### Event Summary - TAMU McAllen Connection

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### Visibility and Communication

- Visible to Public: Yes
- Enter a short description for this public event
  
  TAMU McAllen Connection

### Commodity Codes

None Added

### Event Dates

- Time Zone: Central Standard Time
- Released: -
- Open: 11/2/2017 11:00 AM
- Close: 11/28/2017 2:00 PM
- Sealed Until: 11/28/2017 2:00 PM
- Show Sealed Bid Open Date to Supplier
- Q&A Close: 11/16/2017 2:00 PM
Description

TAMU McAllen Connection - This is for connectivity from TAMU McAllen to existing services in McAllen, Texas.
Prerequisites

1 ★ Instructions To Supplier:

THE ATTACHED Aggie Bid Questionnaire MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED WITH THIS BID. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS ATTACHMENT SHALL DISQUALIFY YOUR BID.

Prerequisite Content:
AggieBid Required Questionnaire
Aggie Bid Questionnaire.pdf ./Attachments/PrereqAttachments/Aggie Bid Questionnaire.pdf

Certification
I certify that I have read and agree to the terms above.

Supplier Must Also Upload a File:
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2 Instructions To Supplier:

See attached HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) document. Proposals must include a completed HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP). FAILURE TO DO THIS SHALL DISQUALIFY YOUR PROPOSAL.

Prerequisite Content:
HUB Subcontracting Plan Form
HUB Subcontracting Plan Form - TAMU 10-16.pdf ./Attachments/PrereqAttachments/HUB Subcontracting Plan Form - TAMU 10-16.pdf

Certification
I certify that I have completed the HUB Subcontracting Plan Form.

Supplier Must Also Upload a File:
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Service Line Items

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APPENDIX A – TAMU INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

[Vendor] shall obtain and maintain, for the duration of this Agreement or longer, the minimum insurance coverage set forth below. With the exception of Professional Liability (E&O), all coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis. All coverage shall be underwritten by companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas or eligible surplus lines insurers operating in accordance with the Texas Insurance Code and have a financial strength rating of A- or better and a financial strength rating of VII or better as measured by A.M. Best Company or otherwise acceptable to Texas A&M University. By requiring such minimum insurance, the Owner shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risk that may be applicable to [Vendor] under this Agreement. [Vendor] shall assess its own risks and if it deems appropriate and/or prudent, maintain higher limits and/or broader coverage. [Vendor] is not relieved of any liability or other obligations assumed pursuant to this Agreement by reason of its failure to obtain or maintain insurance in sufficient amounts, duration, or types. No policy will be canceled without unconditional written notice to Texas A&M University at least ten days before the effective date of the cancellation.

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Workers’ Compensation policy must include under Item 3.A on the information page of the workers’ compensation policy the state in which work is to be performed for Texas A&M University. Workers’ compensation insurance is required, and no “alternative” forms of insurance will be permitted.

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The required commercial general liability policy will be issued on a form that insures [Vendor’s] or its subcontractors’ liability for bodily injury (including death), property damage, personal and advertising injury assumed under the terms of this Agreement.

Additional Endorsements

The Auto and Commercial General Liability Policies shall name the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents for and on behalf of The Texas A&M University System and the Texas A&M University as additional insured’s.

D. [Vendor] will deliver to Texas A&M University:
Evidence of insurance on a Texas Department of Insurance approved certificate form verifying the existence and actual limits of all insurance after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the performance of any services by [Vendor] under this Agreement. Additional evidence of insurance will be provided on a Texas Department of Insurance approved certificate form verifying the continued existence of all required insurance no later than thirty (30) days after each annual insurance policy renewal.

All insurance policies, with the exception of worker’s compensation and employer’s liability will be endorsed and name The Board of Regents for and on behalf of The Texas A&M University System, The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University as Additional Insureds up to the actual liability limits of the policies maintained by [Vendor]. Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability will be endorsed to provide primary and non-contributory coverage. The Commercial General Liability Additional Insured endorsement will include on-going and completed operations and will be submitted with the Certificates of Insurance.

All insurance policies will be endorsed to provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University. No policy will be canceled without unconditional written notice to Texas A&M University at least ten days before the effective date of the cancellation. All insurance policies will be endorsed to require the insurance carrier providing coverage to send notice to Texas A&M University ten (10) days prior to the effective date of cancellation, material change, or non-renewal relating to any insurance policy required in this section.

Any deductible or self-insured retention must be declared to and approved by Texas A&M University prior to the performance of any services by [Vendor] under this Agreement. [Vendor] is responsible to pay any deductible or self-insured retention for any loss. All deductibles and self-insured retentions will be shown on the Certificates of Insurance.

Certificates of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements as required by this Agreement will be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the following Texas A&M University contact:

Name: Clyde Oberg
Address: Texas A&M University
Dept of procurement Services
1477 TAMU Agronomy Road
College Station, TX 77843-1477
Fax Number: 979-845-8171
Email Address: co@tamu.edu

The insurance coverage required by this Agreement will be kept in force until all services have been fully performed and accepted by Texas A&M University in writing.
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY BEST VALUE CRITERIA

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SHALL AWARD THIS BID BASED ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING "BEST VALUE" CRITERIA. TEXAS A&M RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING, AND ANY OTHER FACTORS DEEMED RELEVANT, TO EVALUATE THE OFFER AND DETERMINE THE BEST VALUE FOR THE UNIVERSITY:

- THE PURCHASE PRICE

- THE DELIVERY OF REQUESTED PRODUCTS/SERVICES

- THE REPUTATION OF THE VENDOR AND OF THE VENDOR'S GOODS OR SERVICES

- THE QUALITY OF THE VENDOR'S GOOD OR SERVICES

- THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOODS OR SERVICES MEET THE COMPONENT'S NEEDS

- THE VENDOR'S PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMPONENT

- QUALIFICATIONS OF VENDOR (ABILITY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE REQUIRED STANDARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT)

- ANY RELEVANT FACTOR(S) THAT TEXAS A&M MAY DEEM RELEVANT IN MAKING THIS AWARD.
HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP)

QUICK CHECKLIST

While this HSP Quick Checklist is being provided to merely assist you in readily identifying the sections of the HSP form that you will need to complete, it is very important that you adhere to the instructions in the HSP form and instructions provided by the contracting agency.

➤ If you will be awarding all of the subcontracting work you have to offer under the contract to only Texas certified HUB vendors, complete:
   - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
   - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
   - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors.
   - Section 2 c. - Yes
   - Section 4 - Affirmation
   - GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➤ If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a continuous contract, in place for more than five (5) years meets or exceeds the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the “Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements,” complete:
   - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
   - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
   - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
   - Section 2 c. - No
   - Section 2 d. - Yes
   - Section 4 - Affirmation
   - GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➤ If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors or only to Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a continuous contract, in place for more than five (5) years does not meet or exceed the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the “Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements,” complete:
   - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
   - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
   - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
   - Section 2 c. - No
   - Section 2 d. - No
   - Section 4 - Affirmation
   - GFE Method B (Attachment B) - Complete an Attachment B for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➤ If you will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract and will be fulfilling the entire contract with your own resources (I.e., employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment), complete:
   - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
   - Section 2 a. - No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources.
   - Section 3 - Self Performing Justification
   - Section 4 - Affirmation

*Continuous Contract: Any existing written agreement (including any renewals that are exercised) between a prime contractor and a HUB vendor, where the HUB vendor provides the prime contractor with goods or service, to include under the same contract for a specified period of time. The frequency the HUB vendor is utilized or paid during the term of the contract is not relevant to whether the contract is considered continuous. Two or more contracts that run concurrently or overlap one another for different periods of time are considered by CPA to be individual contracts rather than renewals or extensions to the original contract. In such situations the prime contractor and HUB vendor are entering (have entered) into “new” contracts.*
HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP)

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

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

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

- 11.2 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,
- 21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders' contracts,
- 32.9 percent for all special trade construction contracts,
- 23.7 percent for professional services contracts,
- 26.0 percent for all other services contracts, and
- 21.1 percent for commodities contracts.

--- Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements ---

In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14(d)(1)(D)(iii), a respondent (prime contractor) may demonstrate good faith effort to utilize Texas certified HUBs for its subcontracting opportunities if the total value of the respondent's subcontracts with Texas certified HUBs meets or exceeds the statewide HUB goal or the agency specific HUB goal, whichever is higher. When a respondent uses this method to demonstrate good faith effort, the respondent must identify the HUBs with which it will subcontract. If using existing contracts with Texas certified HUBs to satisfy this requirement, only the aggregate percentage of the contracts expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which the respondent does not have a continuous contract* in place for more than five (5) years shall qualify for meeting the HUB goal. This limitation is designed to encourage vendor rotation as recommended by the 2009 Texas Disparity Study.

The following Texas A&M University specific HUB goals shall be utilized:

0 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,
21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders contracts,
27.92 percent for all special trade construction contracts,
38.9 percent for professional services contracts,
26.0 percent for all other services contracts, and
24.69 percent for commodities contracts.

SECTION 1: RESPONDENT AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

a. Respondent (Company) Name: ______________________________
   Point of Contact: ______________________________
   E-mail Address: ______________________________

b. Is your company a State of Texas certified HUB? ☐ - Yes ☐ - No

c. Requisition #: ______________________________

State of Texas VID #: ______________________________
Phone #: ______________________________
Fax #: ______________________________
Bid Open Date: ______________________________ (mm/dd/yyyy)
**SECTION 2 RESPONDENT's SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS**

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

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

- **Yes**, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract. (If Yes, complete item b of this SECTION and continue to item c of this SECTION.)
- **No**, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources, including employees, goods and services. (If No, continue to SECTION 3 and SECTION 4.)

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

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Aggregate percentages of the contract expected to be subcontracted:

(Note: If you have more than fifteen subcontracting opportunities, a continuation sheet is available online at [https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php](https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php)).

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

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

d. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether the aggregate expected percentage of the contract you will subcontract with Texas certified HUBs with which you do not have a continuous contract in place with for more than five (5) years, meets or exceeds the HUB goal the contracting agency identified on page 1 in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements."

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

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*Continuous Contract: Any existing written agreement (including any renewals that are exercised) between a prime contractor and a HUB vendor, where the HUB vendor provides the prime contractor with goods or service under the same contract for a specified period of time. The frequency the HUB vendor is utilized or paid during the term of the contract is not relevant to whether the contract is considered continuous. Two or more contracts that run concurrently or overlap one another for different periods of time are considered by CPA to be individual contracts rather than renewals or extensions to the original contract. In such situations the prime contractor and HUB vendor are entering (have entered) into "new" contracts.
SECTION 3: SELF PERFORMING JUSTIFICATION (If you responded “No” to SECTION 2, Item a, you must complete this SECTION and continue to SECTION 4.) If you responded “No” to SECTION 2, Item a, in the space provided below explain how your company will perform the entire contract with its own employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment.

SECTION 4: AFFIRMATION

As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in SECTION 1, and that the information and supporting documentation submitted with the HSP is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded any portion of the requisition:

- The respondent will provide notice as soon as practical to all the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor for the awarded contract. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity they (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.

- The respondent must submit monthly compliance reports (Prime Contractor Progress Assessment Report – PAR) to the contracting agency, verifying its compliance with the HSP, including the use of and expenditures made to its subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs). (The PAR is available at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/ProgressAssessmentReportForm.xls).

- The respondent must seek approval from the contracting agency prior to making any modifications to its HSP, including the hiring of additional or different subcontractors and the termination of a subcontractor the respondent identified in its HSP. If the HSP is modified without the contracting agency's prior approval, respondent may be subject to any and all enforcement remedies available under the contract or otherwise available by law, up to and including debarment from all state contracting.

- The respondent must, upon request, allow the contracting agency to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and/or work-site where services are being performed and must provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

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Reminder:

- If you responded “Yes” to SECTION 2, Items c or d, you must complete an “HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)” for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

- If you responded “No” SECTION 2, Items c and d, you must complete an “HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)” for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.
**HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)**

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

**IMPORTANT:** If you responded 'Yes' to **SECTION 2, Items c or d** of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for **each** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in **SECTION 2, Item b** of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at [https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/hub-stsbcont-plan-gfe-achm-a.pdf](https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/hub-stsbcont-plan-gfe-achm-a.pdf)

**SECTION A-1: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY**

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

Item Number: ____  Description: ____________________________

**SECTION A-2: SUBCONTRACTOR SELECTION**

List the subcontractor(s) you selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed above in **SECTION A-1**. Also identify whether they are a Texas certified HUB and their Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number or federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), the approximate dollar value of the work to be subcontracted, and the expected percentage of work to be subcontracted. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas' Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at [http://mytx.ca.state.tx.us/passodbsearch/index.jsp](http://mytx.ca.state.tx.us/passodbsearch/index.jsp). HUB status code “A” signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

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HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)

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

IMPORTANT: If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Items c and d of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/hub-scont-plan-gfe-achm-b.pdf.

SECTION B-1: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY
Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION 2, Item b, of the completed HSP form for which you are completing the attachment.

Item Number: _______ Description: ___________________________

SECTION B-2: MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM
If respondent is participating as a Mentor in a State of Texas Mentor Protégé Program, submitting its Protégé (Protégé must be a State of Texas certified HUB) as a subcontractor to perform the subcontracting opportunity listed in SECTION B-1, constitutes a good faith effort to subcontract with a Texas certified HUB towards that specific portion of work.

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

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

SECTION B-3: NOTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY
When completing this section you MUST comply with Items a, b, c, and d, thereby demonstrating your Good Faith Effort of having notified Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers about the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Your notice should include the scope of work, information regarding the location to review plans and specifications, bonding and insurance requirements, required qualifications, and identify a contact person. When sending notice of your subcontracting opportunity, you are encouraged to use the attached HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notice form, which is also available online at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/HUBSubcontractingOpportunityNotificationForm.pdf.

Retain supporting documentation (i.e., certified letter, fax, e-mail) demonstrating evidence of your good faith effort to notify the Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers. Also, be mindful that a working day is considered a normal business day of a state agency, not including weekends, federal or state holidays, or days the agency is declared closed by its executive officer. The initial day the subcontracting opportunity notice is sent/provided to the HUBs and to the trade organizations or development centers is considered to be "day zero" and does not count as one of the seven (7) working days.

a. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1, to three (3) or more Texas certified HUBs. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to you submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas' Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at http://myrca.cpa.state.tx.us/passcmbls/search/index.jsp. HUB status code "A" signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

b. List the three (3) Texas certified HUBs you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the company's Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number, the date you sent notice to that company, and indicate whether it was responsive or non-responsive to your subcontracting opportunity notice.

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c. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1 to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers in Texas to assist in identifying potential HUBs by disseminating the subcontracting opportunity to their members/participants. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must provide your subcontracting opportunity notice to trade organizations or development centers at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. A list of trade organizations and development centers that have expressed an interest in receiving notices of subcontracting opportunities is available on the Statewide HUB Program's webpage at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/resources.php.

d. List two (2) trade organizations or development centers you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the date when you sent notice to it and indicate if it accepted or rejected your notice.

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

Enter your company’s name here: ____________________________  Requisition #: ____________________________

SECTION B-4: SUBCONTRACTOR SELECTION

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

a. Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity for which you are completing this Attachment B continuation page.

Item Number: _______  Description: _______

b. List the subcontractor(s) you selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Also identify whether they are a Texas certified HUB and their Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number or federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), the approximate dollar value of the work to be subcontracted, and the expected percentage of work to be subcontracted. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas’ Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at http://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/hubsearch/index.jsp. HUB status code "A" signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

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

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HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notification Form

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

34 Texas Administrative Code, §20.14 requires all respondents (prime contractors) bidding on the contract to provide notice of each of their subcontracting opportunities to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs (who work within the respective industry applicable to the subcontracting opportunity), and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to the respondent submitting its bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting its bid response to the contracting agency, the respondent must provide notice of each of its subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code, §20.11(19)(C).

We respectfully request that vendors interested in bidding on the subcontracting opportunity scope of work identified in Section C, Item 2, reply no later than the date and time identified in Section C, Item 1. Submit your response to the point-of-contact referenced in Section A.

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SECTION C: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE DUE DATE, DESCRIPTION, REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION

1. Potential Subcontractor's Bid Response Due Date:

   If you would like for our company to consider your company's bid for the subcontracting opportunity identified below in Item 2, we must receive your bid response no later than __________ on __________, Central Time (mm/dd/yyyy).

   In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14, each notice of subcontracting opportunity shall be provided to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs, and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to submitting our bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to us submitting our bid response to the contracting agency, we must provide notice of each of our subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code, §20.11(19)(C).

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2. Subcontracting Opportunity Scope of Work:

3. Required Qualifications:

   - Not Applicable

4. Bonding/Insurance Requirements:

   - Not Applicable

5. Location to review plans/specifications:

   - Not Applicable
DIVISION OF FINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

AggieBuy Bid TAMU-ITB-0115

Texas A&M University is seeking bids on TAMU McAllen Connection for the Texas A&M Information Department per the terms, conditions, and specifications herein and for AggieBid TAMU-ITB-0115.

Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD):

Please note: This bid has been posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) website: http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/. It is the bidder’s responsibility to check this site for any addendum’s that may be posted.

Questions Regarding This Invitation For Bid:

Any questions or concerns regarding this invitation for bid shall be directed to:

Wes Wolfe, Buyer
Texas A&M University Department of Procurement Services
Email: swolfe3@tamu.edu

Best Value Award Criteria:

The award shall include the overall response to the bid, and will consist of, but is not limited to:

➢ The purchase price
➢ References ➢ Delivery
➢ The extent to which the goods or services meet the Texas A&M University’s needs/specifications
➢ Warranty
➢ The quality of the vendor’s goods or services
➢ The vendor’s past relationship with Texas A&M University
➢ Any other factor Texas A&M University deems relevant

Texas A&M University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to waive any technicalities or formalities in the bidding process and to make the ward on what is considered to be the best value to the University.

Texas A&M University must be confident that the needs of the University can be met. Texas A&M University will evaluate and make the award on the bid that is determined to be the best value to the state based on the criteria listed above.
Texas A&M University reserves the right to add or remove items/products/services on this order at any time. Texas A&M shall seek a quote from awarded supplier to obtain pricing, then issue a change order with added or deleted items.

**SHIPPING:**

Quote shipping F.O.B destination, freight prepaid and included in the cost.

The equipment is to be delivered as a complete operational system.

All manuals are to be delivered with the equipment and to be in English.

Exact delivery location and date shall be coordinated with the department contact or their designee. The department contact or their designee shall be notified twenty four (24) hours before delivery.

**CANCELLATION:**

Texas A&M University reserves the right to cancel immediately due to non-performance.

Upon award, this agreement is subject to cancellation without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature, or otherwise not made available to the using agency.

Texas A&M University reserves the right to cancel with a thirty (30) day written notice.

**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE:**

To be accepted, the equipment must function properly at the end user's site by meeting or exceeding the specifications outlined in the purchase order.

If the equipment fails to function properly, the vendor shall be responsible to provide and carry out any and all diagnostics and repairs necessary to make the equipment operate correctly. Any costs associated with providing diagnostics and repair will be at vendor's expense. All diagnostic test results shall be provided to the ordering department and only after the department verifies that specifications have been met will the equipment be considered acceptable. Original equipment manufacturer parts (OEM).

**WARRANTY:**

Vendor shall submit manufacturer's warranty with equipment.

Warranty is to begin upon the acceptance of equipment by Texas A&M University.

**PAYMENT:**

Shall be Net 30 after receipt of invoice and product, and final acceptance as operational per the performance criteria outlined in the bid. Final acceptance is to be approved by the department contact or their designee.
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Substitute W9 & Vendor Direct Deposit Form

Transaction Type: New Setup ________ For TAMUS Use Only: ________ Buy A&M: ________ Concur: ________ Funds: Local ________

Payee Information:

Individual/Company/Entity Legal Name: ____________________________
(Must match TIN below):

Taxpayer ID #: ____________________________ or ____________________________

Federal Tax I.D Number: ____________________________ SSN - Individual/Sole Proprietor: ____________________________

DBA Name (If Applicable): ____________________________

Vendor Type - Select all that apply:

___ Individual/Sole Proprietorship  ___ C - Corporation  ___ S - Corporation  ___ Partnership  ___ Trust/Estate  ___ Other

___ Limited Liability Company. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = partnership)

___ Exempt payee code (if any)  ___ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

Vendor Contact Information:

Name: (Print Name) ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Please Provide an Email For Orders: Email: ____________________________

Vendor/Individual Remit To Address: Order Address (For Business Entities Only):

Address: ____________________________________________

____________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________

Zip: ____________________________

Certification: Under Penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt form backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no long subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a US citizen or other US person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct

Certification Instructions: You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you failed to report all interest & dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply.

Direct Deposit Setup Information-Please fill out all fields to receive direct deposit.

Will these payments be forwarded to a financial institution outside the U.S.? ________ Yes ________ No  Acct Type: ________ Checking  ________ Savings

Bank Name: ____________________________ Email for ACH Notification: ____________________________

ABA Routing Number: ____________________________ Account Number: ____________________________

Pursuant to Section 409.016, Texas government Code, I authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts and/or applicable financial institution as designated by Texas A&M University System Members to deposit by electronic transfer payments owed to me by the State of Texas and if necessary, reversal entries and adjustments for any amounts deposited electronically in error. The Comptroller shall deposit the payments in the financial institution & account designated below. I recognize that if I fail to provide complete & accurate information on this the processing authorization form, of the form may be delayed or that my payments may be erroneously transferred electronically. I consent to & agree to comply with the National Automated Clearing House Association Rules & Regulations & the Comptroller’s rules about electronic transfers as they exist on the date of my signature on this form or as subsequently adopted, amended or repealed.

Print Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Please mail or fax to Texas A&M University, FMO-AP, TAMU MS 6000, College Station, TX 77843-6000; (979) 458-4191;
For questions email vendorhelp@tamu.edu (Rec 09/2015)
Instructions for Substitute W9 & Direct Deposit Form

Do not use this Substitute W9 form if you are a Foreign Individual or Entity.

Vendors that are a Foreign Alien or Entity will need to complete one of the W8’s at the following web link Vendor Setup.

Instructions for completing this form

- Under IRS reporting requirements we are required to obtain the Social Security Number or Employee Identification Number. If this is not provided, your payments may be subject to 28% federal income tax backup withholding.

Domestic Vendors that meet the following must complete this Substitute W-9 Form:

- New or updating information for Texas A&M University System Members
- You are a U.S. entity or an individual (including a resident alien)
- If you would like to fill out the Standard IRS W9 form, you must include the Vendor Information Sheet when submitting your W9 for PO Distribution.

Vendors must complete all sections of this form (ACH optional, but strongly encouraged).

- Select New Request or Update. If Update, please fill in Vendor ID Number if known.
- Enter your entity's Legal Name as found on your IRS documents and the corresponding Taxpayer ID Number.
- If operating as a DBA, enter the name in the DBA field, otherwise leave blank.
- Enter your entity's Contact Information.
- Select all that apply for the Vendor Type.
- Enter your entity's Remit to Address and Order Address.
- If the Remit to Address & the Order Address are the same just fill out the Remit to Address.
- For direct deposit setup, enter your entity's information. Both saving and checking accounts are accepted; however no foreign banks are allowed. Payment notifications will be sent to the e-mail you have provided.
- You must mark yes or no for the question “Will these payments be forwarded to a financial institution outside the United States.” If left blank the ACH/Bank information will not be added.
- The form must be signed or it will be considered invalid.

Privacy Notice: You are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); You are entitled to receive and review that information; & you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you.

Please mail or Fax to: Texas A&M University, FMO-AP, TAMU MS 6000, College Station, TX 77843-6000; 979-458-4191 fax; For questions email vendorhelp@tamu.edu (Rev 09/15)
This Request for Proposal is for Texas A&M University to procure private line services to connect the new Texas A&M University campus in McAllen to the existing 10 gigabit services in McAllen, Texas. The desired date of service in McAllen Texas is 5 January, 2018.

The vendor can provision the service as either dark fibre (TAMU to provide optics) or Metro Ethernet services. The vendor is to provide quotes on any or all of the following options. TAMU Information Technology will then select the best option.

- 1 gigabit per second metro Ethernet (MPLS provisioned)
- 10 gigabit per second metro Ethernet (MPLS provisioned)
- Dark Fiber

The service is to be for 5 years contracted as 3 year service with two one year renewal options.

TAMU IT will provide an interconnection hand hole with a riser conduit on a telephone pole in the close proximity. This handhole is on the south west corner of the new road on the corner of FM 1925 (Monte Christo) and Wallace Road.

The vendor is responsible for all pole contacts or construction permits up to the interconnection point. TAMU will have a 25 strand fiber cable installed in a Coyote splice enclosure located in the handhole. The vendor is to connect 6 fibers (fibers 1-6). For binder marker information the vendor is to contact the TAMU Telecommunications Departments.

The other side of the private line is to terminate at 600 Ash Avenue, McAllen Texas 78501. For access contact Mr. Alan Yoder at 956-682-6005 or email at alan@superioralarms.com. The vendor is to provide
a fiber optic patch panel with up to six fibers connected on this side. The vendor is to specify the patch panel locations and connector types for their patch panel.

The vendor is to describe their Network Operations Center (NOC) facility and service escalation procedures. The vendor is also to provide the name and contact information for three private line service customers. The contract instrument for this service will be a Texas A&M University Purchase Order.

For technical questions about this procurement contact;

Dr. Walt Magnussen
Chief Information Technology Consultant for Vendor and Agency Relations
Cell 979-777-0999
Email w-magnussen@tamu.edu
1. BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Bidders must comply with all rules, regulations, and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Texas in addition to the requirements of this form.

1.2 Pricing must be quoted on a "per unit" basis, extended as indicated. Any trade discounts included must be itemized and deducted from extended prices. Unit Prices shall govern in the event of extension errors. Bidder guarantees product or service offered will meet or exceed specifications included as part of this Invitation for Bid. Bids should be submitted on this form. Each bid that is mailed should be placed in a separate envelope completely and properly identified. Instructions on page 1, top center. Bids must be received by the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES on or before the hour and date specified for the bid opening.

1.3 When sending bids via the U.S. Postal Service, use the address on page 1 of this Invitation for Bid. When using a delivery service or hand delivery, which requires a street address, address is Agancyo Road, College Station, TX 77843.

1.4 Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances.

1.5 Bids should be quoted "F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid and allowed". If quoting freight otherwise, show exact delivery cost and who bears cost if not included in unit price.

1.6 Bid prices are requested to be firm for TEXAS A&M acceptance within 30 days of bid opening date. "Discount from list" bids are not acceptable unless requested. Cash discount will not be considered in determining the low bid. All cash discounts will be taken if so specified by the Engineer.

1.7 Bids should give SUPPLIER ID Number, full name and address of bidder (enter in the block provided if not shown). Failure to sign bid will disqualify it. Person signing bid should show title or authority to bind the firm or contract with firm. Name of firm should appear on each page of a bid, as the block provided in the upper right-hand corner. The SUPPLIER ID Number in the taxpayer assigned and used by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas. Enter this number in the spaces provided on page 1 (upper right) if it is not printed. If this number is not known, complete the following: 1. Enter your Federal Employer Identification Number. 2. Sole owner should also enter Social Security Number.

1.8 Bid cannot be altered or amended after opening time. Any alterations made before opening time should be initialed by bidder or authorized agent of bidder. No bid can be withdrawn after opening time without approval of the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES based on a written acceptable reason.

1.9 Purchases made for TEXAS A&M use are exempt from the State Sales tax and Federal Excise tax. Do not include tax in bid. Excise Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished by TEXAS A&M upon request.

1.10 TEXAS A&M reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the State.

1.11 Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by TEXAS A&M and/or investigation for antitrust violations.

1.12 Other preferences as defined in Rule 1 TAC 113.8 (check any that are applicable)

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1.14 Telephone number for FAX submission of bids is 979-845-3800. This is the only number that will be used for the receipt of bids. TEXAS A&M shall not be responsible for failure of electronic equipment or operator error. Late, illegible, incomplete, or otherwise non-responsive bids will not be considered.

1.15 Inquiries pertaining to IFBs must include the IFB number and opening date.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 All items shall be new and unused, in first-class condition, containing containers suitable for shipment and storage, unless otherwise specified in IFB. Oral agreements to the contrary will not be recognized.

2.2 All electrical items must meet all applicable OSHA standards and regulations, and bear the appropriate listing from UL, FMRC, or NEMA.

2.3 Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to TEXAS A&M. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the bidder, upon request, at bidder's expense. Each sample should be marked with bidder's name and address, and TEXAS A&M bid number. Do not enclose in or attach bid to sample.

2.4 TEXAS A&M will not be bound by any oral statement or representation contrary to the written specifications of this IFB.

2.5 Manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply unless otherwise stated in the IFB.

3. TIE BIDS - In case of tie bids, the award will be made in accordance with Rule 1 TAC Section 113.6 (b) (5) and 113.8 (Preferences).

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Bid should show number of days required to place material in receiving agency's designated location under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates SUPPLIER to complete delivery in 14 calendar days. Unreasonably short or long delivery promises may be disregarded.

4.2 If delivery is foreseen, SUPPLIER shall give written notice to TEXAS A&M. TEXAS A&M has the right to extend delivery date if reasons appear valid. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications authorizes TEXAS A&M to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting SUPPLIER.

4.3 No submissions or cancellation permitted without written approval of the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES.

4.4 Delivery shall be made during normal working hours only, unless prior approval for late delivery has been obtained from TEXAS A&M.

5. INSPECTION AND TESTS - All goods will be subject to inspection and test by TEXAS A&M to the extent possible at all times and places. Authorized TEXAS A&M personnel shall have access to any SUPPLIER's place of business for the purpose of inspecting merchandise. Tests shall be performed on samples submitted with the bid or on samples taken from regular shipment. In the event products tested fail to meet or exceed all conditions and requirements of the specifications, the cost of the samples and the cost of the testing shall be borne by the SUPPLIER. Goods which have been delivered and rejected in whole or in part may, at TEXAS A&M's option, be returned to the SUPPLIER or held for disposition at SUPPLIER's risk and expense. Limit defects may result in revocation of acceptance.

6. BIDDER AFFIRMATION - Signing this bid with a false statement is a material breach of contract and shall void the submitted bid or any resulting contracts, and the bidder shall be removed from all bid lists. By signature hereon affixed, the bidder hereby certifies that:

6.1 The bidder has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted bid.

6.2 The bidder is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State of Texas.

6.3 Pursuant to Section 2155.004 Government Code, relating to collection of state and local sales and use taxes, the bidder certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and/or payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

6.4 Neither the bidder nor the firm, corporation, partnership or institution represented by the bidder, nor anyone acting for such firm, corporation or institution has violated the anticorruption laws of this State, codified in Sections 15.01, et seq., Texas Business and Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, or communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

6.5 The bidder has not received compensation for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this IFB.

6.6 The SUPPLIER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Texas, all of its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings cost, judgments, and liabilities, from any acts or omissions of SUPPLIER or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or SUPPLIER of SUPPLIER in the execution or performance of this purchase order.

6.7 Bidder agrees that any payments due under this contract will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.

6.8 Bidder certifies that they are in compliance with section 669.003 of the Government Code, relating to contracting with executive head of a State agency. If section 669.003 applies, bidder will complete the following information in order for the bid to be evaluated.

6.9 Name of Former Executive:

Name of State Agency:

Date of Separation from State Agency:

Position with Bidder:

Date of Employment with Bidder:

6.10 Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract awards.

7. CONFLICTING TERMS & CONDITIONS - Any terms and conditions attached to a bid will not be considered unless the bidder specifically refers to them on the front of this bid form.
8. AWARD OF CONTRACT - A response to an IFB is an offer to contract with TEXAS A&M based upon the terms, conditions and specifications contained in the IFB. Bids do not become contracts until they are accepted and authorized purchase orders are issued. The contract shall be governed, construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas.

9. PAYMENT - SUPPLIER shall submit one copy of an itemized invoice showing order number and agency purchase order number. TEXAS A&M will incur no penalty for late payment if payment is made in 30 or fewer days from receipt of goods or services and an uncontested invoice.

10. PATENTS OR COPYRIGHTS - The SUPPLIER agrees to protect TEXAS A&M from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

11. SUPPLIER ASSIGNMENTS - SUPPLIER hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges or undercharges with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States 15 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq. (1973), and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, TEX. Bus. & Comm. Code Ann. Sec. 15.01, et seq. (1967).

12. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT
(a) [SUPPLIER] acknowledges that TEXAS A&M University (TEXAS A&M) is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law.
(b) Upon TEXAS A&M'S written request, [SUPPLIER] will provide specified public information exchanged or created under this Agreement that is not otherwise excepted from disclosure under chapter 552, Texas Government Code, to TEXAS A&M in a non-proprietary format acceptable to TEXAS A&M. As used in this provision, "public information" has the meaning assigned Section 552.002, Texas Government Code, but only includes information to which TEXAS A&M has a right of access.
(c) [SUPPLIER] acknowledges that TEXAS A&M may be required to post a copy of the fully executed Agreement on its Internet website in compliance with Section 2261.253(a)(1), Texas Government Code.

13. TEXAS FAMILY CODE SECTION 231.006 INELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE STATE GRANTS OR LOANS OR RECEIVE PAYMENT ON STATE CONTRACTS
(a) A child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity, in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to:
   (1) receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or
   (2) receive a state-funded grant or loan.
   (a-1) A child support obligor who is more than six months delinquent in paying child support is not eligible to receive student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the comptroller. This subsection does not apply to an obligor who submits to the comptroller:
      (1) a sworn affidavit from the obligor or obligor stating that the obligor is current on the obligor's child support payments; and
      (2) a written statement from the obligor that the obligor has made a request to the Title IV-D agency to correct the errors in the obligor's payment record.
   (b) A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a) or a child support obligor ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a-1) remains ineligible until:
      (1) all arrearages have been paid;
      (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order to any existing delinquency;
      (3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption from Subsection (a) as part of a court-supervised effort to improve earnings and child support payments;
      (4) a bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds includes the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application.
   (b-1) A contract, bid, or application subject to the requirements of this section must include the following statement:
   "Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the SUPPLIER or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity signing 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."
   (c) If a state agency determines that an individual or business entity holding a state contract is ineligible to receive payment under Subsection (a), the contract may be terminated. If the certificate required under Subsection (d) is shown to be false, the SUPPLIER is liable to the state for attorney's fees, the costs necessary to complete the contract, including the cost of advertising and awarding a second contract, and any other damages provided by law or contract.
   (g) This section does not create a cause of action to contract a bid or award of a state grant, loan, or contract. This section does not impose a duty on the Title IV-D agency to collect information to send to the comptroller to withhold a payment to a business entity. The Title IV-D agency and other affected agencies are encouraged to develop a system by which the Title IV-D agency may identify a business entity that is ineligible to receive a state payment under Subsection (a) and to ensure that a state payment to the entity is not made. This system should be implemented using existing funds and only if the Title IV-D agency, comptroller, and other affected agencies determine that it will be cost-effective.
   (h) This section does not apply to a contract between governmental entities.
   (i) The Title IV-D agency may adopt rules or prescribe forms to implement any provision of this section.
   (j) A state agency may accept a bid that does not include the information required under Subsection (c)(1) if the state agency collects the information before the contract, grant, or loan is executed.

14. EXPORT CONTROL - SUPPLIER agrees to comply with all applicable US Export Control laws and regulations to include the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the International Traffic in Arms (ITAR) and any other applicable US export laws and regulations. As an institution of higher learning, Texas A&M University (TEXAS A&M) typically does not take receipt of export controlled goods, technical data, services or technology ("Materials") except as may be specifically agreed to by TEXAS A&M. SUPPLIER agrees that it will not make available to SUPPLIER or any export-controlled Materials without first informing TEXAS A&M of the export-controlled nature to the Materials and obtaining from TEXAS A&M its written consent to accept such Materials as well as any specific instructions for delivering controlled Materials to TEXAS A&M. SUPPLIER agrees to comply with all laws regarding government approval and notification to the Texas A&M Government agency and to share that information with TEXAS A&M prior to delivery of such.

15. INFORMATION SECURITY
Pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 202, §202.77 of the Texas Administrative Code, SUPPLIER hereby acknowledges responsibility to comply with all applicable TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (TEXAS A&M) policies, rules, standards, practices, and agreements, including but not limited to: safety policies, privacy policies, security policies, auditing policies, software licensing policies, acceptable use policies, and nondisclosure as required by TEXAS A&M.

For purposes of this section concerning SUPPLIER Access, Confidential Information is defined as information that must be protected from unauthorized disclosure or public release based on state or federal law or other legally binding agreement and may include but is not limited to the following: personally identifiable information (social security number and/or financial account numbers, student identification numbers, intellectual property), laws or regulations, rules and procedures, and policies. Mission Critical Information is information that is defined by TEXAS A&M to be essential to the continued performance of the mission of TEXAS A&M, the unavailability of which would result in consequences to TEXAS A&M.

In the event SUPPLIER should obtain or be granted access to Confidential and/or Mission Critical Information of TEXAS A&M ("TEXAS A&M Information"), SUPPLIER will keep and protect TEXAS A&M Information confidential to no less than the same degree of care as required by TEXAS A&M policies, rules and procedures. At the expiration of the relationship with TEXAS A&M, SUPPLIER agrees to return all TEXAS A&M Information or agrees to provide adequate certification that the TEXAS A&M Information has been destroyed. SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors shall be the sole data processors for the services provided to TEXAS A&M pursuant to this Agreement, and for no other purpose. Should SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors acquire other TEXAS A&M Information during the course of this Agreement, it shall not be used for SUPPLIER'S own purposes or divulged to third parties. SUPPLIER shall comply with all terms and conditions of any TEXAS A&M non-disclosure agreement applicable to this Agreement.

Both parties shall each provide contact information for specific individuals. The designated contact for TEXAS A&M shall be Department of , College Station, TX 77843- , Telephone: (979) , Email: . The designated contact for SUPPLIER shall be (include email address and phone number). Should the designated contact for either party need to be changed, the new contact information shall be updated and provided to the respective parties within 24 hours of any such changes. Should SUPPLIER have a need to access TEXAS A&M Information, that request shall be directed to TEXAS A&M's designated contact. Further, SUPPLIER is responsible for reporting all security breaches directly to TEXAS A&M. TEXAS A&M's designated contact for breaches shall be Help Desk Central (helpdesk@tamu.edu or (979) 845-8300). Help Desk Central can be contacted 24/7. Security breach investigation reports shall be provided to the designated contact for TEXAS A&M and TEXAS A&M'S Chief Information Security Officer (cio@tamu.edu).

16. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION [SUPPLIER] must use the dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve a dispute arising under this Agreement and is a prerequisite to suit in accordance with Chapter 123, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. [SUPPLIER] must submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract to the Chief Financial Officer, TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE.
Aggie Bid Questions

1. ☐ Freight Charges to be FOB Destination, Texas A&M University - College Station, Texas.

2. ☐ Prepaid and included in the unit cost. All equipment must be fully insured against loss and damage during shipping.

3. ☐ Are any of the items Export-Controlled?
   ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Not Applicable
   If yes, provide numbers:  ECCN  HTS

4. ☐ Custom Charges: Will Texas A&M University be responsible for any applicable US Customs Charges?
   ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Not Applicable
   If yes, what are they?

5. ☐ Additional Charges shall be outlined herein; any additional charges not specified in this invitation for bid shall become the responsibility of the vendor.

6. ☐ Educational Discount: Provide any and all applicable discounts on the items listed.

7. ☐ If vendor’s terms and conditions differ from Texas A&M, is the following language ok to use?

   Where TAMU terms and conditions differ from those of the vendor the vendor’s terms shall be enforceable only to the extent allowed by the laws of The State of Texas.

   ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Not Applicable

8. ☐ Bidding other than specified: Submit manufacturer, model number and literature. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of your bid - TAMU reserves the sole right to decide if items are equivalent, decision final.

9. ☐ Delivery Date - Please provide delivery date of goods/services in calendar days.

10. ☐ Vendor Contact Information: Name, Phone and Fax Number and Email Address of the individual who will be servicing this account.

11. ☐ What is your HUB Ethnicity & Gender? Chose one from drop down:  Choose One

12. ☐ Are you registered on the Central Master Bidders List?
    ☐ Yes  ☐ No
    To register follow this link: https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/registration/
HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) QUICK CHECKLIST

While this HSP Quick Checklist is being provided to merely assist you in readily identifying the sections of the HSP form that you will need to complete, it is very important that you adhere to the instructions in the HSP form and instructions provided by the contracting agency.

➢ If you will be awarding all of the subcontracting work you have to offer under the contract to only Texas certified HUB vendors, complete:
  - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors.
  - Section 2 c. - Yes
  - Section 4 - Affirmation
  - GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➢ If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a **continuous contract** in place for more than five (5) years **meets or exceeds** the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the “Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements”, complete:
  - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
  - Section 2 c. - No
  - Section 2 d. - Yes
  - Section 4 - Affirmation
  - GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➢ If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors or only to Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a **continuous contract** in place for more than five (5) years **does not meet or exceed** the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the “Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements”, complete:
  - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
  - Section 2 c. - No
  - Section 2 d. - No
  - Section 4 - Affirmation
  - GFE Method B (Attachment B) - Complete an Attachment B for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.

➢ If you will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract and will be fulfilling the entire contract with your own resources (i.e., employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment), complete:
  - Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - Section 2 a. - No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources.
  - Section 3 - Self Performing Justification
  - Section 4 - Affirmation

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HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP)

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

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

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

- 11.2 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,
- 21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders’ contracts,
- 32.9 percent for all special trade construction contracts,
- 23.7 percent for professional services contracts,
- 26.0 percent for all other services contracts, and
- 21.1 percent for commodities contracts.

--- Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements ---

In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14(d)(1)(D)(ii), a respondent (prime contractor) may demonstrate good faith effort to utilize Texas certified HUBs for its subcontracting opportunities if the total value of the respondent’s subcontracts with Texas certified HUBs meets or exceeds the statewide HUB goal or the agency specific HUB goal, whichever is higher. When a respondent uses this method to demonstrate good faith effort, the respondent must identify the HUBs with which it will subcontract. If using existing contracts with Texas certified HUBs to satisfy this requirement, only the aggregate percentage of the contracts expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which the respondent does not have a continuous contract* in place for more than five (5) years shall qualify for meeting the HUB goal. This limitation is designed to encourage vendor rotation as recommended by the 2009 Texas Disparity Study.

The following Texas A&M University specific HUB goals shall be utilized:

- 0 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,
- 21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders contracts,
- 27.92 percent for all special trade construction contracts,
- 38.9 percent for professional services contracts,
- 26.0 percent for all other services contracts, and
- 24.69 percent for commodities contracts.

SECTION 1: RESPONDENT AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

a. Respondent (Company) Name: ____________________________
   Point of Contact: ____________________________
   E-mail Address: ____________________________

b. Is your company a State of Texas certified HUB? □ - Yes □ - No

c. Requisition #: ____________________________
   Bid Open Date: ____________________________
   (mm/dd/yyyy)
SECTION 2. RESPONDENT'S SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS

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

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

- Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract. (If Yes, complete Item b of this SECTION and continue to Item c of this SECTION.)
- No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources, including employees, goods and services. (If No, continue to SECTION 3 and SECTION 4.)

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

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(Note: If you have more than fifteen subcontracting opportunities, a continuation sheet is available online at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendorhubforms.php.)

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

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

d. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether the aggregate expected percentage of the contract you will subcontract with Texas certified HUBs with which you do not have a continuous contract in place with for more than five (5) years, meets or exceeds the HUB goal the contracting agency identified on page 1 in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements."

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

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**SECTION 2: RESPONDENT'S SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS (CONTINUATION SHEET)**

This page can be used as a continuation sheet to the HSP Form's page 2, Section 2, Item b. Continue listing the portions of work (subcontracting opportunities) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, identify the percentages of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to vendors that are not a Texas certified HUB (i.e., Non-HUB).

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SECTION 3: SELF PERFORMING JUSTIFICATION
(If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Item a, you must complete this SECTION and continue to SECTION 4.) If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Item a, in the space provided below explain how your company will perform the entire contract with its own employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment.

SECTION 4: AFFIRMATION
As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in SECTION 1, and that the information and supporting documentation submitted with the HSP is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded any portion of the requisition:

- The respondent will provide notice as soon as practical to all the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor for the awarded contract. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contract for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity they (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.

- The respondent must submit monthly compliance reports (Prime Contractor Progress Assessment Report – PAR) to the contracting agency, verifying its compliance with the HSP, including the use of and expenditures made to its subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs). (The PAR is available at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/ProgressAssessmentReportForm.xsl).

- The respondent must seek approval from the contracting agency prior to making any modifications to its HSP, including the hiring of additional or different subcontractors and the termination of a subcontractor the respondent identified in its HSP. If the HSP is modified without the contracting agency's prior approval, respondent may be subject to any and all enforcement remedies available under the contract or otherwise available by law, up to and including debarment from all state contracting.

- The respondent must, upon request, allow the contracting agency to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and/or work-site where services are being performed and must provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

Signature
Printed Name
Title
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Reminder:

➢ If you responded "Yes" to SECTION 2, Items c or d, you must complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

➢ If you responded "No" SECTION 2, Items c and d, you must complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.
HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)

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

**IMPORTANT:** If you responded "Yes" to SECTION 2, Items c or d of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at [https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hb-forms/hub-subcontract-gfe-achm-a.pdf](https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hb-forms/hub-subcontract-gfe-achm-a.pdf)

### SECTION A-1: Subcontracting Opportunity

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

Item Number: ______ Description: ______

### SECTION A-2: Subcontractor Selection

List the subcontractor(s) you selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed above in SECTION A-1. Also identify whether they are a Texas certified HUB and their Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number or federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), the approximate dollar value of the work to be subcontracted, and the expected percentage of work to be subcontracted. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas' Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at [http://myopa.cpa.state.tx.us/passomblesearch/index.jsp](http://myopa.cpa.state.tx.us/passomblesearch/index.jsp). HUB status code "A" signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

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**REMINDER:** As specified in SECTION 4 of the completed HSP form, if you (respondent) are awarded any portion of the requisition, you are required to provide notice as soon as practical to all the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity they (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.
IMPORTANT: If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Items c and d of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)", for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/hub-scont-plan-gfe-achm-b.pdf.

SECTION B-1: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY
Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION 2, Item b, of the completed HSP form for which you are completing the attachment.

Item Number: ____ Description: ____

SECTION B-2: MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM
If respondent is participating as a Mentor in a State of Texas Mentor Protégé Program, submitting its Protégé (Protégé must be a State of Texas certified HUB) as a subcontractor to perform the subcontracting opportunity listed in SECTION B-1, constitutes a good faith effort to subcontract with a Texas certified HUB towards that specific portion of work.

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

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

SECTION B-3: NOTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY
When completing this section you MUST comply with items a, b, c, and d, thereby demonstrating your Good Faith Effort of having notified Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers about the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Your notice should include the scope of work, information regarding the location to review plans and specifications, bonding and insurance requirements, required qualifications, and identify a contact person.

When sending notice of your subcontracting opportunity, you are encouraged to use the attached HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notice form, which is also available online at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/HUBSubcontractingOpportunityNoticeForm.pdf.

Retain supporting documentation (i.e., certified letter, fax, e-mail) demonstrating evidence of your good faith effort to notify the Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers. Also, be mindful that a working day is considered a normal business day of a state agency, not including weekends, federal or state holidays, or days the agency is declared closed by its executive officer. The initial day the subcontracting opportunity notice is sent/provided to the HUBs and to the trade organizations or development centers is considered to be "day zero" and does not count as one of the seven (7) working days.

a. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1, to three (3) or more Texas certified HUBs. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to you submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas’ Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at http://myrpa.cpa.state.tx.us/transaction/index.jsp. HUB status code “A” signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

b. List the three (3) Texas certified HUBs you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the company’s Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number, the date you sent notice to that company, and indicate whether it was responsive or non-responsive to your subcontracting opportunity notice.

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c. Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1 to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers in Texas to assist in identifying potential HUBs by disseminating the subcontracting opportunity to their members/participants. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must provide your subcontracting opportunity notice to trade organizations or development centers at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. A list of trade organizations and development centers that have expressed an interest in receiving notices of subcontracting opportunities is available on the Statewide HUB Program’s webpage at https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/resources.php.

d. List two (2) trade organizations or development centers you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the date when you sent notice to it and indicate if it accepted or rejected your notice.

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

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

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

34 Texas Administrative Code §20.14 requires all respondents (prime contractors) bidding on the contract to provide notice of each of their subcontracting opportunities to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs (who work within the respective industry applicable to the subcontracting opportunity), and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to the respondent submitting its bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting its bid response to the contracting agency, the respondent must provide notice of each of its subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code, §20.111(C).

We respectfully request that vendors interested in bidding on the subcontracting opportunity scope of work identified in Section C, Item 2, reply no later than the date and time identified in Section C, Item 1. Submit your response to the point-of-contact referenced in Section A.

## SECTION A: PRIME CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION

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## SECTION B: CONTRACTING STATE AGENCY AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

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## SECTION C: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE DUE DATE, DESCRIPTION, REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION

1. Potential Subcontractor's Bid Response Due Date:

   If you would like for our company to consider your company's bid for the subcontracting opportunity identified below in Item 2, we must receive your bid response no later than [Central Time] on [Date (mm/dd/yyyy)].

   In accordance with 34 TAC §20.14, each notice of subcontracting opportunity shall be provided to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs, and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to submitting our bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to us submitting our bid response to the contracting agency, we must provide notice of each of our subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code, §20.111(C).

   (A working day is considered a normal business day of a state agency, not including weekends, federal or state holidays, or days the agency is declared closed by its executive officer. The initial day the subcontracting opportunity notice is sent/provided to the HUBs and to the trade organizations or development centers is considered to be "day zero" and does not count as one of the seven (7) working days.)

2. Subcontracting Opportunity Scope of Work:

3. Required Qualifications:  [ ] Not Applicable

4. Bonding/Insurance Requirements:  [ ] Not Applicable

5. Location to review plans/specifications:  [ ] Not Applicable