

Solicitation Amendment No. 001

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To: Prospective Bidder/Offeror:	Date:
Prospective Bidder	June 29, 2018
Project Title:	Project No.:
HVAC Chiller, Boiler Systems & Associated Equipment Replacements, for HCC's Spring Branch Campus	IFB 18-30

The Invitation for Bid (Project IFB No. 18-30) is hereby amended as set forth below:

1. Section 4.0, Tab 6, ii, Instruction to Proposers, Small business Practices, (page nos. 15 & 20 of 44) are hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Company Name (Bidder/Offeror):	
Signed by:	Date:
Name (Type or Print):	Title:

- vi. Provide letters of recommendations from other public junior or community colleges or higher education clients or other relevant references listing recently completed engagements for the services of the type and kind required in this IFB.
- g. Tab 5 – Price Proposal
- The Proposer/Contractor shall furnish all resources and services necessary and required to provide the services of the type and kind required in this IFB, in accordance with the Scope of Services, and the governing terms and conditions for the proposed price(s) listed in Section 2 – Price Proposal.
- i. Please include a description of any discount offered to HCC and an outline of any other fees or charges.
 - ii. For the purposes of this IFB, Houston Community College will review the overall rate structure to evaluate its reasonableness for the anticipated work. Failure to fully disclose any fees or cost and to comply with the requirements herein may be cause for HCC to reject, as non-compliant, a proposal from further consideration.
- h. Tab 6 - Small Business Practices
- This section shall include a clear statement of the firm's commitment and plan to meet the small business goal specified in this solicitation, if any.
- i. Describe your previous experience, involvement and approach in working with certified Small Business firms; including level of effort, division of duties and providing opinions. Provide a statement detailing small business participation commitment.
 - ii. For this solicitation HCC has a small business participation goal of **35%**.
 - iii. At a minimum, your response must include: (a) Firm's commitment to meeting the small business participation goal for the solicitation (b) a description of previous engagements where your firm has successfully subcontracted work to small businesses including the percentage (%) of work subcontracted to these firms under each engagement; (c) a narrative outlining your overall approach to subcontracting and how you will solicit small businesses for participation as part of this solicitation; and (d) indicate what challenges you anticipate in attaining HCC's goal.
- iv. Describe your company's process for the selection of subcontractors in accordance with the statutory procedures required for the solicitation of subcontractors, including your process for evaluating subcontractors' performance while also incorporating a Small Business Development Program.
 - v. Provide a reference list of all customers noted in Tab 4 above that included a Small Business or similar program where you have performed work similar to the type of work described in this IFB. Provide the contact person and the representative who served as the Small Business Development liaison (or equivalent), telephone number and email address.
- i. Tab 7 - Firm's Financial Status
- i. Please provide a statement from the president, owner or financial officer on company letterhead certifying that the company is in good financial standing and current in payment of all taxes and fees including but not limited to state franchise fees.
 - ii. Is your company currently in default on any loan agreement or financing agreement with any bank, financial institution, or other entity? If yes, specify date(s), details, circumstances, and prospects for resolution.
- j. Tab 8 – Business Relationship Strength
- "Business Relationship Strength" for the purpose of this IFB shall mean the definition and commitment of the respondent towards a mutually successful "relationship" between the selected contractor and HCC for the duration of the contract. Respondent's Statement of Qualification must include their definition, proposal and commitment to forge, foster and maintain a mutually successful "relationship" with HCC. At a minimum, your response must include:
- i. your definition of a mutually successful "relationship" between your firm and HCC; and
 - ii. your firm's commitment to a mutually successful "relationship" in the form of at least three, and not more than five, specific, obtainable criteria, activities, agreements or requirements that shall, at the discretion of HCC, become features of the awarded contract and shall guide the HCC-Contractor relationship for the duration of the contract.
 - iii. Student Internship: HCC is expanding its student internship program. Proposers are encouraged to describe how they envision using HCC students as part of their

delivered service to support the application of relevant educational programs as aligned with real world work experience. Proposers willing to participate in this educational enrichment opportunity should provide the following information in the proposal response:

1. Number of HCC students proposed to be used as student interns in delivering the scope of services as defined in this IFB.
2. Proposed task and objectives that HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract.
3. Proposed number of hours and length of engagement for HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract.
4. Proposed work location where HCC student interns shall perform under the resulting contract. If not on site as part of the project team, any proposed work locations must be within Houston, Texas given student class schedules.
5. Proposed mentor/representative that will be responsible in working with and leading HCC student interns under the resulting contract.

k. Tab 9 – Required Attachments

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

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goals may be met by contracting directly with small businesses or indirectly through subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, any business that contracts with HCC will be required to make a good faith effort to award subcontracts to small businesses. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. By implementing the following procedures, a contractor shall be presumed to have made a good faith effort:

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

Points shall be awarded in accordance with the Proposal Response based on the prime vendor's certifications and/or commitment to small business subcontracting stated in the solicitation document and the published point distribution sliding scale.

A copy of the complete SBDP Procedure may be found on our [Small Business Website](#).

- a. Certified small business prime contractor – automatically eligible for maximum available points. However, HCC reserves the right to deny the points, and look only to the prime contractor's use of subcontractors, if HCC, in evaluating solicitation responses, makes a determination that the prime contractor will not have a legitimate and active role in the performance of the contract;
- b. Non-certified small business prime contractor with certified small business subcontractor – eligible for points proportionate to proposed subcontracting commitment (sliding scale);
- c. Non-small business prime contractor with non-small business subcontractor – no points; and
- d. Non-small business prime contractor self-performing work – no points.

Proposed SBE Subcontracting	Available Points
35%	N/A

15. Prime Contractor/Contracts for Services:

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

16. Internship Program:

HCC is expanding its student internship program. All vendors are encouraged to make a commitment to utilize certain HCC student(s) in an internship capacity with the company under any resulting contract for services required under this solicitation. At the sole discretion of the vendor, the internship opportunity may be paid or unpaid and shall be intended to serve as a relevant and meaningful educational enrichment opportunity for the HCC students involved. HCC will provide the selected contractor with the name of student(s) eligible to participate in the internship program.

For additional information regarding the internship program, please contact Mr. Miguel San Juan, Executive Director of External and Institutional Initiatives at 713-718-8035.

17. Prohibited Communications and Political Contributions:

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

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

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

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

The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:

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