

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM™

INVITATION FOR BID

HUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN IS REQUIRED

Invitation for Bid #: IFB752-12-123350-CM
Invitation for Bid Name: Dilatometer
IFB DUE DATE AND TIME: March 6, 2012 @ 10:00 AM CST
IFB PUBLIC OPENING DATE & TIME: March 8, 2012 @ 2:00 PM CST

RETURN SEALED BIDS TO PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

VIA USPS

Chris McCaskill
University of North Texas System-BSC
1112 Dallas Dr., Suite 400
Denton, Texas 76205

To respond to this Bid, bidders must submit the information requested in the Specifications section of this Bid and any other relevant information in a clear and concise written format. Bids must be submitted in an envelope or other appropriate container and the name and return address of the bidder must be clearly visible.

COURIER DELIVERY ADDRESS:

University of North Texas System-BSC
University Services Building
Central Receiving
2310 N. I-35E
Denton, Texas 76205

If there are any questions regarding this IFB, please submit solicitation questions to: [Solicitation Inquiry](http://bsc.untsystem.edu/content/bid-inquiry) located at <http://bsc.untsystem.edu/content/bid-inquiry>

A copy of this bid form is posted at and may be downloaded from: <http://bsc.untsystem.edu/bid-listing>

NOTICE--IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS BID ARE ATTACHED AS ATTACHMENT "A". ANY ALTERATION TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR BID.

The laws of the State of Texas must prevail on all bids.

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK/DESCRIPTION OF GOODS (Commodity Code: 285-43; 490-43; 490-63)

In accordance with Education Code 51.9335, the University of North Texas System, subsequently referred to as UNTS, is accepting bids and intends to enter into an agreement with a vendor that specializes in **Dilatometers**, in accordance with the terms and conditions and requirements set forth in this Invitation for Bid. The resulting pricing, terms and conditions shall be extended to the University of North Texas System (UNTS), the University of North Texas (UNT), the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), University of North Texas at Dallas (UNTD) and any other institutions of higher education interested in utilizing the agreement, as allowed by the Texas Education Code.

1.1 SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- High temperature Dilatometer complete with suitable software and hardware, include calibration standards and accessories
- Data acquisition software: for basic parameter setting (temperature profile, gas control), for diagram and statistical analysis (CCT, CHT and TTT diagrams). USB interface is preferred.
- Number of deformation steps: any number
- Temperature range: RT up to 1600°C
- Sample length: up to max. 10 mm

- Heat up speed: higher than 2000Klsec (controlled heating rates more than 100 Klsec)
- Cool down speed: higher than 2000Kl
- Sample diameter: around 5mm (both solid or hollow)
- Measuring range: 100 J.lm up to 5000 J.lm
- Maximum resolution: 0.125 nm/digit
- Must have Dynamic gas atmosphere
- Vacuum: required, up to 10⁻⁵ bar
- Pricing of equipment must include maintenance, freight, and training costs
- Include warranty information

2.0 HUB SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AND FORMS:

UNTS has determined Sub-contracting opportunities are possible. All subcontracted work whether identified by UNTS or not, are required to be identified in the HUB Subcontracting Plan. Please complete the attached HUB Subcontracting Plan for all subcontracting opportunities to be utilized in this project. Failure to complete the HUB Subcontracting Plan correctly will disqualify your IFB response. Please return the HUB Subcontracting Plan in a clearly marked envelope, separate from your IFB response.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Only IFB responses with approved HUB Subcontracting Plans will be opened. Failure to return your HUB Subcontracting Plan in a separate envelope will prevent UNTS from opening your IFB. Questions regarding the completion of the HUB Subcontracting Plan should be directed to Amy Woods or Claire Anderson at 940-565-3210. You may also view an on-line video/audio file that explains, in a step by step manner, exactly how to fill out a HUB Subcontracting Plan. <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-subcontracting-plan/>

3.0 SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection of the Successful Offer submitted in response to this IFB by the Submittal Deadline will be made using the competitive process described below. The selection of the Successful Offer may be made by UNTS on the basis of the offers initially submitted, without discussion, clarification or modification. Further action on offers not included within the competitive range will be deferred pending the selection of the Successful Offer, however, UNTS reserves the right to include additional offers in the competitive range if deemed to be in its best interest. UNTS is not bound to accept the lowest priced offer if that offer is not in its best interest, as determined by UNTS. UNTS reserves the right to: (a) enter into agreements or other contractual arrangements for all or any portion of the Scope of Work set forth in this Bid with one or more bidders; (b) reject any and all offers and re-solicit offers; or (c) reject any and all offers and temporarily or permanently abandon this procurement, if deemed to be in the best interest of UNTS.

3.1 Evaluation of Criteria: The successful offer will be the offer that is submitted in response to this Bid by the Submittal Deadline and is the most advantageous to UNTS in UNTS's sole discretion. Offers will be evaluated by an evaluation committee that will include employees of UNTS or its component institutions and other persons invited by UNTS to participate. The evaluation of offers and the selection of the Successful Offer will be based on the information provided to UNTS by the respondent in response to the Specifications section of this Bid. Consideration may also be given to any additional information and comments if such information or comments increase the benefits to UNTS. The successful respondent will be required to enter into a contract acceptable to UNTS.

In evaluating Bids to determine the best value for the State, UNTS may consider information related to past contract performance of a Respondent including, but not limited to, Texas Comptroller of Public Account's Vendor Performance Tracking System. UNTS also considers "Best Value" in the award process. Best Value to the state is located in Attachment "A", Section 1.5.

3.2 Bidder's Acceptance of Process: Submission of an offer by a bidder indicates: (1) the bidder's acceptance of the Selection Process, the Evaluation of Criteria for Selection, and all other requirements and specifications set forth in this Bid; and (2) the bidder's recognition that some subjective judgments must be made by UNTS during this Bid process.

4.0 PUBLIC OPENING:

A public bid opening shall be held on **March 8, 2012 promptly at 2:00 PM. Location shall be University of North Texas, University Services Building (USB), Business Service Center Conference Room, 2310 N I-35E, Denton, TX 76205**

**** **IF SUBMITTING A BID, IFB MUST BE SIGNED and ALL attached files must be printed and returned with bid package. You shall submit a clearly marked original copy and one (1) duplicate copy and one (1) CD/DVD in a single PDF format (CD's with more than the requested information will be considered non-responsive). Sealed bids should be received NO LATER THAN the specified due date and time. UNT reserves the right to accept late bids, however bids received after opening time will not be accepted. Show IFB opening date, IFB number, and return address of firm on sealed bid envelope. Incomplete bids or bids not submitted on our bid form will be disqualified.**

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Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
Equipment Cost (Include Maintenance, Training, and Freight)	1	EA		\$
Discount (if applicable)				\$
				\$
GRAND TOTAL:				\$

By signing below, you agree to all terms & conditions in this IFB. Failure to sign bid will disqualify your response.

Original Signature by Authorized Officer/Agent

Respondent's Tax ID Number (FEIN)

Type or printed name of person signing

Company Name

Title

Phone Number

Respondent Mailing Address

Fax Number

City, State, Zip

Proposal Valid Until (at least for 180 days)

E-Mail Address

Website Address

Are you a certified HUB? (circle one) YES or NO
If yes, please circle the organization or entity certified with below and include a copy of your certificate:

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; NCTRCA; MBDC;
Other _____
If yes, please also specify: Ethnicity _____ & Gender _____

By signing this bid, respondent certifies that if a Texas address is shown as the address of the respondent, respondent qualifies as a Texas Resident Bidder as defined in Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 34, as amended.

Check below if preference claimed under TAC, Title 34, as amended

- Supplies, materials, or equipment produced in Texas/offered by Texas bidders
- Agricultural products produced or grown in Texas
- Agricultural products and services offered by TX bidders
- USA produced supplies, materials, or equipment
- Products of persons with mental or physical disabilities
- Recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive products, including recycled steel products
- Energy efficient products
- Rubberized asphalt paving material
- Recycled motor oil and lubricants
- Products produced at facilities located on formally contaminated property
- Products and services from economically depressed or blighted areas
- Vendors that meet or exceed air quality standards

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REFERENCES

Respondents, please list three (3) companies who have been using your firm for similar or like services on a regular basis for the past 12 months. By listing references, respondent agrees that UNTS may investigate these references and consider them as a basis to determine award. UNT System institutions may not be listed as references.

COMPANY NAME: (1) _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE/FAX: _____

COMPANY NAME: (2) _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE/FAX: _____

COMPANY NAME: (3) _____

PERSON TO CONTACT: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE/FAX: _____

ATTACHMENT "A"
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ITEMS BELOW APPLY TO AND BECOME A PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION:

1.0 Response Requirements:

- a. Respondents must comply with all the rules, regulations and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Texas, to the rules and regulations of the University of North Texas System and the requirements of this form. The University of North Texas System (UNTS) consists of the University of North Texas, University of North Texas at Dallas, and the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.
- b. Respondents must price per unit shown. Unit prices shall govern in the event of extension errors.
- c. Responses should be submitted on this form. Responses will be time stamped on or before the hour and date specified for the response opening.
- d. Unsigned responses will not be considered under any circumstances. Person signing response must have the authority to bind the firm in a contract.
- e. Quote F.O.B destination, freight prepaid and allowed. Otherwise, specify exact delivery cost and terms.
- f. Response prices are to be firm for UNTS acceptance for 180 days from response opening date. "Discount from list" Responses should be specified. Cash discount will not be considered in determining the low response. All cash discounts offered will be taken if earned.
- g. Respondents must give unit prices for each item to be purchased. Respondents may response less than the total number of items. An "All or None" response by Respondent may be rejected at the option of UNT System.
- h. Respondents should give Payee ID Number, full firm name, and address of respondent on the face of this form. Enter in the space provided. The Payee ID Number is the taxpayer number assigned and used by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. If this number is not known, complete the following:
Enter Federal Employer's Identification Number _____
- i. Responses cannot be altered or amended after opening time. Alterations made before opening time should be initialed by respondent or his authorized agent. No response can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by UNTS based on an acceptable written reason.
- j. Purchases made for UNTS use are exempt from the State Sales tax and Federal Excise tax. Do not include tax in response. Excise Tax Exemption Certificates are available upon request.
- k. UNTS reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any response, waive minor technicalities and award the response to best serve the interests of UNTS.
- l. Consistent and continued tie Responses could cause rejection of offers by UNTS and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
- m. FACSIMILE FOR RESPONSE— UNTS will not accept responses via facsimile.
- n. QUOTATIONS AND RESPONSES: Any quotation number referenced is for pricing purposes only. In addition, UNTS solicitation terms and mutually acceptable written revisions, if any, shall apply. Any terms and conditions not accepted through UNTS Business Service Center Purchasing in writing are not binding on either party.
- o. Catalogs, brand names or manufacturer's references are descriptive only, and indicate type and quality desired. Responses on brands of like nature and quality will be considered if response specifies such. If responding on other than referenced, response should show manufacturer, brand or trade name, and other description of product offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and a complete description of product offered are requested to be made part of the response. Failure to take exception to specifications or reference data will require respondent to furnish specified brand names, numbers, etc.
- p. Unless otherwise specified, items offered shall be new and unused.
- q. In addition, all electrical items must meet all applicable state and federal standards and regulations, and bear the appropriate listing such as ANSI, FCC, NEMA, NTRL, and OSHA standards.
- r. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to UNTS. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the respondent, on request, at respondent's expense. Each sample should be marked with respondent's name and address, and requisition number. Do not enclose in or attach offer to sample.
- s. UNTS will not be bound by any oral statement, or representation contrary to the written specifications of this Response.
- t. Manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply unless otherwise stated in the Response.

1.2 Tie Responses: In case of tie bids, any award will be made in accordance with TAC, Title 34, as amended.

1.3 Delivery:

- a. Show number of days required to place material at UNTS designated location under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates respondent to deliver in 14 calendar days. Unrealistic delivery promises may cause offer to be disregarded.
- b. If delay is foreseen, respondent shall give written notice to UNTS. Vendor must keep UNTS advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications authorizes UNTS to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting vendor.
- c. No substitutions permitted without written approval of UNTS Business Service Center Purchasing
- d. Delivery shall be made during normal UNTS working hours only, unless prior approval has been obtained from UNTS Business Service Center Purchasing

1.4 Inspection and Tests: All goods will be subject to inspection and test by UNTS. Authorized UNTS personnel shall have access to supplier's place of business for the purpose of inspecting merchandise. Tests shall be performed on samples submitted with the response or on samples taken from regular shipment. All costs shall be borne by the respondent in the event products tested fail to meet or exceed all conditions and requirements in this Solicitation. Goods delivered and rejected in whole or in part may, at UNTS option, be returned to the respondent or held for disposition at respondent's expense. Latent defects may result in revocation of acceptance.

1.5 Award of Contract: A response to this Solicitation is an offer to contract based upon the terms, conditions and specifications contained herein. Responses do not become contracts until they are accepted through a UNTS purchase order. The contract shall be governed, construed, and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas as the same may be amended from time to time. The Education Code 51.9335 shall be considered in making an award when specified. Venue for any suit filed against the UNTS shall be subject to the mandatory venue statute set forth in § 105.151 of the Texas Education Code.

- a. An award is made to the vendor submitting the lowest and/or best value response conforming to this specification. To determine the lowest and/or best value response, in addition to price, BEST VALUE may be considered by some of the criteria listed below:
 - i. The quality, availability, and adaptability of the supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services to the particular use required;

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- ii. The purchase price;
- iii. The reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
- iv. The quality of the vendor's goods or services;
- v. The extent to which the goods or services meet UNTS needs;
- vi. The vendor's past relationship with UNTS and its component institutions;
- vii. The impact on the ability of UNTS to comply with laws and rules relating to historically under utilized business;
- viii. The total long-term cost to UNTS of acquiring the vendor's goods or services;
- ix. And any other relevant factor that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor.

- b. **DEBTS TO THE STATE:** Any party indebted to the State of Texas or any party who is more than 30 days delinquent for Child Support is not entitled to payment on this purchase order or any accompanying contract
- c. If a "best offer" vendor shows not to be in "good standing" this agency may reject the response and award to the next best response.
- d. The UNTS reserves the right to award the entire contract to a single Vendor or to award different components to different Vendors, whichever UNTS, at its sole discretion, determines to be in its overall best interest, as solely determined by the responsible parties of UNTS.
- e. Delivery may be a factor in this award.

1.6 Payment Terms: UNTS shall be billed in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code and payment shall be made no later than thirty days following the latter of (i) delivery of the goods or completion of the services and (ii) delivery of an invoice to Customer; and (c) interest, if any, on past due payments shall accrue and be paid in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Payee must be in good standing, not indebted to the State of Texas, and current on all taxes owed to the State of Texas for payment to occur. Invoices and any required supporting documents must be presented to: UNTS Business Service Center-Payment Services; 1112 Dallas Dr. Ste. 400, Denton, TX 76205 or electronically submitted to invoices@untsystem.edu

- a. Payment on any contract will be withheld from Respondent if Respondent is determined to be more than 30 days delinquent for Child Support.
- b. Successful respondent shall be responsible for referencing the purchase order number(s) resulting from this response on any invoice(s) packing list(s), correspondence etc. Invoicing must coincide to prices quoted either on a unit, hourly, etc. basis.
- c. **DISQUALIFICATION:** Response is subject to disqualification if respondent provides revisions and/or exclusions to the terms and conditions listed in this solicitation that the UNTS is limited by law from accepting (i.e. offers with the laws of a State other than Texas), requirements for prepayment not defined in or allowed for in this Solicitation, limitations on remedies, any revision to stated terms and conditions of the Solicitation, etc.

1.7 Patents and Copyrights: The vendor agrees to protect UNTS from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

1.8 Vendor Assignments: Vendor hereby assigns to UNTS any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract arising under the antitrust laws of the United States 15 U.S.C.A. Section 1, et seq. (1973), and the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Ann Sec. 15.01, et seq. (1967). Inquiries pertaining to Solicitations must give solicitation number, codes, and opening date.

1.9 Respondent Affirmation: Signing this response with a false statement is a material breach of contract and shall void the submitted response or any resulting contracts, and the respondent shall be removed from all bidder lists. By signature provided below, the respondent hereby affirms and certifies that:

- a. The respondent has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted response.
- b. The respondent is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State of Texas.
- c. Neither the respondent nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the respondent, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this State or the Federal Antitrust Laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the offer made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.
- d. Under Section 2155.004 Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if the certification is inaccurate.
- e. Under Section 231.006(d), Family Code (relating to child support), the respondent certifies that the individual or business entity named in this offer is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- f. Respondent agrees that any payments due under this contract may be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.
- g. Respondent agrees to comply with Government Code 2155.4441, pertaining to service contract use of products produced in the State of Texas.
- h. Respondent understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Respondent further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Respondent will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through bidder and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards
- i. Respondent certifies that they are in compliance with Section 669.003 of the Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a State agency. If Section 669.003 applies, respondent will complete the following information in order for the response to be evaluated:

Name of former Executive: _____

Name of State Agency: _____

Date of separation from State agency: _____

Position with respondent: _____ Date of employment with respondent: _____

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- 1.10 Pursuant to Section 231.006 of the Family Code**, response must include names and Social Security Numbers of each person with at least 25% ownership of the business entity submitting the response. Vendors that have pre-registered this information on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) have satisfied this requirement. If not pre-registered, list the name and social security numbers for each person. Otherwise, this information must be provided prior to contract award.
- 1.11 Note to Vendors: Any terms and conditions attached to any response will not be considered unless specifically referred to on the Solicitation and may result in disqualification of the response.**
- a. **Dispute Resolution:** Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code establishes a dispute resolution process for contracts involving goods, services, and certain types of projects. If Chapter 2260 applies to this Purchase Order, then the statutory dispute resolution process must be used by the vendor to attempt to resolve all of its disputes arising under this Purchase Order.
- i. Any contractual claim of respondent that the parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Chapter 2260, subchapter B, of the Texas Government Code. To initiate the process, respondent shall submit written notice, as required by subchapter B, to Carolyn Cross, UNTS Business Service Center Director of Purchasing.. Said notice shall specifically state that the provisions of Chapter 2260, of subchapter B, are being invoked. Compliance by respondent with subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Chapter 2260, subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code.
- ii. The contested case process provided in Chapter 2260, subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code is respondent's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for any and all alleged contractual claims if the parties are unable to resolve their disputes under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
- iii. Compliance with the contested case process provided in subchapter C is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Legislature under Ch. 107 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Neither the execution of this contract by the UNTS and its component institutions nor any conduct of any representative of the UNTS and its component institutions hereafter shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit. The submission, processing, and resolution of respondent's claim is governed by the published Rules adopted by the Texas Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, as currently effective, hereinafter enacted or subsequently amended. Neither the occurrence of an event nor the pendency of a claim constitutes grounds for the suspension of performance by respondent, in whole or in part. The designated individual responsible on behalf of the UNTS for examining any claim or counterclaim and conducting any negotiations related thereto, as required under 2260.052 of H.B. 826 of the 76th Texas Legislature shall be Carolyn Cross, UNTS Business Service Center Director of Purchasing.iv. Venue and service of process for suits involving UNTS is governed by Section 105.151 of the Texas Education Code.
- b. **Excess Obligations Prohibited:** The Texas Constitution (Article XVI, Section 10) prohibits obligators beyond the current appropriations, which UNTS applies annually. Any Purchase Order may be canceled at any time without penalty if legislative and/or UNTS funds are not appropriated for goods or services obligated on any Purchase Order beyond the current fiscal year (September 1 through August 31 of any given year.)
- d. **Cancellation:** Items or orders may be canceled without the consent of the vendor due to failure to fulfill their contractual obligations. If cancellation is requested by UNT System for some other reason through no fault of the vendor, the vendor will be contacted. UNTS reserves the right to cancel this contract upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. The contractor must request and secure in writing the approval of the Purchasing Department to be released from this contract or any portion thereof should conditions unforeseeable occur.
- e. **Miscellaneous:** The laws of the State of Texas shall prevail including the Public Information Act. Any order is not confidential. All transactions associated with this Order may be subject to audit. Vendor by accepting this Order agrees to allow access to all records regarding this transaction upon written request by the UNTS Internal Auditors and/or UNTS Business Service Center Purchasing.
- f. **RESPONSE RESULTS:** It is not the policy of UNTS to furnish results over the telephone. Bid tabulations may be requested at <http://bsc.untssystem.edu/content/bid-inquiry>.
- g. **Centralized Master Bidders List ("CBML"):** The UNTS utilizes the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB). The CMBL is located at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/>. Non-HUB respondents are identified from various sources including the CBML.
- 1.12 Indemnification: Vendor further agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the UNTS, its Board of Regents, officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings costs, liability, injuries, damages or allegations of such brought by an act or omission of vendor or vendor's employees and/or subcontractors or due to vendor's product or services. This indemnification shall include but not be limited to acts or omissions related to environmental hazards.**
- 1.14** The parties understand and agree that any purchase order/contract may be subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the administrative regulations and/or guidance which have issued or may in the future be issued pursuant to HIPAA, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services regulations on privacy and security, and Texas state laws pertaining to medical privacy (collectively, "Privacy Laws"). Vendor agrees to comply with all Privacy Laws that are applicable to this purchase order/contract and to negotiate in good faith to execute any amendment to this purchase order/contract that s required for the terms of this purchase order/contract to comply with applicable Privacy Laws. In the event the parties are unable to agree on the terms of an amendment pursuant to this paragraph within thirty (30) days of the date the other party
- 1.15** Vendor hereby certifies that the network hardware or software, as applicable, procured or leased under this contract, has undergone independent certification testing for known and relevant vulnerabilities in accordance with §2059.060, Texas Government Code.
- 1.16 Exemption Declaration:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 2157.005(d) this requirement is for the purchase of a wireless communication device to be used by peace officers, firefighters, and other emergency response personnel to respond to a public safety emergency. .
- 1.17 Important Notice:** Any purchase order may be funded wholly or partially with federal funds subject to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The vendor shall comply with all applicable provisions of ARRA, which may include, but are not limited to the provision of Division A, Titles XV and XVI (e.g., audit provisions, whistleblower protection, and preferences for American products).
- 1.18 Federal Funds:** All procurements of supplies equipment, and services utilizing Federal Funds (e.g. Federal Grant or Contract) shall be made in accordance with all applicable federal rules and regulations: Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Educational Institutions (even if part of a State or local government) follow: OMB A-21 for cost principles, A-110 for

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administrative requirements, and A-133 for audit requirements. All procurement requirements contained in the above referenced circulars are incorporated herein by reference. By signing this solicitation document vendor certifies that vendor is in compliance with OMB A110 and that vendor is not on the Debarred Bidders List.

- 1.19 Suspension, Debarment, and Terrorism:** Vendor further certifies that the vendor and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity and that vendor is in compliance with the State of Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement and that vendor is not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list as described in executive order 13224. Entities ineligible for federal procurement are listed at <http://www.epls.gov>



HUB SUBCONTRACTING PLAN (HSP)

In accordance with Texas Gov't Code §2161.252, the contracting agency has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under this contract. Therefore, all respondents, including State of Texas certified Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) must complete and submit this State of Texas HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) with their response to the bid requisition (solicitation).

NOTE: Responses that do not include a completed HSP shall be rejected pursuant to Texas Gov't Code §2161.252(b).

The HUB Program promotes equal business opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons to contract with the State of Texas in accordance with the goals specified in the 2009 State of Texas Disparity Study. The statewide HUB goals defined in 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §20.13 are:

- **11.2 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,**
- **21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders contracts,**
- **32.7 percent for all special trade construction contracts,**
- **23.6 percent for professional services contracts,**
- **24.6 percent for all other services contracts, and**
- **21 percent for commodities contracts.**

- - Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements - -

In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14(d)(1)(D)(iii), a respondent (prime contractor) may demonstrate good faith effort to utilize Texas certified HUBs for its subcontracting opportunities if the total value of the respondent's subcontracts with Texas certified HUBs meets or exceeds the statewide HUB goal or the agency specific HUB goal, whichever is higher. When a respondent uses this method to demonstrate good faith effort, the respondent must identify the HUBs with which it will subcontract. If using existing contracts with Texas certified HUBs to satisfy this requirement, only contracts that have been in place for five years or less shall qualify for meeting the HUB goal. This limitation is designed to encourage vendor rotation as recommended by the 2009 Texas Disparity Study.

SECTION 1 RESPONDENT AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

- a. Respondent (Company) Name: _____ State of Texas VID #: _____
 Point of Contact: _____ Phone #: _____
 E-mail Address: _____ Fax #: _____
- b. Is your company a State of Texas certified HUB? - Yes - No
- c. Requisition #: _____ Bid Open Date: ____/____/____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Enter your company's name here: _____

Requisition #: _____

SECTION 2 SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS

After dividing the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices, and taking into consideration the scope of work to be performed under the proposed contract, including all potential subcontracting opportunities, the respondent must determine what portions of work, including goods and services, will be subcontracted. Note: In accordance with 34 TAC §20.11., an "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts with a prime contractor to work, to supply commodities, or to contribute toward completing work for a governmental entity.

a. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that identifies your subcontracting intentions:

- **Yes**, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract. (If **Yes**, complete Item b, of this SECTION and continue to Item c of this SECTION.)

- **No**, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources. (If **No**, continue to SECTION 3.)

b. List all the portions of work (subcontracting opportunities) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, identify the percentages of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to vendors that are not a Texas certified HUB (i.e., Non-HUB).

Item #	Subcontracting Opportunity Description	HUBs		Non-HUBs
		Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have had contracts in place for <u>five (5) years or less.</u>	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have had contracts in place for <u>more than five (5) years.</u>	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to non-HUBs .
1		%	%	%
2		%	%	%
3		%	%	%
4		%	%	%
5		%	%	%
6		%	%	%
7		%	%	%
8		%	%	%
9		%	%	%
10		%	%	%
11		%	%	%
12		%	%	%
13		%	%	%
14		%	%	%
15		%	%	%
Aggregate percentages of the contract expected to be subcontracted:		%	%	%

(Note: If you have more than fifteen subcontracting opportunities, a continuation sheet is available online at <http://window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-subcontracting-plan/>)

c. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be using only Texas certified HUBs to perform all of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

- **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 **and** complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)

- **No** (If **No**, continue to Item d, of this SECTION.)

d. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether the **aggregate expected percentage** of the contract you will subcontract with Texas certified HUBs with which you have had contracts in place with for five (5) years or less **meets or exceeds** the HUB goal the contracting agency identified on page 1 in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements".

- **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 **and** complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)

- **No** (If **No**, continue to SECTION 4 **and** complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)

HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)

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Enter your company's name here: _____ Requisition #: _____

IMPORTANT: If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Items c and d of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-forms/HUBSubcontractingPlanAttachment-B.doc>

SECTION B-1 SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION 2, Item b, of the completed HSP form for which you are completing this attachment.

Item #: _____ Description: _____

SECTION B-2 MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

If respondent is participating as a Mentor in a State of Texas Mentor Protégé Program, submitting its Protégé (Protégé must be a State of Texas certified HUB) as a subcontractor to perform the subcontracting opportunity listed in SECTION B-1, constitutes a good faith effort to subcontract with a Texas certified HUB towards that specific portion of work.

Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be subcontracting the portion of work you listed in SECTION B-1 to your Protégé.

- Yes (If Yes, to continue to SECTION B-4.)
 - No / Not Applicable (If No or Not Applicable, continue to SECTION B-3.)

SECTION B-3 NOTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

When completing this section you MUST comply with items a, b, c and d, thereby demonstrating your Good Faith Effort of having notified Texas certified HUBs and minority or women trade organizations or development centers about the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Your notice should include the scope of work, information regarding the location to review plans and specifications, bonding and insurance requirements, required qualifications, and identify a contact person.

When sending notice of your subcontracting opportunity, you are encouraged to use the attached HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notice form, which is also available online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-subcontracting-plan/>

Retain supporting documentation (i.e., certified letter, fax, e-mail) demonstrating evidence of your good faith effort to notify the Texas certified HUBs and minority or women trade organizations or development centers.

- a. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1, to three (3) or more Texas certified HUBs. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to your submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. When searching for Texas certified HUBs, ensure that you use the State of Texas' Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Search directory located at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/cmb/cmbhub.html>. HUB Status code "A" signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.
- b. List the three (3) Texas certified HUBs you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the company's Vendor ID (VID) number, the date you sent notice to that company, and indicate whether it was responsive or non-responsive to your subcontracting opportunity notice.

Company Name	VID #	Date Notice Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)	Did the HUB Respond?
		/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
		/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
		/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No

- c. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1 to minority or women trade organizations or development centers to assist in identifying potential HUBs by disseminating the subcontracting opportunity to their members/participants. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must provide your subcontracting opportunity notice to minority or women trade organizations or development centers at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting your bid response to the contracting agency.

A list of trade organizations and development centers that have expressed an interest in receiving notices of subcontracting opportunities is available on the Statewide HUB Program's webpage at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mwb-links-1/>

- d. Enter the name of the minority or women trade organizations or development centers you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the date when you sent notice to it and indicate if it accepted or rejected your notice.

Minority/Women Trade Organizations or Development Centers	Date Notice Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)	Was the Notice Accepted?
	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
	/ /	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No

HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B) *Cont.*

Enter your company's name here: _____ Requisition #: _____

SECTION B-4 SUBCONTRACTOR SELECTION

- a. List the subcontractor(s) you selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed in **SECTION B-1**. Also identify whether they are a Texas Certified HUB and their VID number, the approximate dollar value of the work to be subcontracted, the expected percentage of work to be subcontracted, and indicate whether the company is a Texas certified HUB.

Company Name	Texas Certified HUB	VID # <small>(Required if Texas Certified HUB)</small>	Approximate Dollar Amount	Expected Percentage of Contract
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%

- b. If any of the subcontractors you have selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1 is **not** a Texas certified HUB, provide written justification for your selection process (attach additional page if necessary):

REMINDER: As specified in SECTION 4 of the completed HSP form, if you (respondent) are awarded any portion of the requisition, you are required to provide notice as soon as practical to **all** the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity it (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.

HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notification Form

In accordance with Texas Gov't Code, Chapter 2161, each state agency that considers entering into a contract with an expected value of \$100,000 or more shall, before the agency solicits bids, proposals, offers, or other applicable expressions of interest, determine whether subcontracting opportunities are probable under the contract. The state agency I have identified below in **Section B** has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under the requisition to which my company will be responding.

34 Texas Administrative Code, §20.14 requires all respondents (prime contractors) bidding on the contract to provide notice of each of their subcontracting opportunities to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs (who work within the respective industry applicable to the subcontracting opportunity), and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to the respondent submitting its bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, the respondent must provide notice of each of its subcontracting opportunities to minority/women trade organizations or development centers at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting its bid response to the contracting agency.

We respectfully request that vendors interested in bidding on the subcontracting opportunity identified in **Section C** reply no later than the date and time identified in **Section C, Item 1**. Submit your response to the point-of-contact referenced in **Section A**.

Section A	PRIME CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION	
Company Name:	_____	State of Texas VID #: _____
Point-of-Contact:	_____	Phone #: _____
E-mail Address:	_____	Fax #: _____

Section B	CONTRACTING STATE AGENCY AND REQUISITION INFORMATION	
Agency Name:	_____	
Point-of-Contact:	_____	Phone #: _____
Requisition #:	_____	Bid Open Date: _____

Section C	SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE DUE DATE, DESCRIPTION, REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION	
1. Potential Subcontractor's Bid Response Due Date:	<p>Our firm must receive your bid response to this subcontracting opportunity no later than 5:00 P.M., Central Daylight Standard Time on: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">(Date)</p> <p>(Note: In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14, each notice of subcontracting opportunity shall be provided to <u>at least three (3)</u> Texas certified HUBs, and allow the HUBs <u>at least seven (7) working days</u> to respond to the notice prior to submitting our bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, we must provide the same notice to minority/women trade organizations or development centers <u>at least seven (7) working days</u> prior to submitting our bid response to the contracting agency.)</p>	
2. Scope of Work:		
3. Required Qualifications: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not Applicable		
4. Bonding/Insurance Requirements: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not Applicable		
5. Location to review plans/specifications: <input type="checkbox"/> - Not Applicable		