of Gifts

For each of the individuals having the level of financial interest identified in Section 1 above, and for any other HCC individual not identified in Section 1 above check "Yes" or "No" to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes", please describe (use space under applicable section-attach additional pages as necessary).

a. Received a gift from vendor (or principal), or subcontractor of vendor, of \$250 or more within the preceding 12 months.

Yes _____ No _____

b. Individual's spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter has received a gift from vendor (or principal), or subcontractor of vendor, of \$250 or more within the preceding 12 months.

Yes _____ No _____

Section 4- Other Contract and Procurement Related Information

Vendor shall disclose the information identified below as a condition of receiving an award or contract.

This requirement is applicable to only those contracts with a value exceeding \$50,000. You must submit this information along with your bid, proposal, or offer.

a. Vendor shall identify whether vendor (or its principal), or its subcontractor(s), has current contracts (including leases) with other government agencies of the State of Texas by checking:

Yes _____ No _____

b. If "yes" is checked, identify each contract by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as purchase order or contract reference number (attach additional pages as necessary).

c. Vendor shall identify whether vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor(s) has pending contracts (including leases), bids, proposal, or other ongoing procurement relationships with other government agencies of the State of Texas by checking:

Yes _____ No _____

d. If "yes" is checked, identify each such relationship by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as bid or project number (attach additional pages as necessary).

This disclosure is submitted on behalf of:

(Name of Vendor)

Certification. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information provided by me in this disclosure statement is true and correct. I understand that failure to disclose the information requested may result in my bid, proposal, or offer, being rejected, and/or may result in prosecution for knowingly violating the requirements of **Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176**. I understand that it is my responsibility to comply with the requirements set forth by HCC as it relates to this disclosure. I also understand that I must submit an updated disclosure form within seven (7) days of discovering changes in the significant financial interests of the individuals I identified in Section 1 of this disclosure or if individuals that were not identified, later receive a financial interest in my company or is a subcontractor of my company.

Official authorized to sign on behalf of vendor:

Name (Printed or Typed) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

"NOTE: BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE ABOVE "FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS" FORM. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR OFFER SHALL RESULT IN YOUR OFFER BEING CONSIDERED AS "NON-RESPONSIVE" TO THIS SOLICITATION."

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 8
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21

The following insurance coverage and limits listed herein are the minimum that the Contractor/Vendor is required to carry during performance of the contract for:

Project Title: _____

Project Number: _____

1. Commercial General Liability for Bodily Injury / Property Damage Limits:

| | | | |
|----|--|----------------|------------|
| A | Occurrence/Personal Injury/Advertising | | |
| B. | Products / Completed Operations | \$1,000,000.00 | CSL |
| C. | Annual Aggregate | \$2,000,000.00 | CSL |
| D. | Products Aggregate | \$2,000,000.00 | CSL |
| E. | Fire, Lightning or Explosion | \$1,000,000.00 | CSL |
| F. | Medical Expense | \$5,000.00 | Per person |

2. Automobile Liability:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| Bodily Injury/Property Damage | \$1,000,000.00 | CSL |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|

3. Workers' Compensation

| | | | |
|---------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Part A- | Statutory | | |
| Part B- | \$1,000,000.00 | Each Accident | |
| | \$1,000,000.00 | Policy Limits | |
| | \$1,000,000.00 | Each Employee | |

4. Endorsements

The following endorsements and other stated information is required on the original certificate of insurance:

- A. 90-Day Notice of Cancellation;
- B. Houston Community College (HCC) to be named as Additional Insured on all policies except Workers' Compensation;
- C. Waiver of Subrogation on all policies;
- D. The assigned project number and/or purchase order number.

5. Submission of Certificate of Insurance:

The original certificate of insurance, indicating the coverage, limits and endorsements stated herein, shall be furnished to HCC within **ten (10)** calendar days of the HCC Board of Trustees approval of the contract award. The Contract will not be awarded until after receipt of the proper certificate of insurance.

Mail the original certificate of insurance
to: ATTN: Art Lopez, Senior Buyer
Procurement Operations
Houston Community
College
3100 Main, 11th Floor
Houston, TX 77266-7517

Note: CSL denotes "Combined Single Limit"

Exhibit 1
HCC PROJECT NO. IFB 20-21
PERIMETER FENCE AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR NORTH FOREST CAMPUS

Sample HCC Construction Contract & Construction Payment & Performance Bonds

CONTRACT BETWEEN HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
And

HCC Project No. IFB 20-21

This Contract ("Contract") is made by and between Houston Community College ("HCC," "Owner"), a public community college district organized under Chapter 130 of the Texas Education Code, and _____, hereinafter known as the ("Contractor"), whose address is _____ (individually, "Party" and collectively, "Parties"), effective as of last day of signatory execution ("Effective Date").

WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and the Owner for the consideration hereinafter named agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF WORK: The Contractor shall furnish all of the materials and perform all of the work shown on the drawings and described in the specifications for the project entitled _____ ("Project"). These drawings and specifications prepared for Houston Community College by **PGAL** [A/E] acting as and in these Contract Documents entitled the Project Architect. The Contractor shall do everything required by this Contract and the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents for the Project are enumerated as follows:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| UNIFORM GENERAL CONDITIONS | Exhibit 1 |
| SCOPE OF WORK, SPECIFICATIONS AND MAPPING LOCATION LIST | Exhibit 2 |
| DIVISION 01 SPECIFICATIONS | Exhibit 3 |
| BID PRICE FORM | Exhibit 4 |
| PAYMENT BOND | Exhibit 5 |
| PERFORMANCE BOND | Exhibit 6 |
| CONTRACTOR'S BID or PROPOSAL | Exhibit 7 |
| PREVAILING WAGE RATE SCHEDULE | Exhibit 8 |
| CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION FORM | Attachment A |
| SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT CERTIFICATION FORM | Attachment B |
| SUBCONTRACTOR PROGRESS ASSESSMENT FORM | Attachment C |
| SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | Attachment D |
| ASSURANCE OF SBDP GOAL | Attachment E |
| POLICY ON UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM | Attachment F |

ARTICLE 2. DEADLINE FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: The Owner shall provide a Notice to Proceed in which a Date of Commencement of the Work shall be stated; such Date of Commencement shall be ten (10) or more Days after the date of the Notice to Proceed. The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within _____ **Calendar Days** following the Date of Commencement. This deadline may be extended by approved Change Orders. The deadline set forth for completion of the Work is an essential element of the Contract.

ARTICLE 3. THE CONTRACT SUM: The Owner shall pay the Contractor for performance of the Contract, subject to additions and deductions provided therein, the sum of _____ **Dollars (\$XXXXXXX)**, and make payment on account as hereinafter provided in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 4. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The Owner has adopted Attachment D, Small Business Development Program, and Attachment F, Policy on Utilization of Small Business Program, ("Policy"), which is incorporated herein by reference. Contractor, as a provision of the Contract, must comply with the requirements of the Policy and adhere to the Small Business ("SB") Subcontracting Plan submitted with Contractor's Proposal and attached as Attachment A, Attachment B, Attachment C, and Attachment E. No changes to the SB Subcontracting Plan can be made by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Owner in accordance with the Policy.

ARTICLE 5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: For each consecutive Calendar Day after the Deadline for Substantial Completion set forth in Article 2 above that any Work, including the correction of deficiencies found during the final testing and inspection, is not completed, the amount of **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per Calendar Day** will be deducted from the money due or becomes due the Contractor, not as a penalty but as liquidated damages representing the parties' estimate at the time of Contract execution of the damages which the Owner will sustain for late completion.

ARTICLE 6. CERTIFICATION OF NO ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS OR WORK: The Contractor shall provide a certification statement, included with each materials submittal, stating that no asbestos containing materials or work is included within the scope of the proposed submittal.

The Contractor shall insure that Texas Department of Health licensed individuals, consultants or companies are used for any required asbestos work including asbestos inspection, asbestos abatement plans/specifications, asbestos abatement, asbestos project management and third-party asbestos monitoring.

The Contractor shall provide at Substantial Completion, a notarized affidavit to the Owner and the Architect stating that no asbestos containing materials or work was provided, installed, furnished or added to the Project.

The Contractor shall take whatever measures he deems necessary to insure that all employees, suppliers, fabricators, materialmen, subcontractors, or their assigns, comply with this requirement.

All materials used on this Project shall be certified as non-Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). The Contractor shall insure compliance with the following acts from all of his subcontractors and assigns:

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA—40 CFR 763-99 (7));

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP—EPA 40 CFR 61, National Emission Standard for Asbestos;

Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules (TAHRP—Tex. Admin. Code Title 25, Part 1, Ch. 295C, Asbestos Health Protection

Every subcontractor shall provide a notarized statement that no ACBM has been used, provided, or left on this Project.

The Contractor shall provide, in hard copy and electronic form, all necessary material safety data sheets (MSDS) of all products used in the construction of the Project to the Texas Department of Health licensed inspector or Project Architect or Engineer who will compile the information from the MSDS and, finding no asbestos in any of the product, make a certification statement.

At Final Completion the Contractor shall provide a notarized certification statement per TAC Title 25 Part 1, Ch. 295.34, par. c.1 that no ACBM was used during construction of the Project.

ARTICLE 7. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL OR AWARD OF CONTRACT: By signing this Contract, the undersigned certifies as follows:

Assignment. This Contract is a personal service contract for the services of Construction and Contractor's interest in this Contract, duties hereunder and/or fees due hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to a third party without the Owner's written consent.

Records of expenses pertaining to Additional Services and services performed on the basis of a Worker Wage Rate or Monthly Salary Rate shall be kept on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with cost accounting standards promulgated by the Federal Office of Management and Budget Cost Accounting Standards Board and shall be available for audit by the Owner or the Owner's authorized representative on reasonable notice.

Family Code Child Support Certification. Pursuant to Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, Service Provider certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the award of or payments under this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Eligibility Certification. Pursuant to Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code, Service Provider certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive the award of or payments under this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Franchise Tax Certification. A corporate or limited liability company Contractor certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any Franchise Taxes due under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code, or that the corporation or limited liability company is exempt from the payment of such taxes, or that the corporation or limited liability company is an out-of-state corporation or limited liability company that is not subject to the Texas Franchise Tax, whichever is applicable.

Payment of Debt or Delinquency to the State. Pursuant to Sections 2107.008 and 2252.903, Texas Government Code, Contractor agrees that any payments owing to Contractor under this Contract may be applied directly toward any debt or delinquency that Contractor owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.

Entire Contract; Modifications. This Contract supersedes all prior Contracts, written or oral, between Contractor and Owner and shall constitute the entire Contract and understanding between the parties with respect to the Project. This Contract and each of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except by a writing signed by Contractor and Owner.

Captions. The captions of paragraphs in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be considered or referred to in resolving questions of interpretation or construction.

Governing Law and Venue. This Contract and all of the rights and obligations of the parties and all of the terms and conditions shall be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with and governed by and enforced under the laws of the State of Texas without reference to its conflicts of law provisions. The county where the Project is located, Houston, Texas, Harris County, shall be the sole place of venue for any legal action arising from or related to this Contract or the Project in which the Owner is a party.

Waivers. No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right or power arising from non-compliance or failure of performance by the other party with any of the provisions of this Contract shall impair or constitute a waiver of any such right or power. A waiver by either party of any covenant or condition of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of that or of any other covenant or condition of the Contract.

Binding Effect. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

Appointment. Owner hereby expressly reserves the right from time to time to designate by notice to Contractor a representative(s) to act partially or wholly for Owner in connection with the performance of Owner's obligations. Contractor shall act only upon instructions from the designated representative(s) unless otherwise specifically notified to the contrary.

Records. Records of Contractor's costs, reimbursable expenses pertaining to the Project and payments shall be available to Owner or its authorized representative during business hours and shall be retained for four (4) years after final Payment or abandonment of the Project, unless Owner otherwise instructs Contractor in writing.

Notices. All notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications relied on by the parties shall be in writing. Written notice shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person to the designated representative of the Contractor or Owner for whom it is intended; or sent by U. S. Mail to the last known business address of the designated representative; or transmitted by fax machine to the last known business fax number of the designated representative. Mail notices are deemed effective upon receipt or on the third business day after the date of mailing, whichever is sooner. Fax notices are deemed effective the next business day after faxing.

Severability. Should any term or provision of this Contract be held invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected and this Contract shall be construed as if the invalid or unenforceable term or provision had never been included.

Illegal Dumping. The Contractor shall ensure that it and all of its Subcontractors and assigns prevent illegal dumping of litter in accordance with Title 5, Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 365.

Ethics Matters/No Financial Interest. Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors have read and understand HCC's Ethics Policy, http://www.hccs.edu/hcc/System%20Home/Departments/Procurement_Operations/About_Procurement/Ethics%20Policy.pdf, available at and the HCC Vendor Conflict Interest Questionnaire, http://www.hccs.edu/hcc/System%20Home/Departments/Procurement_Operations/About_Procurement/Conflict%20of%20Interest%20Questionnaire.pdf and is in compliance with said policies and applicable state ethics laws and rules. Neither Contractor nor its employees, agents, representatives or subcontractors will assist or cause HCC employees to violate HCC's Ethic's Policy, provisions described by HCC Standards of Conduct Guide, , or applicable state ethics laws or rules. Contractor represents and warrants that no member of the Board has a direct or indirect financial interest in the transaction that is the subject of this Contract.

By signature hereon, Contractor certifies that no member of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College, or Executive Officers, has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the transaction that is the subject of this contract.

BY SIGNING BELOW, the Parties have executed and bound themselves to this Contract as of the day and year first above written.

(Contractor)
FEID: _____

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(Owner)

By: _____

(Original Signature)

By: _____

(Original Signature)

Name: _____
Title: _____

Name: Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.
Title: Chancellor

Date: _____

Date: _____

CONTENT APPROVED:
Office of Facilities Planning and Construction
Houston Community College

By: _____
(Original Signature)

Name: Marshall Heins.
Title: Chief Facilities Officer

PAYMENT BOND

Project No: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That _____
_____, (Contractor), of the City of _____, County of _____, and
State of _____, as Principal, and _____
_____, authorized under the Laws of the State of Texas to act as surety on
bonds for principals, are held and firmly bound unto **Houston Community College System** (Owner), in the penal
sum of _____
_____ Dollars (\$ _____) for the payment whereof, the said Principal and
Surety bind themselves, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, heirs, administrators, executors,
successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents:

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered into a certain written contract with the Owner, dated the
_____ day of _____, 20____, for construction of:

which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as fully and to the same extent as if copied at length herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the said
Principal shall pay all claimants supplying Public Work Labor and Public Work Material (as defined by Section
2253.001 of the Texas Government Code) to him or a subcontractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in
said contract, then, this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That this bond is executed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas
Government Code as amended and all liabilities on this bond shall be determined in accordance with the provisions
of said Statute to the same extent as if it were copied at length herein.

Surety, for value received, stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms
of the contract, or to work performed thereunder, or the plans, specifications, or drawings, accompanying the same,
shall in anyway affect its obligation on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of
time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract, or the work to be performed thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Principal and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument
_____ day of _____, 20____.

Principal

Surety

BY: _____

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: _____

**LOCAL RECORDING AGENT
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER:**

The name and address of the Resident Agent of Surety is:

PERFORMANCE BOND

Project No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

§

THAT WE, _____, as Principal, hereinafter called
"Contractor" and the other subscriber hereto

_____, as Surety, do hereby acknowledge ourselves to be held and firmly bound to The Houston Community College, "Owner," in the sum of

_____ (\$ _____) for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made to Owner and its successors, the said Contractor and Surety do bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Contractor has on or about this day executed a Contract in writing with _____ Owner for

_____ all of such work to be done as set out in full in said Contract Documents therein referred to and adopted by the Owner, all of which are made a part of this instrument as fully and completely as if set out in full herein.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Contractor shall faithfully and strictly perform Contract in all its terms, provisions, and stipulations in accordance with its true meaning and effect, and in accordance with the Contract Documents referred to therein and shall comply strictly with each and every provision of Contract and with his bond, then this obligation shall become null and void and shall have no further force and effect; otherwise the same is to remain in full force and effect.

Should the Contractor fail to faithfully and strictly perform the Contract in all its terms, the Surety shall be liable for all damages, losses, expenses and liabilities that the Owner may suffer in consequence thereof, as more fully set forth herein. It is further understood and agreed that the Surety does hereby relieve Owner or its representatives from the exercise of any diligence whatever in securing compliance on the part of the Contractor with the terms of the Contract, including the making of payments thereunder, excepting only Owner's failure to make such payments in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, and, having fully considered its Principal's competence to perform the Contract in the underwriting of this Performance Bond, the Surety hereby waives any notice of delay by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract. The Surety understands and agrees that the provision in the Contract that Owner shall retain

certain amounts due the Contractor until the expiration of thirty days from the acceptance of the Work is intended for the Owner's benefit, and Owner shall have the right to pay or withhold such retained amounts or any other amount owing under the Contract without changing or affecting the liability of the Surety hereon in any degree.

It is further expressly agreed by Surety that Owner or its representatives are at liberty at any time, without notice to the Surety, to make any change in the Contract Documents and in the Work to be done thereunder, as provided in the Contract, and in the terms and conditions thereof, or to make any change in, addition to, or deduction from the work to be done thereunder; and that such changes, if made, shall not in any way vitiate the obligation in this bond and undertaking or release the Surety therefrom.

This bond and all obligations created hereunder shall be performable in Harris County, Texas. This bond is given in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, which is incorporated herein by this reference. However, all of the express provisions hereof shall be applicable whether or not within the scope of said statute.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the said Contractor and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument on the respective dates written below their signatures and have attached current Power of Attorney.

ATTEST, SEAL: (if a corporation)

WITNESS: (if not a corporation)

(Name of Contractor)

By: _____

By: _____ Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

ATTEST, SEAL: (if a corporation)

WITNESS: (if not a corporation)

(Name of Surety)

By: _____

By: _____

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Exhibit No. 2

Project Construction Drawings & Specifications

(Provided as Separate Exhibit No. 2 to IFB)