

# CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

## Purchasing Office INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) Offer Sheet

**SOLICITATION NO:** BKH0138

**COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION:** Reinforced Concrete Pipe

**DATE ISSUED:** 02/13/12

**REQUISITION NO.:** RQM 6300 12020100197

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE TIME AND DATE:** N/A

**COMMODITY CODE:** 65834

**LOCATION:** N/A

**FOR CONTRACTUAL AND TECHNICAL  
ISSUES CONTACT:**

**BID DUE PRIOR TO:** 03/06/12 @ 2:00 PM

**COMPLIANCE PLAN DUE PRIOR TO:** N/A

Brenda Helgren

Senior Buyer

Phone: (512) 974-9141

**BID OPENING TIME AND DATE:** 03/06/12 @ 2:15 PM

**LOCATION:** MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 124 W 8<sup>th</sup> STREET  
RM 310, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

**LIVE BID OPENING ONLINE:**

**For information on how to attend the Bid Opening online, please select  
this link:**

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/purchase/bidopenings.htm>

When submitting a sealed Offer and/or Compliance Plan, use the proper address for the type of service desired, as shown below.

P.O. Address for US Mail	Street Address for Hand Delivery or Courier Service
City of Austin	City of Austin, Purchasing Office
Purchasing Office	Municipal Building
P.O. Box 1088	124 W 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 310
Austin, Texas 78767-8845	Austin, Texas 78701
	Reception Phone: (512) 974-2500

Offers (including Compliance Plans) that are not submitted in a sealed envelope or container will not be considered.

### **SUBMIT 1 ORIGINAL SIGNED COPY OF OFFER**

OFFER SUBMITTED BY

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Offer

Signer's Name and Title: (please print or type)

FEDERAL TAX ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (     )

Fax No. (     )

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR OFFER\*\***

- Cover Page                      Offer Sheet
- Section 0600                      Bid Sheet(s)
- Section 0700                      Reference Sheet (if required)
- Sections 0800 - 0835              Certifications and Affidavits (return all applicable Sections)
- Section 0900                      MBE/WBE Procurement Program Package or No Goals Utilization Plan
- Bid Guaranty                      (if required)

**\*\* See also Section 0200, Solicitation Instructions, Section 0400, Supplemental Purchase Provisions, and Section 0500, Scope of Work/Specification, for additional documents that must be submitted with the Offer.**

The Vendor agrees, if this Offer is accepted within 120 calendar days after the Due Date, to fully comply in strict accordance with the Solicitation, specifications and provisions attached thereto for the amounts shown on the accompanying Offer.

**\* INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS.** Section 0100, Standard Purchase Definitions; Section 0200, Standard Solicitation Instructions; and Section 0300, Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions are hereby incorporated into this Solicitation by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. The full text versions of these Sections are available, on the Internet at the following online address: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/purchase/standard.htm>.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may obtain a copy of these Sections from the City of Austin Purchasing Office at the address or phone number indicated on page 1 of this Offer Sheet. Please have the Solicitation number available so that the staff can select the proper documents. These documents can be mailed, expressed mailed, or faxed to you.

***It is the policy of the City of Austin to involve certified Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) in City contracting. MBE and WBE goals for this Solicitation are contained in Section 0900.***

***All Contractors and Subcontractors should be registered to do business with the City prior to submitting a response to a City Solicitation. In the case of Joint Ventures, each individual business in the joint venture should be registered with the City prior to submitting a response to a City solicitation. If the Joint Venture is awarded a contract, the Joint Venture must register to do business with the City. Prime Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their Subcontractors are registered. Registration can be done through the City's on-line vendor registration system. Log onto <https://www.cityofaustin.org/purchase> and follow the directions.***

**CITY OF AUSTIN  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PURCHASE PROVISIONS**

The following Supplemental Purchasing Provisions apply to this solicitation:

1. **EXPLANATIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS** (reference paragraph 5 in Section 0200)

All requests for explanations or clarifications must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Office by February 22 at 5:00 pm either via e-mail to [brenda.helgren@austintexas.gov](mailto:brenda.helgren@austintexas.gov) or by FAX at (512) 974-2388.

2. **INSURANCE.** Insurance is required for this solicitation.

A. **General Requirements.** See Section 0300, Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions, paragraph 32, entitled Insurance, for general insurance requirements.

- i. The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of coverages required below to the City at the below address prior to contract execution and within 14 calendar days after written request from the City. Failure to provide the required Certificate of Insurance may subject the Offer to disqualification from consideration for award
- ii. The Contractor shall not commence work until the required insurance is obtained and until such insurance has been reviewed by the City. Approval of insurance by the City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder and shall not be construed to be a limitation of liability on the part of the Contractor.
- iii. The Contractor must also forward a Certificate of Insurance to the City whenever a previously identified policy period has expired, or an extension option or holdover period is exercised, as verification of continuing coverage.
- iv. The Certificate of Insurance, and updates, shall contain the solicitation number and the Buyer's name and shall be mailed to the following address:

City of Austin Purchasing Office  
Attn: Brenda Helgren  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

B. **Specific Coverage Requirements.** The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated below for the duration of the Contract, including extension options and hold over periods, and during any warranty period. These insurance coverages are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of the Contractor.

- i. **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance.** Coverage shall be consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Worker's Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employer's Liability are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee.
  - (1) The Contractor's policy shall apply to the State of Texas and include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
    - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Form WC 420304, or equivalent coverage
    - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Form WC 420601, or equivalent coverage

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- ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance. The minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence are \$500,000 for coverages A (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and B (Personal and Advertising Injuries).
  - (1) The policy shall contain the following provisions:
    - (a) Blanket contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract and all other Contracts related to the project.
    - (b) Independent Contractor's Coverage.
    - (c) Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.
    - (d) If the project involves digging or drilling provisions must be included that provide Explosion, Collapse, and Underground Coverage (X,C,U).
  - (2) The policy shall also include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
    - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CG 2404, or equivalent coverage
    - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CG 0205, or equivalent coverage
    - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CG 2010, or equivalent coverage
- iii. Business Automobile Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident.
  - (1) The policy shall include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
    - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement TE 2046A, or equivalent coverage
    - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement TE 0202A, or equivalent coverage
    - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement TE 9901B, or equivalent coverage.
- C. Endorsements. The specific insurance coverage endorsements specified above, or their equivalents must be provided. In the event that endorsements, which are the equivalent of the required coverage, are proposed to be substituted for the required coverage, copies of the equivalent endorsements must be provided for the City's review and approval.
- D. Certificate: The following statement must be shown on the Certificate of Insurance.

The City of Austin is an Additional Insured on the general liability and the auto liability policies. A Waiver of Subrogation is issued in favor of the City of Austin for general liability, auto liability and workers compensation policies.

**3. TERM OF CONTRACT**

- A. The Contract shall be in effect for an initial term of 36 months and may be extended thereafter for up to 3 additional 12 month periods, subject to the approval of the Contractor and the City Purchasing Officer or his designee.

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- B. Upon expiration of the initial term or period of extension, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this agreement for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary to re-solicit and/or complete the project (not to exceed 120 days unless mutually agreed on in writing).
- C. Upon written notice to the Contractor from the City's Purchasing Officer or his designee and acceptance of the Contractor, the term of this contract shall be extended on the same terms and conditions for an additional period as indicated in paragraph A above. A price increase, subject to the provisions of this Contract, may be requested by the Contractor (for each period of extension) for approval by the City's Purchasing Officer or his designee.

THIS IS A 36 MONTH CONTRACT.

FIRM PRICES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE FIRST TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD

**4. QUANTITIES**

The quantities listed herein are estimates for the period of the Contract. The City reserves the right to purchase more or less of these quantities as may be required during the Contract term. Quantities will be as needed and specified by the City for each order. Unless specified in the solicitation, there are no minimum order quantities.

**5. DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

Location: Watershed Protection Dept. 6301-C Harold Ct. Austin, TX 78721	Days: Mon – Thurs 8:00am to 3:00pm
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- A. Delivery is to be made within three (3) calendar days for materials available locally or five (5) calendar days for materials that are not available locally after the order is placed (either verbally or in writing). All orders must be shipped complete unless arrangements for partial shipments are made in advance.
- B. The Contractor shall provide, with each delivery, a Shipping or Delivery Ticket showing the description of each item, quantity, and unit price.
- C. The Contractor shall confirm the quantity to be shipped on all orders within two (2) hours of notification by phone from the City.
- D. Unless requested by the City, deliveries shall not be made on City-recognized legal holidays (see paragraph 52 in Section 0300).

**6. INVOICES and PAYMENT** (reference paragraphs 12 and 13 in Section 0300)

- A. Invoices shall contain a non-duplicated invoice number and the information required in Section 0300, paragraph 12, entitled "Invoices." Invoices received without all required information cannot be processed and will be returned to the vendor.

Invoices shall be mailed to the below address:

	City of Austin
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Department	Watershed Protection
Attn:	Donna Lee Bliss
Address	505 Barton Springs Rd., #1200
City, State Zip Code	Austin, TX 78704

- B. The Contractor agrees to accept payment by either credit card, check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for all goods and/or services provided under the Contract. The Contractor shall factor the cost of processing credit card payments into the Offer. There shall be no additional charges, surcharges, or penalties to the City for payments made by credit card.

**7. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

- A. If this Solicitation involves hazardous materials, the Offeror shall furnish with the Offer Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), (OSHA Form 20), on all chemicals and hazardous materials specifying the generic and trade name of product, product specification, and full hazard information including receiving and storage hazards. Instructions, special equipment needed for handling, information on approved containers, and instructions for the disposal of the material are also required.
- B. Failure to submit the MSDS as part of the Offer may subject the Offer to disqualification from consideration for award.
- C. The MSDS, instructions and information required in paragraph "a " must be included with each shipment under the contract.

**8. RECYCLED PRODUCTS**

- A. The City prefers that Offerors offer products that contain recycled materials. When a recycled product is offered by the Offeror, the Offeror must state in their Offer the percentage of the product that is recycled and must include a list of the recycled materials that are contained in the product.
- B. The recycled content of paper products offered to the City shall be in accordance with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Recycled Product Procurement Guidelines. These guidelines are available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/> .
- C. Contract award for paper products will be made for recycled products unless the cost is more than 10% above the lowest price for non-recycled paper products as required in the City's Comprehensive Recycling Resolution.

**9. NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING**

- A. The Austin City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20071206-045 on December 6, 2007, adding a new Article 6 to Chapter 2-7 of the City Code relating to Anti-Lobbying and Procurement. The policy defined in this Code applies to Solicitations for goods and/or services exceeding \$5,000. During the No-Contact Period, Offerors or potential Offerors are prohibited from making a representation to anyone other than the person designated in the Solicitation as the contact for questions and comments regarding the Solicitation.
- B. If during the No-Contact Period an Offeror makes a representation to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person for the Solicitation, the Offeror's Offer is disqualified from further consideration except as permitted in the Ordinance.

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- C. The City requires Offerors submitting Offers on this Solicitation to provide a signed affidavit certifying that the Offeror has not in any way directly or indirectly made representations to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person during the No-Contact Period as defined in the Ordinance (**see the Non-Collusion, Non-Conflict of Interest, and Anti-Lobbying Affidavit included in the Solicitation**).

10. **ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT**

- A. Prices shown in this contract shall remain firm for the first 12-month period of the contract. After that, in recognition of the potential for fluctuation of the Contractor's cost, a price adjustment (increase or decrease) may be requested by either the City or the Contractor subject to the following considerations:
- B. Price Increases
- i. Requests for price increases must be made in writing and submitted to the appropriate Buyer in the City's Purchasing Office. The letter must be signed by a person with the authority to bind the Contractor contractually, shall reference the contract number, and include the following documentation:
- (1) an itemized, revised price list with the effective date of the proposed increase;
  - (2) copies of the documentation provided by the manufacturer regarding the proposed price increase if the contractor is not the manufacturer of the products. If the Contractor is the manufacturer of the products, a letter so stating must be provided;
  - (3) Contractor shall submit, as a part of the request for increase, the version of the Producer Price Index(s) Concrete Pipe Manufacturing / Concrete Pipe / PCU3273323273320 (the "Index") current as of the date of the Contractor's Offer; and a copy of the index for the most current period.
  - (4) Proposed price increases must be solely for the purpose of accommodating increases in the Contractor's costs for the products or services provided. Prices for products or services unaffected by verifiable cost trends shall not be subject to change.
- ii. Requests for price increases must be made in writing and submitted to the appropriate Contract Manager prior to each yearly anniversary date of contract. Prices will only be considered for an increase at that time. Once received, the City will have 30 calendar days to review and approve/disapprove the requested increase. Should the City not agree with the requested increase, Contractor may either maintain the prices currently in effect, negotiate an acceptable increase with the City or terminate the contract.
- iii. The proposed percentage change between the current contract price and the requested price shall not exceed the percentage change between the Index in effect at the beginning of the current review period and the one in effect at the time the price increase is requested. Except in the case of emergency situations, the requested index related or non-index related price increase shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) for any single line item, and in no event shall the total amount of the contract be automatically increased as a result of the increase in any one or more line items made pursuant to this provision.

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- iv. Since the perceived need for price increases may be due in whole or in part to factors other than index changes, the City may consider approving fully-documented increase requests which, in the Contractor's opinion, justify price increases for one or more line items in the contract. If index changes are responsible in part for the requested change, those changes shall be documented as previously described above.

C. Price Decreases

- i. Proposed price decreases may be offered to the City at any time, and become effective upon acceptance by the City unless a different effective date is specified by the Contractor. Price decrease offers may also be subject to negotiation.
- ii. Price decreases based on relevant factors may be requested by the City at any time. Such requests shall be accompanied by a complete statement of the City's justification for the request. The Contractor shall have 30 calendar days to respond to the City's request. Following receipt of the Contractor's agreement with the requested decrease, the City may implement the decrease at any time. Should the Contractor not agree with the requested decrease, the City may either maintain the prices currently in effect, negotiate with the contractor, or terminate the contract.

11. **CONTRACT MANAGER**

The following person is designated as Contract Manager, and will act as the contact point between the City and the Contractor during the term of the Contract:

Donna Lee Bliss, Contract Development Analyst

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505 Barton Springs Rd., #1200

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Austin, TX 78704

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512-974-2530 [donna-lee.bliss@austintexas.gov](mailto:donna-lee.bliss@austintexas.gov)

\*Note: The above listed Contract Manager is not the authorized Contact Person for purposes of the **NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING Provision** of this Section; and therefore, contact with the Contract Manager is prohibited during the no contact period.

**MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE/WBE)  
PROCUREMENT PROGRAM  
NO GOALS FORM**

SOLICITATION NUMBER:            BKH0138

PROJECT NAME: Reinforced Concrete Pipe

**The City of Austin has determined that no goals are appropriate for this project.** Even though no goals have been established for this solicitation, the Bidder/Proposer is required to comply with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program, if areas of subcontracting are identified.

If any service is needed to perform the Contract and the Bidder/Proposer does not perform the service with its own workforce or if supplies or materials are required and the Bidder/Proposer does not have the supplies or materials in its inventory, the Bidder/Proposer shall contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) at (512) 974-7600 to obtain a list of MBE and WBE firms available to perform the service or provide the supplies or materials. The Bidder/Proposer must also make a Good Faith Effort to use available MBE and WBE firms. Good Faith Efforts include but are not limited to contacting the listed MBE and WBE firms to solicit their interest in performing on the Contract; using MBE and WBE firms that have shown an interest, meet qualifications, and are competitive in the market; and documenting the results of the contacts.

**Will subcontractors or sub-consultants or suppliers be used to perform portions of this Contract?**

No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please sign the No Goals Form and submit it with your Bid/Proposal in a sealed envelope.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please contact SMBR to obtain further instructions and an availability list and perform Good Faith Efforts. Complete and submit the No Goals Form and the No Goals Utilization Plan with your Bid/Proposal in a sealed envelope.

After Contract award, if your firm subcontracts any portion of the Contract, it is a requirement to complete Good Faith Efforts and the No Goals Utilization Plan, listing any subcontractor, subconsultant, or supplier. Return the completed Plan to the Project Manager or the Contract Manager.

I understand that even though no goals have been established, I must comply with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program if subcontracting areas are identified. I agree that this No Goals Form and No Goals Utilization Plan shall become a part of my Contract with the City of Austin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE/WBE)  
 PROCUREMENT PROGRAM  
 NO GOALS UTILIZATION PLAN**  
*(Please duplicate as needed)*

<b>SOLICITATION NUMBER:</b>	BKH0138
<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Reinforced Concrete Pipe

**PRIME CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT COMPANY INFORMATION**

Name of Contractor/Consultant			
Address			
City, State Zip			
Phone		Fax Number	
Name of Contact Person			
Is company City certified?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/>	MBE/WBE Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/>

I certify that the information included in this No Goals Utilization Plan is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand and agree that the information in this document shall become part of my Contract with the City of Austin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Print or Type)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

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

Provide a list of all proposed subcontractors/subconsultants/suppliers that will be used in the performance of this Contract. **Attach Good Faith Efforts documentation if non MBE/WBE firms will be used.**

<b>Sub-Contractor/Consultant</b>	
City of Austin Certified	MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Gender Code: <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CERTIFIED
Vendor ID Code	
Contact Person	Phone Number:
Amount of Subcontract	\$
List commodity codes & description of services	

<b>Sub-Contractor/Consultant</b>	
City of Austin Certified	MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Gender Code: <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CERTIFIED
Vendor ID Code	
Contact Person	Phone Number:
Amount of Subcontract	\$
List commodity codes & description of services	

<b>FOR SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCES DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:</b>	
Having reviewed this plan, I acknowledge that the proposer (HAS) or (HAS NOT) complied with City Code Chapter 2-9A/B/C/D, as amended.	
Reviewing Counselor _____	Date _____
Director/Deputy Director _____	Date _____

**CITY OF AUSTIN  
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"NO OFFER" REPLY FORM**

**SOLICITATION NUMBER:**                      **BKH0138**

**Please Complete and Return This Form to the following address to Indicate a "No Offer" Reply**

City of Austin  
Purchasing Office  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767-8845

**(DO NOT RETURN ALONG WITH OFFER)**

Please check the appropriate box to indicate why your firm is submitting a "no offer" response. Failure to respond to three (3) consecutive solicitations may result in your company being removed from the source list for this commodity or service. Completion of this form will assist us in maintaining an accurate, up-to-date source list.

**COMMODITY CODE:** 65834

**DESCRIPTION:** Reinforced Concrete Pipe

- Unable to supply item(s) specified. Remove my company from the source list for the Commodity / Service Group
- Unable to supply item(s) specified. Retain my company on the vendor list for this commodity / service.
- Cannot meet the Scope of Work / Specifications.
- Cannot provide required Insurance.
- Cannot provide required Bonding.
- Job too small.
- Job too large.
- Do not wish to do business with the City. Remove my company from the City's Vendor list.
- Other reason (please state why you will not submit a bid):

\_\_\_\_\_

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Contractor's Name:

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Signature of Officer or  
Authorized

Representative:

Date:

Printed Name:

Title