



WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
901 South Austin Ave  
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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### CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP) AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) CONSULTING SERVICE AND PLANNING SOFTWARE FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY

**PROPOSAL NUMBER: 15RFP121**  
**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:**  
**JUNE 2, 2015 BY 3:00PM**

**PROPOSALS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:**  
**JUNE 2, 2015 BY 3:00PM**

**PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**  
**MAY 18, 2015 AT 2:00 PM**  
**AT WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING OFFICE**  
**901 S. AUSTIN AVE, GEORGETOWN, TX 78626**

Williamson County is seeking a commercial off-the-shelf hosted software solution to facilitate the development and maintenance of continuity of operations plans (COOP) and emergency operations plans (EOP). The software application shall adhere to the guidance and best practices published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The software application shall have substantial out-of-the box functionality and require minimal, if any, customization prior to deployment.

### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Notice is hereby given that sealed Proposals will be accepted by the Williamson County Purchasing Department for RFP# 15RFP121. Specifications and Bid Form for this RFP may be obtained from <http://wilco-online.org/ebids/bids.aspx>.

Proposals are to be addressed to the Williamson County Purchasing Agent with the RFP number and RFP name marked on the outside of the envelope. Respondents should forward one (1) original, two (2) paper copies and one (1) CD or (1) USB copy of their Proposal to the address shown below. Late Proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly opened in the Williamson County Purchasing Department at the time and date indicated above. Proposals shall be opened in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing Respondents and maintains the confidentiality of the Proposals during negotiations. Proposals will be open for public inspection after the Contract Award. Respondents are invited to attend the sealed Proposal opening.

**PROPOSAL NAME:** Continuity if Operations Plan (COOP) and Emergency  
Operations Plan (EOP) Consulting Service and Planning  
Software  
**PROPOSAL NO:** 15RFP00121

**DUE DATE/TIME: JUNE 2, 2015 ON OR BEFORE 3:00 PM**  
**MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Williamson County Purchasing Department**  
**Attn: 15RFP121 COOP and EOP Consulting Service and**  
**Planning Software**  
**901 S Austin Ave.**  
**Georgetown, TX 78626**

**All Respondents interested in submitting a Proposal are encouraged to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference on **MAY 18, 2015 AT 2:00 PM** at Williamson County Purchasing Department, 901 S. Austin Ave., Georgetown, TX.**

Any questions, clarifications or requests for general information should be directed in writing to the contact listed below:

Kerstin Hancock, Deputy Purchasing Agent  
**RFP # 15RFP121 COOP and EOP Consulting Service and Planning Software**  
901 S Austin Ave.  
Georgetown, TX 78626  
[purchase@wilco.org](mailto:purchase@wilco.org) and copy [khancock@wilco.org](mailto:khancock@wilco.org)

**Question submittals must be made via email, and are due by 5PM CST on May 27, 2015.** Every effort will be made to answer questions within 24 hours of receiving them, with an email response.

All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on a daily basis to the Williamson County portal, <http://wilco-online.org/ebids/bids.aspx>

It is the Respondent's responsibility to check with the Williamson County Purchasing Department prior to submitting your Proposal to ensure that you have a complete, up-to-date package. The Williamson County Purchasing Department takes no responsibility to ensure any interested Respondent has obtained any outstanding addenda or additional information. Any **addenda and/or other information** relevant to the RFP will be posted on the Williamson County vendor portal at the following link:  
<http://wilco-online.org/ebids/bids.aspx>

All interested Respondents are invited to submit a Proposal in accordance with the Instructions and General Requirements, Response Format, Proposal Specifications, and Definitions, Terms and Conditions stated in this Request for Proposal. No negotiations or modifications to the Proposals received will be allowed.

**RESPONDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY  
READ THE ENTIRE RFP.**

**CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP) AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) CONSULTING SERVICE Continuity if Operations Plan (COOP) and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Consulting Service and Planning Software**

**PROPOSAL NUMBER: 15RFP121**

There is no expressed or implied obligation for Williamson County (sometimes referred to herein as the "County") to reimburse Respondents for any expense incurred in preparing a Proposal in response to this RFP and Williamson County will not reimburse Respondents for these expenses.

All Proposals must be received in the Williamson County Purchasing Department before the opening, which will be on the date and at the time set forth on Page 1. Proposals received after the submittal deadline will be considered void and unacceptable and returned to the Respondent unopened. Williamson County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc. The date and time stamp of the Williamson County Purchasing Department shall be the official date and time of receipt.

**FACSIMILE AND ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The **Respondent's Proposal and all RFP requirements and Submittal Checklist** should be completed prior to submission. Failure to fully complete forms/affidavits and return the documentation required by this RFP may, at Williamson County's sole discretion, render your Proposal null and void. Proposals will be opened and the names of Respondents read aloud in the Williamson County Purchasing Department, 901 S. Austin Ave. Georgetown, Texas 78626.

**HOURS FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ARE 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM CENTRAL TIME (PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IS CLOSED DURING LUNCH FROM 12:00PM – 1:00PM), MONDAY – FRIDAY, EXCLUDING COUNTY HOLIDAYS**

**Tentative Schedule of Events**

Issuance of RFP	May 5, 2015
Pre-Proposal Conference	May 18, 2015 at 2:00PM
Deadline to Submit Questions	May 27, 2015 by 5:00PM
Proposal Submission Deadline (Late Proposals will not be considered)	June 2, 2015 by 3:00pm
Proposals Distributed to Evaluation Committee	June 2/3 2015
Conduct Interview/Best and Final Offer/Short List (optional)	June 15-19, 2015
Recommendation for Contract Award	July 7, 201515RFP

## **PRE-PROPOSAL INSPECTION**

To the extent necessary and prior to the submittal, Respondents are strongly encouraged to visually inspect and be familiar with all goods and/or services for which they intend to submit a Proposal. If in the Pre-Proposal inspection the Respondent determines any discrepancies, he/she/it should inform the Williamson County Purchasing Department.

### **1. INTRODUCTION TO RESPONDENTS**

This RFP is to receive Proposals from qualified Respondents regarding the goods and/or services which Williamson County seeks to procure under this RFP.

### **2. DEFINITIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **2.1 Definitions**

- a. "Addenda" – Means any written or graphic instruments issued by Williamson County prior to the consideration of Proposals which modify or interpret the Proposal Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections.
- b. "Agreement" – The Successful Respondent may be required by Williamson County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the RFP and Respondent's Proposal. Such ensuing Agreement shall contain the Proposal Specifications, Terms and Conditions that are derived from the RFP.
- c. "Contract" – This RFP and the Proposal of the Successful Respondent shall become a contract between the Successful Respondent and Williamson County once the Successful Respondent's Proposal is properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court (sometimes referred to herein as the "Commissioners Court").
- d. "Proposal Documents" – The Legal Notice, RFP including attachments, and any Addenda issued by Williamson County prior to the consideration of any Proposals.
- e. "Proposal" – Is a complete, properly signed Proposal submitted in accordance with this RFP which is irrevocable during the specified period for evaluation and acceptance of Proposals.
- f. "Respondent" – A person or entity who submits a Proposal in response to this RFP.
- g. "RFP" – Refers to this document, together with the attachments thereto and any future addenda issued by Williamson County.
- h. "Successful Respondent" – The responsible Respondent who, in Williamson County's sole opinion, submits the Proposal which is in the best interest of Williamson County, taking into account factors identified herein and to whom Williamson County intends to award the Contract.

#### **2.2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

##### **2.2.1 Venue and Governing Law**

Respondent hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this RFP, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall lie exclusively in either Williamson County, Texas or in the Austin Division of the Western Federal District of Texas, and the parties hereto expressly consent and submit to such jurisdiction. Furthermore, except to the extent that this RFP, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States, this RFP, the Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.

##### **2.2.2 Incorporation by Reference and Precedence**

The Contract shall be derived from (1) the RFP and its Addenda; and (2) the Respondent's Proposal. In the event of a dispute under the Contract, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) the RFP and its Addenda; and (2) the Respondent's Proposal.

In the event Williamson County requires that an ensuing Agreement be executed following award and a dispute arises between (1) terms and conditions of the ensuing Agreement, (2) the RFP, and its Addenda; and (3) the Respondent's Proposal, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) terms and conditions of the ensuing Agreement and its Addenda, (2) the RFP and its Addenda; and (3) the Respondent's Proposal.

### **2.2.3 Ownership of Proposal**

Each Proposal shall become the property of Williamson County upon submittal and will not be returned to Respondents unless received after the submittal deadline.

### **2.2.4 Disqualification of Respondent**

Upon signing and submittal of the Proposal, a Respondent offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Williamson County certifies that the Respondent has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Section 15.01, et seq, Business & Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the offer made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all Proposals may be rejected if Williamson County believes that collusion exists among the Respondents.

### **2.2.5 Funding**

County intends to budget and make sufficient funds available and authorize funds for expenditure to finance the costs of the Contract. Respondents understand and agree that the County's payment of amounts under the Contract shall be contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to make payments under the Contract.

### **2.2.6 Assignment, Successors and Assigns**

The Successful Respondent may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer the Contract or any other rights or interests obtained under the Contract without written permission of the Williamson County Commissioners Court. The Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the contracting parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

### **2.2.7 Implied Requirements**

Products and services not specifically described or required in the RFP, but which are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the Respondent, shall be deemed to be implied and included in the Proposal.

### **2.2.8 Termination**

**a. Termination for Cause:** Williamson County reserves the right to terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement for default if the Successful Respondent breaches any of the RFP Specifications, Terms and Conditions, including warranties of Respondent, if any, or if the Successful Respondent becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies Williamson County may have at law or in equity or as may otherwise be provided herein. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all other requirements to Williamson County's satisfaction, and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements.

**b. Termination for Convenience:** Williamson County may terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement for convenience and without cause or further liability, upon ninety (90) calendar days

written notice to Successful Respondent. In the event Williamson County exercises its right to terminate without cause, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Successful Respondent for goods, commodities and/or services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination, will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for Williamson County's termination for convenience.

## **2.2.9 Non-Performance**

It is the objective of Williamson County to obtain complete and satisfactory performance of the requirements set forth herein. In addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity or that may be set out herein, failure to perform may result in a deduction of payment equal to the amount of the goods and/or services that were not provided and/or performed to the County's satisfaction. In the event of such non-performance, the County shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to complete the services itself or by others and/or purchase the goods from other sources. If the County elects to acquire the goods or perform the services itself or by others, pursuant to the foregoing, the Successful Respondent shall reimburse the County, within ten (10) calendar days of demand, for all costs incurred by the County (including, without limitation, applicable, general, and administrative expenses, and field overhead, and the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and field labor) in correcting the nonperformance which the Successful Respondent fails to meet pursuant to the requirements set out herein. In the event the Successful Respondent refuses to reimburse the County as set out in this provision, County shall have the right to deduct such reimbursement amounts from any amounts that may be then owing or that may become owing in the future to the Successful Respondent.

## **2.2.10 Proprietary Information and Texas Public Information Act**

All material submitted to the County shall become public property and subject to the Texas Public Information Act upon receipt. If a Respondent does not desire proprietary information in the Proposal to be disclosed, each page must be clearly identified and marked proprietary at time of submittal or, more preferably, all proprietary information may be placed in a folder or appendix and be clearly identified and marked as being proprietary. The County will, to the extent allowed by law, endeavor to protect from public disclosure the information that has been identified and marked as proprietary. The final decision as to what information must be disclosed, however, lies with the Texas Attorney General. Failure to clearly identify and mark information as being proprietary as set forth under this provision will result in all unmarked information being deemed non-proprietary and available to the public. For all information that has not been clearly identified and marked as proprietary by the Respondent, the County may choose to place such information on the County's website and/or a similar public database without obtaining any type of prior consent from the Respondent.

To the extent, if any, that any provision in this RFP or in the Respondent's Proposal is in conflict with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 et seq., as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that Williamson County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to any items or data furnished to Williamson County as to whether or not the same are available to the public. It is further understood that Williamson County's officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that Williamson County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to any party hereto for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any items or data furnished to Williamson County by a party hereto, in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

## **2.2.11 Right to Audit**

Successful Respondent agrees that Williamson County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after termination or expiration of the Contract and/or the ensuing Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Successful Respondent, which are directly pertinent to the services to be

performed or goods to be delivered for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Successful Respondent agrees that Williamson County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. Williamson County shall give Successful Respondent reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

### **2.2.12 Inspections and Testing**

Williamson County reserves the right to inspect and test equipment, supplies, material(s) and goods for quality and compliance with this RFP, and ability to meet the needs of the user. Demonstration units must be available for review. Should the goods or services fail to meet requirements and/or be unavailable for evaluation, Williamson County can deem the Respondent to be in breach and terminate the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement(s).

### **2.2.13 Proposal Preparation Cost**

Cost of developing Proposals is entirely the responsibility of Respondents and shall not be charged to Williamson County. There is no expressed or implied obligation for Williamson County to reimburse Respondents for any expense incurred in preparing a Proposal in response to this RFP and Williamson County will not reimburse Respondents for such expenses.

### **2.2.14 Indemnification**

**SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND SAVE HARMLESS WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF RESPONDENT, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED HEREUNDER THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF RESPONDENT OR ANY OF RESPONDENT'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS ALL CLAIMS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE RESPONDENT'S AND WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR SUPPLIES.**

**FURTHERMORE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES TO THE SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT ARISING FROM ANY ACT OF ANY THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT BEING LIMITED TO THEFT. SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND SAVE HARMLESS WILLIAMSON COUNTY FROM, ITS OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND AGENTS' EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL CLAIMS OF WHATEVER NATURE ARISING FROM ANY ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DAMAGE WHATSOEVER CAUSED TO ANY PERSON OR TO THE PROPERTY OF ANY PERSON OCCURRING IN RELATION TO SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT'S PERFORMANCE OF ANY SERVICES REQUESTED HEREUNDER DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR ANY ENSUING AGREEMENT.**

**SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT SHALL TIMELY REPORT ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, ACTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, LIENS OR JUDGMENTS TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND SHALL, UPON THE RECEIPT OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT, NOT LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH (15<sup>TH</sup>) DAY OF EACH MONTH; PROVIDE WILLIAMSON COUNTY WITH A WRITTEN REPORT ON EACH SUCH MATTER, SETTING FORTH THE STATUS OF EACH MATTER, THE SCHEDULE OR PLANNED PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO EACH MATTER AND THE COOPERATION OR ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY REQUIRED BY SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT IN THE DEFENSE OF EACH MATTER. SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT'S DUTY TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD WILLIAMSON COUNTY HARMLESS SHALL BE ABSOLUTE. IT SHALL NOT ABATE OR END BY REASON OF THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND/OR ANY ENSUING AGREEMENT UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY WILLIAMSON COUNTY IN WRITING. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO ALL SUCH MATTERS NO MATTER WHEN THEY ARISE.**

**IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS TO WHETHER A CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OR APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, RESPONDENT SHALL NEVER-THE-LESS FULLY DEFEND SUCH CLAIM, DEMAND, SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, LIEN OR JUDGMENT UNTIL AND UNLESS**

THERE IS A DETERMINATION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION THAT THE ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF RESPONDENT ARE NOT AT ISSUE IN THE MATTER.

**Successful Respondent's indemnification shall cover, and Successful Respondent agrees to indemnify Williamson County, in the event Williamson County is found to have been negligent for having selected Successful Respondent to perform the work described in this request. The provision by Successful Respondent of insurance shall not limit the liability of Successful Respondent under the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement.**

### **2.2.15 Waiver of Subrogation**

Successful Respondent and Successful Respondent's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Williamson County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from the Respondent's performance under this Contract and any ensuing Agreement.

### **2.2.16 Relationship of the Parties**

The Successful Respondent shall be an independent contractor and shall assume all of the rights, obligations, liabilities, applicable to it as such independent contractor hereunder and any provisions herein which may appear to give County the right to direct the Successful Respondent as to details of doing work herein covered or to exercise a measure of control over the work shall be deemed to mean that the Successful Respondent shall follow the desires of County in the results of the work only. County shall not retain or have the right to control the Successful Respondent's means, methods or details pertaining to the Successful Respondent's performance of the work. County and the Successful Respondent hereby agree and declare that the Successful Respondent is an independent contractor and as such meets the qualifications of an "Independent Contractor" under Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code, Section 406.141, that the Successful Respondent is not an employee of County, and that the Successful Respondent and its employees, agents and sub-contractors shall not be entitled to workers compensation coverage or any other type of insurance coverage held by County.

### **2.2.17 Sole Provider**

The Successful Respondent agrees and acknowledges that it shall not be considered a sole provider of the goods and/or services described herein and that Williamson County may contract with other providers of such goods and/or services if Williamson County deems, at its sole discretion, that multiple providers of the same goods and/or services will serve the best interest of Williamson County.

### **2.2.18 Force Majeure**

If the party obligated to perform is prevented from performance by an act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of said party, the other party shall grant such party relief from the performance. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the party obligated to perform. To obtain release based on force majeure, the party obligated to perform shall file a written request with the other party.

### **2.2.19 Severability**

If any provision of this RFP, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision thereof, but rather the entire RFP, Contract or any ensuing Agreement will be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligation of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The parties acknowledge that if any provision of this RFP, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of each that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this RFP, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.



## **2.2.20 Equal Opportunity**

Neither party shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

## **2.2.21 Notice**

Any notice to be given shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Kerstin Hancock, Purchasing Agent (or successor)  
901 S Austin Ave.  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Respondent: Address set out in Respondent's Transmittal Letter

Notices given in accordance with this provision shall be effective upon (i) receipt by the party to which notice is given, or (ii) on the third (3rd) calendar day following mailing, whichever occurs first.

## **2.2.22 Sales and Use Tax Exemption**

Williamson County is a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas and claims exemption from sales and use taxes under Texas Tax Code Ann. § 151.309, as amended, and the services and/or goods subject hereof are being secured for use by Williamson County.

## **2.2.23 Compliance with Laws**

Williamson County and Successful Respondent shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement, including, without limitation, Workers' Compensation laws, salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required, the Successful Respondent shall furnish the County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

## **2.2.24 Incorporation of Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments**

All of the Exhibits, Appendices and Attachments referred to herein are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein.

## **2.2.25 No Waiver of Immunities**

Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to Williamson County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Williamson County does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

## **2.2.26 No Waiver**

The failure or delay of any party to enforce at any time or any period of time any of the provisions of this RFP, the Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall not constitute a present or future waiver of such provisions nor the right of either party to enforce each and every provision. Furthermore, no term or provision shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether expressed or implied, shall not constitute a consent to, waiver of or excuse for any other, different or subsequent breach.

### **2.2.27 Current Revenues**

The obligations of the parties under the Contract and any ensuing Agreement do not constitute a general obligation or indebtedness for which County is obligated to levy, pledge, or collect any form of taxation. It is understood and agreed that Williamson County shall have the right to terminate the Contract and any ensuing Agreement at the end of any Williamson County fiscal year if the governing body of Williamson County does not appropriate sufficient funds as determined by Williamson County's budget for the fiscal year in question. Williamson County may affect such termination by giving written notice of termination to the Successful Respondent at the end of its then-current fiscal year.

### **2.2.28 Binding Effect**

This Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted assigns and successors.

### **2.2.29 Assignment**

The Successful Respondent's interest and duties hereunder may not be assigned or delegated to a third party without the express written consent of Williamson County.

### **2.2.30 General Obligations and Reliance**

Successful Respondent shall perform all services and/or provide all goods, as well as those reasonably inferable and necessary for completion and provision of the services and goods required hereunder. The Successful Respondent shall keep the County informed of the progress and quality of the services and/or goods to be provided. Successful Respondent agrees and acknowledges that County is relying on Successful Respondent's represented expertise and ability to provide the goods and/or services described herein. Successful Respondent agrees to use its best efforts, skill, judgment, and abilities to perform its obligations in accordance with the highest standards used in the profession and to further the interests of County in accordance with County's requirements and procedures. Successful Respondent's duties as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the County nor shall the Successful Respondent be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the County, it being understood that the County at all times is ultimately relying upon the Successful Respondent's skill and knowledge in performing the services and providing any goods required hereunder.

### **2.2.31 Contractual Development**

The Williamson County Commissioners Court may award the Contract on the basis of the initial Proposals received, without any further or additional discussions. Therefore, each initial Proposal should contain the Respondent's best terms and offer. The contents of the RFP and the selected Proposal will become an integral part of the Contract, but may be modified, at Williamson County's sole discretion, by provisions of an ensuing Agreement. Therefore, the Respondent must agree to inclusion in an ensuing Agreement of the Proposal Specifications, Terms and Conditions of this RFP. Williamson County may, at its discretion, opt to conduct further discussions with responsible offerors and request the highest ranked firm's Best and Final Offer.

### **2.2.32 Entire Agreement**

The Contract and any ensuing Agreement shall supersede all prior Agreements, written or oral between the Successful Respondent and County and shall constitute the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the services and/or goods to be provided. Each of the provisions herein shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified amended or altered except by writing signed by the Successful Respondent and County.

### **2.2.33 Survivability**

All applicable agreements that were entered into between Respondent and Williamson County under the terms and conditions of the Contract and/or any ensuing Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination thereof for ninety (90) days unless a new contract has been awarded.

### **2.2.34 Payment**

Unless specified otherwise in this RFP or an ensuing Agreement, the following provision shall control the County's method of payment:

County's payment for goods and services shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. An invoice shall be deemed overdue the 31st day after the later of (1) the date County receives the goods under the Contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or (3) the date the Williamson County Auditor receives an invoice for the goods or services. Interest charges for any overdue payments shall be paid by County in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one percent (1%); and (2) the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

In the event that an error appears in an invoice submitted by Successful Respondent, County shall notify Successful Respondent of the error not later than the twenty first (21<sup>st</sup>) day after the date County receives the invoice. If the error is resolved in favor of Successful Respondent, Successful Respondent shall be entitled to receive interest on the unpaid balance of the invoice submitted by Successful Respondent beginning on the date that the payment for the invoice became overdue. If the error is resolved in favor of the County, Successful Respondent shall submit a corrected invoice that must be paid in accordance within the time set forth above. The unpaid balance accrues interest as provided by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code if the corrected invoice is not paid by the appropriate date. As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of Successful Respondent and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address
- (2) County contract, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number
- (3) Identification of items or service as outlined in the Contract
- (4) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices, and total amount
- (5) Any additional payment information which may be called for by the Contract

Payment inquiries should be directed to the Williamson County Auditor's Office,  
Accounts Payable Department: [accountspayable@wilco.org](mailto:accountspayable@wilco.org), (512) 943-1500.

### **2.2.35 Contractual Formation and Ensuing Agreement**

The RFP and the Respondent's Proposal, when properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Successful Respondent and Williamson County. The Successful Respondent may be required by Williamson County to sign an additional Agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the RFP and Respondent's Proposal.

**The Respondent's Proposal should include a sample contract and any additional terms and conditions for the County's review and consideration.**

### **2.2.36 Time for Performance**

The Respondent's Proposal should include an estimated time frame for completion of each of the Deliverables – noted in 5.0 of this proposal. This project must be completed within 24 months from the date of Commissioners Court Award.

## 2.2.37 Insurance Requirements

By signing its Proposal, the Successful Respondent agrees to maintain at all times during any term of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement at Successful Respondent's cost, insurance in accordance with this provision.

Successful Respondent will be required to submit Certificates of Insurance **prior to contract award**.

All certificates of insurance coverage as specified below must be provided to the following individual:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
901 S Austin Ave  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Failure to comply with these Insurance Requirements may result in the termination of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement(s) between the Successful Respondent and County.

The following coverage limits shall be required at a minimum:

A. Worker's Compensation Statutory – Texas Law

B. Employer's Liability:

Bodily Injury by Accident	\$500,000 Ea. Accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 Ea. Employee
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$500,000 Policy Limit

C. Comprehensive general liability including completed operations and contractual liability insurance for bodily injury, death, or property damages in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
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Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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Aggregate policy limits:	\$1,000,000
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D. Comprehensive automobile and auto liability insurance (covering owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles):

COVERAGE	PER PERSON	PER OCCURRENCE
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Bodily injury (including death)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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Property damage	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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Aggregate policy limits:	No aggregate limit
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E. Umbrella Coverage:	\$1,000,000
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Successful Respondent's property will not be covered by any insurance that may be carried by Williamson County. Successful Respondent assumes the risk of loss on its contents and property that are situated on/in/around Williamson County property. The Successful Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain insurance on its property to the extent deemed necessary by the Successful Respondent.

The deductible for an insurance policy required hereunder shall not exceed \$100,000. **Williamson County shall be named as an additional insured under any policy of insurance required hereunder.**

Successful Respondent shall not commence any work until it has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by County. Successful Respondent shall not allow any subcontractor(s) to commence work to be performed until all required insurance has been obtained by such subcontractor(s) and approved by County. Approval of the insurance by County shall not relieve or decrease the liability of Successful Respondent or its subcontractor(s) hereunder.

The required insurance must be written by a company approved to do business in the State of Texas with a financial standing of at least an A- rating, as reflected in Best's insurance ratings or by a similar rating system recognized within the insurance industry at the time the policy is issued. Successful

Respondent shall furnish County with a certificate of coverage issued by the insurer. Successful Respondent shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse. ALL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POLICY SHALL NOT BE CANCELED OR REDUCED, RESTRICTED OR LIMITED UNTIL TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER COUNTY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE AS EVIDENCED BY RETURN RECEIPT OF REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED LETTER.

It is the intention of the County, and agreed to and hereby acknowledged by the Successful Respondent, that no provision of this Contract or any ensuing Agreement shall be construed to require the County to submit to mandatory arbitration or mediation in the settlement of any claim, cause of action or dispute, except as specifically required in direct connection with an insurance claim or threat of claim under an insurance policy required hereunder which absolutely requires arbitration or mediation of such claim, or as otherwise required by law or a court of law with jurisdiction over the provisions of this Contract or any ensuing Agreement.

### **2.2.38 Workers' Compensation Coverage Requirements**

The Texas Labor Code, §406.096, requires workers' compensation insurance coverage for all persons providing services on a building or construction project for a governmental entity such as Williamson County. The rule requires Williamson County to timely obtain certificates of coverage and retain them for the duration of the project. The rule also sets out the language to be included in the RFP specifications and in contracts awarded by a governmental entity and the information required to be in the posted notice to employees. The rule is adopted under the Texas Labor Code, §402.061.

The information provided below is a result of this rule. By submitting your Proposal to the County, you are acknowledging that this rule is a part of these RFP specifications, and that you will observe and abide by all of the requirements outlined in the rule. You are further agreeing that should your Proposal be accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, the necessary certificates of coverage showing workers' compensation coverage, will be provided to the following name and address prior to beginning work:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
901 South Austin Avenue  
Georgetown, TX 78626

Failure to comply with this request may result in termination of the Contract and any ensuing Agreement. If you have any questions related to this ruling and/or requirement, you are encouraged to contact either the Williamson County Purchasing Department at (512) 943-1546, or you may call the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission at (800) 372-7713.

A. The following words and terms, when used in this provision, shall have the following meanings. Terms not defined in this rule shall have the meaning defined in the Texas Labor Code, if so defined.

(1) Certificate of coverage (certificate)--A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a workers' compensation coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees (including those subject to a coverage agreement) providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

(2) Building or construction--Has the meaning defined in the Texas Labor Code, §406.096(e)(1).

(3) Contractor--A person bidding or making a proposal for or awarded a building or construction project by Williamson County.

(4) Coverage--Workers' compensation insurance meeting the statutory requirements of the Texas Labor Code, §401.011(44).

(5) Coverage agreement--A written agreement on form TWCC-81, form TWCC-82, form TWCC-83, or form TWCC-84, filed with the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission which establishes a relationship between the parties for purposes of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, pursuant to the Texas Labor Code, Chapter 406, Subchapters F and G, as one of employer/employee and establishes who will be responsible for providing workers' compensation coverage for persons providing services on the project.

(6) Duration of the project--Includes the time from the beginning of work on the project until the work on the project has been completed and accepted by Williamson County.

(7) Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

(8) Project--Includes the provision of all services related to a building or construction contract for Williamson County.

B. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

C. The Contractor must provide a certificate of workers compensation coverage to Williamson County prior to being awarded the Contract.

D. If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with Williamson County showing that coverage has been extended.

E. The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to Williamson County:

(1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so Williamson County will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

(2) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

F. The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

G. The contractor shall notify Williamson County in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

H. The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

I. The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

(1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

(2) provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

(3) provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:

(a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

(b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;

(6) notify Williamson County in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

(7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

J. By signing this Contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to Williamson County that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

K. The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles Williamson County to declare the Contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from Williamson County.

### **2.2.39 Travel & Non-Labor Reimbursements:**

All travel and non-labor reimbursements must be paid pursuant to the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy, which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this RFP and incorporated herein as if copied in full.

### **2.2.40 Legal Liability Information**

The Successful Bidder shall disclose all legal liability information by listing any pending litigation or anticipated litigation that your firm is involved in, including but not limited to, potential or actual legal matters with private parties and any local, State, Federal or international governmental entities. Williamson County reserves the right to consider legal liability information in the recommendation of any proposed contract to the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

### **2.2.41 Confidentiality**

Respondent expressly agrees that it will not use any direct or incidental confidential information that may be obtained while working in a governmental setting for its own benefit, and agrees that it will not access unauthorized areas or confidential information and it will not disclose any information to unauthorized third parties, and will take care to guard the security of the information at all times.

## **3. INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Read this document carefully. Follow all instructions and requirements. You are responsible for fulfilling all requirements and specifications. Be sure you have a clear understanding of this RFP.**

General requirements apply to all advertised RFPs; however, these may be superseded, in whole or in part, by the **Proposal Specifications, Addenda issued as a part of this RFP and Modifications issued as a part of this RFP**. Be sure your Proposal package is complete.

### **3.1 Ambiguity, Conflict, or other Errors in the RFP**

If Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this RFP, Respondent shall immediately notify Williamson County Purchasing Department of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Modifications will be made by issuing Addenda. If the Respondent fails to notify Williamson County prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Proposals of an error or ambiguity in the RFP known to Respondent, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to Respondent, then Respondent shall be deemed to have waived the error or ambiguity or its later resolution.

Williamson County may also modify the RFP, no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Proposals, by issuance of an Addendum. All addenda will be numbered consecutively, beginning with 1.

### **3.2 Notification of Most Current Address**

Respondents in receipt of this RFP shall notify the Williamson County Purchasing Department of any address changes, contact person changes, and/or telephone number changes no later than 48 hours prior to the date and time fixed for submission of Proposals.

### **3.3 Proposal Preparation Cost**

Cost of developing Proposals is entirely the responsibility of Respondents and shall not be charged to Williamson County.

### **3.4 Signature of Respondent**

A Transmittal Letter, which shall be considered an integral part of the Proposal, shall be signed by an individual who is authorized to bind the Respondent contractually.

If the Respondent is a Corporation or Limited Liability Company, the legal name of the Corporation or Limited Liability Company shall be provided together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign on behalf of such entity.

If the Respondent is a General Partnership, the true name of the firm shall be provided with the signature of each partner authorized to sign.

If the Respondent is a Limited Partnership, the name of the Limited Partner's General Partner shall be provided with the signature of the officer authorized to sign on behalf of the General Partner.

If the Respondent is a Sole Proprietor(s) (individual), each Sole Proprietor(s) shall sign.

If signature is by an agent, other than the Sole Proprietor(s) or an officer of a Corporation, Limited Liability Company, General Partner or a member of a General Partnership, a power of attorney or equivalent document must be submitted to the Williamson County Purchasing Department prior to contract award.

### **3.5 Assumed Business Name**

If the Respondent operates business under an Assumed Business Name, the Respondent must have on file with the Williamson County Clerk a current Assumed Name Certificate and provide a file marked copy of same prior to contract award.

### **3.6 Economy of Presentation**

Proposals should not contain promotional or display materials, except as they may directly answer in whole or in part questions contained in the RFP. Such exhibits shall be clearly marked with the applicable reference number of the question in the RFP. Proposals must address the technical requirements as specified in the RFP. All questions posed by the RFP must be answered concisely and clearly. Proposals that do not address each criterion may be, at the sole discretion of Williamson County, rejected and not considered.

### **3.7 Proposal Obligation**

The contents of the RFP, Proposal and any clarification thereof submitted by the Successful Respondent shall become part of the contractual obligation and incorporated by reference into the Contract and any ensuing agreement.



### **3.8 Compliance with RFP Specifications**

It is intended that this RFP describe the requirements and the response format in sufficient detail to secure comparable Proposals. Failure to comply with all provisions of the RFP may, at the sole discretion of Williamson County, result in disqualification.

### **3.9 Evaluation**

Williamson County reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the RFP process) that might affect Williamson County's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the best evaluated Respondent. This information may be appended to the Proposal evaluation process results. Information on a Respondent from reliable sources, and not within the Respondent's Proposal, may also be noted and made part of the evaluation file. Williamson County shall have sole discretion for determining the reliability of the source. Williamson County reserves the right to conduct written and/or oral discussions/interviews after the Proposal opening. The purpose of such discussions/interviews is to provide clarification and/or additional information to make an award that is in the best interest of Williamson County.

### **3.10 Withdrawal of Proposal**

The Respondent may withdraw its Proposal by submitting a written request over the signature of an authorized individual, as described herein above, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department any time prior to the submission deadline. The Respondent may thereafter submit a new Proposal prior to the deadline. Withdrawal of a Proposal after the deadline will be subject to written approval of the Williamson County Purchasing Agent.

### **3.11 Responsibility**

It is expected that a Respondent will be able to affirmatively demonstrate Respondent's responsibility. A Respondent should be able to meet the following requirements:

- a) have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- b) be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- c) have a satisfactory record of performance; and
- d) be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

Williamson County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine Respondent's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

### **3.13 Purchase Orders**

If required by the Williamson County Purchasing Department, a purchase order(s) may be generated to the Successful Respondent for goods and/or services. If a purchase order is issued, the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and/or requests for payment.

### **3.14 Silence of Specifications**

The apparent silence of any RFP specifications as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

### **3.15 References**

Williamson County requires Respondent to supply a list of at least three (3) references **within the last 4 years** where like services and/or goods have been supplied by Respondent if Respondent has not done business with the County within the past five (5) years.

## 4. RESPONSE FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

### 4.1 Introduction

Each Proposal submitted in response to this RFP should clearly reference those numbered sections of this RFP that require a response. Failure to arrange the Proposal as requested may result in the disqualification of the Proposal.

Though there is not a page limit for Proposals, to save natural resources including paper, and to allow Williamson County staff to efficiently evaluate all submitted Proposals, Williamson County requests that Proposals be orderly, concise, but comprehensive in providing the requested information. Conciseness and clarity of content are emphasized and encouraged. Please limit additional, non-requested information.

Please provide your Proposal response using:

- 8 ½" x 11" pages, inclusive of any cover letter or supporting materials
- The least amount of plastic/laminate or other non-recyclable binding materials
- Single-sided printing

Vague and general Proposals will be considered non-responsive, and may, at County's sole discretion, result in disqualification. Proposals must be legible and complete. Failure to provide the required information may result in the disqualification of the Proposal. All pages of the Proposal should be numbered and the Proposal should contain an organized, paginated table of contents corresponding to the sections and pages of the Proposal.

### 4.2 Organization of Proposal Contents and Table of Contents

Each Proposal should be submitted with a table of contents that clearly identifies and denotes the location of each title and subtitle of the Proposal. Additionally, the table of contents should clearly identify and denote the location of all enclosures of the Proposal. The table of contents should follow the RFP's structure as much as is practical.

Each Proposal should be organized in the manner described below:

- a. Transmittal Letter
- b. Table of Contents
- c. Executive Summary
- d. Proposal Response to Criteria (see 5.0-5.5 Specifications & 7.3.2 Cost Proposal, Experience and Qualifications, References, Implementation Strategy)
- e. Price Sheet form (Appendix A)
- f. References: Identification of three (3) references *within the last 4 years* for which the Respondent is providing or has provided the goods and services (public sector) of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity (Appendix B of RFP)
- g. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Appendix C of RFP)
- h. Proposal Affidavit and Addenda Acknowledgement (Appendix D of RFP)
- i. Signature Page (Appendix E of RFP)
- j. Attach your entities Sample Contract

### 4.3 Transmittal Letter

The Respondent should submit a Transmittal Letter that provides the following:

1. Name and address of individual or business entity submitting the Proposal;
2. Respondent's type of business entity (i.e., Corporation, General Partnership, Limited Partnership, LLC, etc.);
3. Place of incorporation or organization, if applicable;

4. Name and location of major offices and other facilities that relate to the Respondent's performance under the terms of this RFP;
5. Name, address, business and fax number of the Respondent's principal contact person regarding all contractual matters relating to this RFP;
6. The Respondent's Federal Employer Identification Number;
7. A commitment by the Respondent to provide the services required by Williamson County;
8. A statement that the Proposal is valid for ninety (90) calendar days from the deadline for submittal of Proposals to Williamson County (Any Proposal containing a term of less than ninety (90) calendar days for acceptance, may at Williamson County's sole discretion, be rejected as non-responsive.);
9. If the Proposal being submitted will have an effect on air quality for Williamson County (as it relates to any state, federal, or voluntary air quality standard), then the Respondent is encouraged to provide information in narrative form indicating the anticipated air quality impact.

The Transmittal Letter should be signed by a person legally authorized to bind the Respondent to the representations in the Transmittal Letter and Proposal. In the case of a joint Proposal, each party must sign the Transmittal Letter.

#### **4.4 Executive Summary**

The Respondent should provide an Executive Summary of its Proposal that asserts that the Respondent is providing in its response all of the requirements of this RFP. The Executive Summary must represent a full and concise summary of the contents of the Proposal

The Executive Summary should not include any information concerning the cost of the Proposal.

The Respondent should identify any services and/or goods that are provided beyond those specifically requested. If the Respondent is providing services and/or goods that do not meet the specific requirements of this RFP, but in the opinion of the Respondent are equivalent or superior to those specifically requested, any such differences should be noted in the Executive Summary. However, the Respondent must realize that failure to provide the services specifically required may, at Williamson County's sole discretion, result in disqualification of the Proposal.

The Respondent also should indicate why it believes that it is the most qualified Respondent to provide the services described in this RFP. The Successful Respondent must demonstrate extensive experience in and understanding required in order to carry out the intent of this project. The Respondent should describe in detail the current and historical experience the Respondent and its subcontractors have that would be relevant to completing the project. References must contain the name of key contacts and a telephone number. The Respondent should briefly state why it believes its proposed services and/or goods best meet Williamson County's needs and RFP requirements, and the Respondent also should concisely describe any additional features, aspects, or advantages of its services and/or goods in any relevant area not covered elsewhere in its Proposal.

#### **4.5 Conflict of Interest**

No public official shall have interest in a contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171, as amended. As of January 1, 2006, Respondents are responsible for complying with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the Williamson County website at the following link: <http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/ConflictofInterestDisclosure/tabid/689/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Each Respondent must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the requirements of this RFP. Examples of potential conflicts may include an existing business or personal relationship between the Respondent, its principal, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with Williamson County or any other entity or person involved in any way in the project that is the subject of this RFP. Similarly, any personal or business relationship between the Respondent, the principals, or any affiliate or subcontractor, with any employee or official of Williamson County or its suppliers must be disclosed. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. Failure to disclose any such relationship or reveal personal relationships with Williamson

County employees or officials may be cause for termination. Williamson County will decide if an actual or perceived conflict should result in Proposal disqualification.

By submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, all Respondents affirm that they have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a Williamson County public servant or any employee, official or representative of same, in connection with this procurement.

**Each Respondent must provide a Conflict of Interest Statement. The Conflict of Interest Statement is attached as an appendix to this RFP and must be completed, signed, and submitted prior to contract award.**

#### **4.6 Ethics**

The Respondent shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Williamson County.

#### **4.7 Proposal Submittal**

The Proposal is due no later than the submittal date and time set forth on Page 1 of this RFP, and should include each item identified on the Proposal Submittal Checklist page of this RFP.

#### **4.8 Delivery of Proposals**

All Proposals are to be delivered on or before the submittal deadline, as noted on Page 1 of this RFP, to:

Williamson County Purchasing Department  
Attn: COOP and EOP Consulting Service and Planning Software  
15RFP121  
901 S Austin Ave  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Williamson County will not accept any Proposals received after the submittal deadline, and shall return such Proposals unopened to the Respondent.

Williamson County will not accept any responsibility for Proposals being delivered by third party carriers.

Respondent should submit **one (1) original, two (2) paper copies** and **one (1) CD or (1) USB** copy of the Proposal. Proposals will be opened publicly in a manner to avoid public disclosure of contents; however, names of Respondents will be read aloud.

Respondents should list the Proposal Number on the outside of the box or envelope and note "Sealed Proposal Enclosed."

**FAILURE BY RESPONDENT TO INCLUDE ALL LISTED ITEMS MAY, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF ITS PROPOSAL.**

## **5. PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **5.1 General Information and Scope of Work**

#### **5.1.1 Purpose**

Williamson County, hereafter called "the COUNTY," seeks a commercial off-the-shelf hosted software solution to facilitate the development and maintenance of continuity of operations plans (COOP) and emergency operations plans (EOP). The software application shall adhere to the guidance and best practices published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The software application shall have substantial out-of-the box functionality and require minimal, if any, customization prior to deployment. The County will approach COOP using a distributed plan methodology whereby individual departments/business units will develop and maintain plans.

The software solution must provide robust management and reporting capabilities to track activities and progress in the county's distributed environment.

The purpose of the software must be to help County Departments identify their essential functions and ensure that those functions can be continued throughout or resumed rapidly, after a disruption of normal activities.

#### **5.1.2. Background**

Williamson County is located in central Texas in close proximity to Austin, the State Capital and the Ft. Hood military installation in Killeen.

Williamson County is currently one of the fastest growing counties in the United States with an estimated population of 500,000.

Williamson County is comprised of 1,187 square miles, four (4) county precincts and 15 jurisdictions.

Williamson County has approximately 1,500 employees and provides a variety of services to the public.

Williamson County contains both urban and rural areas, home to industry leaders including Dell and the Schwertner Cattle Company.

### **5.2 Requirements**

#### **Technical Requirements**

1. The solution must be a web-based Software as a Service (SaaS) application requiring only a web browser with no plugins or extensions for both user and administrator access.

Vendor Response:

2. The solution must be compatible with the following web browsers:
  - a. Internet Explorer – version 10 or greater
  - b. Mozilla Firefox – version 30 or greater
  - c. Google Chrome – version 40 or greater

Vendor Response:

3. The solution must be a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Solution. Custom web interfaces, or custom SaaS solutions will not be accepted.

Vendor Response:

4. Prefer that the primary data center be located in the continental United States.

Vendor Response:

5. Prefer that solution provider use data centers capable of providing high availability to the software application, Uptime Institute Tier 3 (99.982%) or higher.

Vendor Response:

6. Prefer that the solution provider operate in multiple data centers located outside of areas that are considered high risk for natural disasters (e.g. hurricanes). Please indicate the number and location of each.

Vendor Response:

7. Prefer that the solution provider utilize multiple internet connections (preferably from multiple providers) in each data center.

Vendor Response:

8. Prefer that Williamson County's data remain separate from other customers. Please indicate if the proposed solution a dedicated or a shared environment and how the County's data will be segregated.

Vendor Response:

9. Prefer that the hosting facility be SAS 70 II and/or SSAE 16 compliant. How often is this compliance audited?

Vendor Response:

10. Prefer that the solution provider actively enforce SAS 70 II controls & requirements in to the work processes. Please indicate how this is accomplished.

Vendor Response:

11. Prefer that the County's data be backed up with an industry-standard solution. Please detail.

Vendor Response:

12. Prefer that the backup data be stored in a disparate location from the source data.

Vendor Response:

13. Prefer that the backup data be stored in an encrypted format.

Vendor Response:

14. Prefer that the backup data not be accessible to any user that does not have administrative access to the data servers.

Vendor Response:

15. Prefer that any database utilized be capable of restoration to a specific point in time in the event of a failure. Prefer that this occur at least every 24 hours.

Vendor Response:

16. Prefer that a request to restore data be processed within 4 hours of notification by Williamson County.

Vendor Response:

17. Prefer that business continuity & disaster recovery options be available. Please indicate the options.

Vendor Response:

18. Prefer that the solution provider have a secondary or DR (disaster recovery) data center in a disparate location no closer than 100 miles to the primary data center. Where is that secondary location?

Vendor Response:

19. Prefer that the solution provider have the infrastructure to replicate and synchronize data between the primary and DR data centers on at least a daily basis.

Vendor Response:

20. Prefer that the solution provider be able to activate the DR environment within 4 hours of a failure.

Vendor Response:

21. Prefer that data sent/received by the solution use at least 128-bit industry-standard. Also, please specify the type and level of the encryption.

Vendor Response:

22. Prefer that any data stored in a database use industry-standard encryption. Also, please specify the type and level of the encryption.

Vendor Response:

23. Prefer Windows Active Directory authentication for user logins. If AD is not supported, please list the other enterprise authentication methods available (LDAP, RADIUS).

Vendor Response:

24. Prefer that authentication for individual user accounts be logged by the solution.

Vendor Response:

25. (If Active Directory is not supported) Authentication should support the use of strong passwords (greater than 8 characters, numbers and letters, upper and lower case, and special characters).

Vendor Response:

26. (If Active Directory is not supported) Authentication should support password aging (e.g. every 90 days). Please specify the aging time.

Vendor Response:

27. Prefer that the solution support the following client-side system platforms. Please note any specific OS versions if needed. If others are supported, please note the platforms.
- a. PC, Laptop, or Tablet running Microsoft Windows 7, Windows 8.1 or later

Vendor Response:

28. Prefer that the solution provider not require the user to have administrator rights on the client machine.

Vendor Response:

29. Prefer that the solution client interface be supported in a Virtual Desktop infrastructure (VDI) environment.

Vendor Response:

### **5.2.2 General Requirements**

30. Prefer that the solution support a distributed planning model with the ability to accommodate any number of departmental plans within an organization using standard data input templates.

Vendor Response:

31. Prefer that the solution support a minimum of twenty-five (25) concurrent users.

Vendor Response:

32. Prefer that the solution supply data input templates that comply with COOP/EOP guidance and best practices from DHS/FEMA, and shall include templates for the following elements at a minimum:
- a. Emergency Operations
  - b. Essential functions
  - c. Delegations of authority
  - d. Succession planning
  - e. Alternate facilities
  - f. Interoperable communications
  - g. Vital records and databases
  - h. Human capital
  - i. A test, training, and exercise program
  - j. Plans for Devolution of control and direction and Reconstitution

Vendor Response:

33. Prefer that the solution have the ability to customize templates and data entry pick lists to match organizational requirements.



Vendor Response:

34. Prefer that the solution provide text data fields to accommodate descriptive text.

Vendor Response:

35. Prefer that the solution provide a text editor capable of formatting text within text fields (e.g., bold, underline and italic).

Vendor Response:

36. Prefer that the solution have the ability to apply customer branding including color schemes, logos, and home page text.

Vendor Response:

37. Prefer that the solution provide an online repository for documents, disaster recovery scripts, and other files relevant to the COOP process.

Vendor Response:

38. Prefer that the solution be compatible with Microsoft Office 2010 or greater and allow the import and export of Word and Excel files in native file format.

Vendor Response:

39. Prefer that the solution provide detailed logs of activity at the system, plan and user levels

Vendor Response:

40. Prefer that the solution store access information for other related, agency systems which need to be revived.

Vendor Response:

41. Prefer that the solution store a prioritized lists of functions within each department.

Vendor Response:

42. Prefer that the solution store a prioritized list of functions within the County as a whole.

Vendor Response:

43. Prefer that the solution provide tools to critically analyze business segments within departments/agencies to check for vulnerabilities.

Vendor Response:

44. Prefer that the solution provide web interfaces to access the plans and other information stored in the system.

Vendor Response:

45. Prefer that the solution provide templates for collecting data required for performing Risk Assessments and Business Impact Analyses.

Vendor Response:

46. Prefer that the solution provide user online context sensitive help to assist user with templates.

Vendor Response:

47. Prefer that the solution provide the ability for plan administrators to grade tasks and provide feedback to individual team members.

Vendor Response:

### **Data Import/Export**

48. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to bulk upload contact information and other plan data from customer MS SQL database.

Vendor Response:

49. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to download entire plans in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat format to facilitate printing of paper copies of plans.

Vendor Response:

50. Williamson County prefers the ability to obtain copies of the County's data on an as-needed basis. Please indicate how this process works.

Vendor Response:

### **Reporting**

51. Prefer that the solution provide comprehensive reporting capabilities at the detail, summary, and management levels. Describe the reporting capabilities of the software solution including canned reports and ad-hoc reporting capabilities. List the types of canned reports supplied.

Vendor Response:

52. Generate reports in HTML and MS Word/Excel format without the requirement for additional manipulation and/or formatting.

Vendor Response:

53. Provide reporting capability to track dependencies across business units related to business processes, IT systems/applications, and required resources.

Vendor Response:

54. Prefer that the solution support ad-hoc reports created by the user either inside the solution or via a third party tool, such as Crystal Reports.

Vendor Response:

### **Security**

55. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to define role-based security (system administrator, plan administrator, plan user, and view only) by individual plan, groups of plans, or all plans.

Vendor Response:

### **Management**

56. Prefer that the solution provide a calendar function capable of triggering automated email reminders related to plan development, maintenance, training and testing activities.

Vendor Response:

57. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to track the completion status of individual plan elements.

Vendor Response:

58. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to assign tasks to members of a planning team and send email reminders.

Vendor Response:

59. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to apply workflow to tasks and plans that will require approval before the plan or status is changed.

Vendor Response:

### **Training, Exercises, and Support**

60. Prefer that the solution include general training or workshops for administrators, planners, and end-users on all associated software and processes.

Vendor Response:

61. Prefer that the solution provide workshops to facilitate plan development for administrators, planners, and end-users.

Vendor Response:

62. Prefer that the solution provider customer or technical support to the administrators and end-users of the software products.

Vendor Response:

63. Prefer that the solution provide opportunities to exercise plans to include the evaluation and development of the After Action Report and Improvement Plan (AAR/IP).

Vendor Response:

**Vendor and Product Strategy**

64. Prefer that the solution provider manage projects in a structured manner following an industry standards such as Agile or PMI.

Vendor Response:

65. Prefer that the solution provider involve experienced project management resources in the proposed solution.

Vendor Response:

66. Prefer that the solution be part of the vendor’s product road-map and overall strategy. This strategy must be regularly communicated to the customers.

Vendor Response:

67. Prefer that the solution provider evaluate (and if appropriate) accommodate customer requirements into the product strategy through a defined process.

Vendor Response:

68. Prefer that the solution provide the ability to incorporate new features through subsequent releases or separate modules of the solution.

Vendor Response:

**5.3 Cost Proposal**

Describe in detail and individually the cost model for the project phases and services, if applicable on Appendix A:

Initial software procurement cost	
Optional software components required to satisfy the requirements of this RFP	
Implementation services	
Customization services	
Training	
Ongoing user support	
Expansion	
Annual subscription/software maintenance fees	

Provide a two (2) fiscal year phased approach to this project attempting to maintain an equal budget for each phase.

Provide the average annual increase in subscription/software maintenance fees over the past five years.

On Appendix A provide annual hosting subscription fee, annual maintenance and support fee. It is the County’s desire to have the option to renew for up to (5) five additional one year periods. Renewal options will be reviewed on an annual basis and have to be approved by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

#### 5.4 References

List names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three (3) organizations similar in size to Williamson County. Detail the scope of work performed for the reference organizations.

#### Additional Information for the vendors

##### County Elected Offices and Departments

County Judge's Office

- Budget Office
- Public Affairs/Public Information

PCT Commissioner (4)

PCT Constable (4)

PCT Justice of the Peace (4)

District Attorney

County Attorney

County Clerk

County Courts at Law (4)

County Treasurer

County Tax Assessor Collector

District Clerk

District Courts (5)

Sherriff's Office

- Law Enforcement
- Jail

Department of Emergency Services

- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Medical Service
- Mobile Outreach Team
- Hazardous Materials
- Office of Emergency Management
- Wireless Communications

Department of Human Resources

- Veteran Affairs

Department of Technology Services

- Network Operations
- Enterprise Applications
- Telecommunications Systems
- Help Desk
- GIS / 911 Mapping
- Public Safety Technology

Department of Infrastructure

- Road and Bridge
- Facilities

- Fleet Services
- County Engineer

Parks and Recreation Department  
 Auditor's Office  
 Purchasing  
 Regional Animal Shelter  
 Elections  
 Juvenile Services  
 CSCD (Adult Probation)  
 Williamson County and Cities Health District

## **6. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

Jarred Thomas, (or successor), Williamson County Emergency Management Coordinator, 911 Tracy Chambers Lane, Georgetown, TX shall serve as Williamson County's Contract Administrator with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Contract and any ensuing agreement, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The Contract Administrator will serve as liaison between Williamson County Commissioners Court and the Successful Respondent.

## **7. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

### **7.1 Introduction**

The Proposal evaluation and selection process is detailed in this section, as are other factors, and the format in which the Price Proposal of each Proposal should be submitted.

### **7.2 Price Proposal**

The Respondent must utilize the form provided in the Appendix below in its submission of a Price Proposal in response to this RFP. The Price Proposal should be included in each copy of the Proposal. Any reworked version of the Appendix that is intended to be a substitute and that is provided by a Respondent may be determined as non-responsive, and may, at Williamson County's sole discretion, result in the Respondent's disqualification.

### **7.3 Proposal Evaluation and Selection**

#### **7.3.1 Evaluation/Selection Criteria**

All Proposals received by the designated date and time will be evaluated based on the Respondent's Proposal. Other information may be taken into consideration when that information potentially provides an additional benefit to Williamson County, and further helps Williamson County in receiving the services listed in the RFP.

#### **7.3.2 Evaluation Committee and Selection Process**

All Proposals will be evaluated by a County appointed Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee may be composed of County Staff that may have expertise, knowledge or experience with the services and/or goods being procured hereunder. Those Respondents meeting all requirements and deemed most qualified may receive further evaluation via telephone or in-person interviews with members of the Evaluation Committee. The County will select a Respondent determined best and most responsible Respondent meeting minimum specifications and qualifications.

Respondents are advised that the Evaluation Committee, at its option, may recommend an award strictly on the basis of the initial RFP responses, or in addition, may have interviews with firms to determine its final recommendation. The Evaluation Committee will present its recommendation to the Williamson County Commissioners' Court for approval and award of contract.

Finalist shall be determined by the Respondent receiving the most points in relation to the following Evaluation Criteria and any further scoring that may be conducted based upon Respondent's presentation during the interview process:

**Evaluation of the Proposals received will be based on the following criteria. Mandatory criteria must be met to be considered for scoring.**

Cost (Total Cost of Project)	40 pts
Implementation Plan	20 pts
Qualifications	20 pts
Ability of vendor to deliver the service	20 pts
<b>Total points</b>	<b>100 pts</b>

Williamson County reserves the right to award a contract for any or all areas of this RFP.

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to provide sufficient information/data in a convincing manner to the Evaluation Committee to assure all of the terms, conditions and expectations for satisfactory performance of the services requested herein will be met.

**All contact during the evaluation phase shall be through the Williamson County Purchasing Department only.** Successful Respondent shall neither contact nor lobby evaluators during the evaluation process. Attempts by Successful Respondent to contact and/or influence members of the Evaluation Committee may result in disqualification of Proposal.



**FAILURE BY RESPONDENT TO INCLUDE ALL LISTED ITEMS MAY, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF ITS PROPOSAL. YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES BY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND USE ONLY REQUIRED FORMS IN THIS RFP TO ENSURE CONSIDERATION OF YOUR PROPOSAL. USE PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST PROVIDED TO ENSURE ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.**



**Proposal Submittal Checklist**  
**RESPONDENT SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS**  
**“PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST” WITH YOUR PROPOSAL.**

The Respondent’s attention is especially called to the items listed below (**return pages marked with red border**), which should be submitted in full as part of Respondent’s Proposal. Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your Proposal, or failure to acknowledge any Addendum in writing with your Proposal, or submitting a Proposal on any condition, limitation, or provision not officially invited in this RFP may serve, at Williamson County’s sole discretion, as cause for rejection of the Proposal. The County reserves the right to request that any Respondent clarify its Proposal or to supply any additional material deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation of the Proposal.

Respondent should check each box below indicating compliance.

- Transmittal Letter
- Table of Contents of the Proposal
- Executive Summary of Respondent’s Proposal
- Proposal and Response to Criteria
- Price Sheet form (Appendix A)
- References: Identification of three (3) references *within the last 4 years* for which the Respondent is providing or has provided the goods and services (public sector) of the type requested, including the name, position, and telephone number of a contact person at each entity (Appendix B)
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Appendix C)
- Proposal Affidavit and Addenda Acknowledgement (Appendix D)
- Signature Page (Appendix E)
- File copy of **Assumed Name Certificate** - *If Proposer is operating under an assumed business name, a file marked copy of the Assumed Name Certificate that has been filed with the Williamson County Clerk.*  
<https://deed.wilco.org/RealEstate/searchentry.aspx?cabinet=opr>
- One (1) original, two (2) paper copies and one (1) CD OR (1) USB copy of the Proposal should be mailed to or delivered on or before the Proposal submittal deadline, to the Williamson County Purchasing Department, 901 S Austin Ave Georgetown, TX 78626.
- A copy of your **SAMPLE CONTRACT**

**RESPONDENT SHOULD SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE WITH ITS PROPOSAL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

**APPENDIX A PRICE SHEET**  
**COOP and EOP Consulting Service and Planning Software**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL**

The undersigned Respondent, having become familiar with this RFP agrees to furnish the services and/or goods in accordance with this RFP at the following rate(s).

Item	Cost
Initial software procurement cost	
Optional software components required to satisfy the requirements of this RFP (please specify)	
Implementation services	
Customization services	
Training	
Expansion	

Item	Cost Year 1	Cost Year 2	Cost Year 3	Cost Year 4	Cost Year 5
Annual Hosting Subscription Fee after project completion					
Annual Maintenance Fee, if not included above, after project completion					
Annual User Support Fee, if not included above, after project completion					

**APPENDIX A PRICE SHEET -CONTINUED**  
**COOP and EOP Consulting Service and Planning Software**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this RFP and understands that Williamson County reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Proposals.

Respondent  
Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Fax:

Telephone:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title or Representative Capacity of Signer:

\_\_\_\_\_

State of Incorporation/Organization or Primary Place of Business:

\_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX B  
RESPONDENT REFERENCES  
PRIORTIZED UNIT MASTER ALERTING**

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were provided **in the last 4 years**.

**REFERENCE ONE**

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Two**

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE THREE**

Government/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

### For Respondent or other person doing business with local government entity

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006 Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.0006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

2.  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local government entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money.

4. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who is a local government officer and who appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of this questionnaire.

**APPENDIX C  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE - CONTINUED**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

FORM CIQ  
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**For Respondent or other person doing business with local government entity**

5. Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship. (Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or business relationship. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes       No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receive or likely to receive taxable income from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local government entity?

Yes       No

C. Is the filer of the questionnaire affiliated with a Corporation or other business entity that the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes       No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship:

6. Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest.

Respondent  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title                      or                      Representative                      Capacity                      of                      Signer:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D**  
**PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA**

**RESPONDENT HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ALL ADDENDA THROUGH AND INCLUDING:**

**INITIAL AND ACKNOWLEDGE # OF ADDENDA IN BLANK**

**ADDENDUM # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDENDUM # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDENDUM # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDENDUM # \_\_\_\_\_**

The undersigned certifies that the IFB and the Respondent's Proposal have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. Proposer further certifies and agrees to furnish any and/or all goods and/or services upon which prices are extended at the price negotiated, and upon the conditions contained in the RFP.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ (*Name of Signer*), who after being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Name of Signer*) am a duly authorized officer of/agent for \_\_\_\_\_ (*Name of Proposer*) and have been duly authorized to execute the foregoing on behalf of the said \_\_\_\_\_ (*Name of Proposer*).

I hereby certify that the foregoing Proposal has not been prepared in collusion with any other Proposer or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business prior to the official opening of this Proposal. Further, I certify that the Proposer is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, directly or indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination, to control the price of services/commodities Bid on, or to influence any person or persons to submit a proposal or not to submit a Proposal thereon."

Name and Address of Proposer:

\_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ on

this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for

## APPENDIX E SIGNATURE PAGE

This Proposal shall remain in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from Proposal opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The Respondent agrees, if this Proposal is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, in accordance with the Specifications, Terms and Conditions contained in the RFP, and all other items made a part of this RFP.

The undersigned affirms that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Proposal and that by executing this Proposal, Respondent understands, acknowledges and agrees that the Respondent's Proposal, when properly accepted by the Williamson County Commissioners Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Successful Respondent and Williamson County upon selection. Respondent represents to Williamson County that Respondent has not prepared this Proposal in collusion with any other Respondent, and that the contents of this Proposal as to prices, terms or conditions have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other Respondent or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this Proposal. And further, that neither the Respondent nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to submit a Proposal or not to submit a Proposal thereon.

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Respondent (Entity Name)

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Signature

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Street & Mailing Address

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Print Name

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City, State & Zip

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Date Signed

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Telephone Number

---

Fax Number

---

E-mail Address



# Williamson County Purchasing

## Address:

901 S Austin Ave  
Georgetown, TX 78626

## Directions:

### From South (Austin, Round Rock)

Take IH-35 Northbound  
Exit 261  
Take EXIT 261 toward TX-29/Burnet.  
Take the 1st right onto W University Ave/TX-29  
Turn left onto S Austin Ave  
**901 S AUSTIN AVE** is on the right

### From North (Jarrell, Georgetown)

Take IH-35 Southbound  
Exit 261  
Turn left onto TX-29/W University Ave  
Turn left onto S Austin Ave  
**901 S AUSTIN AVE** is on the right

