



Procurement Operations

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Project Title: Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment

Project No. 09-29

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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INVITATION FOR BIDS – SUMMARY

Date: April 27, 2009

Project Title: Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment

Project No. 09-29

ISSUED BY:

Houston Community College
Procurement Operations
3100 Main Street (11th Floor)
Houston, Texas 77002
Post Office Box 667517
Houston, Texas 77266-7517

SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO:

Name: Georgia Coats
Title: Purchasing Agent
Telephone: (713) 718-5004
Fax: (713) 718-2113
Email: georgia.coats@hccs.edu

Project Overview: Houston Community College (“HCC”) is seeking sealed bids from qualified firms to supply, deliver and install (F.O.B. Destination) Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment. (Refer to Attachment No. 2).

Award / Contract Approval: This procurement, and any award under this procurement, and the resulting contract, if any, is subject to approval by HCC Board of Trustees. Subsequent to Board approval, the only person authorized to commit HCC contractually is the Chancellor or designee. This solicitation is an invitation for bids and neither this solicitation nor the response or bid from any prospective bidder shall create a contractual relationship that would bind HCC until such time as both HCC and the selected bidder sign a legally binding contract, which includes, without limitation, the terms required by HCC as set forth in Attachment No. 3.

Bid Opening Time/Location: Sealed bids in original form for Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment required and/or contemplated under this invitation for bids as described herein will be received until May 13, 2009 @ 2:00 P.M. (local time) at the Procurement Operations department, 3100 Main (11th Floor, Room #11A06), Houston, Texas 77002, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud in Room #11A07.

Delivery: All deliveries shall be completed within thirty (30) business days after receipt of a written purchase order issued by HCC. Delivery shall be made to:
Houston Community College
Central Campus
1300 Holman Street
Houston, TX 77004

Small Business Development Program (SBDP): The small business participation goal for this solicitation is Best Effort. (See Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph 8).

Obligation and Waivers: This Invitation for Bids does not obligate HCC to award a contract or pay any costs incurred by the bidder in the preparation and submittal of a bid.

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

HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY NON-RESPONSIVE OR CONDITIONAL BID. HCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES, IRREGULARITIES, AND/OR TECHNICALITIES IN THIS SOLICITATION, THE BID DOCUMENTS, AND/OR ANY BIDS RECEIVED OR SUBMITTED.

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

HCC reserves the right to withdraw this solicitation at any time for any reason; remove any scope component for any reason and to issue such clarifications, modifications and / or amendments as deemed appropriate.

HCC is an equal opportunity/educational institution, which does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age or disability.

Respondents should exercise particular care in reviewing the requirements set forth in this solicitation.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Review of Bid Documents

A complete set of bid documents shall be used in preparing a bid. Each prospective bidder should carefully review the bid documents and take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the resulting contract performance requirements. Failure to do so will not relieve bidders from the responsibility of estimating properly the difficulty/level of effort or cost of successfully performing any resulting contract. After the bids have been opened, HCC shall have the right to review the bids and examine the credentials and qualifications of each bidder to determine whether any or all of the bid submittals are responsive and to make a determination as to whether any one or more bidders are qualified, responsible bidders, that will provide the best value to HCC.

2. Explanation to Bidders

Any explanation desired by a prospective bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the bid documents must be requested in writing and with sufficient time allowed (a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before the date set to receive bids) for a response to reach prospective bidders before the submission of their bids. Any HCC response will be in the form of an amendment of the solicitation or an information letter. The response will be made available to all prospective bidders on the HCC website at www.hccs.edu. Receipt of any amendment(s) issued by HCC shall be acknowledged by the bidder with the bid submission.

3. Bidder Eligibility for Contract Award

- a. Each bidder shall complete, and submit with the bid, the applicable forms contained in the solicitation. When a special license or permit is required by Federal, State or Local law or ordinance, or required by a company or otherwise to perform the work or sell the equipment, the bidder must be properly licensed prior to submitting a bid to HCC and must furnish evidence of such licensing or credentials with the bid.
- b. In order for a bidder to be eligible to be awarded a contract, the bid must be responsive to the solicitation and HCC must be able to determine that the bidder is responsible to perform the resulting contract satisfactorily.
- c. Responsive bids are those that comply with all material aspects of the solicitation, conform to the solicitation documents and meet the requirements set forth in this solicitation.. Bids that do not comply with the terms and conditions of the solicitation will be rejected as non-responsive.
- d. Responsible bidders at a minimum must meet all of the following requirements:
 - Have adequate financial resources or ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of any resulting contract;
 - Be able to comply with the required delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing business commitments;
 - Have a satisfactory history of past performance **with providing the type of equipment described in Attachment No. 2;**
 - Have necessary management and technical capability to perform any resulting contract;
 - Provide evidence satisfactory to HCC that the bidder will comply with the Small Business Development Program requirements contained in the solicitation;
 - Certify that the firm is not delinquent in any tax owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code and is not delinquent in taxes owed to the Houston Community College System, signing and submitting the bid is so certifying to such non-delinquency;
 - Be qualified as an established firm regularly engaged in the type of business to provide the items/work required by this solicitation;

- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations and;
 - Offers the best value to HCC.
- e. A bidder may be requested to submit written evidence verifying that he/she meets the minimum requirements described in Section 3(d) and as necessary to be determined a responsible bidder. Bids deviating or taking exceptions to the solicitation requirements will not be considered.
 - f. A person is not eligible to be considered for award of this solicitation or any resulting contractor to be a subcontractor of the bidder or prime contractor if the person assisted in the development of this solicitation or any part of this solicitation or if the person participated in a project related to this solicitation when such participation would give the person special knowledge that would give that person or a prime contractor an unfair advantage over other bidders.
 - g. A person or bidder shall not be eligible to be considered for this solicitation if the person or bidder engaged in or attempted to engage in prohibited communications as described in Section 10 of this solicitation.

4. Preparation for Bid

- a. A bid shall be prepared on forms furnished by HCC; shall be completed in ink, and shall be manually signed by an authorized official of the company submitting the bid. The person signing the bid shall initial any changes or erasures appearing on the bid forms. Bids submitted via e-mail or facsimile (fax) will not be accepted by HCC.
- b. A bid shall be submitted so as to be received no later than the exact date/time and at the place indicated in the solicitation, and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly identified as a bid with the project title, project number and bid opening date and time. The envelope also shall identify the name and address of the bidder and shall contain the bid security, if required, and other required documents.

5. Opening of Bids

- a. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the time set for receipt in the solicitation. The bid prices will be read aloud for the information of bidders and others present. Bids that have been opened may not be changed for the purpose of correcting an error in the price. Other than price, a bidder may have the right to change any other error or mistake in the subject to the approval of HCC and unless such change would be in contravention of statutory or common law requirements or unless such change would give an unfair advantage to the bidder making such change.
- b. If HCC receives two or more bids from responsible bidders that are identical in nature and amount, the Board of Trustees shall reviews such bids and may award the bid by the casting of lots. The Board of Trustees may reject any and/or all bids, in the best interest of HCC.

6. Contract Award

Award of a contract, if awarded, will be made to the bidder who (a) submits a responsive bid; (b) is a responsible bidder (c) offers the lowest bid price for services listed in Attachment No. 2, Schedule of Items and Prices, Items No. 001-018, and offers the best value to the Houston Community College System. A responsive bid and a responsible bidder are those that meet the requirements of and are as described in Section 3 or this solicitation.

Except as otherwise may be set forth in this solicitation, HCC reserves the right to waive any informalities, non-material errors, technicalities, or irregularities in the bids submitted and documents and consider the bid for award.

7. Taxes

HCC is tax exempt as a governmental subdivision of the State of Texas. No bid shall include any costs for taxes to be assessed against HCC.

8. Small Business Development Program (SBDP)

- a. HCC has adopted a Small Business Development Program for small businesses attempting to provide goods and/or services as prime contractors or as subcontractors to other prime contractors to HCC. The program is designed to prevent discrimination by ensuring that small, underutilized and disadvantaged businesses are informed and prepared to compete for HCC procurements. HCC will neither discriminate nor select vendors on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability in its procurement selection process.
- b. Small businesses whose gross annual income averaged over the past three (3) years does not exceed the Small Business Administration's size standards as specified in 13 CFR Part 121 are eligible to apply for participation in the program.
- c. For this solicitation, HCC has established **BEST EFFORT** as its goal for Small Business participation.
- d. Good Faith Efforts: HCC will make a good faith effort to utilize small businesses in all contracts. The annual program goals may be met by contracting directly with small businesses or indirectly through subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, any business that contracts with HCC will be required to make a good faith effort to award subcontracts to small businesses. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. By implementing the following procedures, a contractor shall be presumed to have made a good faith effort:
 - To the extent consistent with industry practices, divide the contract work into reasonable lots.
 - Give notice to SBDP eligible firms of subcontract opportunities or post notices of such opportunities in newspapers and other circulars.
 - Document reasons for rejecting a firm that proposes or bids on subcontracting opportunities.
- e. Small Business Compliance Review: To ensure compliance with any stated small business participation goal, the selected vendor/contractor will be required to meet with the HCC Buyer and/or other HCC designated representative(s) at the 50% and 75% completion phases/dates of the project, to verify small business participation activity and to ensure compliance with the stated small business goal, if any.

9. Prime Contractor/Contracts for Services

If the resulting contract is 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.

10. Prohibited Communications

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

- Between a potential vendor, subcontractor to vendor, service provider, bidder, offeror, lobbyist or consultant and any Trustee;
- Between any Trustee and any member of a selection or evaluation committee; and between any Trustee and administrator or employee; and
- Between any Trustee and administrator or employee.

The communications prohibition shall be imposed on the date that responses to the solicitation are due or received, whichever is first.

The communications prohibition shall terminate when:

- The contract is awarded by the Chancellor or designee; or
- The award recommendations are considered by the Board at a duly-noticed public meeting.

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

The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:

- Duly noted pre-bid or pre-proposal conferences.
- Communications with the HCC General Counsel.
- Emergency contracts.
- Presentations made to the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting.
- 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.
- Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting, in accordance with applicable Board policies, regarding action on the contract.

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

11. Drug Policy

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

13. Bid Submittals

Each bidder must complete and return the following documents, if appropriate:

- Bid/Award Form (Attachment No. 1)
- Schedule of Items and Prices form (Attachment No.2)
- Non-Discrimination Statement (Attachment No. 4)
- Certification & Disclosure Statement (Attachment No. 5)
- Affidavit Form (Attachment No. 6)
- Business Questionnaire (Attachment No. 7)
- Assurance of SBDP Goal (Attachment No. 8)
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Attachment No. 11)

The envelope containing a bid shall be addressed as follows:

- Name, Address and Telephone Number of Bidder;
- Project Description/Title;
- Project Number
- Bid Opening Date/Time.

All bids shall be submitted to:

**Houston Community College
Procurement Operations
3100 Main Street (11th Floor, Room #11A06)
Houston, Texas 77002
Reference: Project No. 09-29
Attn: Georgia Coats, Purchasing Agent**

14. Appropriated Funds

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

15. Texas Public Information Act

HCC considers all information, documentation and other materials requested to be submitted in response to this solicitation to be of a non-confidential and/or non-proprietary nature, and therefore, shall be subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.001, et seq.)("the Act") after a contract if any, is awarded. If the bidder considers any information submitted in response to this invitation for bids to be confidential under law or constitute trade secrets or other protected information, the bidder must identify such materials in the bid response. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the identification of such materials would not be construed or require HCC to act in contravention of its obligation to comply with the Act and the bidder releases HCC from any liability or responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of such documents.

16. Conflict of Interest

If a firm, bidder, contractor, or other person responding to this solicitation knows of any material personal interest, direct or indirect, that any member, official or employee of HCC would have in any contract resulting from this solicitation, the firm must disclose this information to HCC. Persons submitting a bid or response to this solicitation must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Texas Government Code, including, without limitation, Chapter 171 and Chapter 176 of the Texas Government Code. As applicable, the person submitting a response to this solicitation must complete and submit **Attachment No. 11, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form.**

17. Ethics Conduct

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

18. Submission Waiver

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

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
BID/CONTRACT AWARD FORM

.....
PROJECT TITLE: Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment
PROJECT NO.: 09-29
.....

Name of Bidder/Contractor: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Receipt of Bid Amendments Number(s): _____
.....

The undersigned hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, supervision and any other services necessary to complete the above referenced project for the bid amount(s) listed on the Schedule of Items and Prices, Attachment No. 2.

The undersigned certifies that the amount(s) contained in Attachment No. 2 have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final.

Signed By: _____

Name: _____
(Type or Print)

Title: _____
(Type or Print)

ATTEST: _____
(Secretary, if Bidder is a Corporation)

SEAL:
(If Corporation)

ACCEPTANCE AND CONTRACT AWARD FORM

(This page to be completed by HCC.)

Purchase Order No. _____ (for payment purposes only)
Project No. 09-29

Contractor to perform the work required herein in accordance with Purchase Order(s) issued by HCC and the Terms and Conditions of Purchase posted on the HCC website at www.hccs.edu, incorporated herein by reference, and the prices, scope of services and general terms and conditions attached hereto and made a part hereof.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Executed for and on behalf of Houston Community College pursuant to approval by the Board of Trustees

on _____

Signed By: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS AND PRICES FOR Scientific Equipment

The Bidder/Contractor shall furnish all resources and services necessary and required to supply, deliver and install (F.O.B. Destination) Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment to Houston Community College in accordance with the general terms and conditions of the sample contract documents for the bid price(s) listed below. All equipment shall be of new manufacture and shall not be used or refurbished.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Bid Price</u>
001	Diffusion Pump, 5975c VL MSD/DS, EI Bundle for use with 7890A, 6890 & 6850 GC. Includes G3170A MSD ChemStation (Win XP), G1701EA SW, PC, LaserJet printer. Agilent Item #G3241A	1	EA	\$ _____
	<u>With following configuration:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Academic MSD ChemStations DS • One (1) year SW Upgrade/Phone Assist • One (1) year PC Repair Recovery Service 			
02	Ion Gauge Controller for use w/5975 MSD Agilent Item #G3397A	1	EA	\$ _____
03	Agilent 7890A Series GC Custom Includes: LAN Interface, 7683 Interface, 20-ramp oven programming, 6 heated zones, 2 analog out, keyboard and display Pressure Set points to 0.001 psi (0-99psi) Agilent Item #G3440A	1	EA	\$ _____
	<u>With following configurations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 198 to 231 V fast oven power supply; Included • Capillary S/SI inlet with EPC • Mass Spectrometer Detector Interface • FID w/EPC, for capillary column only • Factory plumbing for quick installation • Oven exhaust deflector 			
04	Autosampler tray module, 7683 Includes a pack of 100 2-ml screw-cap vials. Provides cable connection for the G1926A bar code reader. Agilent Item #G2614A	1	EA	\$ _____

05	Auto-injector Module, 7683B Includes one transfer turret, one 8-sample turret, 6890 injector mounting post, and small "parking" post for GC. Agilent Item #G2913A	1	EA	\$ _____
06	Library Bundle, NIST 2008 MS Includes 220K spectra with names and chemical structures, 293k Kovacs retention indices, MS/MS Spectra Lib, and NIST search & AMDIS program. Agilent Item #G1033A	1	EA	\$ _____
07	DB-5MS 30m, 0.25mm, 0.25um Agilent Item #122-5532	2	EA	\$ _____
08	DB-1 30m, 0.25mm, 0.25um Agilent Item #122-1032	2	EA	\$ _____
09	2ml Wide Top Crimp Vial, write-on 100/pk Agilent Item #5182-0543	5	PK	\$ _____
010	11mm Slvr Al Crmp Cap, Clr FEP spta 100 Agilent Item #5181-1210	5	PK	\$ _____
011	Syr. 10ul tapered, FN 23-26s/42/HP, 6/pk Agilent Item #5181-3360	1	PK	\$ _____
012	Manual Crimper, 11mm Caps Agilent Item #5710-0979	1	EA	\$ _____
013	Support for: GCMS 5975 Diffusion System Warranty, Extended 3 years Agilent Item #SYS-GM-5975D	1	LOT	\$ _____

Total Bid Amount (Items 001 – 013): \$ _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 3

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Contract Award**

A response to the solicitation is an offer to contract with Houston Community College ("HCC") based on the terms and conditions contained therein. Bids do not become contracts until they are accepted by HCC through issuance of written purchase a contract signed by both parties, or other duly executed documents. The general terms and conditions in this Attachment No. 3, the applicable requirements and provisions of the IFB, and other provisions required by HCC shall be included in any resulting contract.

2. **Delivery**

The contract performance period will be thirty (30) business days after receipt of a written purchase order. Actual delivery of the goods shall be made within five (5) weeks after receipt of purchase order, unless otherwise extended or terminated by Houston Community College in accordance with the terms and conditions of the resulting contract.

3. **Interpretation, Jurisdiction and Venue**

The Contract shall be construed and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to its choice of law provisions. Venue of any suit, right or cause of action arising under or in connection with the contract shall be exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Harris County, Texas.

4. **Compliance with Laws**

The selected contractor shall give all notices and comply with all Federal, State of Texas and local laws. Upon request, the selected contractor shall furnish to HCC certificates of compliance with all such laws.

5. **Taxes**

HCC is tax exempt as a governmental subdivision of the State of Texas under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Limited Sales Tax Number: 1-74-1709152-1. The contract shall not contain any requirement for HCC to pay sales or other taxes from which it is exempt under applicable law.

6. **Termination for Convenience**

HCC may, at its option and discretion, terminate the resulting contract for convenience and, at its option and discretion, may reduce the statement of work or other requirements of the contract at any time, without any default on the part of HCC or the contractor, by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice thereof to the selected contractor.

7. **Termination for Default**

HCC may terminate the contract immediately for default, by giving written notice thereof to the contractor, if the contractor fails to execute the work properly; performs in a manner that is unsatisfactory to HCC, breaches any terms, conditions, covenants, or provisions of the contract; or otherwise fails to meet its obligations under the contract. In the event of termination for default, HCC shall have against the contractor all remedies provided by law and equity. HCC, in its discretion, may include a provision granting the contractor a reasonable opportunity to cure contractor's default depending on the nature of the breach or default.

8. **Ethics Conduct**

Any breach of any HCC ethics policies, rules, or regulations; any violation of any ethics laws or prohibitions; and any direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive processes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive bidders, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify vendors and contractors from current and future consideration for participation in HCC solicitations, bid awards, orders, and contracts.

9. **Conflict of Interest**
HCC expects the Contractor to comply with Chapter 176 of the Texas Education Code and that failure to comply is grounds for termination of the Contract.
10. **Small Business Development Program (SBDP)**
To the extent required by the solicitation, the contract shall require the selected contractor to agree to attain small business participation goal or target set forth in the solicitation. The contractor further shall agree to enter into agreements for the Work identified in Attachment No. ___ of the solicitation entitled Contractor and Subcontractor/Supplier Participation. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. The contractor's failure to comply with the aforementioned small business participation provisions may result in:
- Withholding of payment until such compliance is achieved or a waiver of the provisions is provided by HCC.
 - Revocation of any benefits and incentives provided under the program or suspension or termination of the contract in whole or in part.
11. **Small Business Compliance**
The contract shall require that contractor meet with the HCC Buyer and the HCC Small Business Representative at the 50% and 75% completion phases/dates of the contract, to verify small business participation activity and to ensure compliance with the small business goal stated in the contract, if any.
12. **Prime Contractor/Contract for Services**
If the resulting contract is for services, the contract shall require that the contractor perform a minimum of 30% of the work with its labor force or demonstrate management of the work to the satisfaction of HCC.
13. **Changes**
HCC shall have the right, at any time, to make changes within the scope of the contract. If such change causes a material increase in the contractor's cost and/or the time for performance, the contractor shall so notify HCC in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the contractor's receipt of the notice of change, and an equitable adjustment in the price and/or the time of performance shall be mutually agreed upon between the parties. No such change shall be effective in the absence of express written acceptance and direction of HCC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase in cost or price under the contract of \$50,000 or more shall require approval by the HCC Board of Trustees before effective.
14. **Insurance Requirements**
The Contractor agrees to comply with the insurance requirements contained herein, if any.
15. **Indemnification**
The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold HCC, its agents, employees, trustees and other officers harmless from any and all losses, damages, harm of any type or character (including attorney's fees and costs of suit) regardless of the nature or theory of the claim, whether negligence, contractual, extra contractual, or otherwise arising from or by reason of any act or omission of the contractor, its agents, servants, officers, directors, and employees in the performance of the contract.
16. **Independent Contractor**
It is agreed and understood that the contractor shall be deemed to be an independent contractor in all its operations and activities hereunder; that the employees furnished by the contractor to perform the services required by the contract shall be deemed to be contractor's employees or independent subcontractors; that the contractor's employees shall be paid by the contractor; and the contractor and its employees shall be responsible for all obligations and reports covering social security, unemployment insurance, income tax, and other reports and deductions required by State and Federal law. The contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold HCC, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives harmless from any claims relating to the payment of salary, compensation, benefits, worker's compensation, or taxes to contractor's employees or agents.

17. **Third Party Rights**

The resulting contract shall contain the following provision: Nothing in this Contract, whether express or implied, will be construed to give any person or entity (other than the parties hereto and their permitted successors and assigns) any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or in respect of any terms or provisions contained in this Contract or any standing or authority to enforce the terms and provisions of this Contract. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to or operate to create any rights in any person, party, or entity who is not a party to this Contract including, but not limited to, any rights in the nature of a third-party beneficiary.

18. **Assignment**

The contractor may not assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of HCC. This contract shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

19. **Notices**

All notices by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid addressed as follows:

Houston Community College

Procurement Operations
3100 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002
ATTN: Executive Director, Procurement Operations

Contractor

Attn: _____

20. **Invoicing and Payment**

The contractor shall submit an original invoice to the address shown below for the goods or services which have been inspected and accepted by HCC:

Houston Community College
Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 667460
Houston, Texas 77266-7460

Reference: Project No. 09-29 and the applicable purchase order number.

Generally, payment will be made within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a properly prepared invoice or acceptance of the goods or services, whichever is later. Payment shall be considered made when HCC deposits the contractor's payment in the mail or the date on which an electronic transfer of funds occurs.

21. **Appropriated Funds**

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

22. **Entire Agreement**

The resulting contract and its accompanying exhibits contain the entire understanding of the parties regarding the services or materials and subject matter contained in the contract and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter. The contract shall not be amended or modified, except

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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

Name/Title: _____
(Type or Print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____
(Type or Print)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 5

CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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

If an individual:
Have you been convicted of a felony? YES or NO

If a business entity: YES or NO

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

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

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

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

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Business Entity: _____

Signature of Firm's Authorized Official: _____

State of Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____

Texas, this the _____ day of _____, 2009

Notary Public for the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 6

AFFIDAVIT FORM

This company, contractor, or subcontractor agrees to refrain from discrimination in terms and conditions of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, physical handicap, or national origin, and agrees to take affirmative action as required by Federal Statutes and Rules and Regulations issued pursuant thereto in order to maintain and ensure nondiscriminatory employment practices.

Signed: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

State of Texas

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

this the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public for the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 7
BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

FIRM NAME: _____

FIRM ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME AND PHONE NO. (Type or Print):

SIGNATURE OF FIRM'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: _____

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print): _____

Do you or any officer, partner, owner, sales representative and/or spouse work for Houston Community College? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please specify: _____

State in which your home office / headquarters is located? _____

If headquarters is located out of state, does that state have preferential treatment on Bids?

_____ If yes, list percentage. _____%

Name of Financial Institution _____ Contact Person _____
Title _____

Please indicate how you became aware of this procurement? Source: _____

Example: Newspapers (Chronicle, El Dia, Voice of Asia, African American News, etc.) Houston Minority Business Council, HCC Website, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Individual Sole Proprietorship
 Partnership Corporation, Incorporated in _____

Federal Employer Identification Number _____
(Note: please refer to Attachment No. 9, Vendor Application Instructions)

How long in business under present name _____

Number of persons now employed _____

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

DBE Disadvantaged Business Enterprise **SB** Small Business
 WBE Women Owned Business Enterprise **MBE** Minority Business Enterprise
 HUB Historically Underutilized Business Other: _____

** HCC is an equal opportunity / educational institution, which does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, gender, age or disability. HCC encourages small and disadvantaged businesses to seek procurement opportunities.*

REFERENCES

List three references (local or otherwise) which have been or are now your customer and at least one in which you have performed comparable work in quantity and scope to that specified in this solicitation.

Name of Firm	Address	Point of Contact	Telephone #
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

State of Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____

Texas, this the _____ day of _____, 2009

Notary Public _____

for the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 8

ASSURANCE OF SBDP GOAL

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

Small Business Participation Goal = _____%

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

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

Signature _____

Title _____ Date of Signing _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 9

VENDOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

Please take a moment to go to the Houston Community College Procurement Operations department website and register as a vendor. The website address to access the vendor registration form is http://hccs.aecglobal.com/Supplier_Registration_Form.asp

Once you have completed your application, please print out a copy of the completed application and submit it with your completed bid package. If you do not have internet access you are welcome to use a computer at any HCC library to access the website and register.

ATTACHMENT NO. 10

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following coverage and limits are the minimum limits that the Contractor / Vendor are required to carry during performance of the contract for Miscellaneous Scientific Equipment, Project 09-29:

1. Commercial General Liability for Bodily Injury / Property Damage

Limits:

Occurrence / Personal Injury / Advertising / Products / Completed Operations	\$1,000,000. CSL
Annual Aggregate	\$2,000,000. CSL
Products Aggregate	\$2,000,000. CSL
Fire, Lightning or Explosion	\$1,000,000. CSL
Medical Expense	\$5,000 Per Person

2. Automobile Liability:

Bodily Injury / Property Damage	\$1,000,000. CSL
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3. Workers Compensation:

Part A - Statutory	
Part B - \$1,000,000 Each Accident	
\$1,000,000 Policy Limits	
\$1,000,000 Each Employee	

4. . Endorsements: \$1,000,000. CSL

The following endorsements and other stated information are required on the Original Certificate of Insurance:

- 90 Day Notice of Cancellation;
- Houston Community College System be named as Additional Insured on all policies except the Worker's compensation;
- Waiver of Subrogation on all policies.

The Original Certificated of Insurance shall be mailed to Houston Community College System Risk Management Office Post Office Box 667517 (MC-1119), Houston, Texas 77266, indicating the limits, coverage and endorsements as outlined above within 14 calendar days after receipt of written purchase order or some other duly executed contract document.

Note: CSL denotes "Combined Single Limit".

ATTACHMENT NO. 11

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ		
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.</p> <p>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.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; padding: 2px;">OFFICE USE ONLY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Date Received</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OFFICE USE ONLY	Date Received
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<p>1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> 			
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p>(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.)</p>			
<p>3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.</p> <p align="center">_____</p> <p align="center">Name of Officer</p> <p>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. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?</p> <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>			
<p>4</p> <p align="center">_____</p> <p align="center">Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p align="right">_____</p> <p align="right">Date</p>			

Adopted 06/29/2007



Procurement Operations

Sample Contract Documents

By and Between

Houston Community College

And

For

Project No. 09-29

SAMPLE CONTRACT EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A BID / AWARD FORM

Note: (Attachment No. 1 of this solicitation may become Exhibit A in the resulting contract.)

EXHIBIT B SCHEDULE OF ITEMS AND PRICES

Note: (Attachment No. 2 of this solicitation may become Exhibit B in the resulting contract.)

EXHIBIT C GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Note: (Attachment No. 3 of this solicitation may become Exhibit C in the resulting contract.)

EXHIBIT D INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Note: (Attachment No. 10 of this solicitation may become Exhibit D in the resulting contract)

