

**INVITATION TO BID - ANNUAL CONTRACT**

**SEALED BIDS will be received by the PURCHASING DIVISION of the CITY OF BATON ROUGE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH until 11:00 AM CST, August 27, 2024 at the location shown below.**

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| <b>TITLE: A24-0580 REBID FULL-SERVICE LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FOR THE GREATER BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT</b> |         | <b>RETURN BID TO:</b><br>PURCHASING DIVISION<br><br><b><u>Physical Address:</u></b><br>222 St. Louis Street<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Room 826<br>Baton Rouge, LA 70802<br><br>**NOTE: U.S. Postal Regular & Expedited Mail do not deliver to our physical address; delays may occur due to City Parish Mailroom processing |  |
| <b>FILE NO: 24-000580</b><br><br><b>AD DATES: 8/8/24 &amp; 8/15/24</b>   |         |  |  |
| <b>CITY ADDRESS:</b><br>Greater Baton Rouge Airport District<br>8453 Veterans Memorial Blvd.<br>Baton Rouge, LA 70807                    |         | <b>Contact Regarding Inquiries:</b><br>Purchasing Analyst: <b>Lori Foreman</b><br>Telephone Number: <b>225-389-3259 x 3268</b><br>Email: <a href="mailto:lforeman@brla.gov">lforeman@brla.gov</a>  |  |
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| TELEPHONE NO.  | FAX NO. | E-MAIL   |  |
| FEDERAL TAX ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER   |         | TITLE  |  |
| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (Required)  |         | PRINTED NAME   |  |

**TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR: CONTRACTORS LICENSE IF APPLICABLE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ STATE DELIVERY DAYS MAXIMUM AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ % discount for payment made within 30 days. Discount for payment made in less than 30 days, or less than 1%, or applicable to an indefinite quantity contract will be accepted but not an award consideration.

Bidders should acknowledge all addenda and the date received.  
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**F.O.B.: DESTINATION - PAYMENT TERMS: NET 30**

**ALL BLANKS ON THIS PAGE SHOULD BE COMPLETED TO AVOID REJECTION OF BID**

The signature on this document certifies that proposer has carefully examined the instructions to bidders, terms and specifications applicable to, and made a part of this solicitation. By submission of this document, proposer further certifies that the prices shown are in full compliance with the conditions, terms and specifications of this solicitation. Bid must be signed in the designated space above and by person authorized to sign for bidder.

No alterations, changes or additions are allowed on this solicitation, and no additional information, clarifications or other documents are to be included unless specifically required by the specification. Any errors in extensions of prices will be resolved in favor of unit prices submitted.

If services are to be performed in East Baton Rouge City-Parish, evidence of a current occupational license and/or permit issued by the City-Parish shall be supplied by the successful vendor, if applicable.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ANNUAL CONTRACTS

**Bidders are urged to promptly review the requirements of these specifications, terms and conditions and submit questions for resolution as early as possible during the bid period. Questions or concerns must be submitted in writing to the purchasing division during the bid period. Otherwise, this will be construed as acceptance by the bidders that the intent of the specifications, terms and conditions are clear and that competitive bids may be obtained as specified herein. Protests with regard to the specification, terms and conditions documents will not be considered after bids are opened.**

1. Read the entire bid, including all terms and conditions and specifications.
2. Proposals are mailed only as a courtesy. The City - Parish does not assume responsibility for failure of bidders to receive proposals. Bidders should rely only on advertisements in the local newspaper, and should personally pick up proposals and specifications. Full information may be obtained, or any questions answered, by contacting the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or by calling (225) 389-3259
3. This proposal is to establish firm prices for materials supplies and services for the contract period to be determined. Delivery shall be made or services provided as needed throughout the contract period, or as required by the specification. Quantities, if shown, are estimated only. Smaller or larger quantities may be purchased based upon the needs of the City-Parish. There is no guaranteed minimum quantity.
4. The contract shall be firm through the one year period. Upon agreement of both the contractor and the City - Parish, the contract may be extended a second or a third year or other shortened specified time periods. Extension of the contract into the second or third time periods shall be made by letter on or before the expiration of the contract. Extension is only possible if all prices and conditions remain the same.
5. The contract title, bidder's name, address and bid opening date should be clearly printed or typed on the outside of the bid envelope. Only one bid will be accepted from each bidder for the same job. Alternates will not be accepted unless specifically requested in the proposal. Submission of more than one bid or alternates not requested may be grounds for rejection of all bids by the bidder.
6. The method of delivery of bids is the responsibility of the bidder. All bids must be received by the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 on or before the specified bid opening date and time. Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances. **NO FAXED OR EMAIL BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
7. Failure to deliver within the time specified in the bid will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the contract. Where the city has determined the contractor to be in default, the city reserves right to purchase any or all products or services covered by the contract on the open market and to charge the contractor with cost in excess of the contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent bid from the defaulting contractor will be considered.
8. The City Parish specifically reserves the right to evaluate bids and award items separately, grouped or on an all or none basis, to accept the bid which is in the best interest of the City parish, and to reject all proposals if that is in the best interest of the City Parish.

9. Except for bids submitted through the [www.centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.com) on-line bidding site, bids shall be accepted only on proposal forms furnished by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division. The City- Parish will only accept bids from those bidders in whose names the proposal forms and/or specifications were issued. Altered or incomplete proposals, or the use of substitute forms or documents, shall render the bid non-responsive and subject to rejection. The entire proposal package, including the specifications and copies of any addenda issued shall be submitted to the Purchasing Division as the bid.
10. All proposals must be typed or written in ink. Any erasures, strikeover and/or changes to prices should be initialed by the bidder. Failure to initial may be cause for rejection of the bid as non-responsive.
11. All proposals must be manually signed by a properly authorized party. Failure to do so shall cause the bid to be rejected as non-responsive.
12. Where one or more vendor's exact products or typical workmanship is designated as the level of quality desired or equivalent, the Purchasing Division reserves the right to determine the acceptability of any equivalent offered.
13. If bidding other than specified, sufficient information should be enclosed with the bid in order to determine quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications. Failure to comply with this request may eliminate your bid from consideration. If requested, literature and/or specifications must be submitted within seven (7) days.
14. Detailed factory specifications, illustrative literature and any deviations should be submitted with bid as required by the specifications or on the bid form. Representative samples shall be submitted upon request, if appropriate. Bidders proposing an equivalent brand or model should submit with the bid information (such as illustrations, descriptive literature, and technical data) sufficient for the City to evaluate quality, suitability, and compliance with the specifications in the solicitation.
15. Written addenda issued prior to bid opening which modifies the proposal shall become a part of the proposal for bid, and shall be incorporated within the purchase order and/or contract. Only a written interpretation or correction by Addendum shall be binding. Bidders shall not rely upon any interpretation or correction given by any other method.
16. For Printing solicitations, artwork, dies and/or molds shall become the property of the City - Parish Government and must be returned to the Purchasing Division, 222 Saint Louis Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, upon completion of the order.
17. All applicable chemicals, herbicides, pesticides and hazardous materials must be registered for sale in Louisiana by the Department of Agriculture, State of Louisiana, registered with the EPA and must meet all requirements of Louisiana State Laws. Bidders should submit product label, material safety data sheet and EPA registry number with bid or within five (5) days of request from purchasing office. This information will be required on any subsequent deliveries if there is a change in chemical content or a different product is being supplied. Failure to submit this data may be cause for the bid to be rejected or the contract canceled. Failure to submit this data may be cause for the bid to be rejected or the contract canceled.
18. Delivery of items must be made on time to City - Parish final destinations within East Baton Rouge Parish. All freight charges shall be prepaid by vendor. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH requires all products to be new (current) and all work must be performed according to standard practices for the project. Unless otherwise specified, no aftermarket parts will be accepted. Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship and materials must have at least one (1) year guaranty, in writing, from the date of delivery and/or acceptance of the project. Any deviations or alterations from the specifications must be indicated and/or supporting documentation supplied with bid submission. ... Late deliveries or unsatisfactory performance may be cause to cancel the Purchase Order or contract.
19. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH requires all products to be new (current) and all work must be performed according to standard practices for the project. Unless otherwise specified, no aftermarket parts will be accepted. Unless otherwise specified, all workmanship and materials must have at least one (1) year guaranty, in writing, from the date of delivery and/or acceptance of the project. Any deviations or alterations from the specifications must be indicated and/or supporting documentation supplied with bid submission.
20. The City - Parish reserves the right to award items separately, grouped or on an all-or-none basis and to reject any or all bids and waive any informalities.

21. The State of Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics places restrictions on awarding contracts or purchase orders to persons who are employed by any agency of the City - Parish Government, or any business of which he or his spouse has more than a twenty-five percent (25%) interest. The Code also prescribes other restrictions against conflict of interest and establishes guidelines to assure that appropriate ethical standards are followed. If any question exists regarding potential violation of the Code of Ethics, bidders should contact the Purchasing Division prior to submission of the bid. Any violation of the Code of Ethics shall be grounds for disqualification of bid or cancellation of contract.
22. All Prices bid shall remain in effect for a period of at least sixty (60) days. City - Parish purchases are exempt from state and local taxes.
23. The City - Parish reserves the right to terminate this contract prior to the end of the contract period on twenty-four (24) hours written notice for unsatisfactory performance. Termination under this paragraph shall not relieve either party of any obligation or liability that may have occurred prior to the effective date of termination.
24. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, a preference may be allowed for equivalent products produced, manufactured or grown in Louisiana and/or firms doing business in the State of Louisiana. Do you claim this preference if allowed?

YES\_\_\_NO\_\_\_If this preference is claimed, attach substantiating information to the proposal to show the basis for the claim.

25. Right To Audit Clause: The Contractor shall permit the authorized representative of the City-Parish to periodically inspect and audit all data and records of the Contractor relating to his performance under this contract. In accordance with the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2212.9, in awarding contracts after August 15, 2010, any public entity is authorized to reject the lowest bid from, or not award the contract to, a business in which any individual with an ownership interest of five percent or more has been convicted of, or has entered a plea of guilty or ***Nolo Contendere*** to any state felony crime or equivalent federal felony crime committed in the solicitation or execution of a contract or bid awarded under the laws governing public contracts under the provisions of Chapter 10 of this Title, professional, personal, consulting, and social services procurement under the provisions of Chapter 16 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or the Louisiana Procurement Code under the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
26. In accordance with Louisiana Law (R.S. 12:262.1 and 12:1308.2), all corporations and limited liability companies must be in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State at the time of execution of the contract.
27. Terms and Conditions: This solicitation contains all terms and conditions with respect to the purchase of the goods and/or services specified herein. Submittal of any contrary terms and conditions may cause your bid to be rejected. By signing and submitting a bid, vendor agrees that contrary terms and conditions which may be included in their bid are nullified; and agrees that this contract shall be construed in accordance with this solicitation and governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana as required by Louisiana Law.

28. Certification of no suspension or debarment. By signing and submitting any bid for \$25,000 or more, the bidder certifies that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the general services administration (GSA) in "Audit Requirements In subpart F of the Office of Management and Budget's uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards" (Formerly OMB circular a-133).
  - a. A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at <http://www.sam.gov>
  - b. A contract award must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management. (SAM), in accordance with OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. 180. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
29. Bid prices shall include delivery of all items F.O.B. destination or as otherwise provided. Bids containing "Payment in Advance" or "C.O.D. requirements may be rejected. Payment is to be made within 30 days after receipt of properly executed invoice or delivery, whichever is later.
30. East Baton Rouge Parish is exempt from paying sales tax under LSA-R.S. 47:301 (8)(c). All prices for purchases by East Baton Rouge Parish of supplies and materials shall be quoted in the unit of measure specified and unless otherwise specified, shall be exclusive of state and local taxes. The price quoted for work shall be stated in figures. In the event there is a difference in unit prices and totals, the unit price shall prevail.
31. Bidders may attend the bid opening, but no information or opinions concerning the ultimate contract award will be given at the bid opening or during the evaluation process. Bids may be examined within 72 hours after bid opening. Information pertaining to completed files may be secured by visiting the Purchasing Division during normal working hours. Written bid tabulations may be accessed at: <http://city.brla.gov/dept/purchase/bidresults.asp>.
32. Contractor agrees, upon receipt of written notice of a claim or action, to defend the claim or action, or take other appropriate measure, to indemnify, and hold harmless, the city, its agents and employees from and against all claims and actions for bodily injury, death or property damages caused by fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees. Contractor is obligated to indemnify only to the extent of the fault of the contractor, its officers, its agents, or its employees, however the contractor shall have no obligation as set forth with respect to any claim or action from bodily injury, death or property damages arising out of the fault of the City, its officers, its agents, or its employees.
33. Vendors submitting signed bids agree to EEOC compliance and certify that they agree to adhere to the mandates dictated by Title VI and VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Bidders must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge launched a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, Vendor Self Service (VSS) via Munis. VSS replaced the legacy vendor database and will be used by all departments and agencies citywide.

Vendor Self-Service (VSS) enables vendors to register and maintain information about their organization for the purpose of doing business with City-Parish and receive notifications of business opportunities. The City-Parish procurement activities are subject to the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law, local city-parish ordinances as well as applicable federal statutes as directed by grant providers. Vendors must be registered to receive bid notifications.

New vendors or existing vendors who need to create a VSS account can do so clicking the Registration link at <http://brla.gov/vss>. Vendors are encouraged to review the step by step <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4899/Vendor-Self-Service-Registration-Guide-PDF> before beginning the registration process which may be assessed at <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4899/Vendor-Self-Service-Registration-Guide-PDF>.

Additional information regarding how to do business with EBRCity-Parish is available at: <https://www.brla.gov/DocumentCenter/View/678>.

We also post our scheduled bid openings, as well as unofficial bid tabulations after the bids have opened at <http://city.brla.gov/dept/purchase/bids.asp>.

**Note:** Commodity codes are required for setting up your profile. These numbers tell us what commodities and services that you can provide. When agencies request products or services, our buyers pull directly from these numbers to send out solicitations, bids, and quotes. The first 3 numbers are the class numbers; the subclasses are two digit numbers that better describe the commodity or service. For questions regarding commodity codes, please contact purchasing at (225) 389-3259 Ext 0.

**Important!** - A W-9 Form is required in order to do business with City-Parish. Part of the online enrollment process requires you to upload a completed W-9 form. Please have the completed form in an electronic format so that you can submit it as part of the registration process. The W-9 form can be downloaded from the IRS website. We have created step by step directions on how to properly complete the W-9 Form.

## **FEDERAL CLAUSES, IF APPLICABLE.**

### **I. Remedies for Breach**

Bidder acknowledges that contracts in excess of the simplified purchase threshold (\$150,000.00) shall contain provisions allowing for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies for contractor breaches of the contract terms, and shall provide for such remedial actions as appropriate.

### **II. Termination and Settlement**

Bidder acknowledges that contracts in excess of \$10,000.00 shall contain termination provisions including the manner in which termination shall be effected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such provisions shall describe conditions for termination due to fault and for termination due to circumstances outside of the contractors' control.

### **III. Access to Records**

Bidder acknowledges that all contracts (except those for less than the small purchase threshold) shall include provisions authorizing the recipient, US Funding Agency, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives access to all books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to a specific program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

### **IV. Equal Employment Opportunity**

Bidder acknowledges that all contracts shall contain provisions requiring compliance with E.O. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by E.O. 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11236 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Dept. of Labor.

### **V. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act**

Bidder acknowledges that all construction/repair contracts and sub-grants in excess of \$2,000 shall include provisions requiring compliance with the Copeland "Anti-kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. §3141-3148), which provides that each contractor or sub-recipient shall be prohibited from inducing any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the entitled.

### **VI. Davis-Bacon Act**

Bidder acknowledges that all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires contractors to pay laborers and mechanics wages at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. Additionally, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

## VII. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

Bidder acknowledges that all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000, and all other contracts involving the employment of mechanics or laborers in excess of \$2,500 shall include provisions for compliance with sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which requires each contractor to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours. Section 107 is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.

## VIII. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Bidder acknowledges that contracts for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall include provisions providing for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and the Small Business Firms under Governments Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements"

## IX. Clean Air Act

Bidder acknowledges that the Clean Air Act (CAA) is the comprehensive federal law regulating air emissions from stationary and mobile sources. Among other things, this law authorizes EPA to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to protect public health and public welfare and to regulate emissions of hazardous air pollutants

## X. Clean Water Act.

The contractor hereby agrees to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable Standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 508 of the clean water act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of violating facilities

## XI. Energy policy and conservation act

The contractor hereby recognizes the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy Efficiency which is contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the energy policy and Conservation act (P.L. 94-163).

Bidders must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.



**MBE/SBE/WBE Initiative**  
**Participation by Certified Small Entrepreneurships/DBE Initiative**

This procurement has been designated as suitable for certified small entrepreneurships **(MBE/SBE/WBE)** participation.

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge strongly encourages the participation of Small and Minority and Women-owned business in all contracts or procurements let by the City of Baton Rouge Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all Service Providers and suppliers are encouraged to utilize federal, state or locally certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged businesses are available.

Proposers that are not eligible for certification are encouraged to use Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses where sub-contracting opportunities exist. To be responsive to this request for proposal, the proposer should be a Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses or have put forth a good faith effort to use certified Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors. By submitting and signing a proposal, the proposer certifies that they are in compliance with this requirement. The proposer shall submit with the proposal a plan and selection process outlining good-faith efforts to utilize Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors.

Written notification is the preferred method to inform Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses of potential subcontracting opportunities. A current list of certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses may be obtained from the Louisiana Economic Development Certification System at

<https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/certifiedbusiness/default.aspx>.

Additionally, a current list of Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses, which have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and have opted to enroll in the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network, may be accessed from <http://wwwprd1.doa.louisiana.gov/OSP/LaPAC/Vendor/srchven2.cfm>. You may then determine the search criteria (i.e. alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by commodities, etc.), and select "Smalle". Additional assistance may also be obtained from the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to solicit and use these firms at <http://www.mbda.gov/contact>.

Copies of notification to certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses will satisfy the notification requirements. Notification must be provided to the certified entrepreneurships by the proposer in writing no less than five working days prior to the date of proposal deadline.

Notification must include the scope of work, location to review plans and specifications (if applicable), information about required qualifications and specifications, any bonding and insurance information and/or requirements (if applicable), and the name of a person to contact.

In the event questions arise after an award is made relative to the proposer's good faith efforts, the proposer will be required to provide supporting documentation to demonstrate its good faith subcontracting plan was actually followed. If it is at any time determined that the Service Provider did not in fact perform its good faith subcontracting plan, the contract award or the existing contract may be terminated.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BID

The City-Parish, its officers, employees and agents, shall not be responsible for the negligent acts and omissions of the Contractor or the Contractor's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, nor shall the Contractor or the Contractor's officers, employees or agents be responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of the City - Parish, its officers, employees and agents. Accordingly, Contractor shall indemnify and save City - Parish, its officers, employees and agents, harmless from any and all claims, suits and actions of any character, name or description brought for or on account of any injury or damage to any person or property arising out of the work performed by the Contractor and resulting from the negligence, commission or omission of any act by the Contractor, or Contractor's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors.

If work is to be performed on site, contractor shall furnish proof of insurance as required in specifications.

Payment terms for services will be **Net 30** days based on the monthly invoice. Agencies will be invoiced monthly in arrears by the contractor. Advanced payments shall not be made.

The City-Parish reserves the right to cancel this contract with thirty (30) days written notice.

**Termination for Cause:** The City-Parish may terminate this Contract for default by giving the contractor written notice thereof, specifying with particularity each such default. After the first such notice of default, Contractor shall have ten (10) days after receipt of notice to cure or take reasonable steps to cure the default. If the contractor fails to cure or take reasonable steps to cure the default within such ten-day period, the City-Parish may declare this Contract, as appropriate, terminated. In the event of a second notice of default, whether for the same or a different infraction of contractual obligations, the contractor will be given five (5) days to cure the default. If a third notice of default should become necessary, the contract may be terminated upon notification of said default.

**Termination for Convenience:** The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

**Termination for Non-Appropriation Clause:** Should the Invitation to Bid result in a multi-year contract, a non-appropriation clause shall be made a part of the contract terms as required by state statutes, allowing the City-Parish to terminate the contract for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

**Cybersecurity Training Requirement:** Contractor, including all principals, sub-contractors and employees who require access to City-Parish information technology assets, shall complete the cybersecurity training required by La. R.S. 42:1267 and furnish the City Parish proof of said completion prior to being granted access to said assets.

**Force Majeure:** In case by reason of force majeure either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, then except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, if such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied on, the obligations of the party giving such notice (other than the obligations of the *[name of payer]* to make the payments required under the terms hereof, or to comply with Section *[number of section]* or *[number of section]* hereof), as far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed which shall include a reasonable time for the removal of the effect thereof, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure," as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of the Government of the United States or of the State or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrest, restraining of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, partial or entire failure of utilities, shortages of labor, material, supplies or transportation, or any other similar or different cause not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of existing or impending strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty and that the above requirements that any force majeure shall be reasonably beyond the control of the party and shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall be deemed to be fulfilled even though such existing or impending strikes, lockouts, and other industrial disturbances may not be settled but could have been settled by acceding to the demands of the opposing person or persons.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BID  
(continued)**

If the Company fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger the performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and either of these two circumstances does cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days (or such longer period as the Parish may authorize in writing), after receipt of notice from the City specifying such failure; or

Continuing non-performance of the Proposer in terms of specifications shall be a basis for the termination of the contract by the City. The City shall not pay for work, equipment or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies. This however, shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance; or

In the event the City terminates this Contract in whole or in part, as above provided, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the City may deem appropriate, items purchased similar to those terminated, and the Company shall be liable for any excess costs for such similar items, provided that the Company shall continue the performance of this contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this paragraph.

Ethics: Vendors and service providers are responsible for adhering to the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics throughout the duration of this contract. As such, vendors and service providers shall be responsible for determining and ensuring that there will be no conflict or violation of the Louisiana Ethics Code if their company is awarded a contract with the City/Parish.

**SDSs SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID OR WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF REQUEST FROM PURCHASING OFFICE- FAILURE TO PROVIDE WILL DEEM YOUR BID AS NON-RESPONSIVE:**

All applicable chemicals, herbicides, pesticides and hazardous materials must be registered for sale in Louisiana by the Department of Agriculture, State of Louisiana, registered with the EPA and must meet all requirements of Louisiana State Laws. Additionally, Contractor must submit product labels, safety data sheets (SDS) (formerly material safety data sheets) and EPA registry number to the agency prior to work commencing. This information will be required on any subsequent deliveries if there is a change in chemical content or a different product is being supplied. Failure to submit this data may be cause to the contract being canceled

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Mandatory Job Site Visits** - Failure to attend pre-bid conference and job site visits will cause your bid to be deemed non-responsive.

**Mandatory Pre-bid Conference & Job Site Visit**

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference:**

When: Friday, August 16, 2024  
Time: **9:00 A.M.**  
Location: Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport  
9430 Jackie Cochran Drive  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807  
Contact: Craig Alford  
Phone: 225-355-0333

**Mandatory Job Site Visit:**

The mandatory job site visit will begin immediately following the pre-bid conference on August 16, 2024. **Only companies represented at the pre-bid conference and job site visit shall be considered for award through this Invitation to Bid.**

**Vendor sign-in forms must be signed before leaving facility. It will be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that a representative from their company signs the attendance sheets at pre-bid conference and at job site visit location. Failure to attend pre-bid conference and mandatory job site visit will cause your bid to be deemed non-responsive.**

**Questions regarding the pre-bid conference or job site visit may be directed to Craig Alford (225) 355-0333.**

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**Inquiry Period:**

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**Hand Delivered or by Courier**  
Lori Foreman, Purchasing Analyst  
City-Parish Purchasing Department  
222 St. Louis Street, Room 826  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

or

**By email: [lforeman@brla.gov](mailto:lforeman@brla.gov)**

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**The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, Purchasing Division, is offering teleconference and in-person attendance by vendors at public bid openings for bids published by our office.**

**Any vendor who would like to listen to the opening of this bid can access the following link, at the date and time of this bid opening:**

***Join by phone:***

***+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll  
Access code: 263 373 080 (followed by the # button)***

***Alternate numbers to call if number above is not available, which may occur due to network traffic (use the same Access Code, followed by the # button):***

***United States Toll (Boston) +1-617-315-0704  
United States Toll (Chicago) +1-312-535-8110  
United States Toll (Dallas) +1-469-210-7159  
United States Toll (Denver) +1-720-650-7664  
United States Toll (Jacksonville) +1-904-900-2303  
United States Toll (Los Angeles) +1-213-306-3065***

**This link will provide you with live audio access to this bid opening. The link will be live at the noted bid opening time and date.**

## **CONTRACTOR'S AND SUB CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE**

Contractor and any subcontractor shall carry and maintain at least the minimum insurance as specified below until completion and acceptance of the work. Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until certificates of insurance have been approved by the City-Parish Purchasing Division. Insurance companies listed on certificates must have industry rating of A, Class VI or higher, according to Best's Key Rating Guide. Contractor is responsible for assuring that its subcontractors meet these insurance requirements.

### **A. General Liability Insurance**

General Liability insurance, endorsed to provide coverage for explosion, collapse and underground damage hazards to property of others; Contractual Liability, Products and Completed Operations (for a minimum of two year after acceptance of the Work), **Additional Insured and Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Contractor and Owner.**

|                                  | Limits      |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| General Aggregate                | \$2,000,000 |
| Products/Completed Operations    | \$1,000,000 |
| Personal and Advertising Injury  | \$1,000,000 |
| Per Occurrence                   | \$1,000,000 |
| Damage to Premises Rented to You | \$100,000   |
| Medical Payments                 | \$5,000     |

### **B. Automobile Liability Insurance**

**Automobile Liability insurance which shall include coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired and shall be endorsed to include a Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured in favor of Contractor and Owner.**

#### **Bodily Injury and**

Property Damage \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Each Occurrence (Minimum)

### **C. Worker Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance**

Subcontractor agrees to comply with Workers Compensation laws of the state where the Work is performed, and to maintain a Workers Compensation and Employers Liability policy. **The policy shall include a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of the Contractor and Owner. Full statutory liability for State of Louisiana with Employer's Liability Coverage.**

|                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Workers Compensation | Statutory                           |
| Employer's Liability | \$1,000,000 Each Accident (Minimum) |
|                      | \$1,000,000 Disease Each Employee   |

### **D. Excess Umbrella Liability Coverage**

**Excess/Umbrella Liability insurance shall be follow form the primary coverages and shall be endorsed to include a Waiver of Subrogation and Additional Insured in favor of Contractor and Owner.**

Bodily Injury and  
Property Damage \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Each Occurrence (Minimum)

**E. The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge must be named as additional insured on all general liability policies described above.**

**F. Waiver of subrogation in favor of City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, is required from Workers Compensation Insurer.**

**G. Certificates must provide for thirty (30) days written notice to Certificate Holder prior to cancellation or change.**

**H. The Certificate Holder should be shown as:**

**City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge  
Attn: Purchasing Division  
222 St. Louis Street  
8th Floor Room 826  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

# PART I. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Full-Service Landscaping and Irrigation System Maintenance for the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport.

### 1.1 Background

The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (Agency) is located six (6) miles from downtown Baton Rouge and serves as the gateway to over 2,000 travelers coming into and leaving the city daily. Their first or last impression can influence their thoughts of Baton Rouge. It is with this in mind that the agency present itself with a groomed, pleasant looking appearance.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this bid is to provide maintenance and labor costs for landscaping, irrigation, ornamental shrub/tree services on the current and future flower beds at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport. Irrigation services include programming/replacing/testing control box and repairs/replacement any and all parts associated with irrigation lines and will be billed at an hourly rate. The agency will provide any and all materials needed to repair or replace irrigation systems.

### 1.3 Definitions

- A. Shall- The term “shall” denotes mandatory requirements.
- B. Must- The terms “must” denotes mandatory requirements.
- C. May- The term “may” denotes an advisory or permissible action.
- D. Should- The term “should” denote desirable.
- E. Contractor- Any person having a contract with a governmental body.
- F. Agency- Any department, commission, council, board, office, bureau, committee, institution, agency, government, corporation, or other establishment of the City-Parish authorized to participate in any contract resulting from this solicitation.
- G. State- The State of Louisiana.
- H. Department- Department for whom the solicitation is issued.
- I. Director- Director of Aviation
- J. City-Parish- City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge.

# SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

## 1.4 Scope of Work/Services

The scope of the contract is to provide landscaping, irrigation and ornamental shrub/tree maintenance in the flower beds and Monte Sano Bayou at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport as depicted on the attached maps in Attachment A. The successful contractor will perform all work in accordance with the schedule set by the agency.

There are approximately 40 flower beds of various sizes that need to be maintained at various locations around the airport. Additionally, there are a number of trees of various varieties that also need to be maintained. Among the varieties of plants and trees are: Muhly Grass, Texas Blue Star, Bursting Heart, Native Canna, Echinacea, Hibiscus, Louisiana Iris, Orange Milkweed, Rudbeckia, Salvia, Switch grass, Common Rush, Weeping Willow, Verbena, Azaleas, Indian Hawthorn, Crepe Myrtles, Willow Trees, Bald Cypress and others.

**Seasonal Color Beds** – Bed preparation will be performed prior to each seasonal color rotation, which shall be at a minimum of twice per year. Beds will be maintained on a regular basis to insure the full impact of planting. Weed control, insect and disease control, pruning or pinching is to be included.

Replacement plants and bedding material will be installed on an as needed basis after approval from the Agency. This will be considered as an extra cost item with plants being charged on an individual and a square foot rate for bed preparation.

**Ornamental Shrubs and Trees**- Fertilization of ornamentals shall be fertilized in accordance with the specific needs of the plants in order to maintain a healthy and vigorous condition. A formulated complete fertilizer containing at least 50% slow-release nitrogen shall be used at twice per year. An annual soil test shall be completed.

**Insect and Disease Control** – Treatment of pests will be done on a case-by-case basis in accordance with EPA approved products.

**Pruning** – All ornamentals shall be pruned in accordance with standards of good practice and in accordance with the intended function of the plants. As pruning may not be needed on a regular basis an hourly rate for pruning will be in the pricing schedule separate from the monthly maintenance pricing.

**Weed Control** – Shall be done continuously. The preferred method shall be primarily hand weeding. Secondary methods that include pre and post emergent chemicals are acceptable to control weed emergence and growth.

**Turf Insect & Disease Control** – Shall be applied as needed using approved materials under the direction of a certified applicator.

**Debris Control** – All debris resulting from work performed by the contractor shall be removed prior to the contractor departing from the Agency upon each visit.

**Pine Straw Ground Cover** – All flower beds and ornamental trees will have pine straw installed twice a year. This will be charged on a per bale basis.

**Irrigation** – Must be able to provide a complete irrigation management program to include: inspection, monitoring, repairs, testing, replacement and installation of new systems.

Maps showing the locations of the various flower beds and irrigation system will be provided, However, the vendor is responsible for visiting the sites for verifying the quantity and varieties of plants, bushes, trees and shrubs.



Plant warranties must include the cost of plant replacement and the labor to replace them.

All quotes for additional work must include a line-item quote for the amount of square footage included, a line-item quote for each item (plant, mulch, bedding soil, or other item) to be installed, the quantity of items to be installed, the unit cost, total cost, and warranty for each item. The quote must also include a total cost for the entire project. Failure to provide this will result in a rejection of the quote.

### **1.5 New Landscaping and/or Irrigation**

The Agency reserves the right to amend this contract to include new locations when renovations or construction projects are completed.

Any new landscaping or additions to the landscape size will be priced per square foot to create the initial set up and to maintain on a monthly basis going forward. Plants and bedding material will be on an as needed basis after approval from the agency. All of the specifications in the scope above shall apply to the new beds.

Any new irrigation or additions to the irrigation size will be priced per foot to maintain on a monthly basis. Irrigation material will be on an as needed basis after approval from the Agency. This will be considered as an extra cost item with irrigation being charged on an individual and by the foot rate for irrigation preparation.

#### **The Contractor/Subcontractors:**

The vendor may not have been in violation of any licensing requirements within the last twelve (12) months and shall provide proper insurance as required by the City/Parish Purchasing Department.

Vendor must currently hold and provide copies of all licenses necessary to meet contract requirements at the time submittals are submitted. (Landscape Contractors, Horticulture Services, Certified Pesticide Applicator, Ornamental Turf, Irrigation Certification, and Louisiana State Board for Contractors)

The agency requires that employees shall be uniformed with a company logo and all company vehicles and trailers must also be marked with company logos. Additionally, a supervisor shall be on-site and available to respond immediately to any landscape management request while work is being performed.

Additional requirements for the contractor/subcontractors:

- Shall provide a list of references (at least 1) for projects of similar or larger size and scope as the agency.
- Shall provide current copies of, all licenses necessary to meet contract requirements. If not submitted with bid, vendor must provide the documentation within 7 days of request.
  - Landscape contractors
  - Horticulture Services, Arborist License
  - Certified Pesticide Applicator
  - Ornamental Turf
  - Louisiana State Board for Contractors

### **1.6 Period of Agreement**

The term of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be for an an intial one year period with two (2) one (1) year renewal options under the same terms, conditions and pricing as the original bid. The renewal must be by mutual consent of both parties.

## **1.7 Location**

All work is to be performed on property owned by the Greater Baton Rouge Airport. (See attached maps for specific locations.)

### Schedule of Bid Items

**It is the intent of this proposal to establish prices for Landscaping and Irrigation services to be performed at the BR Metro Airport**

All items must be bid; a monetary amount must be entered in the unit price block for each item. A blank space, N/A, No Charge, Included, or a Zero (0) in that column on the Schedule of Bid Items page will be considered NO BID and may cause your bid to be deemed non-responsive. (A Zero (0) is only acceptable on line 10).

#### UNIT PRICE CONTROLS THE BID

| Item Number | Description  | Unit of Measure            | Unit price |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|------------|
| 0001        | <b>Existing Bed Maintenance</b>  | Per Month                  | \$ _____   |
| 0002        | <b>Option:</b> To add new beds/areas or additions to the existing beds/areas as stated in the attached specifications              | Per sq ft.                 | \$ _____   |
| 0003        | <b>Option:</b> Monthly maintenance of new beds/areas or additions to the existing beds/ areas as stated in attached specifications | Per sq ft. per month       | \$ _____   |
| 0004        | Bedding Soil   | Per Cubic Foot             | \$ _____   |
| 0005        | Fertilization  | Per Cubic Foot             | \$ _____   |
| 0006        | Pine Straw   | Per Square Foot            | \$ _____   |
| 0007        | Annual Soil test for ornamental trees and shrubs   | Per Bale                   | \$ _____   |
| 0008        | Ornamental Tree and Shrub Pruning  | Per test                   | \$ _____   |
| 0009        | Repair/maintenance/programming of irrigation system  | Per man hour               | \$ _____   |
| 0010        | Installation of other Plant Material as requested by agency  | Per Man Hour               | \$ _____   |
| 0011        | Additional Plants as requested   | Discount off of list price | _____ %    |

**NOTE: All prices shall include all supplies (vehicle, equipment, etc.) listed under the Scope of Work/Services, fuel charge and any other fee that may relate to the Scope of Work/Services.**

**SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, effective the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (herein after called "Owner") and \_\_\_\_\_

(herein after called "Contractor").

**The Contractor shall perform all work required by the Contract Documents for the following services:**

Annual Contract Number and Title Period \_\_\_\_\_

Contract \_\_\_\_\_

1. The following Contract Documents are all hereby made a part of this Agreement to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full:
  - A. Bid Documents complete with terms and conditions
  - B. The Contractor's Proposal with all attachments.
  - C. The Specifications
  - D. The following enumerated addenda:
2. No amendment to this Contract shall be made except upon the written consent of the parties.
3. Insurance and Indemnity requirements shall conform to those stated in the specifications.
4. Contractor shall be paid an amount based on the attached Exhibit A:
5. Right to Audit/Records Retention. The Contractor shall permit the authorized representative of the City- Parish to periodically inspect and audit all data and records of the Contractor relating to his performance under this contract. Louisiana Revised Statute 44:36 Preservation of Records states that public records shall be preserved and maintained for a period of at least (3) three years from the date on which the public record was made.
6. Payment terms for services will be Net 30 days based on the monthly invoice. Agencies will be invoiced monthly in arrears by the contractor. Advanced payments shall not be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above.

CITY OF BATON ROUGE  
AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
**Owner**

WITNESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President**

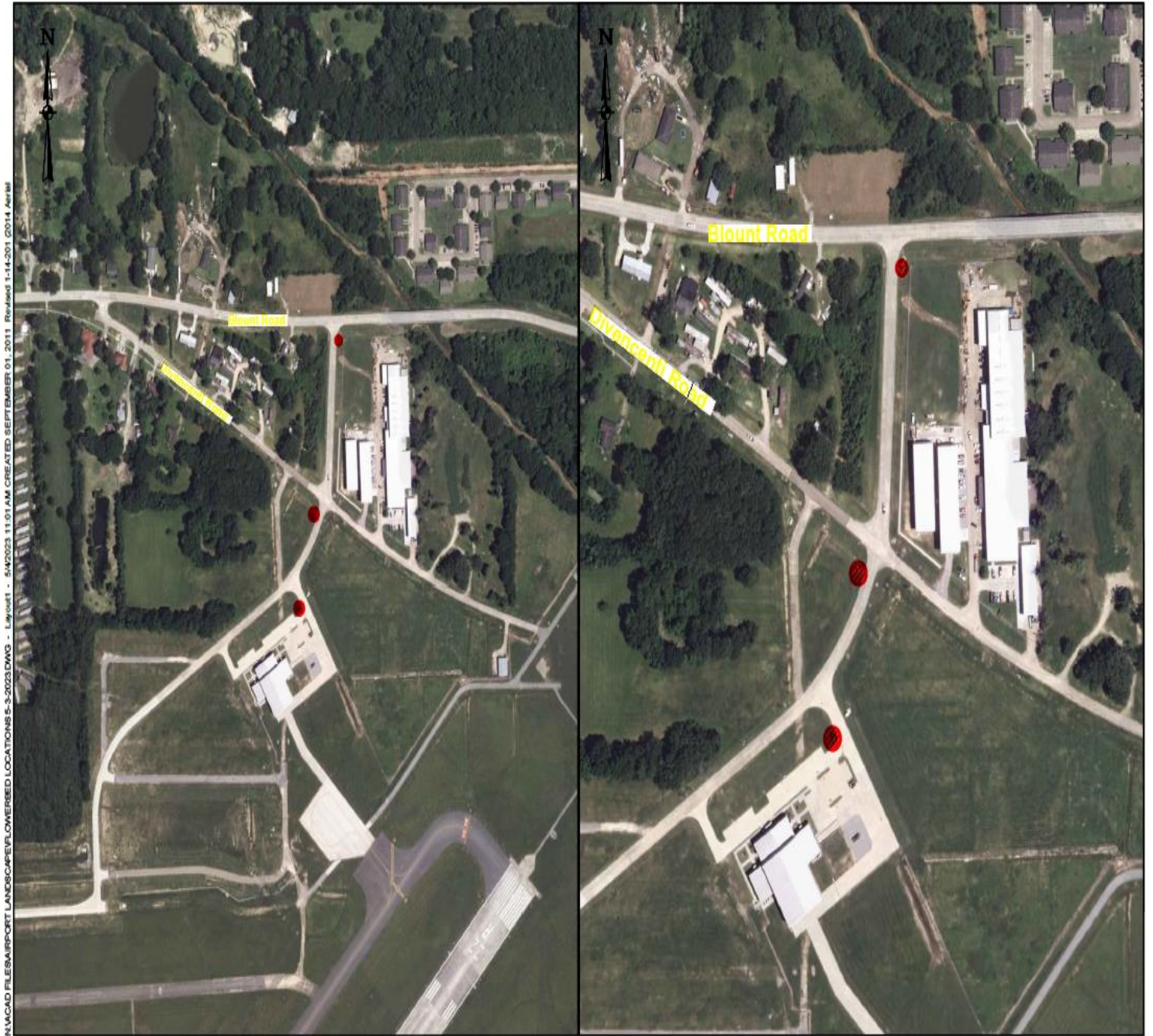
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**Contractor**

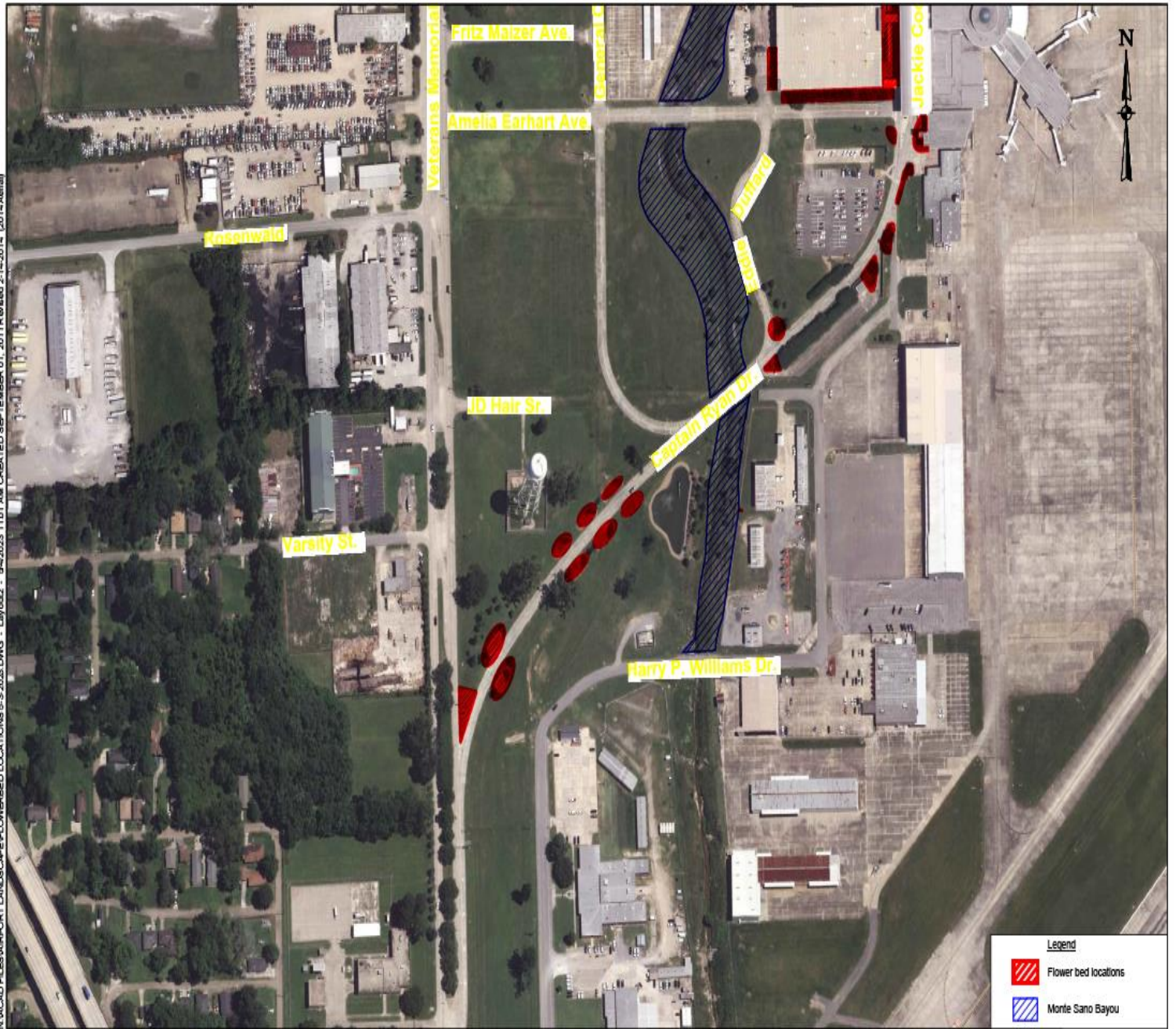
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(Typed Name and Title)

# Attachment A

## *FULL-SERVICE LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FOR THE BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT*



**Blount Road & Airpark Boulevard**



Terminal Frontage Roads



Veterans Blvd & Cellphone lot





Terminal Frontage Rds & Veterans Blvd.

**BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION**

**BIDDER IS:**

**AN INDIVIDUAL**

Individual's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Doing business as: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**A PARTNERSHIP**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of person authorized to sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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

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

Name of person authorized to sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**A CORPORATION**

IF BID IS BY A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID.

Corporation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person authorized to sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF BID IS BY A JOINT VENTURE, ALL PARTIES TO THE BID SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

**CORPORATE RESOLUTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of \_\_\_\_\_ a corporation organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and domiciled in \_\_\_\_\_ was held this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and was attended by a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors.

The following resolution was offered, duly seconded and after discussion was unanimously adopted by said quorum:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized to submit proposals and execute agreements on behalf of this corporation with the City of Baton Rouge, and Parish of East Baton Rouge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said authorization and appointment shall remain in full force and effect, unless revoked by resolution of this Board of Directors and that said revocation will not take effect until the Purchasing Director of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, shall have been furnished a copy of said resolution, duly certified.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_, a corporation created under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ domiciled in \_\_\_\_\_; that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by a quorum of the Board of Directors of said corporation at a meeting legally called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, as said resolution appears of record in the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors in my possession.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY

**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared

\_\_\_\_\_

who, being duly sworn did depose and say:

That he is a duly authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
receiving value for services rendered in connection with:

**FULL-SERVICE LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE  
FOR THE BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT**

*a public project of the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana: that he has employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he received payment, other than persons regularly employed by him whose services in connection with the construction, alteration, or demolition of the public building or project or in securing the public contract were in the regular course of their duties for him; and that no part of the contract price received by him was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by him whose services in connection with the construction of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for him.*

This affidavit is executed in compliance with the provisions of LA R.S. 38:2224.

\_\_\_\_\_

Affiant's Signature

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_, 20.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

**Proposers must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.**

### **STANDARD FEDERAL CLAUSES**

NOTE: THE FOLLOW TERMS APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES MADE WITH OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH CORONAVIRUS STATEANDLOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF, OR FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS):

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND CONTRACTOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

##### Use of Funds.

- a. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the funds disbursed under this award may only be used in compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act), Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. CONTRACTOR will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project.

Period of Performance. The period of performance for this award begins on the date hereof. As set forth in Treasury's implementing regulations, CONTRACTOR may use award funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on January 6, 2023, and ends on December 31, 2026.

Reporting. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any reporting obligations established by Treasury as they relate to this award.

##### Maintenance of and Access to Records.

- a. CONTRACTOR shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. The Treasury Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of the CONTRACTOR in order to conduct audits or other investigations.
- c. Records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

Pre-award Costs. Pre-award costs, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.458, may not be paid with funding from this award.

Administrative Costs. CONTRACTOR may use funds provided under this award to cover both direct and indirect costs.

Cost Sharing. Cost sharing or matching funds are not required to be provided by CONTRACTOR.

Conflicts of Interest. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict of interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) and that such conflict of interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award. CONTRACTOR and SUBCONTRACTORS must disclose in writing to Treasury or the pass-through entity, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations.

- a. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and CONTRACTOR shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.
- b. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
  - i. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.
  - ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference.
  - iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.
  - iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180, including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
  - v. CONTRACTOR Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference.
  - vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20.
  - vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21.

- viii. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655) and implementing regulations.
- ix. Generally applicable federal environmental laws and regulations.

- c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
  - ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
  - iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
  - iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
  - v. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

Remedial Actions. In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with section 603 of the Act, other applicable laws, Treasury's implementing regulations, guidance, or any reporting or other program requirements, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of a subsequent tranche of future award funds, if any, or take other available remedies as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. In the case of a violation of section 603(c) of the Act regarding the use of funds, previous payments shall be subject to recoupment as provided in section 603(e) of the Act.

Hatch Act. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, as applicable, with requirements of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by this federal assistance.

False Statements. CONTRACTOR understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of CONTRACTOR] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."



### Debts Owed the Federal Government.

- a. Any funds paid to CONTRACTOR (1) in excess of the amount to which CONTRACTOR is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation pursuant to section 603(e) of the Act and have not been repaid by CONTRACTOR shall constitute a debt to the federal government.
- b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by CONTRACTOR. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made or if the CONTRACTOR knowingly or improperly retains funds that are a debt as defined in paragraph 14(a). Treasury will take any actions available to it to collect such a debt.

### Disclaimer.

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to CONTRACTOR or third persons for the actions of CONTRACTOR or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any contract, or subcontract under this award.
- b. The acceptance of this award by CONTRACTOR does not in any way establish an agency relationship between the United States and CONTRACTOR.

### Protections for Whistleblowers.

- a. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, CONTRACTOR may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- b. The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
  - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
  - ii. An Inspector General;
  - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
  - iv. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
  - v. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
  - vi. A court or grand jury; or
  - vii. A management official or other employee of CONTRACTOR, contractor, or SUBCONTRACTOR who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

- c. CONTRACTOR shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), CONTRACTOR should encourage its employees and SUBCONTRACTORS to adopt and enforce on-the- job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

Reducing Text Messaging While Driving. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), CONTRACTOR should encourage its employees and SUBCONTRACTORS to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and CONTRACTOR should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.