

COUNTY OF FRESNO
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
NUMBER: 670-5193

WATER TREATMENT SERVICES

July 26, 2013

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IMPORTANT: SUBMIT QUOTATION IN SEALED PACKAGE WITH QUOTATION NUMBER, CLOSING DATE AND BUYER'S NAME MARKED CLEARLY ON THE OUTSIDE TO:

COUNTY OF FRESNO, Purchasing
4525 EAST HAMILTON AVENUE, 2nd Floor
FRESNO, CA 93702-4599

CLOSING DATE OF BID WILL BE AT 2:00 P.M., ON AUGUST 15, 2013.

QUOTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE WHEN THE OFFICIAL PURCHASING TIME CLOCK READS 2:00 P.M.

Quotations will be opened and publicly read at that time. All quotation information will be available for review after contract award.

Clarification of specifications is to be directed to: Craig Nickel, e-mail CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us, phone (559) 600-7115, FAX (559) 600-7126.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: See "County Of Fresno Purchasing Standard Instructions And Conditions For Request For Proposals (RFP'S) and Requests for Quotations (RFQ'S)" attached. Check County of Fresno Purchasing's Open Solicitations website at <http://www2.co.fresno.ca.us/0440/Bidshome2.asp> for RFQ/RFP documents and changes.

BIDDER TO COMPLETE

UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO FURNISH THE COMMODITY OR SERVICE STIPULATED IN THE ATTACHED QUOTATION SCHEDULE AT THE PRICES AND TERMS STATED, SUBJECT TO THE "COUNTY OF FRESNO PURCHASING STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFP'S) AND REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ'S)" ATTACHED.

Except as noted on individual items, the following will apply to all items in the Quotation Schedule.

1. Complete delivery will be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of Order.
2. A cash discount _____ % _____ days will apply.

COMPANY

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

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FACSIMILE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

SIGNED BY

PRINT NAME

TITLE

COUNTY OF FRESNO PURCHASING

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) AND REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ'S)

Note: the reference to "bids" in the following paragraphs applies to RFP's and RFQ's

GENERAL CONDITIONS

By submitting a bid the bidder agrees to the following conditions. These conditions will apply to all subsequent purchases based on this bid.

1. BID PREPARATION:

- A) All prices and notations must be typed or written in ink. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out, initialed and corrections printed in ink by person signing bid.
- B) Brand Names: Brand names and numbers when given are for reference. Equal items will be considered, provided the offer clearly describes the article and how it differs from that specified. In the absence of such information it shall be understood the offering is exactly as specified.
- C) State brand or make of each item. If bidding on other than specified, state make, model and brand being bid and attach supporting literature/specifications to the bid.
- D) Bid on each item separately. Prices should be stated in units specified herein. All applicable charges must be quoted; charges on invoice not quoted herein will be disallowed.
- E) Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and must be stated in definite terms and must be adhered to. F.O.B. Point shall be destination or freight charges must be stated.
- F) All bids must be dated and signed with the firm's name and by an authorized officer or employee.
- G) Unless otherwise noted, prices shall be firm for one hundred eighty (180) days after closing date of bid.

2. SUBMITTING BIDS:

- A) Each bid must be submitted on forms provided in a sealed envelope/package with bid number and closing date and time on the outside of the envelope/package.
- B) Interpretation: Should any discrepancies or omissions be found in the bid specifications or doubt as to their meaning, the bidder shall notify the Buyer in writing at once. The County shall not be held responsible for verbal interpretations. Questions regarding the bid must be received by Purchasing at least five (5) working days before bid opening. All addenda issued shall be in writing, duly issued by Purchasing and incorporated into the contract.
- C) ISSUING AGENT/AUTHORIZED CONTACT: This RFP/RFQ has been issued by County of Fresno, Purchasing. Purchasing shall be the vendor's sole point of contact with regard to the RFP/RFQ, its content, and all issues concerning it.

All communication regarding this RFP/RFQ shall be directed to an authorized representative of County Purchasing. The specific buyer managing this RFP/RFQ is identified on the cover page, along with his or her telephone number, and he or she should be the primary

point of contact for discussions or information pertaining to the RFP/RFQ. Contact with any other County representative, including elected officials, for the purpose of discussing this RFP/RFQ, its content, or any other issue concerning it, is prohibited unless authorized by Purchasing. Violation of this clause, by the vendor having unauthorized contact (verbally or in writing) with such other County representatives, may constitute grounds for rejection by Purchasing of the vendor's quotation.

The above stated restriction on vendor contact with County representatives shall apply until the County has awarded a purchase order or contract to a vendor or vendors, except as follows. First, in the event that a vendor initiates a formal protest against the RFP/RFQ, such vendor may contact the appropriate individual, or individuals who are managing that protest as outlined in the County's established protest procedures. All such contact must be in accordance with the sequence set forth under the protest procedures. Second, in the event a public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors to hear testimony prior to its approval of a purchase order or contract, any vendor may address the Board.

- D) Bids received after the closing time will NOT be considered.
- E) Bidders are to bid what is specified or requested first. If unable to or unwilling to, bidder may bid alternative or option, indicating all advantages, disadvantages and their associated cost.
- F) Public Contract Code Section 7028.15

Where the State of California requires a Contractor's license, it is a misdemeanor for any person to submit a bid unless specifically exempted.

3. FAILURE TO BID:

- A) If not bidding, return bid sheet and state reason for no bid or your name may be removed from mailing list.

4. TAXES, CHARGES AND EXTRAS:

- A) County of Fresno is subject to California sales and/or use tax (7.975%). Please indicate as a separate line item if applicable.
- B) **DO NOT** include Federal Excise Tax. County is exempt under Registration No. 94-73-03401-K.
- C) County is exempt from Federal Transportation Tax. Exemption certificate is not required where shipping papers show consignee as County of Fresno.
- D) Charges for transportation, containers, packing, etc. will not be paid unless specified in bid.

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5. W-9 – REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION & CALIFORNIA FORM 590 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE:

Upon award of bid, the vendor shall submit to County Purchasing, a completed IRS Form W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification and a California Form 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate if not currently a County of Fresno approved vendor.

6. AWARDS:

- A) Award(s) will be made to the most responsive responsible bidder; however, the Fresno County Local Vendor Preference and/or the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference shall take precedence when applicable. Said Preferences apply only to Request for Quotations for materials, equipment and/or supplies only (no services); the preference do not apply to Request for Proposals. RFQ evaluations will include such things as life-cycle cost, availability, delivery costs and whose product and/or service is deemed to be in the best interest of the County. The County shall be the sole judge in making such determination.
- B) Unless bidder gives notice of all-or-none award in bid, County may accept any item, group of items or on the basis of total bid.
- C) The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bids.
- D) Award Notices are tentative: Acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFP/RFQ shall occur only upon execution of an agreement by both parties or issuance of a valid written Purchase Order by Fresno County Purchasing.
- E) After award, all bids shall be open to public inspection. The County assumes no responsibility for the confidentiality of information offered in a bid.

7. TIE BIDS:

All other factors being equal, the contract shall be awarded to the Fresno County vendor or, if neither or both are Fresno County vendors, it may be awarded by the flip of a coin in the presence of witnesses or the entire bid may be rejected and re-bid. If the General Requirements of the RFQ state that they are applicable, the provisions of the Fresno County Local Vendor Preference shall take priority over this paragraph.

8. PATENT INDEMNITY:

The vendor shall hold the County, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for infringement or use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in connection with this bid.

9. SAMPLES:

Samples, when required, must be furnished and delivered free and, if not destroyed by tests, will upon written request (within thirty (30) days of bid closing date) be returned at the bidder's expense. In the absence of such notification, County shall have the right to dispose of the samples in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

10. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT:

- A) In case of default by vendor, the County may procure the articles or service from another source and may recover the cost difference and related expenses occasioned thereby from any unpaid balance due the vendor or by proceeding against performance bond of the

vendor, if any, or by suit against the vendor. The prices paid by the County shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made.

- B) Articles or services, which upon delivery inspection do not meet specifications, will be rejected and the vendor will be considered in default. Vendor shall reimburse County for expenses related to delivery of non-specified goods or services.
- C) Regardless of F.O.B. point, vendor agrees to bear all risks of loss, injury or destruction to goods and materials ordered herein which occur prior to delivery and such loss, injury or destruction shall not release vendor from any obligation hereunder.

11. DISCOUNTS:

Terms of less than fifteen (15) days for cash payment will be considered as net in evaluating this bid. A discount for payment within fifteen (15) days or more will be considered in determining the award of bid. Discount period will commence either the later of delivery or receipt of invoice by the County. Standard terms are Net forty-five (45) days.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN BID SCHEDULE SUPERSEDE GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The "General Conditions" provisions of this RFP/RFQ shall be superseded if in conflict with any other section of this bid, to the extent of any such conflict.

13. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

With the invoice or within twenty-five (25) days of delivery, the seller must provide to the County a Material Safety Data Sheet for each product, which contains any substance on "The List of 800 Hazardous Substances", published by the State Director of Industrial Relations. (See Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act. California State Labor Code Sections 6360 through 6399.7.)

14. RECYCLED PRODUCTS/MATERIALS:

Vendors are encouraged to provide and quote (with documentation) recycled or recyclable products/materials which meet stated specifications.

15. YEAR COMPLIANCE WARRANTY:

Vendor warrants that any product furnished pursuant to this Agreement/order shall support a four-digit year format and be able to accurately process date and time data from, into and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, as well as leap year calculations. "Product" shall include, without limitation, any piece or component of equipment, hardware, firmware, middleware, custom or commercial software, or internal components or subroutines therein. This warranty shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

In the event of any decrease in product functionality or accuracy related to time and/or date data related codes and/or internal subroutines that impede the product from operating correctly using dates beyond December 31, 1999, vendor shall restore or repair the product to the same level of functionality as warranted herein, so as to minimize interruption to County's ongoing business process, time being of the essence. In the event that such warranty compliance requires the acquisition of additional programs, the expense for any such associated or additional acquisitions, which may be required, including, without limitation, data conversion tools, shall be borne exclusively by vendor. Nothing in this warranty shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies the County may otherwise have under this Agreement with respect to defects other than year performance.

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16. PARTICIPATION:

Bidder may agree to extend the terms of the resulting contract to other political subdivision, municipalities and tax-supported agencies.

Such participating Governmental bodies shall make purchases in their own name, make payment directly to bidder, and be liable directly to the bidder, holding the County of Fresno harmless.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY:

All services performed by vendor shall be in strict conformance with all applicable Federal, State of California and/or local laws and regulations relating to confidentiality, including but not limited to, California Civil Code, California Welfare and Institutions Code, Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations.

Vendor shall submit to County's monitoring of said compliance.

Vendor may be a business associate of County, as that term is defined in the "Privacy Rule" enacted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). As a HIPAA Business Associate, vendor may use or disclose protected health information ("PHI") to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of County as specified by the County, provided that such use or disclosure shall not violate HIPAA and its implementing regulations. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not be more expansive than those applicable to County, as the "Covered Entity" under HIPAA's Privacy Rule, except as authorized for management, administrative or legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.

Vendor shall not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the County, or as required by law without written notice to the County.

Vendor shall ensure that any agent, including any subcontractor, to which vendor provides PHI received from, or created or received by the vendor on behalf of County, shall comply with the same restrictions and conditions with respect to such information.

18. APPEALS:

Appeals must be submitted in writing within seven (7) working days after notification of proposed recommendations for award. A "Notice of Award" is not an indication of County's acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFP/RFQ. Appeals should be submitted to County of Fresno Purchasing, 4525 E. Hamilton Avenue, Fresno, California 93702-4599. Appeals should address only areas regarding RFP contradictions, procurement errors, quotation rating discrepancies, legality of procurement context, conflict of interest, and inappropriate or unfair competitive procurement grievance regarding the RFP/RFQ process.

Purchasing will provide a written response to the complainant within seven (7) working days unless the complainant is notified more time is required.

If the protesting bidder is not satisfied with the decision of Purchasing, he/she shall have the right to appeal to the Purchasing Agent/CAO within seven (7) business days after Purchasing's notification; except if, notified to appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors at the scheduled date and time.

If the protesting bidder is not satisfied with Purchasing Agent/CAO's decision, the final appeal is with the Board of Supervisors.

19. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR:

A) CONTRACTOR shall perform as required by the ensuing contract. CONTRACTOR also warrants on behalf of itself and all

subcontractors engaged for the performance of the ensuing contract that only persons authorized to work in the United States pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and other applicable laws shall be employed in the performance of the work hereunder.

B) CONTRACTOR shall obey all Federal, State, local and special district laws, ordinances and regulations.

20. AUDITS & RETENTION:

The Contractor shall maintain in good and legible condition all books, documents, papers, data files and other records related to its performance under this contract. Such records shall be complete and available to Fresno County, the State of California, the federal government or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of audit, examination, or copying during the term of the contract and for a period of at least three (3) years following the County's final payment under the contract or until conclusion of any pending matter (e.g., litigation or audit), whichever is later. Such records must be retained in the manner described above until all pending matters are closed.

21. DISCLOSURE – CRIMINAL HISTORY & CIVIL ACTIONS:

Applies to Request for Proposal (RFP); does not apply to Request for Quotation (RFQ) unless specifically stated elsewhere in the RFQ document.

In their proposal, the bidder is required to disclose if any of the following conditions apply to them, their owners, officers, corporate managers and partners (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Bidder"):

- Within the three-year period preceding the proposal, they have been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction;
 - violation of a federal or state antitrust statute;
 - embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records; or
 - false statements or receipt of stolen property

Within a three-year period preceding their proposal, they have had a public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

22. DATA SECURITY:

Individuals and/or agencies that enter into a contractual relationship with the COUNTY for the purpose of providing services must employ adequate controls and data security measures, both internally and externally to ensure and protect the confidential information and/or data provided to contractor by the COUNTY, preventing the potential loss, misappropriation or inadvertent access, viewing, use or disclosure of COUNTY data including sensitive or personal client information; abuse of COUNTY resources; and/or disruption to COUNTY operations.

Individuals and/or agencies may not connect to or use COUNTY networks/systems via personally owned mobile, wireless or handheld devices unless authorized by COUNTY for telecommuting purposes and provide a secure connection; up to date virus protection and mobile devices must have the remote wipe feature enabled. Computers or computer peripherals including mobile storage devices may not be used (COUNTY or Contractor device) or brought in for use into the COUNTY's system(s) without prior authorization from COUNTY's Chief Information Officer and/or designee(s).

No storage of COUNTY's private, confidential or sensitive data on any hard-disk drive, portable storage device or remote storage installation unless

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encrypted according to advance encryption standards (AES of 128 bit or higher).

The COUNTY will immediately be notified of any violations, breaches or potential breaches of security related to COUNTY's confidential information, data and/or data processing equipment which stores or processes COUNTY data, internally or externally.

COUNTY shall provide oversight to Contractor's response to all incidents arising from a possible breach of security related to COUNTY's confidential client information. Contractor will be responsible to issue any notification to affected individuals as required by law or as deemed necessary by COUNTY in its sole discretion. Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of providing the required notification.

23. PURCHASING LOCATION & HOURS:

Fresno County Purchasing is located at 4525 E. Hamilton Avenue (second floor), Fresno, CA 93702. Non-holiday hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. PST; Purchasing is closed daily from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M. The following holiday office closure schedule is observed:

January 1*	New Year's Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Third Monday in February	Washington - Lincoln Day
March 31*	Cesar Chavez' Birthday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
July 4*	Independence Day
First Monday in September	Labor Day
November 11*	Veteran's Day
Fourth Thursday in November	Thanksgiving Day
Friday following Thanksgiving	
December 25*	Christmas

* When this date falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following Monday.

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

CONTRACT SERVICE AND SUPPLY

The County of Fresno is soliciting bids to provide all labor, materials, equipment, etc., to perform monthly (every 28 days) water softener treatment services for the Scale House and Maintenance Building at the American Avenue Disposal Site. In addition, eight (8) locations at the Southeast Regional Landfill in Selma require carbon re-bed services (re-bed filter with MTBE Carbon) upon request by the County.

LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE: The Local Vendor Preference **does not** apply to this Request for Quotation.

AWARD: Award will be made to the vendor(s) offering the equipment and system deemed to be to the best advantage of the County. The County shall be the sole judge in making such determination. Award Notices are tentative: Acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFQ shall occur only upon execution of an agreement by both parties or issuance of a valid written Purchase Order by Fresno County Purchasing.

COPIES: Submit **one (1) original and two (2) copies** of your quotation no later than the RFQ closing date and time as stated on the front of this document, to County of Fresno Purchasing.

ISSUING AGENT: This RFQ has been issued by County of Fresno, Purchasing. The Purchasing shall be the vendor's sole point of contact with regard to the RFQ, its content, and all issues concerning it.

AUTHORIZED CONTACT: All communication regarding this RFQ shall be directed to an authorized representative of County Purchasing. The specific buyer managing this RFQ is identified on the cover page, along with his or her telephone number, and he or she should be the primary point of contact for discussions or information pertaining to the RFQ. Contact with any other County representative, including elected officials, for the purpose of discussing this RFQ, its content, or any other issue concerning it, is prohibited unless authorized by Purchasing. Violation of this clause, by the vendor having unauthorized contact (verbally or in writing) with such other County representatives, may constitute grounds for rejection by Purchasing of the vendor's quotation.

The above stated restriction on vendor contact with County representatives shall apply until the County has awarded a purchase order or contract to a vendor or vendors, except as follows. First, in the event that a vendor initiates a formal protest against the RFQ, such vendor may contact the appropriate individual, or individuals who are managing that protest as outlined in the County's established protest procedures. All such contact must be in accordance with the sequence set forth under the protest procedures. Second, in the event a public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors to hear testimony prior to its approval of a purchase order or contract, any vendor may address the Board.

PAYMENT: County will make partial payments for all purchases made under this contract/purchase order and accumulated during the month.

RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bids.

TERM: The initial contract period shall be one (1) year.

QUANTITIES: Quantities shown in the bid schedule are approximate and the County guarantees no minimum amount. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities.

SPECIFICATIONS AND EQUALS: Brand names, where used, are a means of establishing quality and style. Bidders are invited to quote their equals. Alternate offers are to be supported by literature, which fully describes items that you are bidding.

No exceptions to or deviations from this specification will be considered unless each exception or deviation is specifically stated by the bidder, in the designated places. If no exceptions or deviations are shown, the bidder will be required to furnish items exactly as specified herein. The burden of proof of compliance with this specification is the responsibility of the bidder.

LITERATURE: Bidders shall submit literature, which fully describes items on which they are bidding, not later than the closing date of this bid. Any and all literature submitted must be stamped with bidders name and address.

MERCHANDISE RETURNABLE FOR FULL CREDIT: Bidder agrees to accept for full credit any merchandise sold by him on contract or award resulting from this bid, if returned in good condition by the County.

GUARANTEE AGAINST DEFECTS: All items are to carry a full guarantee against defects in materials and workmanship and guarantee against breakage and other malfunctions when performing work for which they are designed.

ORDERING: Orders will be placed as required by Public Works and Planning- Resources Division.

INVOICING: All invoices are to be delivered in duplicate to:

County of Fresno
Planning and Public Works- Resources Division
2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor
Fresno, CA 93721.

Reference shall be made to the purchase order/contract number and equipment number if applicable on the invoice.

RENEWAL: Contract may be renewed for additional one (1) year periods.

VENDOR ASSISTANCE: Successful bidder shall furnish, at no cost to the County, a representative to assist County departments in determining their product requirements.

TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated by the County at any time upon written notice.

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE: Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, hold harmless and at County's request, defend the County, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all costs and expenses, damages, liabilities, claims and losses occurring or resulting to County in connection with the performance, or failure to perform, by Contractor, its officers, agents or employees under this Agreement and from any and all costs and expenses, damages, liabilities, claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may

be injured or damaged by the performance, or failure to perform, of Contractor, its officers, agents or employees under this Agreement.

ASSURANCES: Any contract awarded under this RFQ must be carried out in full compliance with The Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, their subsequent amendments, and any and all other laws protecting the rights of individuals and agencies. The County of Fresno has a zero tolerance for discrimination, implied or expressed, and wants to ensure that policy continues under this RFQ. The contractor must also guarantee that services, or workmanship, provided will be performed in compliance with all applicable local, state, or federal laws and regulations pertinent to the types of services, or project, of the nature required under this RFQ. In addition, the contractor may be required to provide evidence substantiating that their employees have the necessary skills and training to perform the required services or work.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: In performance of the work, duties and obligations assumed by Bidder under this agreement, it is mutually understood and agreed that Bidder, including any and all of Bidder's officers, agents, and employees will at all times be acting and performing as an independent contractor, and shall act in an independent capacity and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of the County. Furthermore, County shall have no right to control or supervise or direct the manner or method by which Bidder shall perform its work and function. However, County shall retain the right to administer this agreement so as to verify that Bidder is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. Bidder and County shall comply with all applicable provisions of law and the rules and regulations, if any, of Governmental authorities having jurisdiction over matters the subject thereof.

Because of its status as an independent contractor, Bidder waives any and all employment rights and benefits available to County employees. Bidder shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally required employee benefits. In addition, Bidder shall be solely responsible and save County harmless from all matters relating to payment of Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security, withholding, and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this agreement, Bidder may be providing services to others unrelated to the County or to this agreement.

PRICES: Bidder agrees that prices quoted are maximum for the contract period, and in the event of a price decline such lower prices shall be extended to the County of Fresno.

MATERIALS TO BE NEW: All materials shall be new and of merchantable grade, free from defect. No bid will be considered unless it is accompanied by a complete list of manufacturer's catalog numbers of the items, which the bidder proposes to furnish, together with full descriptive literature on all items so enumerated. If item proposed differs from these specifications, bidder shall present specific explanation of functioning and structural characteristics for those details which differ from the specifications listed herein.

EXAMINATION OF SITE: Where work is to be performed on County site, each bidder shall have examined the site of work before bidding and shall be responsible for having acquired full knowledge of the job and of all problems affecting it. No variations or allowance from the contract sum will be made because of lack of such examination.

DAMAGE TO EXISTING WORK: Damage to existing construction, equipment, planting, etc., by the contractor in the performance of his work shall be replaced or repaired and restored to original condition by the contractor.

CLEAN-UP: The Contractor shall at all times, keep the premises clean from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by his employees or work and shall remove all resulting work debris from the job site.

SUPERVISION: The Contractor shall give efficient supervision to the work, using therein the skill and diligence for which he is remunerated in the contract price. He shall carefully inspect the site and study and compare all drawings, specifications and other instructions, as ignorance of any phase of any of the features or conditions affecting the contract will not excuse him from carrying out its provisions to its full intent.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE: All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner.

SAFEGUARDS: The contractor shall provide safeguards, in conformity with all local codes and ordinances as may be required.

INSURANCE:

Without limiting the COUNTY's right to obtain indemnification from CONTRACTOR or any third parties, CONTRACTOR, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and effect, the following insurance policies or a program of self-insurance, including but not limited to, an insurance pooling arrangement or Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) throughout the term of the Agreement:

A. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and an annual aggregate of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). This policy shall be issued on a per occurrence basis. COUNTY may require specific coverages including completed operations, products liability, contractual liability, Explosion-Collapse-Underground, fire legal liability or any other liability insurance deemed necessary because of the nature of this contract.

B. Automobile Liability

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with limits for bodily injury of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) per person, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per accident and for property damages of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or such coverage with a combined single limit of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). Coverage should include owned and non-owned vehicles used in connection with this Agreement.

C. Professional Liability

If CONTRACTOR employs licensed professional staff, (e.g., Ph.D., R.N., L.C.S.W., M.F.C.C.) in providing services, Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annual aggregate.

D. Worker's Compensation

A policy of Worker's Compensation insurance as may be required by the California Labor Code.

Contractor shall obtain endorsements to the Commercial General Liability insurance naming the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. Such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and any other

insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by County, its officers, agents and employees shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under contractor's policies herein. This insurance shall not be cancelled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice given to County.

Within thirty (30) days from the date contractor executes this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsement as stated above for all of the foregoing policies, as required herein, to the County of Fresno, Purchasing Supervisor, stating that such insurance coverage have been obtained and are in full force; that the County of Fresno, its officers, agents and employees will not be responsible for any premiums on the policies; that such Commercial General Liability insurance names the County of Fresno, its officers, agents and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned; that such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by County, its officers, agents and employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under contractor's policies herein; and that this insurance shall not be cancelled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance, written notice given to County.

In the event contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, the County may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.

All policies shall be with admitted insurers licensed to do business in the State of California. Insurance purchased shall be purchased from companies possessing a current A.M. Best, Inc. rating of A FSC VII or better.

Name of Insurance Carrier: _____

Public Liability: _____ Expires: _____

Worker's Compensation: _____ Expires: _____

Proof of maintenance of adequate insurance will be required before award is made to vendor.

GUARANTEE: The bidder shall state his written guarantee here:

REFERENCES: Provide a list of three (3) client references that are presently using services being quoted (Name, phone number and contact person.)

GUARANTEED PICK-UP AND/OR DELIVERY: Bidder will be considered in award of bid only if they can guarantee. Enter guarantee on this line (i.e. number of days from receipt of order to delivery):

By:

(Authorized Signature)

WARRANTY AND SERVICE LOCATION:

BIDDER TO COMPLETE:

State the warranty and/or guarantee provisions applicable to this equipment or attach warranty form with your bid.

State specific location where service and/or maintenance can be obtained. Failure to furnish this information will be cause for rejection of bid.

The County may require additional items from those in bid schedule.

Price list for additional items:

A _____ percent discount from manufacturer's enclosed price list will be allowed on purchases of all additional items.

State name of price list, indicate applicable price column and give effective date of price list here:

Prices on additional items will be based on successful bidder's firm discount prices from manufacturer's enclosed published price list.

State Purchase Order mailing address:

SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE (FINANCIAL)

Is the bidder a for-profit or non-profit corporation?

_____ No, the bidder is not a for-profit or non-profit corporation. If you check this box, you do not need to fill out the Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form, please have the authorized representative sign and date the form at the bottom of the page.

_____ Yes, the bidder is a for-profit or non-profit corporation. If you check this box, you must fill out the Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form, sign and date it.

Bidders shall complete a SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE FORM, provided herein, for each applicable corporate director of the bidding company. The signed form(s) shall be submitted as a part of the company's proposal or quotation.

Complete the form and indicate "NONE" under part 3 when your company is a corporation and no directors are involved with a Self-Dealing Transaction. The form must be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the corporation when no directors have a Self-Dealing Transaction.

DISCLOSURE OF SELF-DEALING TRANSACTIONS: The following provision will be incorporated into ensuing agreements. It shall apply only when the CONTRACTOR is operating as a corporation (a for-profit or non-profit corporation) or if during the term of the agreement, CONTRACTOR changes its status to operate as a corporation.

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Members of the CONTRACTOR's Board of Directors shall disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to while CONTRACTOR is providing goods or performing services under this agreement. A self-dealing transaction shall mean a transaction to which the CONTRACTOR is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest. Members of the Board of Directors shall disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to by completing and signing a Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form (Exhibit #) and submitting it to the COUNTY prior to commencing with the self-dealing transaction or immediately thereafter.

SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

In order to conduct business with the County of Fresno (hereinafter referred to as "County"), members of a contractor's board of directors (hereinafter referred to as "County Contractor"), must disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to while providing goods, performing services, or both for the County. A self-dealing transaction is defined below:

"A self-dealing transaction means a transaction to which the corporation is a party and which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest"

The definition above will be utilized for purposes of completing the disclosure form.

- (1) Enter board member's name, job title (if applicable), and date this disclosure is being made.
- (2) Enter the board member's company/agency name and address.
- (3) Describe in detail the nature of the self-dealing transaction that is being disclosed to the County. At a minimum, include a description of the following:
 - a. The name of the agency/company with which the corporation has the transaction; and
 - b. The nature of the material financial interest in the Corporation's transaction that the board member has.
- (4) Describe in detail why the self-dealing transaction is appropriate based on applicable provisions of the Corporations Codes.
- (5) Form must be signed by the board member that is involved in the self-dealing transaction described in Sections (3) and (4).

Form provided on following page.

SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE FORM

(1) Company Board Member Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____

(2) Company/Agency Name and Address:

(3) Disclosure (Please describe the nature of the self-dealing transaction you are a party to)

(4) Explain why this self-dealing transaction is consistent with the requirements of Corporations Code 5233 (a)

(5) Authorized Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WATER TREATMENT SERVICE SPECIFICATION

American Avenue Disposal Site

Perform monthly manufacturer recommended water softener treatment services every twenty eight (28) days for the Scale House and the Maintenance Building at the American Avenue Disposal Site. The cost of routine services includes the salt fill to maintain system operations. Vendor shall fill salt tank and report any problems or potential problems detected during the visit to the Disposal Site Supervisor. All non-routine services are only permitted with prior authorization by the Disposal Site Supervisor. The contractor shall provide the following information in their bid:

The bidder shall list cost for salt plus mark-up.

Provide hourly service rates during normal business hours.

Provide hourly service rates outside normal business hours.

Southeast Regional Landfill

Upon request, perform carbon re-bed services for domestic wells at the locations listed below (re-bed filter with MTBE Carbon):

	Location	Well No.		Type
1.	12735 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	34B3		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
2.	12475 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	34C9		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
3.	12464 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	27P5		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
4.	12376 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	27P1		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
5.	12528 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	27Q3		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
6.	12592 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	27Q2		DB14x47 Carbon Filter
7.	12715 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	34B1		DB14x54 Carbon Filter
8.	12669 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA	12669		DB14x47 Carbon Filter

Company Name: _____

QUOTATION SCHEDULE**American Avenue Disposal Site**

Hourly Service Rate for Normal Business Hours \$ _____ Per Hour

Hourly Service Rate outside Normal Business Hours \$ _____ Per Hour

Cost for Salt \$ _____

Mark-up for Salt \$ _____

State unit of Measure for Salt:

Southeast Regional Landfill

	Location and Well No.	Type	Cost
1.	12735 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 34B3	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
2.	12475 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 34C9	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
3.	12464 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 27P5	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
4.	12376 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 27P1	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
5.	12528 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 27Q3	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
6.	12592 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 27Q2	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
7.	12715 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 34B1	DB14x54 Carbon Filter	\$ _____
8.	12669 Dinuba Ave., Selma, CA Well No. 12669	DB14x47 Carbon Filter	\$ _____

BIDDER TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**PARTICIPATION**

The County of Fresno is a member of the Central Valley Purchasing Group. This group consists of Fresno, Kern, Kings, and Tulare Counties and all governmental, tax supported agencies within these counties.

Whenever possible, these and other tax supported agencies co-op (piggyback) on contracts put in place by one of the other agencies.

Any agency choosing to avail itself of this opportunity, will make purchases in their own name, make payment directly to the contractor, be liable to the contractor and vice versa, per the terms of the original contract, all the while holding the County of Fresno harmless. If awarded this contract, please indicate whether you would extend the same terms and conditions to all tax supported agencies within this group as you are proposing to extend to Fresno County.

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Yes, we will extend contract terms and conditions to all qualified agencies within the Central Valley Purchasing Group and other tax supported agencies.

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No, we will not extend contract terms to any agency other than the County of Fresno.

(Authorized Signature)

Title

Firm: _____

REFERENCE LIST

Provide a list of at least three (3) customers for whom you have recently provided similar services. Be sure to include all requested information.

Reference Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.: (_____) _____ Date: _____
Service Provided: _____

Reference Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.: (_____) _____ Date: _____
Service Provided: _____

Reference Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.: (_____) _____ Date: _____
Service Provided: _____

Reference Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.: (_____) _____ Date: _____
Service Provided: _____

Reference Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No.: (_____) _____ Date: _____
Service Provided: _____

Failure to provide a list of at least three (3) customers may be cause for rejection of this RFQ.

CHECK LIST

This Checklist is provided to assist the vendors in the preparation of their bid response. Included in this list, are important requirements and is the responsibility of the bidder to submit with the bid package in order to make the bid compliant. Because this checklist is just a guideline, the bidder must read and comply with the bid in its entirety.

Check off each of the following:

1. _____ The Request for Quotation (RFQ) has been signed and completed.
2. _____ One (1) original and two (2) copies of the RFQ have been provided.
3. _____ Addenda, if any, have been completed, signed and included in the bid package.
4. _____ The completed *Reference List* as provided with this RFQ.
5. _____ The *Quotation Schedule* as provided with this RFQ, has been completed, priced reviewed for accuracy and any corrections initialed in ink.
6. _____ Indicate all of bidder exceptions to the County's requirements, conditions and specifications as stated within this RFQ.
7. _____ *Bidder to Complete* page as provided with this RFQ.
8. _____ Lastly, on the **LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER** of the sealed envelope, box, etc. transmitting your bid include the following information:

County of Fresno RFQ	
No.	<u>670-5193</u>
Closing Date:	<u>August 15, 2013</u>
Closing Time:	<u>2:00 P.M.</u>
Commodity or Service:	<u>WATER TREATMENT SERVICES</u>

This Checklist does not need to be returned with your bid.