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CITY OF MANOR

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Proposal Reference Number: 2021-58**

**Project Title: Grant Writing and Management Services**

**Proposal Closing Date: JANUARY 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

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# Manor, Texas

## About Manor

Located in east Travis County and situated along US Highway 290 East, the City of Manor has experienced rapid growth over the past twenty years. Since incorporation in 1913 Manor has grown from 282 acres to 6,228 or 10 square miles today. In that time the population has increased from 827 people to an estimated 15,471 with almost all that growth occurring since the year 2000 when Manor's population was 1,204. Manor continues to attract new residents at an ever increasing rate, with 1,168 new home permits issued in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years and over 1,300 apartment units either under construction or in the permitting process.

With a feasibility study currently underway for the planned expansion of US Hwy. 290 East as a continuation of the tolled Manor Expressway by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority as well as the re-routing and expanding of FM 973 North by the Texas Department of Transportation, and the conversion of a freight line to a commuter rail line by Capital Metro, Manor's access to Austin and the Central Texas region is poised to be greatly enhanced and fuel even more growth in the coming decades.

## Request for Proposals

### 1. Introduction

- A. Project Overview: The City of Manor is requesting Requests for Proposals (RFP) with the intent of awarding a contract for the purchase of goods and services contained in Appendix A – Scope of Services.
- B. Contract Parties: The City of Manor, may hereon be referred to as “the City”. The person or company responding to the solicitation may hereon be referred to as the “Proposer”.
- C. Questions: Following are contacts for questions as identified.
  - i. RFP Clarifications: All questions related to requirements or processes of this RFP should be submitted in writing to the City Manager identified in section 2 below.
  - ii. Scope of Service Questions: All questions related to the scope of services should be submitted in writing to the contact person(s) noted in Appendix A – Scope of Services.
  - iii. Replies: Responses to inquiries which directly affect an interpretation or effect a change to this RFP will be issued in writing by addendum posted to City website. All such addenda issued by City prior to the submittal deadline shall be considered part of the RFP. The City shall not be bound by any reply to an inquiry unless such reply is made by such formal written addendum.
  - iv. Acknowledgment of Addenda: The Proposer must acknowledge all addenda by signing and returning such document(s) or by initialing appropriate area of the Proposal.
- D. Notification of Errors or Omissions: Proposers shall promptly notify the City of any omissions, ambiguity, inconsistency, or error that they may discover upon examination of this RFP. The City shall not be responsible or liable for any errors and/or misrepresentation that result from the solicitations which are inadvertently incomplete, ambiguous, inconsistent, or obviously erroneous.

- E. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ): A person or business, and their agents, who seek to contract or enter into an agreement with the City, are required by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176, to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (FORM CIQ) which is found in Appendix C. The form must be filed with the City Secretary no later than seven (7) days after the date the person or business begins contract discussions or negotiations with the City, or submits an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or other writing related to any potential agreement with the City.
- F. Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties: In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. 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. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. Please go to the Texas Ethics Commission webpage ([www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)) for full instructions and to complete the required steps for creation of Form 1295. Once the form is completed online, printed and notarized please return the form with your proposal submission.

## 2. General Information

- A. Tax Exempt Status: City purchases are exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Do not include tax in the Proposal. City will furnish Excise Tax Exemption Certificate upon request.
- B. Public Inspection of Proposals: The City strictly adheres to the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 552.001, et seq.) and all other governing statutes, regulations, and laws regarding the disclosure of RFP information. Proposals are not available for public inspection until after the contract award. If the Proposer has notified the City, in writing, that the Proposal contains trade secrets or confidential information, the City will generally take reasonable steps to prevent disclosure of such information, in accordance with the Public Information Act. This is a statement of general policy only, and in no event shall the City be liable for disclosure of such information by the City in response to a request, regardless of the City's failure to take any such reasonable steps, even if the City is negligent in failing to do so.

## 3. RFP Withdrawals and/or Amendments

- A. RFP Withdrawal: The City reserves the right to withdraw this RFP for any reason.
- B. RFP Amendments: The City reserves the right to amend any aspect of this RFP by formal written Addendum prior to the Proposal submittal deadline and will endeavor to notify all potential Proposers that have registered with the City, but failure to notify shall impose no obligation or liability on the City.

## 4. Proposal Submittal Requirements

- A. Submittal Packet – Required Content: All proposals must be physically submitted.
- B. Submittal Deadline: The deadline for submittal of Proposals shall be as identified on page 6 (six) of Appendix A-Scope of Work. It is the Proposer's responsibility to have the Proposal Documents correctly physically submitted by the submittal deadline. No extensions will be

granted, and no late submissions will be accepted.

- C. Proposals Received Late: Proposers are encouraged to submit their proposals as soon as possible. The time and date of receipt as recorded with City Manager or designated receiver shall be the official time of receipt. The City is not responsible for late submission regardless of the reason. Late Proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
- D. Alterations or Withdrawals of Proposal Document: Any submitted Proposal may be withdrawn or a revised proposal substituted prior to the submittal deadline. Proposal Documents cannot be altered, amended, or withdrawn by the Proposer after the submittal deadline, unless such alteration, amendment or withdrawal notice is approved in writing by the City Manager.
- E. Proposal Document Format: Proposal Documents must be prepared in single-space type, on standard 8-1/2" x 11" vertically oriented pages, numbered at the bottom. The City only accepts physical submissions. Any other format (via telephone, fax, email, etc.) will be rejected by the City at its discretion. Additionally, one (1) USB shall be submitted containing a PDF copy of the submission.
- F. Validity Period: Once the submittal deadline has passed, any Proposal Document shall constitute an irrevocable bid to provide the commodities and/or services set forth in the Scope of Services at the price(s) shown in the Proposal Document. Such proposal shall be irrevocable until the earlier of the expiration of ninety (90) days from the submittal deadline, or until a contract has been awarded by the City.

## 5. **Proposal Evaluation and Contract Award**

- A. Proposal Evaluation and Contract Award Process: An award of a contract to provide the goods or services specified herein will be made using competitive sealed proposals, in accordance with Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code and with the City's purchasing policy. The City will evaluate all proposals to determine which Proposers provide the goods or services at the best value for the municipality. In determining best value, the City may weigh and consider the purchase price, the reputation of the Proposer and of the Proposer's goods or services; the quality of the Proposer's goods or service, the extent to which the goods and services meet the City's needs; the past relationship with the City, the total long-term cost to the City to acquire the Proposer's goods or services, and in addition, each additional factor identified in the Scope of Services for this contract, if any. The City may, at its option, conduct discussions with or accept proposal revisions from any reasonably qualified Proposer. Should the City award this contract, it shall award it to the responsible Proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in the request for proposals.
- B. Completeness: If the Proposal is incomplete or otherwise fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP, City alone will determine whether the variance is so significant as to render the Proposal non-responsive, or whether the variance may be cured by the Proposer or waived by the City, such that the Proposal may be considered for award.
- C. Ambiguity: Any ambiguity in the Proposal as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the Proposer with specifications, instructions and all conditions shall be construed in favor of the City. In the event of a conflict between these standard RFP requirements and details provided in Appendix A – Scope of Services or Appendix B – Proposal, the Appendices shall prevail.
- D. Unit Prices and Extensions: If unit prices and their extensions do not coincide, the City may

accept the price most beneficial to the City, and the Proposer will be bound thereby.

- E. Additional Information: City may request any other information necessary to determine Proposer's ability to meet the minimum standards required by this RFP.
- F. Partial Contract Award: City reserves the right to award one contract for some or all the requirements proposed or award multiple contracts for various portions of the requirements to different Proposers based on the unit prices proposed in response to this request, or to reject any and all Proposals and re-solicit for Proposals, as deemed to be in the best interest of City.
- G. Terminate for Cause: The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will justify termination of the contract by the City of Manor for cause:
  - i) The successful Proposer fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of these specifications; or
  - ii) The successful Proposer violates any of the provisions of these specifications; or
  - iii) The successful Proposer disregards laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction; or
  - iv) The successful Proposer transfers, assigns, or conveys any or all of its obligations or duties under the contract to another without written consent of the City.
  - v) If one or more of the events identified in Subparagraphs G i) through iv) occurs, the City of Manor may, terminate the contract by giving the successful Proposer seven (7) days written notice. In such case, the successful Proposer shall only be entitled to receive payment for goods and services provided before the effective date of termination. The successful Proposer shall not receive any payment on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss resulting from such termination.
  - vi) When the contract has been so terminated by the City of Manor, such termination shall not affect any rights or remedies of the City then existing or which may thereafter accrue.
- H. Terminate for Convenience: This contract may be cancelled or terminated at any time by giving vendor thirty (30) days written notice. Vendor may be entitled to payment for services actually performed; to the extent said services are satisfactory.

# I. Appendix A – Scope of Services

**Project Title:** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT WRITING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Scope of Services Contact**

Questions about the technical nature of the Scope of Services, etc. may be directed to **Interim City Manager Scott Dunlop**, Phone. 512-215-8262, e-mail: [sdunlop@cityofmanor.org](mailto:sdunlop@cityofmanor.org)

2. **Special Conditions**

The following special conditions shall prevail over areas of conflict in previous pages:

**NONE**

3. **Proposal Evaluation**

A. A committee comprised of City staff shall review and rank all responses according to qualifications, and consultants may be selected for interviews or oral presentations as deemed necessary by the committee. The committee shall make a recommendation to the City Council for final selection. The City makes no commitment to any respondent to this RFP beyond consideration of its written response.

B. Evaluation Criteria:

Emphasis	Factor
35%	Qualifications and relevant experience. Preference will be given to firms knowledgeable with State of Texas laws and legislative process.
25%	Approach to providing the required services.
20%	Quality and applicability of references
15%	Fees
5%	HUB / Affirmative Action
<i>Optional: 25%</i>	Optional Interview/Presentation by short-listed Proposers.

4. **Key Events Schedule**

Proposal Release Date	December 29, 2021
Deadline for Submittal of Written Questions	January 10, 2022
Sealed Proposals Due to and Opened by City	January 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.
Anticipated Committee Review, Scoring, and Interviews (if requested)	January 31 - February 4, 2022
Earliest Anticipated Award Date	February 16, 2022

## 5. **Scope of Services**

### A. Scope and Intent

The City of Manor seeks written proposals from qualified firms to assist in the application preparation and overall grant management required by the City for the implementation of a capital improvement project(s) for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs, Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Programs, Texas Water Development Board Grant Programs, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant Programs, and other state and federal grant programs.

The management consultant or firm to be hired is to provide contract-related management services to the City, including, but not limited to, the following project areas:

Project Scope of Work #1:

- Grant writing and application preparation

Project Scope of Work #2:

- Financial management;
- Record-keeping requirements;
- Antiquities and Environmental clearance procedures;
- Real property acquisition procedures under Uniform Act;
- Equal employment opportunity requirements;
- Compliance management with all state and federal regulations; and
- Contract close-out assistance.

The respondent shall be prepared to describe actual tasks performed under each of these general categories of work.

### B. CONTRACT

The City of Manor will receive sealed responses for this RFP to provide for a contract commencing within thirty (30) days after the date of the award by the City of Manor. The City of Manor will score and rank all eligible respondents. The City will negotiate a contract with the highest scoring respondent. If a contract cannot be reached, then the City will move down the list until a contract can be agreed upon. The City will issue a contract work order for the identified Project Scope of Work #1 and as funding allows a contract work order for the identified Project Scope of Work #2.

### C. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Submitters shall include the following in their response to this Request for Proposal (RFP).

1. Introduction and Company Overview – Provide background information on the firm, the number of years the firm has been in business, owners, management, their contact information, and any other pertinent information. Identify and provide resumes for the key personnel that would work with the City of Manor. Staff resumes may be attached as an Appendix and will not count against the submission page limit.
2. Qualifications and Experience - Provide information on your firm's experience in providing similar services as included in the scope of work to other government clients.
  - a. Experience in writing Federal Grant applications to include FEMA.
  - b. Past experience in managing federal and state funded local construction projects and public programs.

3. Disclosure of other clients – Based on your knowledge of the City of Manor, disclose other firms or interest groups that your firm represents that could impact or be in conflict with the City of Manor.
4. References – Please provide contact information for three (3) organizations that your firm has represented in regard to this scope of work. Preference is given for other governmental clients such as cities and/or counties.
5. Approach – Please describe your firm’s approach to providing the services identified in the Scope of Work.
6. Communication - Provide information on how the firm will regularly communicate and keep the City of Manor updated.
7. Fees
  - a. The firm shall submit an estimated total number of hours and estimated fees to complete the discreet tasks identified in the Scope and Intent.
  - b. Travel to and within Travis County is not reimbursable.
  - c. Reimbursement is permitted for certain meals, printing, and travel outside of Travis County, if required. The submitter shall include a not to exceed amount for Reimbursements.
8. Submissions are limited to 15 number of pages, front and back.
9. A total of 5 paper copies along with one digital submission is required.
10. In addition to the submitted RFP, interviews may be scheduled with responsive firms to gain a better understanding of their approach, background, and experience.
11. Complete the Section “Appendix B – Proposal.”

## Appendix B – Proposal

**Submittal Checklist: (To determine validity of proposal)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Appendix B must be included in the proposal submittal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appendix C Conflict of Interest Form must be included in the proposal submittal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ HB 89 Verification Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Form 1295 Certificate of Interested Party must be submitted with TEC and included in the proposal submittal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative Governmental Purchasing Notice

All proposals submitted to the City of Manor shall include this page with the submitted Proposal.			
<b>RFP Number:</b>			
<b>Project Title:</b>	Grant Writing and Management Services		
<b>Submittal Deadline:</b>	January 28, 2022 at 2:00pm		
<b>Proposer's Legal Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>City, State &amp; Zip</b>			
<b>Federal Employers Identification Number #</b>			
<b>Phone Number:</b>		<b>Fax Number:</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>			
<b><u>Proposer Authorization</u></b>			
<p><b>I, the undersigned, have the authority to execute this Proposal in its entirety as submitted and enter into a contract on behalf of the Proposer.</b></p> <p>Printed Name and Position of Authorized Representative: _____</p> <p>Signature of Authorized Representative: _____</p> <p>Signed this _____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year)</p>			

**Appendix B – Proposal (continued)**

**I. REQUIRED PROPOSAL INFORMATION, IN ORDER FOR A PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE, AND TO BE EVALUATED FOR A CONTRACT AWARD BY THE CITY, PROPOSER MUST SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**1. Proposed Products and/or Services**

A. Product or Service Description: Proposers should utilize this section to describe the technical aspects, capabilities, features and options of the product and/or service proposed in accordance with the required Scope of Services as identified in Appendix A. Promotional literature, brochures, or other technical information may be used.

**2. Cost of Proposed Products and/or Services**

A. Pricing: Pricing shall reflect the full Scope of Services defined herein, inclusive of all associated costs for delivery, labor, insurance, taxes, overhead, and profit. Pricing shall be based on an hourly rate for providing services consistent with the Project Scope of Work #1 and Project Scope of Work #2.

**3. Term of Contract and Option to Extend**

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be effective **for one (1) year from date of award.** The City the contract may be renewed pursuant to the availability of funds and at the discretion of the City. The following clauses shall be included in the contract:

A. Option Clause: It is agreed that City will have the option to extend the contract month to month. To exercise this option, the City shall serve notice 30-days prior to contract termination or to the end of any one-month extension. The Option to Extend will not be considered if funding is unavailable or if the contractor's past performance is not within the industry standard.

B. Escalation Clause: Should market conditions prevail which dictate an increase, the successful contractor may submit documentation requesting permission to increase pricing no later than 30 days after receiving notice from the City of its intent to extend the agreement. Escalation may only occur at the time of renewal and only upon securing the approval of the City in writing. Requests for price adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating an increase in the contractor's cost, not profits.

Vendors shall show in this quote their anticipated percent of escalation if/when the option to extend is exercised. The percent quoted will be a maximum. In addition, the percentage proposed will be a factor in determining the best value to the City. It is the average price over the period of the contract that will be the price factor considered in the evaluation of this quote. Quotes in which negative or no escalation is shown will be considered as 0% escalation.

**4. Proposer's Experience / Staff**

A. Project Team: Identify all members of the Proposer's team (including both team members and management) who will be providing any services proposed and include information which details their experience.

B. Removal or Replacement of Staff: If an assigned staff person must be removed or replaced for any reason, the replacement person must be approved by City prior to joining the project.

C. Business Establishment: State the number of years the Proposer's business has been established and operating. If Proposer's business has changed names or if the principals operating the

business operate any similar businesses under different names, or have operated any other businesses or changed the legal status or form of the business within the last five (5) years, all names, of predecessor business names, affiliated entities, and previous business entities operated by the principals, if different than present, must be provided;

State the number of years' experience the business has: \_\_\_\_\_; and the number of employees: \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Project Related Experience: All Proposals must include detailed information that details the Proposer's experience and expertise in providing the requested services that demonstrates the Proposer's ability to logically plan and complete the requested project.

E. Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Agreement: The Proposer shall attach to its proposal its recommended confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement that will apply to the Proposer and all its agents, employees or representatives whatsoever and shall be written to protect the City from the unauthorized release of information maintained in the city in locations where Proposer may have access. A successful Proposer shall be required to modify any such agreements so that they are applicable to Proposer's business entity and all agents, employees and representatives of the entity servicing the contract. All such proposed agreements shall be subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.

**5. References**

Proposer shall provide Three (3) references where Proposer has performed similar to or the same types of services as described herein.

Reference #1:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #2:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

Reference #3:

Client / Company Name:	
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Phone:	Email:
Date and Scope of Work Provided:	

**6. Trade Secrets and/or Confidential Information**

Trade Secrets and/or Confidential Information: This proposal \_\_\_ (does)\_\_\_ (does not) contain trade secrets and/or confidential information. If applicable, describe such trade secrets and confidential information, and the basis for your assertion that such material qualifies for legal protection from disclosure.

**7. Federal, State and/or Local Identification Information**

- A. Centralized Master Proposers List registration number: \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Prime contractor HUB / MWBE registration number: \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. An individual Proposer acting as a sole proprietor must also enter the Proposer’s Social Security Number: # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, EXCEPT WHERE PROPOSER MAKES SPECIFIC EXCEPTION IN THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL, ANY CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS RFP WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, WHICH PROPOSER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES, AND TO WHICH PROPOSER AGREES BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:**

**1. Delivery of Products and/or Services**

- A. Payment Terms: Unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Services or otherwise agreed to in writing by the City, payment terms for the City are Net 30 days upon receipt of invoice.
- B. Warranty of Products and Services: All products furnished under this contract shall be warranted to be merchantable and good quality and fit for the purposes intended as described in this Proposal, to the satisfaction of City and in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of the Scope of Services, and all services performed shall be warranted to be of a good and workmanlike quality, in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other express written warranties provided.
- C. Late Delivery or Performance: If Proposer fails to deliver acceptable goods or services within the timeframes established in the Project Schedule, the City shall be authorized to purchase the goods or services from another source and assess any increase in costs to the defaulting Proposer, who agrees to pay such costs within ten days of invoice.

- D. Title to Goods and Risk of Loss: For goods to be provided by Proposers hereunder, if any, the title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to City until City actually receives, takes possession, and accepts the goods and the installation of such goods, has tested the system, and determined that it is in good and acceptable working order.

## 2. **Miscellaneous**

- A. Independent Contractor: Proposer agrees that Proposer and Proposer's employees and agents have no employer-employee relationship with City. Proposer agrees that if Proposer is selected and awarded a contract, City shall not be responsible for the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) payments, Federal or State unemployment taxes, income tax withholding, Workers Compensation Insurance payments, or any other insurance payments, nor will City furnish any medical or retirement benefits or any paid vacation or sick leave.
- B. Assignments: The rights and duties awarded the successful Proposer shall not be assigned to another without the written consent of the City Manager. Such consent shall not relieve the assigner of liability in the event of default by the assignee.
- C. Liens: Proposer shall indemnify and save harmless the City against any and all liens and encumbrances for all labor, goods, and services which may be provided to the City by Proposer or Proposer's vendor(s), and if the City requests, a proper release of all liens or satisfactory evidence of freedom from liens shall be delivered to the City.
- D. Gratuities / Bribes: Proposer certifies that no bribes in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the successful Proposer, or its agent or representative, to any City officer, employee or elected representative, with respect to this RFP or any contract with the City, and that if any such bribe is found to have been made this shall be grounds for voiding of the contract.
- E. Financial Participation: Proposer certifies that it has not received compensation from the City to participate in preparing the specifications or RFP on which the Proposal is based and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and/or payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- F. Required Licenses: Proposer certifies that Proposer holds all licenses required by the State of Texas for a provider of the goods and/or services described by the Scope of Services herein.
- G. Authority to Submit Proposal and Enter Contract: The person signing on behalf of Proposer certifies that the signer has authority to submit the Proposal on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the Proposer to any resulting contract.
- H. Compliance with Applicable Law: Proposer agrees that the contract will be subject to, and Proposer will strictly comply with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

## 3. **Financial Responsibility Provisions**

- A. Insurance: The Proposer, consistent with its status as an independent contractor, shall carry, and shall require any of its subcontractors to carry, at least the following insurance in such form, with such companies, and in such amounts (unless otherwise specified) as City may require:

- i. Worker’s Compensation and Employer’s Liability insurance, including All States Endorsement, to the extent required by federal law and complying with the laws of the State of Texas;
  - ii. Proposer is also required to comply with any Professional Liability Insurance requirements set forth by the laws of the State of Texas. Failure to do so will result in a “non-responsive” designation for the bid.
- B. Indemnification: Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, all of its officers, Council members, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, court costs and related expenses, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Proposer or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or supplier of Proposer in the execution or performance of this contract without regard to whether such persons are under the direction of City agents or employees.**

**GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT AND PURCHASING RIDER**  
**FOR CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS**

By submitting a response to a solicitation or bid, or by entering into a contract for goods or services and/or by accepting a purchase order, the contractor, consultant or vendor, identified below, agrees that the below terms and conditions shall govern all agreements with the City unless otherwise agreed to by a specifically executed provision within the contract or purchase order, provided same is permissible by law. Absent a specifically executed provision, the below terms are BINDING and SUPERSEDE any and all other terms and/or conditions whether oral or written.

Application. This GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT AND PURCHASING RIDER FOR CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS (“Governmental Rider”) applies to, is part of, and takes precedence over any conflicting provision in or attachment to the Response to Solicitation or Bid, Contract or Purchase Order, as applicable, (“Contract”) (attached hereto) of (*Vendor Name*), (“Vendor”). The Contract involved in this Governmental Rider is described as follows:

**Grant Writing and Management Services**

Payment Provisions. The City’s payments under the Contract, including the time of payment and the payment of interest on overdue amounts, are subject to Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code. The City reserves the right to modify any amount due to Vendor presented by invoice to the City if necessary to conform the amount to the terms of the contract.

Multiyear Contracts. If the City’s City Council does not appropriate funds to make any payment for a fiscal year after the City’s fiscal year in which the contract becomes effective and there are no proceeds available for payment from the sale of bonds or other debt instruments, then the Contract automatically terminates at the beginning of the first day of the successive fiscal year. (Section 5, Article XI, Texas Constitution). It is understood and agreed the City shall have the right to terminate the Contract at the end of any City fiscal year if the governing body of the City does not appropriate funds sufficient to continue the contract, as determined by the City’s budget for the fiscal year in question. The City may execute such termination by giving Vendor a written notice of termination at the end of its then current fiscal year.

Local Preference. The City Council supports the local preference option for purchasing. In accordance with Section 271.9051 of the State of Texas Local Government Code, the City Council may choose to award a competitive bid to a bidder whose principal place of business is in the City limits, provided that this bid is within 5% of the lowest bid price received, provided such action is not prohibited by law. The City determines that any such local bidder offers the City the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities.

No Ex-Parte Communications during Competitive Bidding Period. To insure the proper and fair evaluation of a response, the City prohibits *ex parte* communication initiated by the proposed Vendor to a City official or employee evaluating or considering the responses prior to the time a formal decision has been made. Questions and other communication from vendors will be permissible until 5:00 pm on the day specified as the deadline for questions. Any communication between the proposed Vendor and the City after the deadline for questions will be initiated by the appropriate City official or employee in order to obtain information or clarification needed to

develop a proper and accurate evaluation of the response. Ex parte communication may be grounds for disqualifying the offending Vendor from consideration or award of the solicitation then in evaluation, or any future solicitation.

**Abandonment or Default.** A Vendor who abandons or defaults the work on the contract and causes the City to purchase goods, materials or services elsewhere may be charged for any increased cost of goods, materials and/or services related thereto; may be considered disqualified in any re-advertisement of the service; and may not be considered in future bids for the same type of work for a period of three years for the same scope of work, goods or services.

**Disclosure of Litigation.** Each prospective Vendor shall include in its proposal a complete disclosure of any civil or criminal litigation or investigation pending which involves the Vendor or which has occurred in the past in which the Vendor has been judged guilty or liable by a competent court regardless of whether the Court Order or Judgment is final or on appeal.

**Cancellation.** the City reserves the right to cancel the contract without penalty by providing 30 days prior written notice to the Vendor. Termination under this paragraph shall not relieve the Vendor of any obligation or liability that has occurred prior to cancellation. NOTE: This contract is subject to cancellation, without penalty, at any time the City deems the vendor to be non-compliant with contractual obligations.

**Annual Vendor Performance Review.** The City reserves the right to review the Vendor's performance at the end of each twelve-month contract period and to cancel all or part of the Contract (without penalty) or continue the contract through the next period.

**Compliance with Other Laws and Certification of Eligibility to Contract.** Any offer to contract with the City shall be considered an executed certification that the Vendor will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, (as amended during the contracting period) and any orders and decrees of any court, administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of the Contract, including without limitation, immigration laws, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations.

**Compliance with all Codes, Permitting and Licensing Requirements.** The successful Vendor shall comply with all national, state and local laws and regulations as well as those of any other authorities that have jurisdiction pertaining to equipment and materials used and their application. None of the terms or provisions of the specification shall be construed as waiving any rules, regulations or requirements of these authorities. The successful Vendor shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits, certificates and/or licenses to fulfill contractual obligations.

**Liability and Indemnity of City.** Any provision of the Contract is void and unenforceable if it: (1) limits or releases either party from liability that would exist by law in the absence of the provision; (2) creates liability for either party that would not exist by law in the absence of the provision; or (3) waives or limits either party's rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities that would exist by law in the absence of the provision. (Section 5, Article XI, Texas Constitution)

**Indemnity and Independent Vendor Status of Vendor.** Vendor shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the City, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all suits, actions, legal proceedings, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees and any and all other costs

or fees (whether grounded in Constitutional law, Tort, Contract, or Property Law, or raised pursuant to local, state or federal statutory provision), arising out of the performance of the Contract and/or arising out of a willful or negligent act or omission of the Vendor its officers, agents, and employees. It is understood and agreed that the Vendor and any employee or sub-contractor of Vendor shall not be considered an employee of the City. The Vendor shall not be within protection or coverage of the City's workers' compensation insurance, health insurance, liability insurance or any other insurance that the City from time to time may have in force and effect. City specifically reserves the right to reject any and all Vendor's employees, representatives or sub-contractors and/or their employees for any cause, should the presence of any such person on City property or their interaction with City employees be found not in the best interest of the City or is found to interfere with the effective and efficient operation of the City's workplace.

**Liens.** Vendor agrees to and shall indemnify and save harmless the City against any and all liens and encumbrances for all labor, goods and services which may be provided under the Contract. At the City's request the Vendor shall provide and shall cause all subcontractors to provide a proper release of all liens, or satisfactory evidence of freedom from liens shall be delivered to the City.

**Confidentiality.** Any provision in the Contract that attempts to prevent the City's disclosure of information that is subject to public disclosure under federal or Texas law is invalid. (Chapter 552, Texas Government Code).

**Tax Exemption.** The City is not liable to Vendor for any federal, state, or local taxes for which the City is not liable by law, including state and local sales and use taxes (Section 151.309 and Title 3, Texas Tax Code) and federal excise tax (Subtitle D of the Internal Revenue Code). Accordingly, those taxes may not be added to any item. Texas limited sales tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request. Vendors shall not charge for said taxes. If billed, the City will remit payment less sales tax.

**Contractual Limitations Period.** Any provision of the Contract that establishes a limitations period that does not run against the City by law or that is shorter than two years is void. (Sections 16.061 and 16.070, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code)

**Sovereign Immunity.** Any provision of the Contract that seeks to waive the City's immunity from suit and/or immunity from liability is void unless agreed to by specific acknowledgment of the provision within the contract.

**Governing Law and Venue.** Texas law governs this Contract and any lawsuit on this Contract must be filed in a court that has jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.

**Right to trial by Jury.** Any provision of the Contract that seeks to waive an aggrieved Party's right to trial by jury is void unless agreed to by specific acknowledgement of the provision within the contract.

**Certificate of Interested Parties (TEC Form 1295).** For contracts that require City Council approval or that is for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305 of the Government Code, the City may not accept or enter into a contract until it has received from the Vendor a completed, signed, and notarized Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Form 1295 complete with a certificate number assigned by the (TEC), pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908 and the rules promulgated thereunder by the TEC. The Vendor understands that failure to provide

said form complete with a certificate number assigned by the TEC may prohibit the City from entering the Contract.

Pursuant to the rules prescribed by the TEC, the TEC Form 1295 must be completed online through the TEC's website, assigned a certificate number, printed, signed and notarized, and provided to the City. The TEC Form 1295 may accompany the bid or may be submitted separately but must be provided to the City prior to the award of the contract. Neither the City nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a TEC Form 1295, and neither have an obligation nor undertake responsibility for advising any potential Vendor with respect to the proper completion of the TEC Form 1295.

**Anti-Boycott Israel Verification.** In accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, the City may not enter into a contract with a company, excluding a sole proprietorship, with 10 or more full-time employees for goods or services valued at \$100,000 or more unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

The signatory executing the Contract on behalf of Vendor verifies that Vendor and its parent company, wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, to the extent the Contract is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2270.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, "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. The signatory understands "affiliate" to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the signatory and exists to make a profit. This section does not apply to a Vendor which is a sole proprietorship and/or which has less than 10 full-time employees. This section does not apply to a contract valued at less than \$100,000,

**Iran, Sudan, and Foreign Terrorist Organizations.** The signatory executing the Contract on behalf of Vendor represents that neither Vendor nor any of its parent company, wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>,  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes the entity and each of its parent company, wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The signatory understands "affiliate" to mean any entity

that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the signatory and exists to make a profit.

**CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scott Dunlop, Interim City Manager**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vendor**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix C – Form CIQ

### **INFORMATION REGARDING VENDOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

**WHO:** The following persons must file a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the City if the person has an employment or business relationship with an officer of the City that results in taxable income exceeding \$2,500 during the preceding twelve – month period, or an officer or a member of the officer’s family has accepted gifts with an aggregate value of more than \$250 during the previous twelve – month period and the person engages in any of the following actions:

1. contracts or seeks to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods or services with the City, including any of the following:
  - a. written and implied contracts, utility purchases, purchase orders, credit card purchases and any purchase of goods and services by the City;
  - b. contracts for the purchase or sale of real property, personal property including an auction of property;
  - c. tax abatement and economic development agreements;
2. submits a bid to sell goods or services, or responds to a request for proposal for services;
3. enters into negotiations with the City for a contract; or
4. applies for a tax abatement and/or economic development incentive that will result in a contract with the City.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED OFFICERS OF THE CITY:**

1. Mayor and City Council Members;
2. City Manager;
3. Board and Commission members and appointed members by the Mayor and City Council; and
4. Directors of the City of Manor who have authority to sign contracts on behalf of the City.

**EXCLUSIONS:** A questionnaire statement need not be filed if the money paid to a local government official was a political contribution, a gift to a member of the officer’s family from a family member; a contract or purchase of less than \$2,500 or a transaction at a price and subject to terms available to the public; a payment for food, lodging, transportation or entertainment; or a transaction subject to rate or fee regulation by a governmental entity or agency.

**WHAT:** A person or business that contracts with the City or who seeks to contract with the City must file a “Conflict of Interest Questionnaire” (FORM CIQ) which is available online at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us) and a copy of which is attached to this guideline. The form contains mandatory disclosures regarding “employment or business relationships” with a municipal officer. Officials may be asked to clarify or interpret various portions of the questionnaire.

**WHEN:** The person or business must file:

1. The questionnaire – no later than seven days after the date the person or business begins contract discussions or negotiations with the municipality, or submits an application, responds to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or other writing related to a potential contract or agreement with the City; and
2. an updated questionnaire – within seven days after the date of an event that would make a filed questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.

It does not matter if the submittal of a bid or proposal results in a contract. The statute requires a vendor to file a FORM CIQ at the time a proposal is submitted or negotiations commence.

**WHERE:** The vendor or potential vendor must mail or deliver a completed questionnaire to the City Secretary. *The Department is required by law to post the statements on the City's website.*

**ENFORCEMENT:** Failure to file a questionnaire is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. It is an exception to prosecution that the person files a FORM CIQ not later than seven business days after the person received notice of a violation.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

**FORM CIQ**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.  
 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).  
 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.  
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

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Date Received	

**1** Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

**2**  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.

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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.

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?

Yes       No

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?

Yes       No

**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**  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).

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

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Date

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.