

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
(EQUIPMENT)**

**GEOLOGY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT
PETROLEUM ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

RFP NO.: 17-04

ISSUED BY:

Procurement Operations Department

FOR:

The Center of Excellence – Global Energy Training Institute

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**PROPOSALS ARE DUE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW
NO LATER THAN:**

September 1, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. (local time)

at

Houston Community College

Procurement Operations Department

3100 Main Street, 11th Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Ref: RFP 17-04 – Geology Laboratory Equipment –
Petroleum Engineering Technology

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SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The following is the anticipated solicitation schedule including a brief description for milestone dates:

Solicitation Milestone	Date & Time
RFP released and posted to HCC's & ESBD's websites	August 5, 2016
Pre-Proposal Meeting	Not Applicable
Deadline to receive written question/inquiries	August 16, 2016 by 2:00 pm (local time)
Responses to written questions/inquiries (estimated)	August 19, 2016
Proposal Submittal Due Date	September 1, 2016 by 2:00 pm (local time)
Anticipated Board Recommendation and Approval	October/November 2016

NOTE: Houston Community College reserves the right to revise this schedule. Any such revision will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the RFP and posted on Procurement Operations web site for your convenience.

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Section 1 – Project Overview & Scope of Services

1. Project Overview

The Houston Community College, (“HCC”) or (“College”) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide CoreTest Systems, (or equivalent) Geology Laboratory Equipment for Testing Rock Samples drawn from Liquid and Gas Reservoirs for the Petroleum Engineering Technology Program to be used at HCC’s Northeast Campus located at, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, TX 77013. The exact scope of services required by HCC is set forth below. Qualified respondents are invited to submit a written response outlining your qualifications and willingness to provide goods, equipment and services as described in the Scope of Services, and in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The successful proposer will provide the scope of services in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and professional standards.

2. Scope of Services

The successful proposer (Contractor) shall be required to furnish all resources, services, labor, material, equipment, and supplies necessary and required to supply, deliver, install train and set in place **(F.O.B Destination, Prepaid and Allowed)** CoreTest Systems (or equivalent), Geology Laboratory Equipment for Testing Rock Samples drawn from Liquid and Gas Reservoirs as described below, in accordance with the general terms and conditions and requirements set forth in this Solicitation.

The CoreTest Systems, (or equivalent) Testing Equipment for Rock Samples drawn from Liquid and Gas Reservoirs shall be “New Equipment Only”.

As a means of reference for the type of equipment, features and options HCC intends on purchasing, proposers are encouraged to visit the following website:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=coretest+systems,+inc.&src=IE-TopResult&FORM=IETRO2&pc=U313&conversationid=>

NOTE: THE REFERENCED WEBSITE IS FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY; HCC IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR SIMILAR CORETEST SYSTEMS GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY PETROLUUM TESTING EQUIPMENT PROVIDING COMPARABLE FEATURES TO BE USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CAMPUS.

Bidder must include detailed product description, specification cut sheets, warranty and maintenance and table comparing features for any equivalent equipment proposed in response to this solicitation.

HCC reserves the right to request additional information on any equivalent equipment proposed in response to this solicitation.

- a. The Testing Equipment for Rock Samples drawn from Liquid and Gas Reservoirs shall have items and applications listed below:

1. **TBP-804 (or equivalent):** (Instructional Liquid Permeameter) The system shall be designed for teaching experimental concepts in single and two-phase liquid permeability. The standard system shall enable the study of specific liquid

permeability and can be optionally configured to include studies concerning relative permeability when two phases are flowing. The system shall be manually operated for performing tests under overburden pressure.

The system shall be simple to operate and require a small amount of bench space. The operation manual shall provide concise procedures with detailed formulas and instruction photos.

The System shall include:

- a. Instructional Liquid Permeameter;
- b. Coreholder Type: Hassler;
- c. Coreholder Materials: Aluminum body and stainless steel and plugs;
- d. Maximum confining pressure: 500 psi;
- e. Maximum differential pressure: 100 psid (+/- 0.1 psi);
- f. Core sample length: 1.25" to 3.0";
- g. Core sample diameter 1.5" (1.0" optional);
- h. Permeability range: up to 10 Darcies, depending on the sample size and fluid viscosity;
- i. Operating temperature: ambient;
- j. Confining pressure source: hand pump and
- k. Options: Fluid pumps / Gas flow / Relative permeability.

2. **TBP-804GFS (or equivalent)**: The Gas Flow Option shall be required to enable gas/liquid relative permeability test procedures.

The Gas Flow Option includes:

- a. Gas pressure regulator with gauge;
- b. 300 cc humidifier vessel;
- c. Check valve;
- d. Two digital mass flow meters (0-200, 0-5000 cc/min) with digital displays;
- e. Stainless steel and Teflon wetted parts and
- f. Maximum gas injection pressure: 100 psi requires a gas source such as a pressurized cylinder which is not supplied.

3. **CHLC-117S2 (or equivalent)**: 1.0 Buna Sleeves. Coreholder Buna Sleeves 1.0" I.D. x % wall for samples up to 3" long, set of 3 Sleeves. Approximate shipping weights and dimensions: 50" x 34" x 44". 350 lbs (159 Kg) gross weight.

4. **TKA-209 (or equivalent)**: (Instructional Gas Permeameter) The system shall measure sample permeability to gas (air, nitrogen, or helium) by the steady-state method. The unit shall be designed to be operated manually from controls on the front panel. The system shall operate as a precision electronic pressure and flow rate measuring transducers produce accurate digital information on the front panel meters that are easily read without having to strain to read a vernier scale on a manometer. Permeability shall be measured on plug samples from 0.1 milliDarcies to 10 Darcies, depending on the size of the sample.

Pressure drop shall be measured at the core face so no correction is required for tubing flow restrictions. Flow rate range shall be measured with two flow meters from 0-50 cc/min and from 0-1000 cc/min and differential pressure is measured using a 0-100 psi and a 0-10 psid transducers. Integrated sensors with electronic bypass valves shall be mounted onto a control processor board for simple reliable operation with a

high degree of accuracy and simplicity. Front panel display shall be 3.5 digit LED's. Power for the system is either 120 or 240 VAC.

The TKA-209 shall include a quick release CHLC-117 Hassler (or 5 equivalent) coreholder for pressures up to 500 psig, for samples 1.5 inches in diameter (1.0" available as option), 1 to 3 inches long. The coreholder shall enable measurements at known confining stresses up to 500 psi. The TKA-209 shall come with a selectable power supply from 100 to 240 VAC at either 60 or 50 Hz.

System Specifications:

1. Permeability Range: 0.1 mD to 10,000 mD, depending on sample diameter and length;
2. Row pressure up to 50 psig using a gas regulator on the instrument (controllable from front panel knob);
3. Overburden pressure up to 500 psi;
4. Flow temperature monitored by digital sensor;
Differential pressure monitored by differential pressure transducers with readout, with accuracy of +/-1.0%
FS: 15 psid and 50 psid and
5. Mass flow meters used for gas flow rate measurement: 1000 seem and 50 seem.

Requirements:

Power: 110-240 VAC 50/60 hz

Raw Gas: Not to exceed 115 psi: air, nitrogen or helium.

Permeability Range: 0.1 mD to 10,000 mD, depending on sample diameter and length. Flow pressure up to 50 psig using a gas regulator on the instrument. Overburden pressure up to 500 psi.

The operation manual shall provide concise procedures with detailed formulas and instruction photos.

5. **TKA-209SP (or equivalent)**: Spare Parts. Spare Parts Kit.
6. **CHLC-117-10 1.0" (or equivalent)**: End plugs: 1.0" diameter Stainless Steel end plugs for the CHLC-117 coreholder. Includes one 1.0" ID Buna sleeve.
7. **CHLC-117S1 (or equivalent)**: 1.5" Buna Sleeves: Buna sleeves for ChLC-117 coreholder 1.5" 1.0. x 1/4" wall, for samples up to 3" long. Set of three sleeves.
8. **CHLC-117S2 (or equivalent)**: 1.0" Buna Sleeves: Buna sleeves for CHLC-117 coreholder. The system shall include 1.0" I.D x 1/4" wall, for samples up to 3" long. Set of three sleeves.
9. **TKA-209TV (or equivalent)**: Instructional Video for equipment.
The system is a high-quality video on DVD media showing the various aspects of the operation of the equipment.
Note: The video is not intended to be a substitute for the operator's manual, but a recommended complement.
10. **TPI-219 (or equivalent)**: Instructional Helium Porosimeter: Operation mode: manual. Loading type: Unconfined. Porosite measurement at 95 psi. Porosity range: 1.0% to less than 40%.

The TPI-219 Instructional Helium Porosimeter is a basic teaching grade instrument for gas porosimetry using the Boyle's Law technique. The manually-operated system includes a stand-alone grain volume chamber with insert sets for both 1" and 1.5" cores up to 3" in length. An accurate pressure transducer and readout are used to monitor pressure and the system includes a small pressure adjustment regulator for reliable accurate results.

Technical Specifications:

1. Operation mode: Manual;
2. Loading type: unconfined (grain volume chamber);
3. Porosity measurement at 95 psi;
4. Porosity range: 1.0% to >40%;
5. Pressure transducer: 0-250 psi with 1.0% accuracy;
6. Core Size: 1.5" and 1" diameter (30 mm optional - please specify), 1" to 3" long;
7. Sample loading: Manual and
8. Operating temperature range: Ambient up to 45°C.

11. **TPI-219SP (or equivalent)**: Spare Parts Kit.
12. **TPI-219CP10 (or equivalent)**: 1.0" Calibration Check Plugs. (3 Plugs, 1.0" Diameter)
13. **TPI-219CP15 (or equivalent)**: 1.5" Calibration Check Plugs. 1 Set (3 plugs) 1.5" diameter.
14. **GBV-250 (or equivalent)**: Geometric Bulk Volume System: 6 inch Calipers Data Acquisition and Analysis. The System shall include a 6 inch capacity set of calipers, a computer interface module and a software package for data acquisition and calculations. (Compatible for both the 6 inch and the 12 inch caliper)

The system shall enable automated computer data acquisition of calipered dimensional data on core samples. The system shall be able to provide several measurements along the core length and diameter in order to obtain an accurate bulk volume measurement. Bulk volume shall be automatically calculated by the supplied user friendly software program. Statistical data describing the shape of the core sample shall be also calculated and logged. The statistical data shall be utilized to determine if a sample is a good right cylinder or if it is unsatisfactory for testing.

Dimensional data shall be required for virtually all core analysis test procedures and provide good quality control practice to measure the dimensions between each test procedure. The dimensional data shall be able to be used to check for the correct sample if the marking has been removed and shall be useful in determining if the sample has been trimmed or adjusted between tests.

The system shall include a 6 inch capacity set of calipers, a computer interface module, and a software package for data acquisition and calculations (please note that the computer interface module shall be compatible for both the 6 inch and 12 inch caliper).

Any computer with a RS-232 communications port can be utilized for data acquisition.

Measurement accuracy:

6" calipers = +/- 0.001 inch (.0254 mm)

15. **GBV-250FT (or equivalent)**: The GBV-250 option shall include a 12 inch capacity set of calipers and shall be compatible with the 6 inch computer interface module and with the software package for data acquisition and calculations.

Measurement accuracy: 12" calipers = +/- 0.001 inch (.0254 mm).

16. **DS-206 (or equivalent)**: Dean Stark Whole Core Single Sample System. The glassware-based system shall be utilized for the determination of oil and water content in a single full diameter core sample up to 4 inches in diameter. Sample saturations shall be accomplished by solvent distillation and a combination of volumetric and gravimetric procedures. A calculation sheet shall be included for determining core saturation.

The Dean Stark Whole Core Single Sample System shall include:

- a. Heating mantle with temperature controller;
- b. 5000 ml boiling flask;
- c. Soxhlet body;
- d. Glass thimble for 4.0" diameter samples;
- e. Package of 25 cellulose thimbles;
- f. Bell adapter/reducer;
- g. Calibrated receiving tube/water trap, 100 ml;
- h. Liebig condenser;
- i. Drying tube;
- j. Blue-indicating silica gel to keep the system free of humidity;
- k. Universal stand;
- l. Glass wool;
- m. 2 Clamps and
- n. 20 ft of Tygon tubing to connect the condensing unit to a circulating cool water source.

17. **DS-206SP (or equivalent)**: Spare Parts Kit.
18. **DS-206WT50 (or equivalent)**: 50-ml Water Trap. Recommended for use when the produced volume is expected to be between 50 and 100 milliliters.
19. **DS-206WT25 (or equivalent)**: 25-ml Water Trap. Recommended for use when the produced volume is expected to be less than 25 milliliters.
20. **GEU-500WC (or equivalent)**: Whole Core Extraction System (Glass Extraction Unit). The glassware-based system shall be utilized to clean oil and salts out of whole core samples up to 4" in diameter by distilling solvent into the Soxhlet chamber with the sample, soaking it in the hot solvent for a period of time and then automatically emptying the chamber through a siphon tube. The dirty solvent shall be refluxed into the boiling flask where it is distilled over and condensed as clean solvent into the Soxhlet chamber with the core samples. The reflux process shall be able to repeat itself automatically and is stopped when the soaking core no longer discolors or contaminates the solvent. Toluene or xylene shall be utilized for cleaning petroleum products from the core samples and methanol is used for leaching salt from the samples.

The systems recommendation shall be up to 4.0" diameter or large quantities of plug samples (1.0", 1.5", 30 mm, 2.0" in diameter) Chamber Diameter: ~150 mm (5.9") Chamber Length: ~525 mm (20.7")

The system unit shall include:

- a. One heating mantle with temperature controller;
- b. One 5000 ml boiling flask;
- c. One condenser tube;
- d. One reflux Soxhlet chamber;
- e. 10 ft. Tygon tubing;
- f. A mounting rack and
- g. Two clamps.

21. **GEU-SOOWCSP (or equivalent)**: Spare Parts Kit.

22. **TBP-804PP1 (or equivalent)**: Constant Rate Peristaltic Pump.

Option: constant rate liquid flow source, dual channel peristaltic pump shall be for introducing fluid at flow rates from 0.1 to >30 cc/min. The maximum pumping pressure and flow rate shall be up to 100 psi depending on type of tubing size. The manual front panel control knob (10 turn).

23. **TBP-804PP1SP (or equivalent)**: Spare Pump Parts.

24. **TBP-804SP (or equivalent)**: Spare Parts Kit.

b. Document Submission

It is mandatory that you submit product literature with your proposal. Literature must include construction details so that a comparison of the standard of quality can be made.

c. Delivery Terms

Include all handling/packing/ delivery costs in the prices quoted. HCC will be responsible for the off-loading and placement of equipment/machines in the designated area or room of the building.

i. Payment will be made with a 15% retainage at the time of acceptance of the delivery with the balance paid upon final installation, removal of debris, and training. Areas are to be left in clean condition at conclusion of installation.

ii. The distributor who elects at its own discretion to delay placing the order with the factory is solely responsible for any price increases which may be announced by the manufacturer prior to placement of the order. HCC will not pay for delays in ordering and accepting delivery by HCC.

d. The Contractor is responsible to uncrate, assemble, set-in-place, level, and completely install, and provide training, before within thirty (30) days notification that the areas are ready for occupancy.

e. The Contractor is responsible for all hardware for the proper and efficient installation of the equipment.

f. HCC shall receive, inspect and verify the correctness and completeness of the shipment.

g. The Contractor must provide delivery dates and schedule in detail and processes for delivery, installation set up, calibration and training.

h. The F.O.B. shall be destination, full freight prepaid and allowed, to the following delivery point:

Houston Community College
Northeast Campus
555 Community College Drive,
Houston, TX 77013

i. Describe in detail training to be provided for the operation of the equipment. Please include all expenses, any travel, food, lodging, etc.

j. Provide options in detail for preventive maintenance and support for equipment or any upgrades to software and associated equipment.

k. Warranty – Provide details as to the following:

i. Describe the warranty period including a detailed description of what is covered and what may be excluded from coverage.

ii. Provide detailed description of what is covered and what may be excluded from coverage under the optional maintenance.

iii. Please identify what type and kind of field support you will provide under this solicitation, if any.

l. Maintenance - Provide details as to the following:

i. Frequency.

ii. Who performs?

iii. Where do they work from? (local or out of state)

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Section 2 – Price Proposal

1. Instructions

Proposer must complete this section in its entirety, and may supplement this section with additional pages as to provide HCC with a more detailed breakdown, backup and/or options of related cost associated with the services being solicited in this solicitation. The Total Cost for the solution provided must be a turnkey cost inclusive of but not limited to travel and living expenses.

2. Total Cost

Item No.	Description	Make/Model No:	Quantity	Extended Price
1	Instructional Liquid Permeameter	CoreTest Systems TBP-804 (or equivalent)	1	\$
2	Instructional Liquid Permeameter Gas Flow Option	CoreTest Systems TBP-804GFS (or equivalent)	1	\$
3	1.0 Buna Sleeves. Coreholder Buna Sleeves	CoreTest Systems CHLOC-117S2 (or equivalent)	1	\$
4	Instructional Gas Permeameter	CoreTest Systems TKA-209 (or equivalent)	1	\$
5	Instructional Gas Permeameter Spare Parts Kit	CoreTest Systems TKA-209SP (or equivalent)	1	\$
6	1.0" Diameter End-Plug Set for Coreholder	CoreTest Systems CHLC-117-10 (or equivalent)	1	\$
7	1.5" Buna Sleeves. Buna Sleeves for CHLC-117 Coreholder	CoreTest Systems CHLC-117S1 (or equivalent)	1	\$
8	1.0" Buna Sleeves. Buna Sleeves for CHLC-117 Coreholder	CoreTest Systems CHLC-117S2 (or equivalent)	1	\$
9	Instructional Video for Equipment	CoreTest Systems TKA-209TV (or equivalent)	1	\$
10	Instructional Helium Porosimeter	CoreTest Systems TPI-219 (or equivalent)	1	\$
11	Instructional Helium Porosimeter Spare Parts Kit	CoreTest Systems TPI-219SP (or equivalent)	1	\$
12	Instructional Helium Porosimeter 1.0" Calibration Check Plugs	CoreTest Systems TPI-219CP10 (or equivalent)	1	\$
13	Instructional Helium Porosimeter 1.5" Calibration Check Plugs	CoreTest Systems TPI-219CP15 (or equivalent)	1	\$
14	Geometric Bulk Volume Measurement: 6 inch Calipers Data Acquisition and Analysis	CoreTest Systems GBV-250 (or equivalent)	1	\$
15	Geometric Bulk Volume Measurement: 12 Inch Capacity Set of Calipers	CoreTest Systems GBV-250FT (or equivalent)	1	\$
16	Dean Stark Whole Core Sample System	CoreTest Systems DS-206 (or equivalent)	1	\$
17	Dean Stark Whole Core Sample System Spare Parts Kit	CoreTest Systems DS-206SP (or equivalent)	1	\$
18	Dean Stark Whole Core Sample System 50-ml Water Trap	CoreTest Systems DS-206WT50 (or equivalent)	1	\$
19	Dean Stark Whole Core Sample System 25-Ml Water Trap	CoreTest Systems DS-206WT25 (or equivalent)	1	\$
20	Whole Core Extraction System	CoreTest Systems GEU-500WC (or equivalent)	1	\$
21	Whole Core Extraction System Spare Parts Kit	CoreTest Systems GEU-500WCSP (or equivalent)	1	\$
22	Instructional Liquid Permeameter Constant Rate Peristaltic Pump	CoreTest Systems TBP-804PP1 (or equivalent)	1	\$
23	Constant Rate Peristaltic Pump Spare Pump Parts	CoreTest Systems TBP-804PP1 (or equivalent)	1	\$

24	Instructional Liquid Permeameter Spare Parts Kit	CoreTest Systems TBP-804SP (or equivalent)	1	\$
	Training Fee (if applicable)		1	\$
		GRAND TOTAL:		\$

3. Delivery Date

Estimated Delivery (Calendar Days) to HCC's Northeast Campus: _____

4. Extended Maintenance Cost

Proposed annual maintenance cost following manufacturer warranty period.

- a. Year 1 \$ _____
- b. Year 2 \$ _____
- c. Year 3 \$ _____
- d. Year 4 \$ _____
- e. Year 5 \$ _____

5. Price Evaluation

Price points shall be calculated based on the following formula:

$$\text{Lowest Total Proposed Cost} / \text{Proposer's Total Proposed Cost} \times \text{Available Price Points} = \text{Price Score}$$

6. Price Proposal Signature

The information in this RFP is to be utilized solely for preparing the proposal response to this RFP and does not constitute a commitment by HCC to procure any product or service in any volume.

Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

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Section 3 – Proposal Evaluations

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2. Evaluation Criteria

An Evaluation Committee (“Committee”) will review all proposals to determine which proposers have qualified for consideration according to the criteria stated herein. The Committee’s evaluations will be based on all available information, including qualification statements, subsequent interviews, if necessary, reports, discussions, reference checks, and other appropriate checks. The highest rated proposer(s) evaluated by the Committee may be invited to make an oral presentation of their written proposal to the Committee.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Available Points
Firm’s Qualification and Experience (Section 4.5.c - Tab 1)	5
Demonstrated Qualifications of Personnel and Team (Section 4.5.d - Tab 2)	5
Proposed Approach and Methodology (Section 4.5.e - Tab 3)	5
Past Performance & References (Section 4.5.f - Tab 4)	5
Price Proposal (Section 4.5.g - Tab 5)	80
Total Points	100

3. Eligibility for Award

In order for a proposer to be eligible to be awarded the contract, the proposal must be responsive to the solicitation and HCC must be able to determine that the proposer is responsible and has the resources and capacity to perform the resulting contract satisfactorily. Responsive proposals are those that comply with all material aspects of the solicitation, conform to the solicitation documents, and meet the requirements set forth in this solicitation. Proposals, which do not comply with all the terms and conditions of this solicitation, will be rejected as non-responsive.

- f. Responsible proposers, at a minimum, must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of any resulting contract;
 - ii. Be able to comply with the required performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing business commitments;
 - iii. Have a satisfactory record of past performance;
 - iv. Have necessary personnel and management capability to perform any resulting contract;
 - v. Be qualified as an established firm regularly engaged in the type of business necessary to fulfill the contract requirements;

- vi. Certify that the firm is not delinquent in any tax owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code; and is not delinquent in taxes owed to the Houston Community College System; signing and submitting the proposal is so certifying to such non-delinquency; and
- vii. Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- g. Proposer(s) may be requested to submit additional written evidence verifying that the firm meets the minimum requirements described above and as necessary, to perform the requirements of the solicitation and be determined a responsible proposer. Failure to provide any requested additional information may result in the proposer being declared non-responsive and the proposal being rejected.
- h. A person is not eligible to be considered for award of this solicitation or any resulting contract or to be a subcontractor of the proposer or prime contractor if the person assisted in the development of this solicitation or any part of this solicitation or if the person participated in a project related to this solicitation when such participation would give the person special knowledge that would give that person or a prime contractor an unfair advantage over other proposers.
- i. A person or proposer shall not be eligible to be considered for this solicitation if the person or proposer engaged in or attempted to engage in prohibited communications as described in Section 5.16 - Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions.
- j. Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (This does not preclude a respondent from using subcontractors or contractors.) HCC will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits a response to this RFP.

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Section 4 – Instructions to Proposers

2. General Instructions

- a. Proposers should carefully read the information contained herein and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed.
- b. Proposals and any other information submitted by Proposers in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) shall become the property of HCC.
- c. HCC will not provide compensation to Proposers for any expenses incurred by the Proposer(s) for proposal preparation or for any demonstrations that may be made, unless otherwise expressly stated. Proposers submit proposals at their own risk and expense.
- d. Proposals, which are qualified with conditional clauses, or alterations, or items, not called for in the RFP documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to disqualification by HCC, at its option.
- e. Each proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of your firm's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP. Emphasis should be on completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of HCCs needs.
- f. HCC makes no guarantee that an award will be made as a result of this RFP, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirements from this RFP or resulting Agreement when deemed to be in HCCs best interest. Representations made within the proposal will be binding on responding firms. HCC will not be bound to act by any previous communication or proposal submitted by the firms other than this RFP.
- g. Firms wishing to submit a "No-Response" are requested to return the first page of the Proposal/Contact Award Form (ref. Attachment No. 1). The returned form should indicate your company's name and include the words "No-Response" in the right-hand column.
- h. Failure to comply with the requirements contained in this Request for Proposal may result in the rejection of your proposal.

3. Preparation and Submittal Instructions

All Attachments noted in Section 6 are to be completed and submitted with Proposal, Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

4. Document Format and Content

- a. Proposal must be signed by Proposer's company official(s) authorized to commit such proposals. Failure to sign and return these forms will subject your proposal to disqualification.
- b. Responses to this RFP must include a response to the proposal requirements set forth in the Scope of Work/Services, above.
- c. Page Size, Binders, Dividers, and Electronic Copy
- d. Proposals must be typed on letter-size (8-1/2" x 11") paper. HCC requests that proposals be submitted in a binder. Preprinted material should be referenced in the proposal and included as labeled attachments. Sections should be divided by tabs for ease of reference. An electronic copy of the proposal must be provided in an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.
- e. Table of Contents: Include with the proposal a Table of Contents that includes page number references. The Table of Contents should be in sufficient detail to facilitate easy reference of the sections of the proposal as well as separate attachments (which should be included in the main Table of Contents). Supplemental information and attachments included by your firm (i.e., not required) should be clearly identified in the Table of Contents and provided as a separate section.
- f. Pagination: All pages of the proposal should be numbered sequentially in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.) Attachments should be numbered or referenced separately.
- g. Number of Copies: Submit one (1) original printed and one (1) electronic copy of your Proposal including all required HCC Forms and documents. An original (manual) signature must appear on the original printed copy and must be reflected in the original electronic copy. The electronic copies should be in non-editable .PDF format and should include the entire submission, including an individual separate file containing your price proposal. The front cover of the binder containing your response should be clearly marked with the Project Name and Number.
- m. Proposals must be submitted and received in the HCC Procurement Operations Department on or before the time and date specified in the Solicitation Schedule.
- n. The envelope containing a proposal shall be addressed as follows:
 - i. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Proposer;

- ii. Project Description/Title; Project Number; and Proposal Due Date/Time.
- o. Late proposals properly identified will be returned to Proposer unopened. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
- p. Telephone, Facsimile ("FAX") or electronic (email) proposals are not acceptable when in response to this Request for Proposal.

5. Proposer Response

General: Your Technical Proposal should clearly define (i) your Firm's total capacity and capabilities, (ii) your qualifications to perform the work, (iii) your ability to perform the services outlined in the Scope of Services, (iv) your understanding of HCC, and (v) what differentiates you from your competitors. At a minimum, your Technical Proposal shall include the following:

- a. Cover letter
The cover letter shall not exceed 1 page in length, summarizing key points in the proposal and shall briefly furnish background information about your firm, including date of founding, legal form (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation/state of incorporation), number and location of offices, location of company headquarters/main office, total number of employees' company-wide and total number of employees in the State of Texas, and principal lines of business. Certify that the firm is legally permitted or licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas for the services offered.

Only individual firms or lawfully formed business organizations may apply (This does not preclude a respondent from using consultants.) HCC will contract only with the individual firm or formal organization that submits a response to this RFP.

- b. Table of Contents
Immediately following the cover letter and introduction, include a complete table of contents for material included in the response documents.
- c. Tab 1: Firm's Qualification and Experience
 - i. Qualifications & Experience of the Firm:
Provide a brief description of your firm, including the total number of supporting personnel related to providing the goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP. of the type and kind required in this RFP.
 - 1. Provide firm's principal(s) and staff commitment in providing the goods required in this solicitation.
 - 2. Provide firm's overall ability in providing the related installation, support and ongoing

maintenance services for the goods required in this solicitation.

- 3. Demonstrate firm's understanding, knowledge and experience of the project requirements.
- 4. Provide examples of your firm civic activities including awards and recognitions.
- ii. Provide a detailed list where your firm has provided goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP during the past 3 years including but not limited to public and private organizations including: state agencies, state institutions of higher education, cities, counties, school districts, junior colleges, or other special authorities and districts.

HCC may verify all information furnished. As a minimum, include the following per project experience:

- 1. Project Name, Location – Year Completed.
- 2. Brief project description describing your experience, work performed by your firm and work subcontracted.
- 3. Owner's Name, title, and current phone number.
- 4. Identify firm's role; completion date; and contract name(s).
- 5. The methods of delivery used and how the firm maintains quality control.
- 6. Provide documented experience in providing the types of services described herein especially related to community or junior college project experience or higher education facilities experience and with regard to accomplishment of past projects involving goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP. List if firm was prime or subcontractor.

d. Tab 2 – Demonstrated Qualifications of Personnel and Team

This section should discuss the proposed designated staff of the responding firm (key personnel) committed to this project and providing the services described in this solicitation.

- i. Key Personnel: Identify key personnel that would be assigned to HCC and that will provide the goods and services described in the Scope of Services. Please include the following:
 - 1. A brief description of their unique qualifications as it pertains to goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP.
 - 2. Designate the individual, who is authorized to sign and enter into any resulting contract.

e. Tab 3 – Proposed Approach & Methodology

This section should describe and discuss your proposed approach and methodology in providing the goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP.

Community College during the past 3 years, including a detailed description of the work effort, performance and define if the work was completed as a contractor directly with HCC or as a subcontractor under a project.

- i. Proposer shall respond to all requirements and questions noted in Section 1.
 - ii. Provide a detailed implementation/project plan with projected start and end dates of completion for each task from delivery of equipment through training and final acceptance of equipment by HCC. List any required HCC resources or expectations needed in order to meet the proposed timeline.
 - iii. Quality: Please identify the key metrics you propose to use to measure your performance in delivering goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP to HCC. Your response should indicate the frequency of the measurement, how it will be used to continually improve performance, and how this information will be shared with HCC. Your response should include how do you measure and monitor production quality, ensure delivery/turnaround times are being met, and how problems are tracked, escalated (if required) both internally and with the customer.
 - iv. Customer Satisfaction: How do you measure and monitor customer satisfaction; describe the method used, frequency, and how results are reported.
 - v. Capabilities and Capacity: Proposer shall clearly define its in-house capability and capacity to perform the work identified in the Scope of Services of this RFP. Your response must describe the various technologies, tools, methods, and technical expertise that you will provide to HCC and/or that will be used in the delivery of the services and how that will be of benefit in the delivery of services to HCC.
- f. Tab 4 - Past Performance and References
This section should establish the ability of the respondent (and its sub-consultant), if any to satisfactorily perform the required work.
- i. Provide contact information for the list of projects noted in Tab 1 above, HCC may verify all information furnished.
 - ii. Describe lessons learned from previous projects for goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP that were not successful and what steps your firm has taken to effectively identify and mitigate from recurring.
 - iii. Provide a list of any work that your firm may have completed for Houston
- g. Tab 5 – Price Proposal
The Proposer/Contractor shall furnish all resources and services necessary and required to provide the goods and services of the type and kind required in this RFP, in accordance with the Scope of Services, and the governing terms and conditions for the proposed price(s) listed in Section 2 – Price Proposal.
- i. Please include a description of any discount offered to HCC and an outline of any other fees or charges.
 - ii. For the purposes of this RFP, Houston Community College will review the overall rate structure to evaluate its reasonableness for the anticipated work. Failure to fully disclose any fees or cost and to comply with the requirements herein may be cause for HCC to reject, as non-compliant, a proposal from further consideration.
- h. Tab 6 - Small Business Practices
This section shall include a clear statement of the firm's commitment and plan to meet the small business goal specified in this solicitation, if any.
- i. Describe your previous experience, involvement and approach in working with certified Small Business firms; including level of effort, division of duties and providing opinions. Provide a statement detailing small business participation commitment.
 - ii. For this Project HCC has a small business participation goal of **Best Effort**.
 - iii. At a minimum, your response must include: (a) Firm's commitment to meeting the small business participation goal for the projects (b) a description of previous projects where your firm has successfully subcontracted work to small businesses including the percentage (%) of work subcontracted to these firms under each project; (c) a narrative outlining your overall approach to subcontracting and how you will solicit small businesses for participation as part of this Project; and (d) indicate what challenges you anticipate in attaining HCC's goal.
 - iv. Describe your company's process for the selection of subcontractors in accordance with the statutory procedures required for the solicitation of subcontractors, including

your process for evaluating subcontractors' performance while also incorporating a Small Business Development Program.

- v. Provide a reference list of all customers noted in Tab 1 above that included a Small Business or similar program where you have performed work similar to the type of work described in this RFP. Provide the contact person and the representative who served as the Small Business Development liaison (or equivalent), telephone number and email address.

- i. Tab 7 - Firm's Financial Status

- i. Please provide a statement from the president, owner or financial officer on company letterhead certifying that the company is in good financial standing and current in payment of all taxes and fees including but not limited to state franchise fees.
- ii. Is your company currently in default on any loan agreement or financing agreement with any bank, financial institution, or other entity? If yes, specify date(s), details, circumstances, and prospects for resolution.

- j. Tab 8 – Required Attachments

This section shall include all Attachments noted in Section 6, all forms shall be completed, signed and submitted with Proposal. Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

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Section 5 – General Information

PROPOSERS ARE CAUTIONED TO READ THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS RFP CAREFULLY AND TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO ALL REQUIREMENTS AND QUESTIONS AS DIRECTED.

1. General Information

Houston Community College's service area is Houston Independent School District, Katy, Spring Branch, Alief Independent School Districts, Stafford Municipal District, and the Fort Bend portion of Missouri City. The System is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree.

Houston Community College serves its students each semester, by offering associate degrees, certificates, academic preparation, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities that prepares students in our diverse community to compete in an increasingly technological and international society. Houston Community College plays an integral role in transforming the lives of its students and making our community work.

More information regarding HCC can be found in the annual [HCC Fact Book](#).

HCC Mission - Houston Community College is an open-admission, public institution of higher education offering a high-quality, affordable education for academic advancement, workforce training, career development, and lifelong learning to prepare individuals in our diverse communities for life and work in a global and technological society.

HCC Vision - Houston Community College will be a leader in providing high quality, innovative education leading to student success and completion of workforce and academic programs. We will be responsive to community needs and drive economic development in the communities we serve.

Additional information about Houston Community College may be found by visiting [HCC Website](#).

Visit the [HCC Procurement Operations Department website](#) to get more information on this and other business opportunities. While at our website we invite you to [Register as a Vendor](#), if already registered, please confirm your contact information is current.

2. Overview

The Houston Community College, ("HCC") or ("College") is seeking proposals from qualified firms in accordance with the Scope of Services noted above. Qualified respondents are invited to submit a written response outlining your qualifications and willingness to provide goods, equipment and services as described in the Scope of Services, and in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The successful proposer will provide the scope of services in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and professional standards.

HCC reserves the right to make single, multiple or no award for the goods or services described herein and as deemed in its own best interests.

HCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposals it considers most favorable to HCC, or to waive irregularities in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and submittal process. HCC further reserves the right to reject all proposals or submittals and terminate the solicitation process or seek new proposals when such procedure is reasonably in the best interest of HCC.

This RFP solicitation does not in any way obligate HCC to award a contract or pay any expense or cost incurred in the review and submission of proposals responding to this RFP.

All applicable attachments contained in the RFP shall be completed. Failure to do so may result in the firm's proposal or submittal being declared non-responsive to the solicitation requirements.

Information provided in response to the RFP is subject to the Texas Public Information Act and may be subject to public disclosure.

By submitting its proposal in response to this RFP, respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that determination of "most-qualified" and "best valued" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the Evaluation Committee.

Any exceptions taken to the terms of the RFP must be specific, and the respondent must indicate clearly what alternative is being offered to allow HCC a meaningful opportunity to evaluate and rank proposals and implications of the exception (if any).

Where exceptions are taken, HCC shall determine the acceptability of the proposed exceptions. HCC may accept or reject the exceptions. Where exceptions are rejected, HCC may insist that the respondent furnish the services or goods described herein or negotiate an acceptable alternative.

All exceptions shall be referenced by utilizing the corresponding Section, paragraph and page number in this RFP. However, HCC is under no obligation to accept any exceptions. Respondent shall be deemed to have accepted all terms and conditions to which no exceptions have been taken.

The RFP provides information necessary to prepare and submit proposals or responses for consideration by HCC based on the listed criteria. HCC may request additional clarification and oral interviews solely on the written responses to this request for proposals.

3. Award / Contract Approval

This Procurement, any award under this procurement, and the resulting contract, if any, is subject to approval by HCC Board of Trustees. Subsequent to Board approval, the only person authorized to commit HCC contractually is the Chancellor or designee. This solicitation is a request for proposals and neither this solicitation nor the response or proposal from any prospective proposer shall create a contractual relationship that would bind HCC until such time as both HCC and the selected proposer sign a legally binding contract, which includes, without limitation, the terms required by HCC as set forth in the Scope of Work/Services and this RFP.

4. HCC Contact

Any questions or concerns regarding this Request for Proposal shall be directed to the above named HCC individual. HCC specifically requests that Proposers restrict all contact and questions regarding this RFP to the above named individual. The above named individual must receive all questions or concerns no later than the date and time specified above.

5. Inquiries and Interpretations

Responses to inquiries, which directly affect an interpretation or change to this RFP, will be issued in writing by addendum (amendment) and all addenda will be posted on the HCC Website www.hccs.edu. All such addenda issued by HCC prior to the time that proposals are received shall be considered part of the RFP, and the Proposer shall be required to consider and acknowledge receipt of such in their proposal.

Only those HCC replies to inquiries, which are made by formal written addenda, shall be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarification will be without legal effect. Proposer must acknowledge receipt of all addenda in Attachment No. 1 of this RFP (Proposal/Contract Award Form).

6. Commitment

Proposer understands and agrees that this RFP and any resulting Agreement is issued predicated on anticipated requirements for the materials or services described herein and that HCC has made no representation, guarantee or commitment with respect to any specific quantity of or dollar value to be furnished under any resulting Agreement. Further

Proposer recognizes and understands that any cost borne by the Proposer, which arises from Proposer's performance under any resulting agreement, shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of Proposer.

7. Acquisition from Other Sources

HCC reserves the right and may, from time to time as required by HCCs operational needs, acquire goods and services of equal type and kind from other sources during the term of the agreement without invalidating in whole or in part, the agreement or any rights or remedies HCC may have hereunder.

8. Vendor Registration

The Houston Community College Procurement Operations Department has developed an online vendor application. This is designed to allow firms or individuals that are interested in doing business with HCC to register online and become part of our vendor database. Once registered, you will receive a password and personal login information that will allow you to modify your vendor information anytime a change occurs with your company. You will have the flexibility to add or delete commodity lines, update phone numbers, and contact information, etc. This database will allow HCC to notify, via email, all companies that match the desired commodity criteria for procurement opportunities within Houston Community College. What a great way to never miss out on an HCC bid or proposal opportunity again.

Please take a moment to go to the Houston Community College Procurement Operations Department website and register as a vendor. The website address to access the vendor registration form is <https://hccs.sbcompliance.com/FrontEnd/VendorsIntroduction.asp>

If you do not have internet access, you are welcome to use a computer at any HCC library to access the website and register.

9. Obligation and Waivers

THIS RFP IS A SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSAL AND IS NOT A CONTRACT OR AN OFFER TO CONTRACT.

A PROPERLY COMPLETED VENDOR APPLICATION IS REQUIRED AND IS A CONDITION OF CONTRACT AWARD.

THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOES NOT OBLIGATE HCC TO AWARD A CONTRACT OR PAY ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE PROPOSER IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL.

HCC, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL AND/OR REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS OR A PART OF A PROPOSAL, WITHOUT REASON OR CAUSE, SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY NON-RESPONSIVE OR CONDITIONAL PROPOSAL. HCC

RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES, IRREGULARITIES AND/OR TECHNICALITIES IN THIS SOLICITATION, THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS AND /OR PROPOSALS RECEIVED OR SUBMITTED.

BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, PROPOSER AGREES TO WAIVE ANY CLAIM IT HAS, OR MAY HAVE, AGAINST HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND ITS TRUSTEES OR AGENTS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH (1) THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANY PROPOSAL; (2) ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SOLICITATION, PROPOSAL PACKAGE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTS; (3) THE REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL OR ANY PART OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND/OR (4) THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT, IF ANY.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THIS SOLICITATION AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON; REMOVE ANY SCOPE COMPONENT FOR ANY REASON AND TO ISSUE SUCH CLARIFICATIONS, MODIFICATIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDING SCOPE, STAFFING LEVELS, AND FEES WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER. IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED WITH THE HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER, HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST RANKED RESPONDER AND SO ON UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. WHEN AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, HCC WILL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL AND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

HCC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, WHICH DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, AGE, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR VETERAN STATUS.

10. Contract Award

Award of a contract, if awarded, will be made to the proposer who (a) submits a responsive proposal; (b) is a responsible proposer; and (c) offers the best value to HCC, price and other factors considered.

A responsive proposal and a responsible proposer are those that meet the requirements of and are as described in this solicitation. HCC may award a contract, based on initial proposals received, without discussion of such proposals. Accordingly, each initial proposal should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint, which the proposer can submit to HCC. Except as otherwise may be set forth in this solicitation, HCC reserves the right to waive any informalities, non-material errors, technicalities, or irregularities in the proposal documents submitted and consider the proposal for award.

11. Postponement of Proposals Due Date/Time:

Notwithstanding the date/time for receipt of proposals established in this solicitation, the date and time established herein for receiving proposals may be postponed solely at HCCs discretion.

12. Oral Presentations:

During the process of selecting a company to provide the required services, oral presentations may or may not be held. Each proposer should be prepared to make a presentation to HCC. The presentations must show that the proposer clearly understands the requirements of the solicitation, and has a strategic plan and approach to complete the work.

13. Small Business Development Program (SBDP):

The Houston Community College System's Small Business Development Program ("SBDP" or the "Program") was created to provide business opportunities for local small businesses to participate in contracting and procurement at Houston Community College (HCC).

The SBDP is a goal-oriented program, requiring Contractors who receive Contracts from HCC to use Good Faith Efforts to utilize certified small businesses. The Program applies to all Contracts over \$50,000, except Contracts for sole-source items, federally funded Contracts, Contracts with other governmental entities, and those Contracts that are otherwise prohibited by applicable law or expressly exempted by HCC. The SBDP is a race and gender-neutral program, however HCC actively encourages the participation of minority and women-owned small businesses in the SBDP.

To participate, small businesses must be certified by an agency or organization whose certification is recognized by HCC. Certification is based on the firm's gross revenues or number of employees averaged over the past three years, inclusive of any affiliates as defined by 13 C.F.R. § 121.103, does not exceed the size standards as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and 13 C.F.R. § 121.201.

HCC recognizes certification by the following governmental and private agencies: Port of Houston Authority SBE Certification, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) SBE Certification, City of Houston SBE Certification, Texas Department of Transportation SBE Certification, City of Austin SBE Certification, South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency SBE Certification, Small Business Administration 8(a). HCC has the right to revoke acceptance of a business as a certified or qualifying small business and to conduct certification reviews.

Good Faith Efforts: HCC will make a good faith effort to utilize small businesses in all contracts. The annual program goals may be met by contracting directly with small businesses or indirectly through subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, any business that contracts with HCC will be required to make a good faith effort to award

subcontracts to small businesses. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. By implementing the following procedures, a contractor shall be presumed to have made a good faith effort:

- a. To the extent consistent with industry practices, divide the contract work into reasonable lots.
- b. Give notice to SBDP eligible firms of subcontract opportunities or post notices of such opportunities in newspapers and other circulars.
- c. Document reasons for rejecting a firm that bids on subcontracting opportunities.

14. Prime Contractor/Contracts for Services:

The prime contractor must perform a minimum of 30% of any contract for services with its labor force and or demonstrate management of the contract for services to the satisfaction of HCC.

15. Internship Program:

HCC is expanding its student internship program. All vendors are encouraged to make a commitment to utilize certain HCC student(s) in an internship capacity with the company under any resulting contract for services required under this solicitation. The selected contractor will be expected to pay the student(s) at least the minimum wage required by law. HCC will provide the selected contractor with the name of student(s) eligible to participate in the internship program.

For additional information regarding the internship program, please contact the Procurement Operations Department at 713-718-5001.

16. Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions:

Except as provided in exceptions below, political contributions and the following communications regarding this solicitation or any other invitation for bids, requests for proposal, requests for qualifications, or other solicitation are prohibited:

- [1] Between a potential vendor, subcontractor to vendor, service provider, respondent, Offeror, lobbyist or consultant and any Trustee;
- [2] Between any Trustee and any member of a selection or evaluation committee; and
- [3] Between any Trustee and administrator or employee.

The communications prohibition shall be imposed from the day the solicitation is first advertised through thirty (30) days after the contract is executed by the Chancellor or his/her designee, or when a determination is made that the contract will not be awarded. During this period, no HCC Trustee and no vendor shall communicate in any way concerning any pending Solicitation involving the Vendor, subject to the penalties stated herein.

In the event the Board refers the recommendation back to the staff for reconsideration, the communication prohibition shall be re-imposed.

The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:

- [1] Duly noted pre-bid or pre-proposal conferences.
- [2] Communications with the HCC General Counsel.
- [3] Emergency contracts.
- [4] Presentations made to the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting.
- [5] Unless otherwise prohibited in the solicitation documents, any written communications between any parties, provided that the originator shall immediately file a copy of any written communication with the Board Services Office. The Board Services Office shall make copies available to any person upon request.
- [6] Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting, in accordance with applicable Board policies, regarding action on the contract.

Any potential vendor, subcontractor vendor, service provider, proposer, offeror, lobbyist or consultant who engages or attempts to engage in prohibited communications shall not be eligible for the award of any resulting contract under this solicitation. Any other direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive purposes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive proposers, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify proposers, vendors, service providers, lobbyist, consultants, and contractors from both this current and any future consideration for participation in HCC orders and contracts.

17. Drug Policy:

HCC is a drug-free workforce and workplace. The manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illegal drugs (except legally prescribed medications under physician's prescription and in the original container) or alcohol by vendors or contractors while on HCC's premises is strictly prohibited.

18. Taxes:

HCC is tax exempt as a governmental subdivision of the State of Texas under Section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Limited Sales Tax Number: 1-74-1709152-1. No proposal shall include any costs for taxes to be assessed against HCC. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes and fees, including but not limited to, excise tax, state and local income tax, payroll and withholding taxes for Contractor Employees. The contract shall hold HCC harmless for all claims arising from payment of such taxes and fees.

19. Texas Public Information Act:

HCC considers all information, documentation and other materials requested to be submitted in response to this solicitation to be of a non-confidential and/or non-proprietary nature, and therefore, shall be subject to

public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.001, et seq.) ("The Act") after a contract if any, is awarded. If the proposer considers any information submitted in response to this request for proposal to be confidential under law or constitute trade secrets or other protected information, the proposer must identify such materials in the proposal response. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the identification of such materials would not be construed or require HCC to act in contravention of its obligation to comply with the Act and the proposer releases HCC from any liability or responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of such documents.

20. Appropriated Funds:

The purchase of service or product, which arises from this solicitation, is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. HCC shall have the right to terminate the resulting contract at the end of the current or each succeeding fiscal year if funds are not appropriated by the HCC Board of Trustees for the next fiscal year that would permit continuation of the resulting contract. If funds are withdrawn or do not become available, HCC reserves the right to terminate the resulting contract by giving the selected contractor a thirty (30) day written notice of its intention terminate without penalty or any further obligations on the part of HCC or the contractor. Upon termination of the contract HCC shall not be responsible for any payment of any service or product received that occurs after the end of the current contract period or the effective date of termination, whichever is the earlier to occur. HCC's fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31st.

21. Conflict of Interest:

If a firm, proposer, contractor, or other person responding to this solicitation knows of any material personal interest, direct or indirect, that any member, official, or employee of HCC would have in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the firm must disclose this information to HCC. Persons submitting a proposal or response to this solicitation must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Texas Government Code, including, without limitation, Chapter 171 and 176 of the Local Government Code. The person /proposer submitting a response to this solicitation must complete (as applicable), sign and submit **Attachment No. 6, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form, and Attachment No. 7, Financial Interest and Potential Conflict of Interests** with the proposal package. HCC expects the selected contractor to comply with Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code and that failure to comply will be grounds for termination of the contract.

Note: **Attachment No. 6 and Attachment No. 7** shall be completed signed and returned to HCC. Enter N/A in those areas on the Attachments that are not applicable to your company. Failure to complete, sign and notarize (if applicable) these Attachments may render your proposal non-responsive.

22. Ethics Conduct:

Any direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive purposes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive proposers, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify vendors and contractors from current and future consideration for participation in HCC orders and contracts.

23. No Third Party Rights:

This Contract is made for the sole benefit of HCC and the Contractor and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Nothing in this Contract shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the Parties to this Contract and any third person, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary or fiduciary.

24. Withdrawal or Modification:

No proposal may be changed, amended, modified by telegram or otherwise, after the same has been submitted or filed in response to this solicitation, except for obvious errors in extension. However, a proposal may be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn after the submittal deadline without approval by HCC, which shall be based on Respondent's submittal, in writing, of a reason acceptable to HCC.

25. Validity Period:

Proposals are to be valid for HCC's acceptance for a minimum of 180 days from the submittal deadline date to allow time for evaluation, selection, and any unforeseen delays. Proposals, if accepted, shall remain valid for the life of the Agreement.

26. Terms and Conditions:

The [HCC Terms and Conditions of Purchase Order](#) shall govern any Purchase Order issued as a result of this solicitation.

Bidders may offer for HCC's consideration alternate provisions to the Terms and Conditions. Alternates proposed must refer to the specific article(s) or section(s) concerned. General exceptions such as "company standard sales terms apply" or "will negotiate" are not acceptable. Bidder's silence as to the terms and conditions shall be construed as an indication of complete acceptance of these conditions as written.

27. Submission Waiver:

By submitting a response to this Solicitation, the Offeror or respondent agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against Houston Community College System and its trustees, employees or agents arising out of or in connection with (1) the Administration, evaluation or recommendation of any offer or response; (2) any requirements under the solicitation, the solicitation or response package or related documents; (3) the rejection of any offer or any response or any part of any offer or response; and/or (4) the award of a contract, if any.

28. Indemnification:

Contractor shall indemnify, pay for the defense of, and hold harmless the College and its officers, agents and employees of and from any and all liabilities, claims, debts, damages, demands, suits, actions and causes of actions of whatsoever kind, nature or sort which may be incurred by reason of Contractor's negligence, recklessness, or willful acts and/or omission in rendering any services hereunder. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for payments of federal, state and local taxes or contributions imposed or required under the social security, Workers' Compensation or income tax law, or any disability or unemployment law, or retirement contribution of any sort whatever, concerning Contractor or any employee and shall further indemnify, pay for the defense of, and hold harmless the College of and from any such payment or liability arising out of or in any manner connected with Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

29. Delegation:

Unless delegated, HCC Board of Trustees must approve all contracts valued at over \$100,000. The Board has granted the Chancellor authority to initiate and execute contracts valued up to \$100,000. The procurement of goods and services, including professional services and construction services shall be completed as per any applicable HCC policy and procedure and shall be in accordance with Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code for the purchase of goods and services, Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code for the purchase of Professional and Consulting Services, and Section 2269 of the Texas Government Code for the purchase of construction services. The Board delegates its authority to the administration and the designated evaluation committee to evaluate score and rank the proposals. This includes the evaluation of all bids, proposals, or statements of qualification under procurement, regardless of contract amount, including the final ranking and selection which shall be made on the evaluation and scoring as per the published selection criteria and the final evaluation ranking. The Board of Trustees shall approve the final award of contracts to the firm based on the published selection criteria and as evidenced in the final evaluation, scoring and ranking.

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Section 6 – Required Attachments

Proposers shall complete all noted Attachments and submit with Proposal, Attachments 1, 5 and 7 must be signed and notarized.

Attachment Number	Attachment Title
Attachment No. 1	Proposal/Contract Award Form
Attachment No. 2	Determination of Good Faith Effort Form
Attachment No. 3	Small Business Unavailability Certificate
Attachment No. 4	Contractor & Subcontractor Participation Form
Attachment No. 5	Proposer's Certifications
Attachment No. 6	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
Attachment No. 7	Financial Interests and Potential Conflicts of Interests

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**ATTACHMENT NO. 1
CONTRACT AWARD & PRICE FORM
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

PROJECT TITLE: GEOLOGY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT – PETROLEUM ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

PROJECT NO.: RFP 17-04

Name of Bidder/Contractor: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____
(Note: please refer to Section 5.8 Vendor Registration)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

In compliance with the requirements of this Request for Proposal for providing _____, the undersigned hereby proposes to furnish all necessary resources required to perform the services in accordance with the Technical Proposal and Price Form dated _____ and as mutually agreed upon by subsequent negotiations, if any.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to be bound by the requirements and terms and conditions and any and all amendments issued by HCC and made a part of this solicitation as set forth or referenced in this solicitation. The undersigned understands and agrees that any award resulting from this offer will be made in the form of an HCC Purchase Order and will have the following order of precedence: 1) HCC Terms and Conditions of Purchase Order, 2) HCC referenced solicitation including all amendments issued by HCC, 3) the RFP response as accepted and awarded by HCC. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized to make the statements and representations in its response to this solicitation and that said statements and representations are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned understands and agrees that when evaluating bids and making an award decision, HCC relies on the truth and accuracy of the statements and representations presented in the bid response. Accordingly, HCC has the right to suspend or debar the undersigned from its procurement process and/or terminate any contract award that may have resulted from this solicitation if HCC determines that any statements or representations made were not true and accurate.

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 2
DETERMINATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORT
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

Bidder _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax Number _____

In making a determination that a good faith effort has been made, HCC requires the Bidder to complete this form as directed below:

Section 1.

After having divided the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices, the Bidder must determine what portion(s) of work, including goods or services, will be subcontracted. Check the appropriate box that identifies your subcontracting intentions:

_____ Yes, I will be subcontracting portion(s) of the contract.
(If Yes, please complete Section 2, below and Attachments No. 3 and No. 4)

_____ No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources.
(If No, complete Section 3, below.)

Section 2.

In making a determination that a good faith effort has been made, HCC requires the Bidder to complete this form Section and submit supporting documentation explaining in what ways the Bidder has made a good faith effort to attain the goal. The Bidder will respond by answering "yes" or "no" to the following and provide supporting documentation.

_____ (1) Whether the Bidder provided written notices and/or advertising to at least five (5) certified small businesses or advertised in general circulation, trade association and/or small businesses focus media concerning subcontracting opportunities.

_____ (2) Whether the Bidder divided the work into the reasonable portions in accordance with standard industry practices.

_____ (3) Whether the Bidder documented reasons for rejection or met with the rejected small business to discuss the rejection.

_____ (4) Whether the Bidder negotiated in good faith with small businesses, not rejecting qualified subcontractors who were also the lowest responsive bidder.

NOTE: If the Bidder is subcontracting a portion of the work and is unable to meet the solicitation goal or if any of the above items, (1-4) are answered "no", the Bidder must submit a letter of justification.

Section 3

SELF-PERFORMANCE JUSTIFICATION

If you responded "No" in SECTION 1, please explain how your company will perform the entire contract with its own equipment, supplies, materials, and/or employees.

Signature of Bidder

Title

Date

**ATTACHMENT NO. 3
SMALL BUSINESS UNAVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

I, _____, _____, of _____
(Name) (Title) (Name of Bidder's Company)

Certify that on the date(s) shown, the small businesses listed herein were contacted to solicit Proposals for Materials or Services to be used on this project.

DATE CONTACTED	SMALL BUSINESS NAME	TELEPHONE NO.	CONTACT PERSON	MATERIALS OR SERVICES	RESULTS
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said small business was unavailable for this solicitation, unable to prepare a proposal or prepared a proposal that was rejected for the reason(s) stated in the RESULTS column above.

The above statement is a true and accurate account of why I am unable to commit to awarding subcontract(s) or supply order(s) to the small business listed above.

NOTE: This form to be submitted with all Proposal documents for waiver of small business participation. (See Instructions to Bidders)

Signature: _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 4
CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION FORM
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

Bidder/offeror presents the following participants in this solicitation and any resulting Contract. All Proposers/Offerors, including small businesses submitting proposals as prime contractors, are required to demonstrate good faith efforts to include eligible small businesses in their proposal submissions.

CONTRACTOR	Specify in Detail Type of Work to be Performed	List ALL Small Business Certification Status including Agency and Number (i.e. SB – COH, METRO, etc.)	Percentage of Contract Effort	Price
Business Name: Business Address: Telephone No. : Contact Person Name/E-mail: SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.)				
Business Name: Business Address: Telephone No. : Contact Person:				
Business Name: Business Address: Telephone No. : Contact Person: NON-SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR(S) (Attach separate sheet if more space is needed.)				
Business Name: Business Address: Telephone No. : Contact Person:				
Business Name: Business Address: Telephone No. : Contact Person:				

Business Name: _____ Submitted (Name): _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone/Fax: _____ Date: _____

Contractor's Price/Total: \$ _____
 Small Business
 Subcontractor (s) Price/Total: \$ _____
 Non-Small Business
 Subcontractors Price/Total: \$ _____
 Grand Total: \$ _____

**ATTACHMENT NO. 5
BIDDER CERTIFICATIONS
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

The undersigned certifies that he/she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or in the selection of subcontractors because of race, color, age, religion, gender, national origin or disability. The undersigned shall also take action to ensure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin or disability. Such action shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: non-discriminatory employment practices: employment, upgrading or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

2. BLACKOUT PERIOD COMPLIANCE:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions provision set forth in the solicitation. The undersigned further understands that the Bidder shall not communicate with a HCC Trustee, employee, or any member of the selection/evaluation committee in any way concerning this Solicitation from the day it is first advertised through thirty (30) days after the contract is executed by the Chancellor or his/her designee, or when a determination is made that the contract will not be awarded.

This period is known as the "Blackout Period," as further defined in Section 1.7.10 and 3.3 of the Procurement Operations Manual. Violation of the Blackout Period is considered unethical conduct and will be handled as such with regard to a Trustee and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, local ordinances, board policies and procurement procedures with respect to their conduct as public officials involved in the procurement process.

With regard to a Bidder, violation of the Blackout Period may result in the cancellation of the referenced transaction, debarment, and disqualification from future procurement solicitations and prosecution in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas.

3. ASSURANCE OF SBDP GOAL:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the small business provisions set forth in this Solicitation. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized to make the statements and representations in the Solicitation and that said statements and representations are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned will enter into formal agreement(s) for work identified on the CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION form conditioned upon execution of a contract with HCC. The undersigned agrees to attain the small business utilization percentages of the total offer amount as set forth below:

Small Business Participation Goal = _____

The undersigned certifies that the firm shown below has not discriminated against any small business or other potential subcontractor because of race, color, religion, gender, age, veteran's status, disability or national origin, but has provided full and equal opportunity to all potential subcontractors irrespective of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin or veteran status.

The undersigned understands that if any of the statements and representations are made knowing them to be false or there is a failure to implement any of the stated commitments set forth herein without prior approval of HCC's Chancellor or the duly authorized representative, the Bidder may be subject to the loss of the contract or the termination thereof.

4. CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

A person or business entity entering into a contract with HCC is required by Texas Law to disclose, in advance of the contract award, if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The disclosure should include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony as provided in section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code. The requested information is being collected in accordance with applicable law. This requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation.

If an individual:

Have you been convicted of a felony? YES or NO

If a business entity: YES or NO

Has any owner of your business entity been convicted of a felony? _____

Has any operator of your business entity been convicted of a felony? _____

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of the felony, including the Case Number, the applicable dates, the State and County where the conviction occurred, and the sentence.

5. DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has accurately completed the attached Exhibit 1 "Ownership Interest Disclosure List." For the purposes of this section, in accordance with Board Bylaws, the term "Contractors" shall include any member of the potential vendor's board of directors, its chairperson, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, any person with an ownership interest of 10% or more. This requirement shall also apply to any Subcontractor listed on the "Contractor and Subcontractor Participation Form."

6. PROHIBITED CONTRACTS/PURCHASES:

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and is eligible to receive a contract in accordance with HCC Board of Trustees Bylaw regarding Prohibited Contracts/Purchases as further defined in the attached Exhibit 2.

I attest that I have answered the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

**EXHIBIT 1 - TO ATTACHMENT NO. 5
OWNERSHIP INTEREST DISCLOSURE LIST
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

Instruction: Using the following table, please fill in the names of any member of the Respondent's company who is a "Contractor" (as defined in Section 5 above); any person with an ownership interest of 10% or more; and any Subcontractor listed on the "Contractor and Subcontractor Participation Form."

Name	Title	Company Name

Balance of page intentionally left blank.

**EXHIBIT 2 - TO ATTACHMENT NO. 5
PROHIBITED CONTRACTS/PURCHASES
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

The College shall not contract with a business entity in which a Board Member, Senior Staff Member, or a relative of a Board member or Senior Staff Member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity, has any pecuniary interest. All such contracts executed prior to June 21, 2012 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Further, the College shall not contract with a business entity that employs, hires, or contracts with, in any capacity, including but not limited to, a subcontractor, employee, contractor, advisor or independent contractor, a Board Member or a Senior Staff Member.

Further, the College shall not contract with a business entity that employs an officer or director who is a relative of a Board member or a Senior Staff Member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity.

Definitions:

"Business entity" shall not include a corporation or a subsidiary or division of a corporation whose shares are listed on a national or regional stock exchange or traded in the over-the-counter market. "Business entity" shall not include non-profit corporations or religious, educational, and governmental institutions, except that private, for-profit educational institutions are included in the definition of Business entity.

"Director" is defined as an appointed or elected member of the board of directors of a company who, with other directors, has the responsibility for determining and implementing the company's policy, and as the company's agent, can bind the company with valid contracts.

"Officer" is defined as a person appointed by the board of directors of a company to manage the day-to-day business of the company and carry out the policies set by the board. An officer includes, but is not limited to, a chief executive officer (CEO), president, chief operating officer (COO), chief financial officer (CFO), vice-president, or other senior company official, as determined by the Board.

"Senior Staff Member" shall have the meaning as defined in Article A, Section 3 of the Board Bylaws which includes:

- a. Any member of the Chancellor's Advisory Council;
- b. HCC employees classified as E-10 and above;
- c. All procurement and purchasing personnel;
- d. Any employee who participates on an evaluation or selection committee for any HCC solicitation for goods or services; and
- e. Any employee who participates in the evaluation of goods or services provided by a vendor or contractor.

Absent other legal requirements, all contracts entered into by the College in violation of this policy shall be voided within 30 days of notice of the violation.

I attest that I have answered the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

**ATTACHMENT NO. 6
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		FORM CIQ
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY	
<p>1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> 	<p>Date Received</p> 	
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p>		
<p>4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.</p>		
<p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).</p>		
<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date</p>		

NOTE: When completing this Questionnaire, please be certain to answer each and every question; indicate "Not Applicable", if appropriate. Please sign and date.

**ATTACHMENT NO. 7
FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS
HCC PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04**

Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires that vendors desiring to enter into certain contracts with a local governmental entity must disclose the financial and potential conflict of interest information as specified below.

Vendor shall disclose the financial interest and potential conflict of interest information identified in Sections one (1) through three (3) below as a condition of receiving an award or contract. Submit this information along with your bid, proposal, or offer. **This form must be received by HCC Office of Systemwide Compliance before the vendor's bid, proposal, or offer will be considered received or evaluated.** Completed forms must be **NOTARIZED** and delivered to:

This requirement applies to contracts with a value exceeding \$50,000.

Section 1 - Disclosure of Financial Interest in the Vendor

a. If any officers or employees of HCC ("individuals") have one of the following financial interests in the vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor(s), please show their name and address and check all that apply and (include additional documents if needed):

Name: _____
Address: _____

b. For each individual named above, show the type of ownership/distributable income share:

- Ownership interest of at least 10% (_____)
- Ownership interest of at least \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of vendor (_____)
- Distributive Income Share from Vendor exceeding 10% of individual's gross income (_____)
- Real property interest with fair market value of at least \$2,500 (_____)
- Person related within first degree of affinity to individual has the following ownership or real property interest in Vendor: (_____)
 - 1. Ownership interest of at least 10%
 - 2. Ownership interest of at least \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of vendor
 - 3. Distributive Income Share from Vendor exceeding 10% of the individual's gross income
 - 4. Real property interest with fair market value of at least \$2,500 (_____)
- No individuals have any of the above financial interests (If none go to Section 4) (_____)

c. For each individual named above, show the **dollar value or proportionate share** of the ownership interest in the vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor (s) as follows:

If the proportionate share of the named individual(s) in the ownership of the vendor (or its principal) or subcontractor of vendor is 10% or less, and if the value of the ownership interest of the named individual(s) is \$15,000 or less of the fair market value of vendor, check here (_____).

If the proportionate share of ownership exceeds 10%, or the value of the ownership interest exceeds \$15,000 of the fair market value of vendor, show either:

the percent of ownership _____ %, or
the value of ownership interest \$ _____ .

Section 2 - Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

For each of the individuals having the level of financial interest identified in Section 1 above, and for any other HCC individual not identified in Section 1 above check "Yes" or "No" to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes", please describe (use space under applicable section-attach additional pages as necessary).

a. Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, including but not limited to contractual employment for services for vendor.

Yes _____ No _____

b. Employment of individual's spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including but not limited to contractual employment for services for vendor in the previous 2 years.

Yes _____ No _____

Section 3- Disclosure of Gifts

For each of the individuals having the level of financial interest identified in Section 1 above, and for any other HCC individual not identified in Section 1 above check "Yes" or "No" to indicate which, if any, of the following potential conflict of interest relationships apply. If "Yes", please describe (use space under applicable section-attach additional pages as necessary).

a. Received a gift from vendor (or principal), or subcontractor of vendor, of \$250 or more within the preceding 12 months.

Yes _____ No _____

b. Individual's spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter has received a gift from vendor (or principal), or subcontractor of vendor, of \$250 or more within the preceding 12 months.

Yes _____ No _____

Section 4- Other Contract and Procurement Related Information

Vendor shall disclose the information identified below as a condition of receiving an award or contract.

This requirement is applicable to only those contracts with a value exceeding \$50,000. You must submit this information along with your bid, proposal, or offer.

a. Vendor shall identify whether vendor (or its principal), or its subcontractor(s), has current contracts (including leases) with other government agencies of the State of Texas by checking:

Yes _____ No _____

b. If "yes" is checked, identify each contract by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as purchase order or contract reference number (attach additional pages as necessary).

c. Vendor shall identify whether vendor (or its principal) or its subcontractor(s) has pending contracts (including leases), bids, proposal, or other ongoing procurement relationships with other government agencies of the State of Texas by checking:

Yes _____ No _____

d. If "yes" is checked, identify each such relationship by showing agency name and other descriptive information such as bid or project number (attach additional pages as necessary).

This disclosure is submitted on behalf of:

(Name of Vendor)

Certification. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information provided by me in this disclosure statement is true and correct. I understand that failure to disclose the information requested may result in my bid, proposal, or offer, being rejected, and/or may result in prosecution for knowingly violating the requirements of **Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176**. I understand that it is my responsibility to comply with the requirements set forth by HCC as it relates to this disclosure. I also understand that I must submit an updated disclosure form within seven (7) days of discovering changes in the significant financial interests of the individuals I identified in Section 1 of this disclosure or if individuals that were not identified, later receive a financial interest in my company or is a subcontractor of my company.

Official authorized to sign on behalf of vendor:

Name (Printed or Typed) _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

"NOTE: BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE ABOVE "FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS" FORM. FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR OFFER SHALL RESULT IN YOUR OFFER BEING CONSIDERED AS "NON-RESPONSIVE" TO THIS SOLICITATION."

For assistance with completing this form, please contact the **Office of Systemwide Compliance** at (713) 718-2099

Signed By: _____ Name: _____

Title: _____ State of: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____ (City) _____ (State)

this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public of the State of: _____

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