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ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Each bidder is required to acknowledge receipt of an addendum issued for a specific project. This page is provided for the purpose of acknowledging an addendum.

FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AN ADDENDUM WILL RESULT IN THE BID NOT BEING READ.

In order to properly acknowledge an addendum place a mark in the box next to the respective addendum.

ADDENDUM NO. 1	
ADDENDUM NO. 2	
ADDENDUM NO. 3	
ADDENDUM NO. 4	
ADDENDUM NO. 5	

In addition, the bidder by affixing their signature to the signature page of the proposal is acknowledging that they have taken the addendum(s) into consideration when preparing their bid and that the information contained in the addendum will be included in the contract, if awarded by the Commission or other designees.



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PROPOSAL TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2024 SPECIFICATIONS WORK CONSISTING OF SWEEPING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS

The quantities in the proposal are approximate. The quantities of work and materials may be increased or decreased as considered necessary to complete the work as planned and contemplated.

This project is to be completed in 365 calendar days and will be accepted when fully completed and finished to the satisfaction of the Executive Director or designee.

Provide a proposal guaranty in the form of a Cashier's Check, Teller's Check (including an Official Check) or Bank Money Order on a State or National Bank or Savings and Loan Association, or State or Federally chartered Credit Union made payable to the Texas Transportation Commission in the following amount:

TWELVE THOUSAND (Dollars) (\$12,000)

A bid bond may be used as the required proposal guaranty. The bond form may be detached from the proposal for completion. The proposal may not be disassembled to remove the bond form. The bond must be in accordance with Item 2 of the specifications.

Any addenda issued amending this proposal and/or the plans that have been acknowledged by the bidder, become part of this proposal.

By signing the proposal the bidder certifies:

- 1. the only persons or parties interested in this proposal are those named and the bidder has not directly or indirectly participated in collusion, entered into an agreement or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the above captioned project.
- 2. in the event of the award of a contract, the organization represented will secure bonds for the full amount of the contract.
- 3. the signatory represents and warrants that they are an authorized signatory for the organization for which the bid is submitted and they have full and complete authority to submit this bid on behalf of their firm.
- 4. that the certifications and representations contained in the proposal are true and accurate and the bidder intends the proposal to be taken as a genuine government record.

Signed: **				
(1)	(2)	(3)		
Print Name:				
(1)	(2)	(3)		
Title: (1)	(2)	(3)		
Company: (1)	(2)	(3)		

• Signatures to comply with Item 2 of the specifications.

^{**}Note: Complete (1) for single venture, through (2) for joint venture and through (3) for triple venture.

^{*} When the calendar days field contains an asterisk (*) refer to the Special Provisions and General Notes.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

ANY CONTRACTORS INTENDING TO BID ON ANY WORK TO BE AWARDED BY THIS DEPARTMENT MUST SUBMIT A SATISFACTORY "AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT" AND "EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE" AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE LETTING DATE.

UNIT PRICES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 2 OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS OR SPECIAL PROVISION TO ITEM 2 FOR EACH ITEM LISTED IN THIS PROPOSAL.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

		RID ROND					
KNOW ALL PER	SONS BY THESE F	PRESENTS,					
That we, (Contractor Name)							
Hereinafter called the Principal, and (Surety Name)							
Surety, are held an the sum of not less thousand dollars, i displayed on the c	nd firmly bound unto s than two percent (2' not to exceed one hundover of the proposal) and ourselves, our heir	o transact surety business in the State of the Texas Department of Transportation (%) of the department's engineer's estimated thousand dollars (\$100,000) as a the payment of which sum will and the transport of the payment of the p	n, hereinafter called the Obligee, nate, rounded to the nearest one proposal guaranty (amount ruly be made, the said Principal a				
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Signed this		Day of	20				
Ву:		(Contractor/Principal Name)					
	(Signature an	d Title of Authorized Signatory for Contractor/l	Principal)				
*By:							
		(Surety Name)					
	attorney (Surety) for	(Signature of Attorney-in-Fact)	Impressed Surety Seal Only				
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BIDDER'S CHECK RETURN

IMPORTANT

The space provided for the return address must be completed to facilitate the return of your bidder's check. Care must be taken to provide a legible, accurate, and <u>complete</u> return address, including zip code. A copy of this sheet should be used for each different return address.

NOTE

Successful bidders will receive their guaranty checks with the executed contract.

RETURN BIDDERS CHECK TO (PLEASE PRINT):

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	Project	RMC - 647385001		
	Highway	IH0010		
	County	PECOS		
		IMPORTANT		
	PLEASE RE	TURN THIS SHEET	IN ITS ENTIRETY	
Please acknow	vledge receipt of this c	check(s) at your earliest co ment in the enclosed self a	nvenience by signing below	in longhand, in
ink, and return	ing this acknowledge	ment in the enclosed self a	iddressed envelope.	
Check Receive	ed By:		Date:	
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Title:				
For (Contracto	or's Name):			
Project			County	



NOTICE TO THE BIDDER

In the space provided below, please enter your total bid amount for this project. Only this figure will be read publicly by the Department at the public bid opening.

It is understood and agreed by the bidder in signing this proposal that the total bid amount entered below is not binding on either the bidder or the Department. It is further agreed that **the official total bid amount** for this proposal will be determined by multiplying the unit bid prices for each pay item by the respective estimated quantities shown in this proposal and then totaling all of the extended amounts.

\$_____ Total Bid Amount

ALT	ITEM	DESC	SP	Bid Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Bid Price	Amount	Seq
	104	509	REM	IOV CONC (SDWLK)	SY	266.400	\$10.000	\$2,664.00	1
						Total Bid Amount	\$2,6	664.00	-
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Date									
Additio	onal Sig	nature f	or Joint Ven	ture:					
Signed									
Title									
Date									

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EXAMPLE OF BID PRICES SUBMITTED BY COMPUTER PRINTOUT





	ITEM-CODE		E				DEPT
ALT	ITEM NO	DESC CODE	S.P. NO.	UNIT BID PRICE ONLY. WRITTEN IN WORDS	UNIT	APPROX QUANTITIES	USE ONLY
	505	7003		TMA (MOBILE OPERATION)	DAY	240.000	1
				DOLLARS and CENTS			
	738	7001		CLEANING / SWEEPING (CENTER MEDIAN) DOLLARS	MI	507.228	2
				and CENTS			
	738	7025		CLEANING / SWEEPING (OUTSIDE MAIN LANE)	MI	1,128.258	3
				and DOLLARS CENTS			
	738	7049		CLEANING / SWEEPING (FRONTAGE ROAD) DOLLARS and CENTS	MI	45.600	4
	738	7070		CLEANING / SWEEPING(ENTRANCE/EXIT RAMP)	MI	372.138	5
				and DOLLARS CENTS			

CERTIFICATION OF INTEREST IN OTHER BID PROPOSALS FOR THIS WORK

By signing this proposal, the bidding firm and the signer certify that the following information, as indicated by checking "Yes" or "No" below, is true, accurate, and complete.

A.	Quotation(s) have been issued in this firm's name to other firm(s) interested in this work for consideration for performing a portion of this work.
	YES
	NO

- B. If this proposal is the low bid, the bidder agrees to provide the following information prior to award of the contract.
 - 1. Identify firms which bid as a prime contractor and from which the bidder received quotations for work on this project.
 - 2. Identify all the firms which bid as a prime contractor to which the bidder gave quotations for work on this project.

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GENERAL NOTES:

The Area Engineer listed below will be responsible for oversight of this project once the project has been awarded:

Nestor Mendoza, P.E., Fort Stockton Area Engineer 1207 E. Dickinson Blvd.
Fort Stockton, TX 79735
Phone (432) 336-3671
Fax (432) 336-5026
(Fort Stockton Area Office)

If the bidder has any questions concerning preparation and submission of the proposal forms, contact:

Sergio Miranda, Contract Administrator 3901 E. Highway 80 Odessa, Texas 79761 Phone (432) 489-4609 Fax (432) 498-4680 (Odessa District Office)

The Maintenance Supervisors listed below will be the Engineer's representatives in charge of the inspection of all work done in this contract. The Balmorhea Maintenance Office shall certify all requests for payment.

Daniel Hernandez, Pecos Maintenance Supervisor (Reeves County) 197 S. Frontage Road (I-20 W.)
Pecos, Texas 79772
Phone (432) 445-4737
Fax (432) 445-7595

Clay Houston, Balmorhea Maintenance Supervisor (Reeves County) 2261 FM 2903
Balmorhea, Texas 79718
Phone (432) 375-2550
Fax (432) 375-2405

Armando Franco, Fort Stockton Maintenance Supervisor (Pecos County) 1207 E. Dickinson Blvd.
Fort Stockton, Texas 79735
Phone (432) 336-6632

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Fax (432) 336-5026

Juan Flores, Iraan Maintenance Supervisor (Pecos County) 9286 E. HWY 190 Iraan, Texas 79735 Phone (432) 639-2710 Fax (432) 639-2194

Juan Rodriguez, Sanderson Maintenance Supervisor (Terrell County) 53 N. U.S. Hwy 285 Sanderson, TX 79848 Phone (432) 756-2140 Fax (432) 756-2239

Designate in writing the "On the Job Superintendent" authorized to act on behalf of the Contractor. Perform contract work only when the "On the Job Superintendent" is on the job site.

Each contract awarded by the Department stands on its own and as such, is separate from other contracts. A contractor awarded multiple contracts, must be capable and sufficiently staffed to concurrently process any or all contracts at the same time. For the duration of this contract, no night work will be permitted.

Notify the responsible TxDOT office by telephone by 8:15 A.M. each morning that work is scheduled. Provide work location and time of arrival or reasons for not working that day.

Restore surrounding site features which are damaged during construction operations to a condition as good as or better than that which previously existed. This work is at the Contractor's expense.

Minimize vehicles and equipment in construction areas to lessen the impact on existing vegetation. The intent of the plans is to prepare only that portion of the right-of-way necessary for construction. Excess damage to the vegetation in the right-of-way will be repaired at the Contractor's expense as directed.

ITEM 2: INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

View the plans on-line or download from the web as:

https://www.txdot.gov/business/plans-online-bid-lettings.html

Order plans from any of the plan reproduction companies shown on the web at:

https://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/contractors consultants/repro companies.htm

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By signing this proposal, a bidder acknowledges that he/she has a copy of the "Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets and Bridges", adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation, September 1, 2024. This specification book may be purchased from the Department.

ITEM 7: LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Restrict storage of equipment and materials to approved areas. The Engineer will not approve storage in any TxDOT yard.

Dispose of waste generated from servicing equipment on the project properly.

ITEM 8: PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

The Engineer will give written notice to begin work and will continue for 5 Working Days for each Partial Cycle **OR** 10 Working Days for each Full Cycle.

Once work has started, prosecute the work continuously to completion. If the Contractor begins work on the contract and leaves before work is completed, then liquidated damages will begin until the Contractor returns to work. Liquidated damages will be charged as stated in Special Provisions 000-018 "Schedule of Liquidated Damages".

ITEM 502: BARRICADES, SIGNS, AND TRAFFIC HANDLING

Furnish, place, and maintain all traffic control devices in accordance with the "Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and traffic control standard sheets as specified herein, or as directed.

Stop equipment for traffic when crossing any traffic lanes. Furnish certified flaggers to warn equipment operators of approaching traffic, unless otherwise directed. Certified Flaggers shall be equipped with an approved flagging vest and hard hat. They shall us a "SLOW-STOP" paddle in lieu of the standard flag.

Relocate or remove temporary signs, as necessary.

Remove or cover construction signs not in use. Do not lay down signs.

The contractor will be responsible for continual monitoring of each location.

ITEM 505: TRUCK MOUNTED ATTENUATOR (TMA)

A maximum of 25 TMA Days will be paid for each full cycle. A maximum of 15 TMA Days will be paid for each partial cycle. Payment for any additional TMA days must be approved by the Engineer. TMAs not used will not be paid.

Work site is defined as the locations presented on the plans.

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The total number of truck mounted attenuators (TMA) required when utilizing the traffic control standard sheets are shown in the tables below.

TCP 3 Series	Scenario	Required TMA
(3-1) - 13	All	2
(3-2) - 13	All	3

Truck-Mounted Attenuators (TMA) must be NCHRP 350 or MASH compliant and will require pre-approval by the Department. The supporting vehicle shall have a minimum gross (i.e. ballasted) vehicular weight of 20,000 +/- 1,000 pounds.

Truck-Mounted Attenuators (TMA) shall be utilized in accordance with the TCP Series 1.2 and 6. Provide separate attenuators for each work area within a common lane closure as approved or directed by the Engineer. All TCP standards for this contract include channelizing devices and TMA's. A minimum of one TMA will be required per work location.

Shadow vehicles equipped for truck mounted attenuators (TMA) for stationary operations will be paid for by the each and must be available for use at a time as determined by the Engineer.

When TMAs are specified by the DAY, the unit of measure is for each day required by the contract.

Therefore, (2) two shadow vehicles with TMA will be required for this type of work. The Contractor will be responsible for determining if one or more of these operations will be ongoing at the same time to determine the total number of TMA needed for the project for those times per plan requirements. Additional TMAs used that are not specified in the plans in which the Contractor expects compensation will require prior approval from the Engineer.

ITEM 738: CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS

All sweeping operations shall be done in the direction of travel.

All operations will begin no sooner than 30 minutes after sunrise and will end no later than 30 minutes before sundown.

Nightwork will not be allowed.

All sweeping operations with a Truck-Mounted Attenuator and Flashing Panel as shown on TCP (3-1) and TCP (3-2) will be required.

Six (6) full cycles and six (6) partial cycles will be scheduled. All work at each location must be fully completed and accepted by the Engineer before that location is paid for.

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Contractor questions on this project are to be addressed to the following individual(s):

Sergio Miranda
 Hope Sandoval
 Sergio.Miranda@txdot.gov
 Hope.Sandoval@txdot.gov

Questions may be submitted via the Letting Pre-Bid Q&A web page. This webpage can be accessed from the Notice to Contractors dashboard located at the following Address:

https://tableau.txdot.gov/views/ProjectInformationDashboard/NoticetoContractors?%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y

All contractor questions will be reviewed by the Engineer. All questions and any corresponding responses that are generated will be posted through the same Letting Pre-Bid Q&A web page.

The Letting Pre-Bid Q&A web page for each project can be accessed by using the dashboard to navigate to the project you are interested in by scrolling or filtering the dashboard using the controls on the left. Hover over the blue hyperlink for the project you want to view the Q&A for and click on the link in the window that pops up.

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ALL SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS PROJECT ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS: ADOPTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ----- TRANSPORTATION SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS ARE INCORPORATED

INTO THE CONTRACT BY REFERENCE.

ITEMS 1 TO 9 INCL., GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND COVENANTS
ITEM 505 TRUCK-MOUNTED ATTENUATOR (TMA) AND TRAILER ATTENUATOR (TA)
ITEM 738 CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS

SPECIAL PROVISION "NONDISCRIMINATION" (000---001)
SPECIAL PROVISION "NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS"
(000---016)

SPECIAL PROVISION "CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (FORM 1295)" (000---017)

SPECIAL PROVISION "IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS" (000---018)

SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS:

GENERAL: THE ABOVE-LISTED SPECIFICATION ITEMS ARE THOSE UNDER WHICH
----- PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE. THESE, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER
PERTINENT ITEMS, IF ANY, AS MAY BE REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVELISTED SPECIFICATION ITEMS, AND INCLUDING THE SPECIAL
PROVISIONS LISTED ABOVE, CONSTITUTE THE COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT.

CHILD SUPPORT STATEMENT

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2261.252(b), the Department is prohibited from entering into contracts in which Department officers and employees have a financial interest.

By signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies that it is not prohibited from entering into a Contract with the Department as a result of a financial interest as defined under Texas Government Code Section 2261.252(b), and that it will exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict of interest with the Department.

The Contractor also certifies that none of the following individuals, nor any of their family members within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity, owns 1% or more interest or has a financial interest as defined under Texas Government Code Section 2261.252(b) in the Contractor:

- Any member of the Texas Transportation Commission; and
- The Department's Executive Director, General Counsel, Chief of Procurement and Field Support Operations, Director of Procurement, and Director of Contract Services.

E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §223.051, all TxDOT contracts for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a highway must include a provision requiring Contractors and subcontractors to use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine employment eligibility. By signing the contract, the Contractor certifies that prior to the award of the Contract:

- the Contractor has registered with and will, to the extent permitted by law, utilize the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of the Contract to determine the eligibility of all persons hired to perform duties within Texas during the term of the agreement; and
- the Contractor will require that all subcontractors also register with and, to the extent permitted by law, utilize the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of the subcontract to determine the eligibility of all persons hired to perform duties within Texas during the term of the agreement.

Violation of this requirement constitutes a material breach of the Contract, subjects a subcontractor to removal from the Contract, and subjects the Contractor or subcontractors to possible sanctions in accordance with Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Subchapter F, "Sanctions and Suspension for Ethical Violations by Entities Doing Business with the Department."

Certification Regarding Disclosure of Public Information

Pursuant to Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, contractors executing a contract with a governmental body that results in the expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds must:

- 1) preserve all contracting information* as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the duration of the contract,
- 2) on request of TxDOT, promptly provide any contracting information related to the contract that is in the custody or possession of the entity, and
- 3) on completion of the contract, either:
 - A. provide, at no cost to TxDOT, all contracting information related to the contract that is in the custody or possession of the entity, or
 - B. preserve the contracting information related to the contract as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to TxDOT

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this contract, and the contractor or vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the contractor or vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

By entering into Contract, the Contractor agrees to:

- provide, or make available, to TxDOT and any authorized governmental investigating or auditing agency all
 records, including electronic and payment records related to the contract, for the same period provided by the
 records retention schedule applicable to TxDOT, and
- ensure that all subcontracts include a clause requiring the same.
- * As defined in Government Code §552.003, "Contracting information" means the following information maintained by a governmental body or sent between a governmental body and a vendor, contractor, potential vendor, or potential contractor:
 - 1) information in a voucher or contract relating to the receipt or expenditure of public funds by a governmental body;
 - 2) solicitation or bid documents relating to a contract with a governmental body;
 - 3) communications sent between a governmental body and a vendor, contractor, potential vendor, or potential contractor during the solicitation, evaluation, or negotiation of a contract;
 - 4) documents, including bid tabulations, showing the criteria by which a governmental body evaluates each vendor, contractor, potential vendor, or potential contractor responding to a solicitation and, if applicable, an explanation of why the vendor or contractor was selected; and
 - 5) communications and other information sent between a governmental body and a vendor or contractor related to the performance of a final contract with the governmental body or work performed on behalf of the governmental body.

CERTIFICATION TO NOT BOYCOTT ISRAEL

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2271.002, the Department must include a provision requiring a written verification affirming that the Contractor does not boycott Israel, as defined in Government Code §808.001, and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. This provision applies to a contract that:

- 1) is with a Contractor that is not a sole proprietorship,
- 2) is with a Contractor with 10 or more full-time employees, and
- 3) has a value of \$100,000 or more.

By signing the contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. "Boycott" 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.

CERTIFICATION TO NOT BOYCOTT ENERGY COMPANIES

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2274.002, the Department must include a provision requiring a written verification affirming that the Contractor does not boycott energy companies, as defined in Government Code §809.001, and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. This provision applies to a contract that:

- 1) is with a Contractor that is not a sole proprietorship,
- 2) is with a Contractor with 10 or more full-time employees, and
- 3) has a value of \$100,000 or more.

By signing the contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of this contract. "Boycott" means taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (1) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (2) does business with a company described by (1).

CERTIFICATION TO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FIREARM ENTITIES OR FIREARM TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2274.002, the Department must include a provision requiring a written verification affirming that the Contractor:

- does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, as defined in Government Code §2274.001, and
- 2) will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the contract.

This provision applies to a contract that:

- 1) is with a Contractor that is not a sole proprietorship,
- 2) is with a Contractor with 10 or more full-time employees, and
- 3) has a value of \$100,000 or more.

By signing the contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association as described and will not do so during the term of this contract. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" does not include: (1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; (2) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency, or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity 's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

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Special Provision to Item 000 **Nondiscrimination**



1. DESCRIPTION

All recipients of federal financial assistance are required to comply with various nondiscrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Title VI). Title VI forbids discrimination against anyone in the United States on the grounds of race, color, or national origin by any agency receiving federal funds.

The Texas Department of Transportation, as a recipient of federal financial assistance, and under Title VI and related statutes, ensures that no person will on the grounds of race, religion (where the primary objective of the financial assistance is to provide employment in accordance with 42 USC 2000d-3), color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any Department programs or activities.

2. **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Where the term "Contractor" appears in the following six nondiscrimination clauses, the term "Contractor" is understood to include all parties to Contracts or agreements with the Department.

3. NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows.

- 3.1. **Compliance with Regulations**. The Contractor must comply with the Regulations pertinent to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation 49 CFR 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
- 3.2. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor, regarding the work performed during the Contract, must not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor must not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- 3.3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, the Contractor must notify each potential subcontractor or supplier of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
- 3.4. Information and Reports. The Contractor must provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and must permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Department to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders, and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor must so certify to the Recipient, or the Department as appropriate, and must set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- 3.5. Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the Recipient must impose such Contract sanctions as it or the Department may

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determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to actions defined in Article 7.1., "Ethics," or Article 5.1., "Authority of Engineer."

3.6. Incorporation of Provisions. The Contractor must include the provisions of Sections 3.1–3.6 in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor must take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Department may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the Recipient to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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1. **GENERAL**

In accordance with Texas Transportation Code §223.012, the Engineer will evaluate Contractor performance based on quality, safety, and timeliness of the project.

2. **DEFINISIONS**

2.1. Project Recovery Plan (PRP). A formal, enforceable plan developed by the Contractor, in consultation with the District, that documents the cause of noted quality, safety, and timeliness issues and specifies how the Contractor proposes to correct project-specific performance deficiencies.

> In accordance with 43 TAC §9.23, the District will request a PRP if the Contractor's performance on a project is below the Department's acceptable standards and will monitor the Contractor's compliance with the established plan.

2.2. Corrective Action Plan (CAP). A formal, enforceable plan developed by the Contractor, and proposed for adoption by the Construction Division or Maintenance Division, that documents the cause of noted quality, safety, and timeliness issues and specifies how the Contractor proposes to correct statewide performance deficiencies.

3. CONTRACTOR EVALUATIONS

In accordance with 43 TAC §9.23, the Engineer will schedule evaluations at the following intervals, at minimum:

- interim evaluations at or within 30 days after the anniversary of the Notice to Proceed, for Contracts extending beyond 1 yr. and
- final evaluation, upon project closeout.

In case of a takeover agreement, neither the Surety nor its performing Contractor will be evaluated.

In addition to regularly scheduled evaluations, the Engineer may schedule an interim evaluation at any time to formally communicate issues with quality, safety, or timeliness. Upon request, work with the Engineer to develop a PRP to document expectations for correcting deficiencies.

Comply with the PRP as directed. Failure to comply with the PRP may result in additional remedial actions available to the Engineer under Item 5, "Control of the Work." Failure to meet a PRP to the Engineer's satisfaction may result in immediate referral to the Performance Review Committee for consideration of further action against the Contractor.

The Engineer will consider and document any events outside the Contractor's control that contributed to the failure to meet performance standards or comply with a PRP, including consideration of sufficient time.

Follow the escalation ladder if there is a disagreement regarding an evaluation or disposition of a PRP. The Contractor may submit additional documentation pertaining to the dispute. The District Engineer's decision on a Contractor's evaluation score and recommendation of action required in a PRP or follow-up for noncompliance is final.

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4. DIVISION OVERSIGHT

Upon request of the Construction Division or Maintenance Division, develop and submit for Division approval a proposed CAP to document expectations for correcting deficiencies in the performance of projects statewide.

Comply with the CAP as directed. The CAP may be modified at any time up to completion or resolution after written approval of the premise of change from the Division. Failure to meet an adopted or revised adopted CAP to the Division's satisfaction within 120 days will result in immediate referral to the Performance Review Committee for consideration of further action against the Contractor.

The Division will consider and document any events outside the Contractor's control that contributed to the failure to meet performance standards or comply with a CAP, including consideration of sufficient time and associated costs as appropriate.

5. PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Performance Review Committee, in accordance with 43 TAC §9.24, will review at minimum all final evaluations, history of compliance with PRPs, any adopted CAPs including agreed modifications, any information about events outside a Contractor's control contributing to the Contractor's performance, and any documentation submitted by the Contractor and may recommend one or more of the following actions:

- take no action,
- reduce the Contractor's bidding capacity,
- prohibit the Contractor from bidding on one or more projects,
- immediately suspend the Contractor from bidding for a specified period of time, by reducing the Contractor's bidding capacity to zero, or
- prohibit the Contractor from being awarded a Contract on which they are the apparent low bidder.

The Deputy Executive Director will determine any further action against the Contractor.

6. APPEALS PROCESS

In accordance with 43 TAC §9.25, the Contractor may appeal remedial actions determined by the Deputy Executive Director.

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Special Provision 000 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)



Submit Form 1295, "Certificate of Interested Parties," in the following instances:

- at Contract execution for Contracts awarded by the Commission,
- at Contract execution for Contracts awarded by the District Engineer or Chief Engineer with an award amount of \$1 million
- at any time an existing Contract awarded by the District Engineer or Chief Engineer increases in value to \$1 million or more because of changes in the Contract,
- at any time there is an increase of \$1 million or more to an existing Contract (e.g., change orders, extensions, and renewals), and
- at any time there is a change to the information in Form 1295, when the form was filed for an existing Contract.

Form 1295 and instructions for completing and filing the form are available on the Texas Ethics Commission website.

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Table 1
Daily Contract Administration Liquidated Damages

For Dollar Amount	of Original Contract	Dollar Amount of Daily Contract Administration Liquidated
From More Than	To and Including	Damages per Working Day
0	1,000,000	618
1,000,000	3,000,000	832
3,000,000	5,000,000	940
5,000,000	15,000,000	1,317
15,000,000	25,000,000	1,718
25,000,000	50,000,000	2,411
50,000,000	Over 50,000,000	4,265

In addition to the amount shown in Table 1, the liquidated damages will be increased by the amount shown in Item 8 of the General Notes for Road User Cost (RUC), when applicable.