1. BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Bidders must comply with all rules, regulations and statutes relating to purchasing in the State of Texas in addition to the requirements of this form.

1.2 Pricing must be quoted on a "per unit" basis, extended as indicated. Any trade discounts included must be itemized and deducted from extended prices. Unit Prices shall govern in the event of extension errors. Bidder guarantees product or service offered will meet or exceed specifications included as part of this Invitation for Bid.

1.3 Bids should be submitted on this form. Each bid that is mailed should be placed in a separate envelope completely and properly identified. Instructions on page 1, top center. Bids must be submitted via the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES or in person on or before the hour and date specified for the bid opening.

1.4 When sending bids via the U.S. Postal Service, use the address on page 1 of this Invitation for Bid. When using a delivery service or hand delivering, which requires a street address, address is Agronomy Road, College Station, TX 77843.

1.5 Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances.

1.6 Bids should be quoted “F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid and allowed”. If quoting freight otherwise, show exact delivery cost and who bears cost if not included in unit price.

1.7 Bid prices are requested to be firm for TEXAS A&M acceptance within 30 days of bid opening date. “Discount from list” bids are not acceptable unless requested. Cash discount will not be considered in determining the low bid. All cash discounts will be taken if earned.

1.8 Bids should give SUPPLIER ID Number, full name and address of bidder (enter in the block provided if not shown). Failure to sign bid will disqualify it. Person signing bid should show title or authority to bind him or her in a contract. Firm name should appear on each page of a bid, in the block provided in the upper right hand corner. The SUPPLIER ID Number is the taxpayer number assigned and used by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas. Enter this number in the spaces provided on page 1 (upper right) if it is not printed. If this number is not known, complete the following: 1. Enter your Federal Employer Identification Number. 2. Sole owner should also enter Social Security Number.

1.9 Bid cannot be altered or amended after opening time. Any alterations made before opening time should be initialed by bidder or authorized agent of bidder. No bid can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES based on a written acceptable reason.

1.10 Purchases made for TEXAS A&M use are exempt from the State Sales tax and Federal Excise tax. Do not include tax in bid. Excise tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished by TEXAS A&M upon request.

1.11 TEXAS A&M reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the State.

1.12 Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by TEXAS A&M and/or investigation for antitrust violations.

1.13 Other preferences as defined in Rule 1 TAC 113.8 (check any that are applicable)

☐ Products of persons with mental or physical disabilities
☐ Products made of recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive materials including recycled steel
☐ Energy efficient products
☐ Rubberized asphalt paving material
☐ Recycled motor oil and lubricants
☐ Products produced at facilities located on formerly contaminated property
☐ Products and services from economically depressed or blighted areas

1.14 The telephone number for FAX submission of bids is 979-845-3800. This is the only number that will be used for the receipt of bids. TEXAS A&M shall not be responsible for failure of electronic equipment or operator error. Late, illegible, incomplete, or otherwise non-responsive bids will not be considered.

1.15 Inquiries pertaining to IFBs must include the IFB number and opening date.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

Any catalogue, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in the Invitation for Bid is descriptive only and not restrictive, and is used to indicate type and quality desired. Bids on brands of like nature and quality will be considered unless otherwise specified. If bidding on other than reference, bid should show manufacturer, brand or trade name, and other description of the product offered. If more than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete description of product offered are requested to be made part of the bid. If bidder takes an exception to specifications or reference data in his or her bid, bidder will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc., as specified in the Invitation for Bid (IFB).

2.1 All items shall be new and unused, in first class condition, including containers suitable for shipment and storage, unless otherwise indicated in IFB. Oral agreements will not be recognized.

2.2 All electrical items must meet all applicable OSHA standards and regulations, and bear the appropriate listing from UL, FMRC or NEMA.

2.3 Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to TEXAS A&M. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the bidder, upon request, at bidder’s expense. Each sample should be marked with bidder’s name and address, and TEXAS A&M bid number. Do not enclose in or attach bid to sample.

2.4 TEXAS A&M will not be bound by any oral statement or representation contrary to the written specifications of this IFB.

2.5 Manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply unless otherwise stated in the IFB.

3. TIE BIDS - In case of tie bids, the award will be made in accordance with Rule 1 TAC Section 113.6 (b) (3) and 113.6 (Preferences).

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Bid should show number of days required to place material in receiving agency’s designated location under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates SUPPLIER to complete delivery in 14 calendar days. Unreasonably short or long delivery promises may cause bid to be disregarded.

4.2 If delay is foreseen, SUPPLIER shall give written notice to TEXAS A&M. TEXAS A&M has the right to extend delivery date if reasons appear valid. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications authorizes TEXAS A&M to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting SUPPLIER.

4.3 No substitutions or cancellation permitted without written approval of the TEXAS A&M DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES.

4.4 Delivery shall be made during normal working hours only, unless prior approval for late delivery has been obtained from TEXAS A&M.

5. INSPECTION AND TESTS - All goods will be subject to inspection and test by TEXAS A&M to the extent practicable at all times and places. Authorized TEXAS A&M personnel shall have access to any SUPPLIER’s place of business for the purpose of inspecting merchandise. Tests shall be performed on samples submitted with the bid or on samples taken from regular shipment. In the event products tested fail to meet or exceed all conditions and requirements of the specifications, the cost of the sample used and the cost of the testing shall be borne by the SUPPLIER. Goods which have been delivered and rejected in whole or in part may, at TEXAS A&M’s option, be returned to SUPPLIER or held for disposition at SUPPLIER’S risk and expense. Defects may result in revocation of acceptance.

6. BIDDER AFFIRMATION - Signing this bid with a false statement is a material breach of contract and shall void the submitted bid or any resulting contracts, and the bidder shall be removed from all bid lists. By signature hereon affixed, the bidder hereby certifies that:

6.1 The bidder has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted bid.

6.2 The bidder is currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State of Texas.

6.3 Pursuant to Section 2155.004 Government Code, relating to collection of state and local sales and use taxes, the bidder certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and/or payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

6.4 Neither the bidder nor the firm, corporation, partnership or institution represented by the bidder, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this State, codified in Section 15.01, et seq., Texas Business and Commerce Code, or the Federal Antitrust Laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

6.5 The bidder has not received compensation for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this IFB.

6.6 The SUPPLIER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Texas, all of its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, from any acts or omissions of SUPPLIER or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or SUPPLIER of SUPPLIER in the execution or performance of this contract.

6.7 Bidder agrees that any payments due under this contract will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquency taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.

6.8 Bidder certifies that they are in compliance with section 669.003 of the Government Code, relating to contracting with executive head of a State agency. If section 669.003 applies, bidder will complete the following information in order for the bid to be evaluated.

Name of Former Executive:

Name of State Agency:

Date of Separation from State Agency:

Position with Bidder:

Date of Employment with Bidder:

6.9 Bidder agrees to comply with Government Code 2155.4441, pertaining to service contract use of products produced in the State of Texas.

6.10 Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor’s Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor’s Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract awards.

7. CONFLICTING TERMS & CONDITIONS- Any terms and conditions attached to a bid will not be considered unless the bidder specifically refers to them on the front of this bid form.

WARNING: SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID. (E.G. BIDS WITH THE LAWS OF A STATE OTHER THAN TEXAS, REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPAYMENT, LIMITATIONS ON REMEDIES, ETC.)
8. AWARD OF CONTRACT - A response to an IFB is an offer to contract with TEXAS A&M based upon the terms, conditions and specifications contained in the IFB. If the state agency has agreed to the contract, the offer shall become an enforceable contract upon execution of the purchase order in the case of a state government entity, or the contract shall be governed, construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas.

9. PAYMENT - SUPPLIER shall submit one copy of an itemized invoice showing order number and agency purchase order number. TEXAS A&M will incur no penalty for late payment if payment is made in 30 or fewer days from receipt of goods or services and an uncontested invoice.

10. PATENTS OR COPYRIGHTS - The SUPPLIER agrees to protect TEXAS A&M from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

11. SUPPLIER ASSIGNMENTS - SUPPLIER hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States of America under the laws of Texas, Bus. & Comm. Code Ann. Sec. 15.01, et seq. (1973), and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas.

12. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

(a) [SUPPLIER] acknowledges that TEXAS A&M University (TEXAS A&M) is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law.

(b) Upon TEXAS A&M's written request, [SUPPLIER] will provide specified public information in electronic form (as defined in Section 552.001, Texas Government Code), but only includes information to which TEXAS A&M has a right of access.

(c) [SUPPLIER] acknowledges that TEXAS A&M may be required to post a copy of the fully executed Agreement on its web site in conformance with Section 2261.253(a)(1), Texas Government Code.

13. TEXAS FAMILY CODE SECTION 231.006

INEQUALITY TO RECEIVE STATE GRANTS OR LOANS OR RECEIVE PAYMENT ON STATE CONTRACTS.

(a) child support obligation is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to:

(1) receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services;

(2) receive a state-funded grant or loan.

(a-1) A child support obligor who is more than six months delinquent in paying child support is not eligible to receive student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the comptroller. This subsection does not apply to an obligor who submits to the comptroller:

(1) a sworn affidavit from the obligor or obligee stating that the obligor is current on the obligor's child support payments; and

(2) a written statement from the obligor that the obligor has made a request to the Title IV-D agency to correct the errors in the obligor's payment record.

(b) A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a) or a child support obligor ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a-1) remains ineligible until:

(1) all arrears have been paid;

(2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to an existing delinquency; or

(3) the court of continuing jurisdiction over the child support order has granted the obligor an exemption under Subsection (a-1) or the court has terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

(e) if a state agency determines that the individual who is a state contract is ineligible to receive payment under Subsection (a), the contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

(f) if the certificate required under Subsection (d) is shown to be false, the SUPPLIER is liable to the state for attorney's fees, the costs necessary to complete the contract, including the cost of fashioning and awarding a second contract, and any other damages provided by law or contract.

(g) This section does not create a cause of action to contest a bid or award of a state grant, loan, or contract. This section does not impose a duty on the Title IV-D agency to collect information to send to the comptroller to withhold a payment to a business entity. The Title IV-D agency and other affected agencies are encouraged to develop a system by which the Title IV-D agency may identify a business entity that is ineligible to receive a state grant under Subsection (a) and to ensure that a state payment to the entity is not made. This system should be implemented using existing funds and only if the Title IV-D agency, comptroller, and other affected agencies determine that it will be cost-effective.

(h) This section does not apply to a contract between governmental entities.

(i) The Title IV-D agency may adopt rules or prescribe forms to implement any provision of this section.

(j) A state agency may accept a bid that does not include the information required under Subsection (c) if the state agency collects the information before the contract, grant, or loan is executed.

14. EXPORT CONTROL - SUPPLIER agrees to comply with all applicable US Export Control laws and regulations to include the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), and any other applicable US export laws and regulations. As an institution of higher learning, Texas A&M University (TEXAS A&M) typically does not take receipt of export controlled goods, technical data, services or technology ("Materials") except as may be specifically agreed to by TEXAS A&M. SUPPLIER agrees that it will not provide or make accessible to TEXAS A&M without first obtaining and providing a written adequate certification that the TEXAS A&M Information has been destroyed. SUPPLIER will provide adequate certification that the TEXAS A&M Information has been destroyed. SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors shall use the TEXAS A&M Information solely in connection with performance by SUPPLIER of the services provided to TEXAS A&M pursuant to this Agreement, and for no other purpose. Should SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors fail to destroy or be any information to which TEXAS A&M has a right of access.

For purposes of this section concerning SUPPLIER Access, Confidential Information is defined as information that must be protected from unauthorized disclosure or public release based on state or federal law or other legally binding agreement and may include but is not limited to: safety policies, privacy policies, security policies, auditing policies, software licensing policies, acceptable use policies, and non-disclosure as required by TEXAS A&M.

In the event SUPPLIER should obtain or be granted access to Confidential and or Mission Critical Information ("TEXAS A&M Information") and provide information to third parties, TEXAS A&M Information confidential to no less than the same degree of care as required by TEXAS A&M policies, rules and procedures. At the expiration or early termination of this Agreement, SUPPLIER agrees to retain all TEXAS A&M Information or agrees to provide adequate certification that the TEXAS A&M Information has been destroyed. SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors shall use the TEXAS A&M Information solely in connection with performance by SUPPLIER of the services provided to TEXAS A&M pursuant to this Agreement, and for no other purpose. Should SUPPLIER, its employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors fail to destroy or be any information to which TEXAS A&M has a right of access.

15. INFORMATION SECURITY

Pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 202, §202.077 of the Texas Administrative Code, SUPPLIER hereby acknowledges responsibility to comply with all applicable TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (TEXAS A&M) policies, rules, standards, practices, and agreements, including but not limited to: safety policies, privacy policies, security policies, auditing policies, software licensing policies, acceptable use policies, and non-disclosure as required by TEXAS A&M.

16. SUSTAINABILITY

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY is committed to campus sustainability initiatives. Support of these initiatives necessarily includes the purchase of goods and services that minimize the impact on the environment to the greatest extent possible. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY requests SUPPLIER's assistance in campus sustainability initiatives by informing in any bid response, or other discussions, of SUPPLIER's sustainability practices or environmentally sustainable product offerings. For example, alternative products available from SUPPLIER which may be recyclable or reusable, end of life (obsolescence) return of equipment to SUPPLIER, energy-saving devices, return to SUPPLIER of shipping containers, packaging or like excess materials.

17. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SUPPLIER must use the dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve a dispute arising under this Agreement and is a required prerequisite to suit in accordance with Chapter 107, Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. SUPPLIER must submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract to the University Contracts Officer, Texas A&M UNIVERSITY.

18. SUPPLIER CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING ISRAEL
