

CITY OF LAREDO
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***CITY OF LAREDO
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PURCHASING DIVISION
FORMAL INVITATION FOR BIDS***

**HANDHELD LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

REVISED 2/9/24

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Laredo is now accepting sealed bids, subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Invitation for Bids and other contract provisions, for awarding annual contracts for the purchase of new handheld landscaping equipment, accessories, and repair services for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Finance Department – Purchasing Division, 5512 Thomas Ave., Laredo, Texas 78041 or by downloading from our website: www.cityoflaredo.com or through Cit-E-Bid: <https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

Hand delivered bids will be received at the City Secretary Office, 1110 Houston St., 3rd. floor, Laredo, Texas 78040 until 5:00 P.M on February 26, 2024; and all bids received will be opened and read publicly at 11:00 A.M. at the Office of the City Secretary on February 27, 2024.

Hand delivered bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

**Bid: Handheld Landscaping Equipment – Parks & Recreation Department
FY24-049**

Bids can be downloaded and submitted through Cit-E-Bid:

<https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

Hand Delivered:

**City of Laredo – City Secretary
C/O Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Hall – Third Floor
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, Texas 78040**

The City of Laredo reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any minor irregularities.

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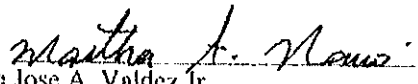
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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, ON THIS 31st DAY OF JANUARY 2024.


For: Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Secretary

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Bidders are required to submit bids upon the following expressed conditions:

- (a) Bidders shall thoroughly examine the specifications, schedule instructions and other contract documents. Once the award has been made, failure to read all specifications, instructions, and the contract documents, of the City shall not be cause to alter the original contract or for a vendor to requests additional compensation.
- (b) Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding facilities and locations for delivery of materials and equipment as required by the bid conditions. No pleas of ignorance by the bidder of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation to the vendor.
- (c) Bidders are advised that City contracts are subject to the all legal requirements provided for in the City Charter and/or applicable City Ordinances, State and Federal Statutes.

1.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS Bids will be prepared in accordance with the following:

- (a) All information required by the bid form shall be furnished. For hand delivered submittals only, the vendor shall print or type the business name and manually sign the schedule. For electronic submittals, this information shall be submitted electronically on Cit-E-Bid system.
- (b) Unit prices shall be shown and where there is an error in extension of price, the unit price shall govern.
- (c) Alternate bids will not be considered unless authorized by the invitation for bids or any applicable addendum
- (d) Proposed delivery time must be shown and shall include Sundays and holidays
- (e) Bidders will not include Federal taxes or State of Texas limited sales tax in bid prices since the City of Laredo is exempt from payment of such taxes. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request.
- (f) The City shall pay no costs or other amounts incurred by any entity in responding to this RFB, or as a result of issuance of this RFB.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES Any catalog or manufacturer's reference used in describing an item is merely descriptive, and not restrictive, unless otherwise noted, and is used only to indicate type and quality of material. Bidder is required to state exactly what they intend to furnish; otherwise bidder shall be required to furnish the items as specified.

3.0 SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- (a) Bids and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, properly addressed and to include the date and hour of the bid opening and the material or services bid on shall be typed or written on the face of the envelope. If submitted electronically, this information shall be submitted electronically on Cit-E-Bid system by going to the following link: <https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>
- (b) Unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Bidders cover sheet, all hand delivered bids must be submitted to the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 1110 Houston Street.
- (c) Bids forms can be downloaded and printed through Cit-E-Bid. **Mailed Bids (i.e. USPS, FedEx, UPS), telegraphic, email or facsimile bids will not be considered.**
- (d) Samples, when required, must be submitted within the time specified, at no expense to the City of Laredo. If not destroyed or used up during testing, samples will be returned upon request at the bidder's expense.
- (e) Bids must be valid for a minimum period of sixty (60) days. An extension to hold bid pricing for actual quantity bids may be requested by the City.

4.0 REJECTION OF BIDS The City may reject a bid if:

- (a) Bidder misstates or conceals any material fact in the bid.
- (b) Bid does not strictly conform to the law or the requirements of the bid.
- (c) Bidder is in arrears on existing contracts or taxes with the City of Laredo.
- (d) If bids are conditional. Bidder may qualify their bid for acceptance by the City on an "ALL OR NONE" basis. An "ALL OR NONE" basis bid must include all items in the specifications.
- (e) In the event that a bidder is delinquent in the payment of City taxes on the day the bids are opened, including state and local taxes, such fact shall constitute grounds for rejection of the bid or cancellation of the contract. A bidder is considered delinquent, regardless of any contract or agreed judgments to pay such delinquent taxes.

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- (f) No bid submitted herein shall be considered unless the bidder warrants that, upon execution of a contract with the City of Laredo, bidder will not engage in employment practices such as discriminating against employees because of race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. Bidder will submit such reports as the City may therefore require assuring compliance with said practices.
- (g) The City may reject all bids or any part of a bid whenever it is deemed necessary.
- (h) The City may waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any bid.

5.0 WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS Bids may not be withdrawn after they have been publicly opened, unless approved by the City Council.

6.0 LATE BIDS OR MODIFICATIONS Bids and modifications received after the time set for the bid deadline will not be considered. Late bids will be returned to the bidder unopened.

7.0 CLARIFICATION OR OBJECTION TO BID SPECIFICATIONS If any person contemplating submitting a bid for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications, or other bid documents or any part thereof, they may submit to the City Purchasing Agent on or before seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled bid deadline a request for clarification which must be submitted in writing through email seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date for opening to:

CITY OF LAREDO INTERIM PURCHASING AGENT Enrique Aldape III

5512 Thomas Ave,

Laredo, TX 78041

enaldape@ci.laredo.tx.us

or Questions & Responses section on Cit-E-Bid system. Any vendor submitting questions shall make reference to a specific bid number, section, page and item of this solicitation. In case there are changes, additions, and/or edits to the original scope of work, and addendum will be issued by the purchasing agent to all vendors through Cit-E-Bid system under Questions and Responses section to clarify any inquiries. The City will not be responsible for any other explanations or interpretations of the proposed bid made or given prior to the bid opening or award of contract.

- (a) Protest Procedures: The purpose of this procedure is to establish procedures whereby a vendor may protest specific procurement actions by the City of Laredo. The following sequence of activities must take place in filing a protest:
- (b) To be performed by protesting vendor: Within ten (10) days prior to the time that the City Council considers the recommendation of the City's Purchasing Officer, the protesting vendor must provide written protest to the City Purchasing Officer. Such protest must include specific reasons for the protest.
- (c) To be performed by City's Purchasing Officer: Shall review the records of procurement and determine legitimacy and procedural correctness. With five (5) working days, the City Purchasing Officer shall provide written response to the protesting vendor of the decision.
- (d) If the protesting vendor is not satisfied with the decision of the City Purchasing Officer, such protesting vendor may appeal to the City Manager of the City of Laredo. If the protesting vendor cannot resolve the issue with the City Manager, he shall be entitled to address his concerns when the City Council of the City of Laredo considers the awarding of the contract. Such appeal may be made only after exhausting all administrative procedures through the City Manager. All protests must be duly submitted via Certified Mail to:

City of Laredo - Purchasing Agent

5512 Thomas Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78041.

8.0 BIDDER DISCOUNTS

- (a) Percent discounts within a certain period of time will be accepted but cannot be used in the bid evaluation. The period of the discount offered should be sufficient to permit payments within such period in the regular course of business by the City of Laredo.
- (b) In connection with any discounts offered, time will be computed from the date of receipt of supplies or service or from the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made on the date the check is mailed.

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9.0 INTENT OF CONTRACT

- a) **ANNUAL SUPPLY/SERVICE CONTRACTS:** This contract does not commit the City to purchase the quantities indicated. The quantities are estimates and are based on the best available information. The purpose of this contract is to establish prices for the commodities or services needed, should the City need to purchase these commodities or services. Since the quantities are estimates, the City may purchase more than the estimated quantities, less than the estimated quantities, or not purchase any quantities at all. The needs of the City shall govern the amount that is purchased. All annual contracts shall bound by the terms of the bid documents. In the event a new contract cannot be executed on the anniversary date of the original term or renewal term, the contract may be renewed month to month until a new contract is executed.

The City's obligation for performance of an annual supply contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payments for the contract purchases can be made. If no funds are appropriated and budgeted during the next fiscal year, this contract becomes null and void.

10.0 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- (a) This contract will be **awarded** to the **(lowest responsive responsible bidder or bidders)**, in accordance to the provisions of Chapters 252 and 271 of the State of Texas – Local Government Code. There will be one primary and one secondary vendor for this contract.

Definition of lowest responsive and responsible bidder as per the Institute for Public Procurement is:

"Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder: The bidder who fully complied with all of the bid requirements and whose past performance, reputation, and financial capability is deemed acceptable, and who has offered the most advantageous pricing or cost benefit, based on the criteria stipulated in the bid documents."

- (b) The City reserves the right to accept any item or group of items in the bid specifications, unless the bidder qualifies it's bid by specific limitation. Proof: The bidder shall bear the burden of proof of compliance with the City of Laredo specifications.
- (c) A written award of acceptance (a duly approved purchase order or Letter of Award) furnished by the City to the successful bidder results in a binding contract without further action by either party. These Terms and Conditions shall be the basis and governing document of the binding contract.
- (d) Prices must be quoted F.O.B. Destination, Laredo, Texas, unless otherwise specified in the invitation to bid. The place of delivery shall be that set forth in the bid specifications and/or purchase order.
- (e) Title & Risk of Loss: The title and risk of loss of goods shall not pass to the City of Laredo until the City actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. The terms of this agreement is "no arrival, no sale".
- (f) Delivery time and prompt payment discounts will be considered in breaking ties. In the event of a tie bid, the successful bidder will be determined by choosing lots at the City Council meeting chambers.
- (g) The City of Laredo shall give written notice to the contractor (supplier) if any of the following conditions exist:
1. Contractor does not provide materials in compliance with specifications and/or within the time schedule specified in bid.
 2. Contractor neglects or refuses to remove materials or equipment which have been rejected by the City of Laredo if found not to comply with the specifications.
 3. The contractor makes an unauthorized assignment for the benefit of any contractor.
Upon receiving written notification from the City that one of the above conditions has occurred, the contractor must remedy the problem within ten (10) calendar days, to the complete satisfaction of the City, or the contract will be immediately canceled.
 4. Contract terms are the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) and the respective City user department(s).

11.0 PAYMENT & INVOICING

- (a) All invoices to the City of Laredo have a 30-day term from receipt of supplies or completion of services.
- (b) Discount terms will be computed from the date of receipt and acceptance of supplies or services. Payment shall be deemed to be made from that date.
- (c) All invoices must show the purchase order number and invoices shall be legible. Items billed on invoices should be specific as to applicable stock, manufacturer catalog or part number. All items must show unit prices. If prices are based on discounts from list, then list prices must appear on bid schedule.

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All invoices shall be mailed to the
Accounts Payable Office, City Hall, and
PO. Box 210
Laredo, Texas 78042.

- (d) The City of Laredo offers electronic funds transfer (ETF) payments in lieu of check payment when a vendor has filled out an Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Form issued by the City of Laredo or upon request from the vendor. This ensures prompt payment directly deposited to a bank account. The estimated payment time is up fifteen (15) days from the date payment is processed. (e) For any inquiries on payment status or general billing questions please contact:

Jorge J. Jolly,
Accounts Payable Manager
956-791-7328
jjolly@ci.laredo.tx.us
1110 Houston St.
Laredo, TX 78040.

12.0 In accordance to State of Texas, the City of Laredo follows State practices when awarding any and all competitive solicitations:

TEXAS ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING PRACTICE ACTS AND RULES CONCERNING PRACTICE AND LICENSURE OCCUPATIONS CODE TITLE 6. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LAND SURVEYING, AND RELATED PRACTICES SUBTITLE A. REGULATION OF ENGINEERING AND RELATED PRACTICES CHAPTER 1001. TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS CHAPTER 137: COMPLIANCE AND PROFESSIONALISM SUBCHAPTER C: PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS §137.53 ENGINEER STANDARDS OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT ACT

(a) A licensed engineer shall not submit or request, orally or in writing, a competitive bid to perform professional engineering services for a governmental entity unless specifically authorized by state law and shall report to the board any requests from governmental entities and/or their representatives that request a bid or cost and/or pricing information or any other information from which pricing or cost can be derived prior to selection based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services.

(b) For the purposes of this section, competitive bidding to perform engineering services includes, but is not limited to, the submission of any monetary cost information in the initial step of selecting qualified engineers. Cost information or other information from which cost can be derived must not be submitted until the second step of negotiating a contract at a fair and reasonable cost.

(c) This section does not prohibit competitive bidding in the private sector. Source Note: The provisions of this §137.53 adopted to be effective May 20, 2004, 29 TexReg 4878; amended to be effective June 4, 2007, 32 TexReg 2996.

13.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

If and when applicable or required by the contract, the successful bidder(s) shall furnish the City with original copies of valid insurance policies herein required upon execution of the contract and shall maintain said policies in full force and effect at all times throughout the term of this contract.

- (a) Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall include products/completed operations (\$1,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate) and XCU (Explosion, Collapse, Underground) hazards. Coverage must be written on an occurrence form. Contractual Liability must be maintained covering the Contractors obligations contained in the contract. The general aggregate limit must be at least two (2) times the each occurrence limit.
- (b) Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including Employers Liability coverage a minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence each accident/\$1,000,000 by disease each-occurrence/\$1,000,000 by disease aggregate.
- (c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per-occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired car coverage.

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- (d) Professional Liability, Errors & Omissions coverage, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim/ \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.
This coverage must be maintained for at least two years after the project is completed. If coverage is written on a claims-made basis, a policy retroactive date equivalent to the inception date of the contract (or earlier) must be maintained during the full term of the contract.
- (e) Any Subcontractor(s) hired by the Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage equal to that required of the Contractor. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to assure compliance with this provision. The City of Laredo accepts no responsibility arising from the conduct, or lack of conduct, of the Subcontractor.
- (f) A Comprehensive General Liability insurance form may be used in lieu of a Commercial General Liability insurance form. In this event, coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, at limits of \$1,000,000 each-occurrence, combined single limit, and coverage must include a broad form Comprehensive General Liability Endorsement, products/completed operations, XCU hazards, and contractual liability.
- (g) With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, Contractor shall specifically endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:
 - 1. The City of Laredo shall be named as an additional insured with respect to General Liability and Automobile Liability.
 - 2. All liability policies shall contain no cross liability exclusions or insured versus insured restrictions.
 - 3. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the City of Laredo shall be contained in the Workers compensation, and all liability policies.
 - 4. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify The City of Laredo of any material change in the insurance coverage.
 - 5. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that The City of Laredo will receive at least sixty- (60) days' notice prior to cancellation or non-renewal of the insurance.
 - 6. All insurance policies, which name The City of Laredo as an additional insured, must be endorsed to read as primary coverage regardless of the application of other insurance.
 - 7. Required limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary and umbrella liability insurances.
 - 8. Contractor may maintain reasonable and customary deductibles, subject to approval by The City of Laredo.
 - 9. Insurance must be purchased from insurers that are financially acceptable to the City of Laredo. Insurer must be rated A- or greater by AM Best Rating with an admitted carrier licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance.
- (h) All insurance must be written on forms filed with and approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:
 - 1. Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverage's according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
 - 2. Shall specifically set forth the notice-of-cancellation or termination provisions to The City of Laredo.
- (i) Upon request, Contractor shall furnish The City of Laredo with certified copies of all insurance policies.
- (j) **Certificates of insurance are always subject to review and approval from the City of Laredo Risk Management.**
- (k) Specialty certificates and licenses must be inspected and verified for accuracy and validity before award of contract.
 - (l) Awarded vendor is required to maintain current and active all: certifications, licenses, permits and/or insurance coverages, required to perform work, throughout the duration of this project/contract.

14.0 CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

14.1 CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE 2012-0-126

Vendors doing business with the City of Laredo shall comply with all provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of Ethics.

14.2 PROHIBITED CONTACTS DURING CONTRACT SOLICITATION PERIOD

A person or entity who seeks or applies for a city contract or any other person acting on behalf of such person or entity, is prohibited from contacting city officials and employees regarding such a contract after a Formal Bid, Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualification (RFQ) or other solicitation has been released.

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This no contact provision shall conclude when the contract is awarded. If contact is required, such contact will be done in accordance with procedures incorporated into the solicitation document. Violation of this provision by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

14.3 NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT (Attached)

The City may require that vendors submit a Non-Collusive Affidavit. The vendor will be required to state that the party submitting a proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said Bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any Bidder or Person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price or affiant or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other Bidder, or to secure any advantage against the City of Laredo or any person interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.

14.4 CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORMS (Attached)

The City of Laredo requires the following forms to be completed as a part of this bid for consideration;

1. Company Information Questionnaire,
2. Signed Price Schedule,
3. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire,
4. Non-Collusive Affidavit
5. Discretionary Contracts Disclosure
6. Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) ****Upon Award of Bid Only****

14.5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS (Attached)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: A form disclosing potential conflicts of interest involving counties, cities, and other local government entities may be required to be filed after January 1, 2006, by vendors or potential vendors to local government entities. The new requirements are set forth in Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code added by H.B. No. 914 of the last Texas Legislature.

14.6 TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION (Form 1295, Attached)

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

Implementation of House Bill 1295: In an effort to comply with state law the certificate of interested parties must be filled out once a vendor has been granted a contract. All of this information can be found on the state of Texas website, please use this link provided, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tcc/1295-Info.htm>

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

In order to comply with state law the Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295) must be submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission within 10 days upon receiving notice of award of contract. This form must be submitted within the allotted time otherwise this will result in the cancellation of the contract.

15.0 DISQUALIFICATION & DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By submitting this Statement of Qualifications, the firm certifies that it is not currently debarred or eligible for debarment from the City of Laredo pursuant to **Ordinance No. 2017-O-098**, and that it is not an agent of a person or entity that is currently debarred from receiving contracts from any political subdivision or agency of the State of Texas. The contract parties are further prohibited from making any award at any tier to any party that is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." By executing this agreement, the Engineer certifies that it is not currently debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs under Executive Order 12549.

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The parties to this contract shall require any party to a subcontract or purchase order awarded under this contract to certify its eligibility to receive Federal funds and, when requested by the City, to furnish a copy of the certification. Additionally, in accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. The signatory executing this contract on behalf of the company verifies that the company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract.

S.B. 252 (V. Taylor/S. Davis) is a bill relating to government contracts with terrorists. The bill provides that: (1) a governmental entity, including a city, may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained by the comptroller and that does business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization; and (2) a company that the United States government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, its federal sanctions regime relating to Iran, or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization is not subject to the contract prohibition under the bill.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)

Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

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16.0 Scope of Work

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16.1 All questions for this bid shall be submitted through Cit-E-Bid before February 9, 2024 before 2:00 P.M.

16.2 Bidders are required to submit their bids upon the following expressed conditions:

Bidders shall thoroughly examine the specifications, schedule instructions and other contract documents. No pleas of ignorance by the bidder of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure of omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation to the vendor.

16.3 Bidders are advised that all City contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the City Charter and/or applicable City Ordinances, State and Federal Statutes.

16.4 Unit prices shall be shown and where there is an error in extension of price, the unit price shall govern.

17.0 General Requirements

17.1 The bidder shall place orders only when they have been provided a purchase order. The vendor shall advise the department and provide a status on any orders within a 24 hour period. There will be occasions when the new equipment may be picked up if readily available or in stock. Allowances for special freight charges will be acceptable only when expedited delivery is approved by the City of Laredo.

17.2 Pickup & delivery: Successful bidder must provide pickup and delivery of equipment during regular working hours.

17.3 Bids will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the city's requirements. One primary and one secondary vendor will be awarded this contract.

17.4 When vendors cannot abide by the terms and conditions in fulfilling their contract, the City reserves the right to purchase new landscaping equipment on the open market and charge the contract vendor the price difference.

17.5 An annual contract purchase order will be issued for each City department authorized to place orders against this annual contract. The contract purchase order will not list individual items or prices. Vendor must have the contract purchase order before delivery or release of any equipment.

17.6 All invoices must be submitted in duplicate and show each purchase order number. Items billed on invoices must be specific as to applicable stock, manufacturer, catalog or part number (if any). All items must show unit prices, labor rate (hourly rate), and mileage rate (if applicable) or otherwise specified. If prices are based on discounts from list, then the list prices, the "plus" in terms of percentage, and net unit prices, extensions and net total prices must be shown.

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- 17.7 Revision of Manufacturer's price list(s): The bid will be based on manufacturer's latest dated price list (s). Said price list(s) must denote the manufacturer, latest effective date and price schedule. It is agreed that any published price list(s) may be superseded or replaced during the contract period only if the manufacturer for industry wide use publishes such list(s).
- 17.8 All subject price lists should be submitted with this bid and shall become a part hereof. However, if in the opinion of the City Purchasing Agent, it is impractical for bidder to include published price lists as part of this bid and to furnish any price lists and/or written changes as required herein, bidder shall permit the Purchasing Agent or his authorized representatives to inspect the pertinent published price lists and/or written changes in the office of the bidder or at any other location approved by both parties. However, if the City Purchasing Agent approves said price list(s) other than the manufacturer's price list(s), said price list(s) must denote the company name, effective date and price schedule. It is agreed that any price list provided other than the manufacturers may not be superseded or replaced during the contract period.
- 17.9 Vendors must be an authorized dealer capable of providing new landscaping equipment, accessories, parts and services for the City's landscaping equipment. All repair parts used in complying with this contract must be equal to or better than the original part.
- 17.10 Bidders are required to maintain a stock level of parts which, with the industry, are considered to be fast moving, normal wear items for which three (3) demands have occurred within the most recent 180 day period.
- 18.0 Specifications**
- 18.1 Contractor is responsible in all matters for City of Laredo equipment in their possession. Damages due to neglect or abuse of the equipment while in the possession and control of the contractor is the responsibility of the contractor.
- 18.2 New equipment, accessories, or repairs by the vendor will be billed at the rates noted in the bid price schedule.
- 18.3 Invoices:
- 18.3.1 Must be legible and reference a valid purchase order number.
- 18.3.2 Must be approved by an appropriate City of Laredo Department representative.
- 18.3.3 Items billed on invoices must be specific as to applicable stock, manufacturer, catalog or part number.
- 18.4 City of Laredo personnel may pickup new equipment from Contractor's facility.
- 18.5 All equipment, accessories, and parts must be new and best available unless authorized in advance by a City of Laredo representative.
- 18.6 The manufacturer names, trade names, brand names and products numbers used herein are for the purpose of describing and establishing tested, compatible, approved and acceptable products that are of the type and quality required by the City of Laredo.
- 18.7 All costs associated with shop supplies, environmental fees, labor rates, or any other expenses incurred in fulfilling this contract are to be included in the bid price.
- 19.0 Equipment Qualifications**
- If you are considering utilizing equipment not listed as approved, submit sufficient documentation with your bid package for the Purchasing Department to make a determination for an approved equal product. Failure to submit all required documentation or submittals for an approved equal consideration will be cause for rejection.

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20.0 Term of Contract

The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three, additional one (1) year periods. Should the vendor desire to extend the contract for the additional one-year period, it must so notify the City in writing no later than sixty (60) days before the expiration of the prior term. Such notification shall be effective upon actual receipt by the City. Renewals shall be in writing and signed by the City's Purchasing Manager & City Manager or his designee, without further action by the Laredo City Council, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funding therefore. All annual contracts shall bound by the terms of the bid documents. The City shall also have the right to extend this contract under the same terms and conditions beyond the original term or any renewal thereof, on a month to month basis, not to exceed 3 months. Said month to month extensions shall be in writing, signed by the City's Purchasing Manager & City Manager or his designee, and shall not require City Council approval, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funding therefore. The City reserves the right to renew or rebid this contract, if the appropriated funds initially approved by City Council are exhausted before the contract expiration date.

- 20.1 This contract shall be the responsibility of and administered by the vendor and the City of Laredo Parks & Recreation Department.

21.0 Award of Contract

This contract will be awarded to the **(lowest responsive responsible bidder or bidders)**, in accordance to the provisions of Chapters 252 and 271 of the State of Texas – Local Government Code. There will be one primary vendor and one secondary vendor for this contract.

Definition of lowest responsive and responsible bidder as per the Institute for Public Procurement is:

"Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder: The bidder who fully complied with all of the bid requirements and whose past performance, reputation, and financial capability is deemed acceptable, and who has offered the most advantageous pricing or cost benefit, based on the criteria stipulated in the bid documents."

Annual Supply/Service Contract: This contract does not commit the City to purchase the quantities indicated. The quantities are estimates and are based on the best available information. The purpose of this contract is to establish prices for the commodities or services needed, should the City need to purchase these commodities or services. Since the quantities are estimates, the City may purchase more than the estimated quantities, less than the estimated quantities, or not purchase any quantities at all. The needs of the City shall govern the amount that is purchased and change orders shall not be applicable.

21.1 Disclosure of Interested Parties

Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code requires a business entity entering into certain contracts with a governmental entity to file with the governmental entity a disclosure of interested parties at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity. Section 2252.908 requires the disclosure form (Form 1295) to be signed by the authorized agent of the contracting business entity, acknowledging that the disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury.

Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract that requires an action or vote by the governing body of the governmental entity before the contract may be signed or has a value of at least \$1 million. Section 2252.908 provides definitions of certain terms occurring in the section.

Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract entered into on or after Jan. 1, 2016. (Only if awarded contract is approved by City Council). The form must be submitted electronically through the Texas Ethics Commission website. Once the form is submitted and given a unique registration number, the business entity must manually sign the form and have it notarized. The form should be sent to the government entity which will then verify the form on the Texas Ethics Commission website.

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22.0 Price Adjustment*****

The City of Laredo will allow unit price adjustments upwardly or downwardly when correlated with an industry wide adjustment. Any request for reasonable price adjustments will be considered. Justification for the requested adjustment on original fixed pricing must have mutual consent from both parties and be supported by appropriate documentation. A written notice stipulating in detail the price revision must be furnished to the City no less than 30 days before revised prices go into effect. Any request for reasonable price adjustments will be considered. Justification for the requested adjustment on original fixed pricing must have mutual consent from both parties and be supported by appropriate documentation. The City will not take action to intentionally delay legitimate manufacturer unit price increases. The City of Laredo reserves the right to cancel the contract if the price increase is deemed excessive; a new contract vendor will be selected on the basis of competitive bids. Documentation may be emailed to ealdape@ci.laredo.tx.us

23.0 Delivery

Delivery of crane rental is to be made within 24 hours from request. If rental services cannot be delivered within stated time, the City of Laredo reserves the right to approach an alternative source until primary supplier can resume or start delivering materials. When using an alternative vendor, the rental fees will be contracted supplier.

24.0 Termination of Contract

This contract shall be for an initial period of one year or twelve months from the commencement date. Either party will have the right to terminate the contract by giving written notice to the other party at least 3 months before the end of the initial period of the contract or at least 30 days at any point after the end of the initial period.

Either party may terminate this contract by written notice to the other at any time if the other party:
Commits a breach of this contract and, in the case of a breach capable of remedy, fails to remedy the breach within 10 days of being required to do so in writing;
or becomes insolvent, or has a liquidator, receiver, manager or administrative receiver appointed.

25.0 Required Format and Contents of Bid Submission

For a bid to be considered it must contain the following information:

Company Information Questionnaire

Signed Price Schedule

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Non-Collusive Affidavit

Discretionary Contract Disclosure

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

26.0 Bidder Information Questionnaire

Please complete all information requested below and submit with your bid package

Will bidder/proposer provide a copy of its financial statements for the last two years, if requested by the City of Laredo? Yes / No

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Has the business, or any officer or partner thereof, failed to complete a contract? Yes / No.

Is any litigation pending against the Business? Yes / No.

Is offeror currently for sale or involved in any transaction to expand or to become acquired by another business entity? Yes / No.
If yes, offer need to explain the expected impact both in organizational and directional terms.

Has the Business ever been declared "not responsive" for the purpose of any governmental agency contract award? Yes / No.

Has the Business been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded, or otherwise disqualified from bidding, proposing, or contracting? Yes / No

Are there any proceedings, pending relating to the Business responsibility, debarment, suspension, voluntary exclusion, or qualification to receive a public contract? Yes / No.

Has the government or other public entity requested or required enforcement of any of its rights under a surety agreement on the basis of default or in lieu of declaring the Business in default? Yes / No

Is the Business in arrears in any contract or debt? Yes / No

Has the Business been a defaulter, as a principal, surety, or otherwise? Yes / No

Have liquidated damages or penalty provisions been assessed against the Business for failure to complete work on time or for any other reason? Yes / No.

State if company is a certified minority business enterprise:

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB): Yes No Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE): Yes No

Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SDBC) Yes No Other: Please specify _____

This company is not a certified minority business: ☒

The above minority information is requested for statistical and tracking purposes only and will not influence the amount of expenditure the City will make with any given company

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27.0 Price Schedule

27.1 Section I: STIHL or Approved Equal Handheld Landscaping Equipment and Repair Parts/Service

Percent of discount offered on new equipment or accessories.	<u>15</u> %
Percent of discount offered on repair parts.	<u>0</u> %
Labor Rate for Services	\$ <u>65</u> Per Hour
Shop Supplies Rate	\$ <u>10</u> Per Repair
Environmental Fee Rate (if applicable)	\$ <u>10</u> Per Repair

Equipment will be delivered or picked up within 10 working days after receipt of order.

Business hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., 5 days per week.

27.2 Section II: STIHL or Approved Equal Handheld Landscaping Equipment and Accessories*Evaluation Purposes Only*******

The quantities listed below are estimates and are based on the best available information. The purpose of this contract is to establish prices for the commodities or services needed, should the City need to purchase these commodities or services. **This price schedule shall be used for evaluation purposes only and does not commit the City to purchase the quantities indicated below.**

Description	MFR#	Qty	Unit Price	Ext. Price
All-in-one backpack blower	BR600	1	\$ <u>467</u> -	\$ <u>467</u> -
Blower, STIHL	BR600	1	\$ <u>467</u> -	\$ <u>467</u> -
Trimmer, STIHL <u>FS251</u>	FS250	1	\$ <u>594</u> -	\$ <u>594</u> -
24" Hedge Trimmer, STIHL	HS56 <u>24"</u>	1	\$ <u>365</u> -	\$ <u>365</u> -
Saw Chain, STIHL	MS 261 <u>70</u>	1	\$ <u>611</u> -	\$ <u>611</u> -
Pressure Washer, STIHL	RB800	1	\$ <u>1,572</u> -	\$ <u>1,572</u> -
Curved-Shaft Edger, STIHL	FC91	1	\$ <u>339</u> -	\$ <u>339</u> -
7' fixed-length pole pruner with a lightweight gearbox and large displacement engine	HT250	1	\$ <u>611</u> -	\$ <u>611</u> -
Earth Auger, STIHL (both head and bit) <u>7.9275/8</u>	BT 131	1	\$ <u>803</u> -	\$ <u>803</u> -
Concrete Cutter, STIHL <u>TS42014</u>	TS 240	1	\$ <u>1,147</u> -	\$ <u>1,147</u> -
Trimmer, STIHL	FS131	1	\$ <u>450</u> -	\$ <u>450</u> -
Total				\$ <u>7,426</u> -

******Bid Price Schedule Section must be completely filled out in order to be considered******

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28.0 Conflict of Interest Disclosure

A form disclosing potential conflicts of interest involving counties, cities, and other local government entities may be required to be filed after January 1, 2006, by vendors or potential vendors to local government entities. The new requirements are set forth in Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code added by H.B. No. 914 of the last Texas Legislature.

Companies and individuals who contract, or seek to contract, with the City of Laredo and its agents may be required to file with the **City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas 78040**, a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire that describes affiliations or business relationships with the City of Laredo officers, or certain family members or business relationships of the City of Laredo officer, with which such persons do business, or any gifts in an amount of \$250.00 or more to the listed City of Laredo officer (s) or certain family members.

The new requirements are in addition to any other disclosures required by law. The dates for filing disclosure statements begin on January 1, 2006. A violation of the filing requirements is a Class C misdemeanor.

The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) may be downloaded from
http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/conflict_forms.htm.

The City of Laredo officials who come within Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code relating to filing of **Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ)** include:

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. City Manager
4. Members of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers Civil Service Commission.
5. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
6. Members of the Board of Adjustments
7. Members of the Building Standards Board
8. Parks & Leisure Advisory Committee Member,
9. Historic District Land Board Member,
10. Ethics Commission Board Member,
11. The Board of Commissioners of the Laredo Housing Authority
12. The Executive Director of the Laredo Housing Authority
13. Any other City of Laredo decision making board member

If additional information is needed please contact Miguel A. Pescador, Purchasing Agent at 956-794-1731

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☒ HAVE READ THIS FORM AND ATTEST THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST THUS NO VIOLATION OF SECTION 176.006, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE EXISTS.

Isis Garza

Name

Isis Garza

Signature

2/26/2024

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

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Date Received

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the 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 knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

1 Name of person who has a business relationship 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 the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more? ☐ Yes ☐ No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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29.0

Project:

Form of Non-Collusive Affidavit

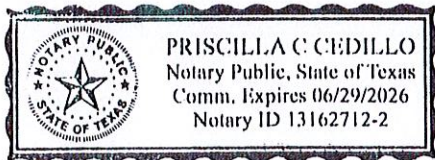
AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS {}
COUNTY OF WEBB {}

Being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he/she is Isis Garza
(a Partner or officer of the firm of, etc.)

The party making the foregoing proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said Bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed directly or indirectly, with any Bidder or Person, to put in a sham bid or to refrain from bidding, and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price or affiant or of any other Bidder or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price, or of that of any other Bidder, or to secure any advantage against the City of Laredo or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and that all statements in said proposal or bid are true.



Isis Garza

Signature of:

Bidder, if the Bidder is an individual
Partner, if the Bidder is a Partnership
Officer, if the Bidder is a Corporation

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23rd day of Feb 2024.

Priscilla Cedillo

Notary Public

My commission expires:

6/29/2024



Please fill out this form online, print completed form and submit with proposal to originating department. All questions must be answered.

*This is a ☒ New Submission or ☐ Correction or ☐ Update to previous submission.

First Isis M.I. Garza Last Garza Suffix

a) Contract or Project name(s): Handheld Landscaping Equipment

b) Originating Department(s): Parks & Recreation Department

<u>Isis Carza</u>	<u>Isis Carza</u>		
Name (Print)	Signature	Name (Print)	Signature
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Name (Print)	Signature	Name (Print)	Signature

☐ Name of partner, parent, or subsidiary business entity(ies): _____

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***5. List any individuals or entities that will be subcontractors on this contract.**

☒ Not applicable. No subcontractors will be retained for this contract.

☐ Subcontractors may be retained, but have not been selected at the time of this submission.

☐ List of subcontractors: _____

***6. List any attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract.**

☒ Not applicable. No attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract.

☐ List of attorneys, lobbyists, or consultants that have been retained to assist in seeking this contract: _____

***7. Disclosure of political contributions.**

List any campaign or officeholder contributions made by the following individuals in the past 24 months totaling more than \$100 to any current member of City Council, former member of City Council, any candidate for City Council, or to any political action committee that contributes to City Council elections.

- a) Any individual seeking contract with the city (Question 3)
- b) Any owner or officer of entity seeking contract with the city (Question 3)
- c) Any individual or owner or officer of any entity listed above as partner, parent, or subsidiary business (Question 4)
- d) Any subcontractor or owner/office of subcontracting entity retained for the contract (Question 5)
- e) The spouse of any individual listed in response to (a) through (d) above
- f) Any attorney, lobbyist, or consultant retained to assist in seeking contract (Question 6)

☒ Not applicable. No campaign or officeholder contributions have been made in the preceding 24 months by these individuals.

☐ List of contributors: _____

Updates on Contributions Required

Information regarding contributions must be updated by submission of a revised form from the date of the submission of this form, up through the time City Council takes action on the contract identified in response to Question 2 and continuing for 30 calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

***8. Disclosure of conflict of interest**

Are you aware of any fact(s) with regard to this contract that would raise a "conflict of interest" issue under Section 2.01 of the Ethics Code for any City Council member or board/commission member that has not or will not be raised

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by these city officials?

☒ I am not aware of any conflict(s) of interest issues under Section 2.01 of the Ethics Code for members of City Council or a city board/commission.

☐ I am aware of the following conflict(s) of interest: _____

***Acknowledgements**

☒ **Updates Required**

I understand that this form must be updated by submission of a revised form if there is any change in the information before the discretionary contract is the subject of action by the City Council, and no later than five (5) business days after any changes has occurred, whichever comes first. This include information about political contributions made after the initial submission and up until thirty (30) calendar days after the contract has been awarded.

☒ **No Contract with City Officials or Staff during Contract Evaluation**

I understand that a person or entity who seeks or applies for a city contract or any other person acting on behalf of that person or entity is prohibited from contracting city officials and employees regarding the contract after a Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), or other solicitation has been released.

This no-contract provision shall conclude when the contract is posted as a City of Laredo Council agenda item. If contact is required with city officials or employees, the contact will take place in accordance with procedures incorporated into the solicitation documents. Violation of this prohibited contacts provision set out in Section 2.09 of the Ethics Code by respondents or their agents may lead to disqualification of their offer from consideration.

***Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)**

Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code requires contractor and vendors to submit a Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ) to the Office of the City Secretary.

☒ I acknowledge that I have been advised of the requirement to file a CIQ form under Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code.

***Oath**

☒ I swear or affirm that the statements contained in this Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form, including any attachments, to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct, and complete.

<u>Tsis Garza</u> Name (Print)	<u>Tsis Garza</u> Signature	<u>Owner</u> Title
<u>RPM Parts + Small Engines Inc.</u> Company or DBA		<u>2/26/2024</u> Date

Please fill this form out online, print and submit completed form with proposal to origination department. All questions must be answered. If necessary to mail, send to:

City of Laredo
P.O. Box 579
Laredo, TX 78042-0579

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31.0 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

In an effort to comply with state law the certificate of interested parties must be filled out once a vendor has been granted a contract. All of this information can be found on the State of Texas website, please use this link provided, <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tcc/1295-Info.htm>.

Implementation of House Bill 1295

31.1 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 1295, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295.

31.2 Filing Process:

Starting on January 1, 2016, the commission will make available on its website a new filing application that must be used to file Form 1295. A business entity must use the application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing that will contain a unique certification number. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign the printed copy of the form and have the form notarized. The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with the governmental body or state agency with which the business entity is entering into the contract.

The governmental entity or state agency must notify the commission, using the commission's filing application, of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 with the certification of filing not later than the 30th day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. The commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website within seven business days after receiving notice from the governmental entity or state agency.

Information regarding how to use the filing application will be available on this site starting on January 1, 2016.

Additional Information:

HB 1295

Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

New Chapter 46, Ethics Commission Rules:

46.1. Application

46.3. Definitions

46.5. Disclosure of Interested Parties Form

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

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1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

6 **AFFIDAVIT** I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP - SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day
of _____, 20____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

*******Form does not need to be notarized*******

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32.0 Vendors Instructions:

Hand delivered bids will be received at the City Secretary Office, 1110 Houston St., 3rd. floor, Laredo, Texas 78040 until **5:00 P.M. on February 26, 2024; and all bids received will be opened and read publicly at 11:00 A.M. at the Office of the City Secretary on February 27, 2024.**

Hand delivered Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

**Bid: Handheld Landscaping Equipment – Parks & Recreation Department
FY24-049**

Bids can be downloaded and submitted through Cit-E-Bid: <https://cityoflaredo.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>

or

Hand Delivered:

City of Laredo - City Secretary
C/O Jose A. Valdez Jr.
City Hall - Third Floor
1110 Houston Street
Laredo, Texas 78040