

PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS

INVITATION TO BID

RETURN BID TO:

COUNTY JUDGE
PANOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 216A
CARTHAGE, TEXAS 75633

The enclosed INVITATION TO BID (ITB) and accompanying SPECIFICATIONS AND BID SHEET are for your convenience in bidding the enclosed referenced service/products for Panola County.

Sealed bids shall be received no later than:

9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

MARK ENVELOPES

“CARPET AND BLINDS”

Bidder shall sign and date the bid. Bids which are not signed and dated can be rejected. Bids must be submitted on the enclosed bid sheets and must be in ink or typewritten.

Panola County appreciates your time and effort in preparing this bid. Please note that all bids must be received at the designated location by the deadline shown. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered for the award of the contract, and shall be considered void and unacceptable. Opening is scheduled to be held in Commissioners Courtroom, Panola County Courthouse, Carthage, Texas. You are invited to attend.

Any questions concerning this Invitation to Bid and specifications should be directed to Maintenance Superintendent Tommy Earle at (903) 693-0318 or 903-692-2844.

Signature

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INSTRUCTIONS/TERMS OF CONTRACT

By order of the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas, sealed bids will be received for:

"CARPET AND BLINDS"

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that the Commissioners Court of Panola County, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids to any or all products and/or services covered in this bid request and to waive informalities or defects in bids or to accept such bids as it shall deem to be in the best interests of Panola County.

BIDS MUST BE submitted on the bid forms included for that purpose in this packet. Bids shall be placed in separate sealed envelopes, with **each page manually signed by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract** and marked clearly on the outside as shown below.

SUBMISSION OF BIDS: Sealed bids shall be submitted to:

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FUNDING: Funds for payment have been provided through the Panola County Budget adopted by the Commissioners' Court for Fiscal Year 2025.

LATE BIDS: Bids received after submission deadline will be considered void and unacceptable. Panola County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc.

ALTERING BIDS: Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid, guaranteeing authenticity.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID: A bid may not be withdrawn or canceled by the bidder without the permission of Panola County for a period of ninety (90) days following the date designated for the receipt of bids, and bidder so agrees upon submission of their bid.

SALES TAX: Panola County is exempt by law from payment of Texas Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax, therefore, the bid shall not include sales tax.

BID AWARD: Panola County reserves the right to award bids on the lump sum or unit price basis, whichever is in the best interest of Panola County.

CONTRACT: This bid, when properly accepted by Panola County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Panola County. No different or additional terms will become a part of this contract with the exception of Change Orders.

CHANGE ORDERS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing by the Panola County Judge.

DELIVERY: All delivery fees and freight or handling charges shall be as stated on the bid and contract forms section and if not so stated no such cost, fee or charge will be paid.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No public official shall have interest in this contract, in accordance with V.T.C.A., Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

ETHICS: The bidder shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Panola County.

Signature of Bidder

EXCEPTIONS/SUBSTITUTIONS: All bids meeting the intent of this invitation to bid will be considered for award. Bidders taking exception to the specifications, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided or by attachment as part of the bid. The absence of such a list shall indicate that the bidder has not taken exceptions and shall hold the bidder responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications of the invitation. Panola County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the county.

DESCRIPTIONS: Any reference to model and/or make/manufacturer used in bid specifications is descriptive, not restrictive. It is used to indicate the type and quality desired. Bids on items of like quality will be considered.

ADDENDA: Any interpretations, corrections or changes in this ITB and Specifications will be made by addenda. Sole issuing authority of addenda shall be vested in Panola County. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of this ITB. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

BIDS MUST COMPLY with all federal, state, county and local laws concerning these types of service.

DESIGN, STRENGTH, QUALITY of materials must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing practice.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder must meet the following requirements:

1. have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
2. be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
3. have a satisfactory record of performance;
4. have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
5. be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

Panola County may request any other information sufficient to determine bidder's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

REFERENCES: Panola County may request bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services/products have been supplied by their firm.

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BIDDER SHALL PROVIDE with this bid response, all documentation required by this ITB. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of bid.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL defend, indemnify, and save harmless Panola County and all its officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property on account of any negligent act or fault or the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award. Successful bidder indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless Panola County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful bidder shall pay any judgment costs which may be obtained against Panola County growing out of such injury or damages.

NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT: Each Bidder submitting a Bid to the County for any portion of the work contemplated by the documents on which bidding is based shall execute and attach thereto, an affidavit substantially in the form herein provided, to the effect that he has not entered into a collusive agreement with any other person, firm, or corporation in regard to any Bid submitted.

DISPOSAL AND HOLDHARMLESS: BIDDER SHALL LAWFULLY DISPOSE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS AND SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS FOR THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, CHEMICALS, AND DEBRIS DONE BY BIDDER OR ITS SUBCONTRACTOR IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS BID.

WAGES: Successful bidder shall pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expense to Panola County, all Social Security, Unemployment and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all such employees and all such employees shall be paid wages and benefits as required by Federal and/or State law.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: This contract shall remain in effect until contract expires, delivery and acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered or terminated by either party with a thirty (30) days written notice prior to any cancellation. The successful bidder must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Panola County reserves the right to award canceled contract to the next lowest and best bidder as it deems to be in the best interest of the county.

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TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT: Panola County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the county in the event of breach or default of this contract. Panola County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the successful bidder fails to:

1. meet schedules;
2. defaults in the payment of any fees; or
3. otherwise perform in accordance with these specifications.

Breach of contract or default authorizes the county to exercise any or all of the following rights:

1. Panola County may take possession of the assigned premises and any fees accrued or becoming due to date;
2. Panola County may take possession of all goods, fixtures and materials of successful bidder therein and may foreclose its lien against such personal property, applying the proceeds toward fees due or thereafter becoming due.

In the event the successful bidder shall fail to perform, keep or observe any of the terms and conditions to be performed, kept or observed, Panola County shall give the successful bidder written notice of such default; and in the event said default is not remedied to the satisfaction and approval of the county within two (2) working days of receipt of such notice by the successful bidder, default will be declared and all the successful bidder's rights shall terminate.

Bidder, in submitting this bid, agrees Panola County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the county declared the bidder in default.

NOTICE: Any notices provided by this bid (or required by law) to be given to the successful bidder by Panola County shall be conclusively deemed to have been given and received on the next day after such written notice has been deposited in the mail in Carthage, Texas, by Registered or Certified Mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed to the successful bidder at the address so provided; provided this shall not prevent the giving of actual notice in any other manner.

PATENTS/COPYRIGHTS: The successful bidder agrees to protect Panola County from claims involving infringement of patents and/or copyrights.

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CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Panola County may appoint a contract administrator with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements. The contract administrator will serve as liaison between Panola County and the successful bidder.

PURCHASE ORDER: A purchase order(s) shall be generated by Panola County to the successful bidder. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips. Panola County will not be held responsible for any orders placed/delivered without a valid current purchase order number.

INVOICES shall show (a) name and address of successful bidder; (b) county purchase order number; and (c) descriptive information as to the item(s) delivered.

PAYMENT will be made upon receipt and acceptance by the county of item(s) ordered and receipt of a valid invoice, in accordance with State of Texas Prompt Payment Act, Gov't Code, Chapter 2251. Successful bidder is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days.

ITEMS supplied under this contract shall be subject to Panola County's approval. Items found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the successful bidder at no expense to the county. If item is not picked up within one (1) week after notification, the item will become a donation to the county for disposition.

WARRANTY: Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.

REMEDIES: The successful bidder and Panola County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.

VENUE: This agreement will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This agreement is performable in Panola County, Texas.

ASSIGNMENT: The successful bidder shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Panola County.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of these 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 commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

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Each insurance policy to be furnished by successful bidder shall include, by endorsement to the policy, a statement that a notice shall be given to Panola County by certified mail thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or upon any material change in coverage.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES: Effective January 1, 2016 all contracts executed by Commissioners Court, regardless of the dollar amount, will require completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties", per Government Code Statute §2252.908. All vendors submitting a response to a formal Bid, or any contracts, contract amendments, renewals or change orders are required to complete the Form 1295 online through the State of Texas Ethics Commission website. Please visit, https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm, for more information.

ANY VENDOR THAT CONDUCTS BUSINESS WITH PANOLA COUNTY, WHETHER IT IS FOR GOODS AND/OR SERVICES, MUST MAINTAIN LAWFUL WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS AND ADEQUATE LIABILITY LIMITATIONS.

Texas Government Code Sec. 2271.002 Provision Required in Contract:

1. Bidder does not boycott Israel; and
2. Bidder will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Texas Government Code Sec. 2274.002 Provision Required in Contract:

1. Bidder does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity of firearm trade association; and
2. Will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Texas Government Code Sec. 2276.002 Provision Required in Contract:

1. Bidder does not boycott Energy Companies; and
2. Bidder will not boycott Energy Companies during the term of the contract.

ANY QUESTIONS concerning this INVITATION TO BID AND SPECIFICATIONS should be directed to Maintenance Superintendent Tommy Earle at (903) 693-0318 or (903) 692-2844.

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BID FORM AND CONTRACT

CARPET AND BLINDS

TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TO PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS FOR USE BY PANOLA COUNTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING SPECIFICATIONS:

The undersigned, as bidder, declares that the only person or persons interested in this bid as principals are those named herein; that this bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation; and that I (we) have carefully examined the advertisements, instructions to bidders, specifications, and condition of payment. It is understood that the Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. I/we understand that the bid should include delivery to the Panola County Courthouse in Carthage, Texas.

CARPET AND BLINDS:

LABOR:

CARPET (PER HOUR CHARGE)

\$ _____

BLINDS (PER HOUR CHARGE)

\$ _____

MATERIALS:

MARKUP (%) ABOVE COST

Exceptions to specifications: _____
