

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

INVITATION FOR BID

SEND PAYMENT TO:
 Texas Parks and Wildlife
 ATTN: CASHIER
 4200 Smith School Road
 Austin, Texas 78744

RETURN BIDS TO
FAX 512-389-4677, or return to:
 TPWD - Purchasing and Contracting
 4200 Smith School Road
 Austin, Texas 78744

BIDDER MUST SIGN BELOW
BID OPENING 2:00 PM November 1, 2017
REQUISITION NO. 802-18-40053

PAGE 1 OF 12

Caprock Canyons State Park,
 850 Caprock Canyons State
 Park Road, Quitaque, Texas
 79255

FAXED BIDS WILL
 BE ACCEPTED AT:
 512-389-4677

SHOW BID OPENING
 DATE AND REQUISITION
 NUMBER ON SEALED BID
 ENVELOPE AND SHOW
 RETURN ADDRESS OF FIRM

BIDDER AGREES TO
 COMPLY WITH ALL
 CONDITIONS OF THIS BID.

FAILURE TO
 MANUALLY
 SIGN WILL
 DISQUALIFY BID →

 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE DATE

Bidder Must Fill in

TEXAS ID NUMBER _____

Name of Firm _____

Street Address _____

City-State-Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Email address _____

FAILURE TO MANUALLY SIGN THE BID ABOVE WILL DISQUALIFY BID.

AWARD NOTICE: The State reserves the right to make an award on the basis of low line item bid, low total of line items, or in any other combination that will serve the best interest of the State and to reject any and all bid items in the sole discretion of the State.

| Item | Description | Class/Item 958-97 | Quantity | Unit of Measure | Total |
|------|---|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking bids to purchase 8 surplus bison located at the Caprock Canyon State Park located in Quitaque, Texas. Bidders shall enter price for the entire lot of bison, with no less than the \$20,000.00 reserve amount being met. Parties responding must agree to and comply with all specifications, laws rules and regulations contained herein. | | 1 | Lot | \$ _____ |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT PURCHASER:
 Michael Woolsey - PHONE 512-389-4721
 Email: michael.woolsey@tpwd.texas.gov

Solicitation 802-18-40053
Sale of Surplus Bison

1. **INTRODUCTION:** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is requesting bids for the purchase of eight (8) surplus bison.
2. **SITE VISIT:** Arrangements to inspect bison can be made by contacting Donald Beard at 806-455- 1492. Upon award of contract, Donald Beard will be the point of contact.
3. **GENERAL:** The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, materials and any other need necessary or incidental to retrieve bison in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth herein.
4. **TERM OF CONTRACT:** Contract shall commence upon the issuance of a contract by TPWD and terminate upon the payment of the agreed upon amount and the pick-up and transportation of all subject bison.
5. **INFORMATION ABOUT THE BISON:**

There are a total of eight (8), three 3 year old males subject to this sale. All bison are located at Caprock Canyon State Park, three (3) miles north of Quitaque, Texas on FM 1065.

5.1 The bulls average weight is 1200 pounds each. See Attachment A for more information;

5.2 These animals are direct descendants of bison from Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight;

5.3 All animals have been vaccinated and are tagged with an electronic identification device.

6. **CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

6.1 Transportation is the sole responsibility of the buyer;

6.2 Any out of state transportation regulations will be the responsibility of the buyer;

6.3 Animals must be picked up within 30 days of notice of award;

6.4 If animals are not picked up within 30 days of notice of award, TPWD will charge eighty dollars (\$80) dollars per day for storage and feeding. These fees will commence on day thirty-one.

6.5 Arrangements for pickup must be scheduled in advance with the Park Superintendent, Donald Beard.

7. **BASIS OF AWARD:**

7.1 TPWD will award a contract based on highest bid price per lot. Bid must be at or above the reserve amount. **The reserve amount is set at \$20,000.00**

7.2 It is TPWD's intent to award one contract, as determined to be in the best interest of the State.

8. **PAYMENT:**

The Contractor agrees to make payment to TPWD in one (1) lump sum. TPWD will provide a written billing statement to the Contractor at the time payment is due. The Contractor(s) shall pay TPWD within 30 calendar days following the Contractor's receipt of the billing statement. Payment shall be made by certified funds, money order, cashier's check, or other non-cash instrument, prior to the release of the bison. Payment shall be sent to Texas Parks and Wildlife, CASHIER, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX, 78744. A copy of the billing statement must be included with the payment.

9. **COMPLIANCE:**

Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, statutes and regulations pertaining to the collection and transportation of animals and shall obtain such permits, licenses or other authorizations as may be required.

10. **CONDITION OF PRODUCT:**

The bison are considered to be in good health. Interested parties should visit the site to make an inspection, prior to submitting their response. Once an award is made, the awarded party takes full responsibility for payment and acceptance of the bison. No modifications to the contract will be considered.

11. **BID RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 11.1 **Submission Deadline:** All bids shall be received and time stamped at TPWD prior to 2:00 PM Central Time on the "Bid Opening" date specified on the IFB Cover Page (page 1). Late bids will not be considered under any circumstance and will be returned.
- 11.2 **General Format:** Respondent shall submit one (1) bid response, signed dated and completed.
- 11.3 **Bid Delivery:** Bids may be returned via mail, hand-delivery or fax to 512-389-4677. Bids returned by mail or hand delivery should be placed in a sealed envelope and correctly identified with IFB number, submittal deadline/opening date and time. Bids returned by fax should include a fax cover sheet correctly identified with IFB number, submittal deadline/opening date and time. It is the Bidder's responsibility to appropriately mark and deliver the bids to TPWD by the specified date.
- 11.4 Respondents are responsible for all costs of bid preparation.
- 11.5 **Bid Content:** Respondent must submit the IFB form, signed, dated and completed. ***Failure to submit this information will result in disqualification of bid.***

12 **AWARD:**

- 12.1 An award will be made on an all or none basis. Only responses submitted by the bid opening, with required submittal documents and meeting qualifications will be considered. Failure to submit the required information may be cause for rejection of the bid response. TPWD reserves the right to waive informalities and minor irregularities in bids received.
- 12.2 **Award:** TPWD will award a Contract to the response with the highest dollar value above the Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Revised May 2016

(ITEMS BELOW APPLY TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE CONTRACT)

Any Contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will contain the general terms and conditions listed below in this Section. Subcontractors are also obliged to comply with these provisions.

1. **DEFINITIONS:** As used throughout this solicitation, the following terms have the meaning set forth below. All other terms have the meaning set forth in Webster's II New College Dictionary.
 - 1.1. **Contractor:** The individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, or organization that has to furnish the materials and has to perform the work as stated in the solicitation.
 - 1.2. **Gov't Code:** The Texas Government Code.
 - 1.3. **Owner:** Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, an agency of the State of Texas.
 - 1.4. **Party/Parties:** Either the TPWD and Respondent separately or collectively.
 - 1.5. **Respondent:** Any person or vendor who submits a Bid/Proposal/Offer in response to this solicitation.
 - 1.6. **Services:** Includes the use of labor, materials, facilities, equipment, and any other need that is necessary or incidental to the successful completion of the contract.
 - 1.7. **Subcontractor:** Any supplier, distributor, Contractor, person, or firm furnishing to the Contractor, materials or services necessary or incidental to the performance of the contract between TPWD and Contractor.
 - 1.8. **TAC:** The Texas Administrative Code, which is the publication for administrative rules.
 - 1.9. **Texas Identification Number:** A unique 11-digit number assigned by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. When a payee first contracts with a state agency, that payee must provide either a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) or a Social Security number (SSN). The Texas Identification Number (TIN) is based on this number. (Note: If respondent does not have a TIN, or does not know their TIN, they may list their EIN or SSN on the "Texas Identification Number" line of the Vendor Information Block of their RFP, RFO, IFB or RFQ response.)
 - 1.10. **TPWD:** Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acting on behalf of the State of Texas.

2. **AWARD:** Standard Purchase Order Terms and Conditions apply. If a conflict exists between the standard purchase order terms and conditions and specific language in this solicitation, the language in the solicitation shall prevail.
 - 2.1 A response to a solicitation is an offer to contract with TPWD based on the terms, conditions and specifications contained in the solicitation. Responses do not become contracts unless and until they are accepted through an authorized TPWD designee by issuance of a purchase order.
 - 2.2 Best Value – TPWD will be the sole judge of best value. Award will be based on Best Value criteria and may include, but is not limited to:
 - 2.3 Best meets the goals and objectives of the solicitation as stated above.
 - 2.4 Best meets the quality and reliability of the proposed services.
 - 2.5 Effect of the proposed solution on agency productivity.

3. **CHANGES:** TPWD may at any time, by a written order, make changes within the general scope of this contract, in the definition of services to be performed, and the time (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.) and place of performance thereof. If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance of any part of the services under this contract, whether changed or not changed by any such order, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the contract price or time of performance or both and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly. Any claim by the Contractor for adjustment under this clause must be asserted within 30 days from the date of receipt by the Contractor of the notification of change, provided, however, that TPWD, if it decides that the facts justify such action, may receive and act upon such claims asserted at any time prior to final payment under this contract. Failure to agree to any adjustment shall be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause of this contract entitled "Dispute Resolution."

4. **PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING:** The Respondent shall comply with the provisions of a federal law known generally as the Lobbying Disclosure Act, 2 U.S.C. §1601 et seq. By submitting a Bid/Proposal, the Respondent certifies that it shall not and has not used federally appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any federal agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. §1352. It also certifies that the Respondent shall disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award by completing and submitting Standard Form LLL.
5. **ANTI-TRUST AND ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS:** The successful Contractor hereby assigns to TPWD, any and all claims for overcharges associated with any contract resulting from this solicitation which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States 15 U.S.C.A., Section 1, et seq. (1973), and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Texas Business and Commercial Code Ann. Sec. 15.01, et seq. (1967).
6. **DEBTS AND DELINQUENCIES:** As required by §2252.903, Gov't Code, the Respondent agrees that any payments due under the Contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.
7. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:**
 - 7.1 The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of Texas Gov't Code and TPWD regulations shall be used by TPWD and the Respondent to resolve all disputes arising under this contract. The Contractor shall comply with such rules, as revised from time to time.
 - 7.2 The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 and TPWD regulations shall be used, as further described herein, to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract asserted by the Contractor under the Contract. If the Contractor's claim for breach of Contract cannot be resolved by the Parties in the ordinary course of business, it shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Chapter 2260. To initiate the process, the Contractor shall submit written notice, as required by Chapter 2260. The notice shall also be given to the individual identified in the Contract for receipt of notices. Compliance by the Contractor with Chapter 2260 is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Chapter 2260.
 - 7.3 The contested case process provided in Chapter 2260 is the Contractor's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for an alleged breach of Contract by TPWD if the Parties are unable to resolve their disputes as described above.
 - 7.4 Compliance with the contested case process provided in Chapter 2260 is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Legislature under Chapter 107, Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Neither the execution of the Contract by TPWD nor any other conduct of any representative of TPWD relating to the Contract shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit.
 - 7.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract to the contrary, unless otherwise requested or approved in writing by TPWD, the Contractor shall continue performance and shall not be excused from performance during the period any breach of contract claim or dispute is pending under either of the above processes; however, the Contractor may suspend performance during the pendency of such claim or dispute if the Contractor has complied with all provisions of §2251.051, Gov't Code, and such suspension of performance is expressly applicable and authorized under that law.
8. **FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE:** By submitting a Response to this Solicitation, the Respondent represents and warrants that it has read and understood and shall comply with CPA's Anti-Fraud Policy, found at: <http://comptroller.texas.gov/ssv/ethics.html>, as such Policy currently reads and as it is amended throughout the term of the Contract.
9. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**
 - 9.1 Contractor agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained in this solicitation and resulting Contract.
 - 9.2 **Permits:** Contractor shall be responsible, at the Contractor's expense, for obtaining any and all permits or licenses required by city, county, state, or federal rules, regulations, law, or codes that pertain to the Contract.

- 9.3 **Executive Head:** Pursuant to §669.003, Gov't Code, the TPWD may not enter into a contract with a person who employs a current or former Executive Head of a state agency until four years have passed since that person was the executive head of the state agency. By submitting a Proposal, the Respondent certifies that it does not employ any person who was the Executive Head of a state agency in the past four years. If Section 669.003 applies, Respondent shall complete the following information in order for the response submission to be evaluated:

Name of former executive: _____
 Name of state agency: _____
 Date of separation from state agency: _____
 Position with Respondent: _____
 Date of employment with Respondent: _____

- 9.4 Contractor agrees to take precautions necessary to protect person or property against injury or damage, and be responsible for such injury or damage.

- 10. **FORCE MAJEURE:** TPWD may grant relief from performance of the contract if the Contractor is prevented from performance by an act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of the Contractor. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the Contractor. To obtain release based on force majeure, the Contractor shall file a written request with TPWD.

11. **PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT:**

- 11.1 Any proprietary, trade secret or otherwise confidential information Respondent includes in its Proposal must be clearly labeled as proprietary or confidential information, and Respondent must identify the specific exception to disclosure in the Public Information Act (PIA). Merely making a blanket claim the entire Proposal is protected from disclosure because it contains some proprietary information is not acceptable and shall make the entire Proposal subject to release under the PIA. In order for TPWD to initiate the process of seeking an Attorney General opinion on the release of proprietary or confidential information, the specific provisions of the Proposal that are considered by the Respondent to be proprietary or confidential must be clearly labeled as described herein. Any information which is not clearly identified as proprietary or confidential shall be deemed to be subject to disclosure pursuant to the PIA.
- 11.2 Information the respondent provides to TPWD in response to this solicitation will be considered public and subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.
- 11.3 Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the state pursuant to this contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the state. Contractor will make such information not excepted from disclosure available in an electronic format that is accessible to the public unless Contractor receives written approval from TPWD to provide information in a different format, and such approval becomes part of this Contract.

- 12. **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE / NEWS RELEASES:** No public disclosures or news releases pertaining to this solicitation shall be made without prior written approval of TPWD.

- 13. **TERMINATION:** This contract shall terminate upon full performance of all requirements contained in this contract, unless otherwise extended or renewed as provided in accordance with the contract terms and conditions.

- 26. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS:** Termination of the Contract for any reason shall not release the Contractor from any liability or obligation set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination, including the provisions regarding confidentiality, indemnification, transition, records, audit, property rights, dispute resolution, and invoice and fees verification.

- 27. **CHANGE IN FEDERAL OR STATE REQUIREMENTS:** If federal or state laws or regulations or other federal or state requirements are amended or judicially interpreted so that either TPWD or the Contractor

cannot reasonably fulfill the Contract and if the Parties cannot agree to an amendment that would enable substantial continuation of the Contract, the Parties shall be discharged from any further obligations under the Contract.

- 28. NOTE TO RESPONDENT:** Any terms and conditions attached to a solicitation will not be considered unless specifically referred to on this solicitation form and may result in disqualification of the response submission. If any respondent takes a 'blanket exception' to the entire solicitation or does not provide proposed alternative language, the respondent's response may be disqualified from further consideration.
- 29. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:** Respondent certifies that the responding entity and its principals are eligible to participate in this transaction and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity and the Respondent is in compliance with the State of Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement and that Respondent is not listed on the federal government's terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224.
- 30. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM):** Prior to awarding state funds for goods and/or services rendered, the State of Texas will conduct a required search of your firm using the Federal System for Award Management (SAM). This is a Federal government maintained database that records and tracks organizations, either known to or suspected of contributing to terrorist organizations. No state funds may be paid to an individual or firm whose name appears on this list. TPWD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny and/or exclude any individual or firm from an award whose name appears on this list.
- 31. FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FRAUD:** Under Section 2155.006(b) of the Texas Gov't Code, a state agency may not accept a response or award a contract, including a contract for which purchasing authority is delegated to a state agency, that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, during the five-year period preceding the date of the response or award, has been: (1) convicted of violating a federal law in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005; or (2) assessed a penalty in a federal civil or administrative enforcement action in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005. Under Section 2155.006 of the Texas Gov't Code, the respondent certifies that the individual or business entity named in this response is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that any contract resulting from this solicitation may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 32. APPLICABLE LAWS AND VENUE:** The Respondent agrees that the Contract in all respects shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, except for its provisions regarding conflicts of laws. The Respondent also agrees that the exclusive venue and jurisdiction of any legal action or suit concerning TPWD under this Contract is, and that any such legal action or suit shall be brought, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.
- 33. APPLICABLE LAWS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS:** Contractor must comply with all laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines applicable to a Contractor providing services to the State of Texas as these laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines currently exist and as they are amended throughout the term of this Contract. TPWD reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to unilaterally amend this Contract throughout its term to incorporate any modifications necessary for TPWD or Contractor's compliance with all applicable State and federal laws, and regulations.
- 34. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS; DEALING WITH PUBLIC SERVANTS:**
- 34.1 The Respondent must comply with all applicable laws at all times, including, without limitation, the following: (i) §36.02 of the Texas Penal Code, which prohibits bribery; (ii) §36.09 of the Texas Penal Code, which prohibits the offering or conferring of benefits to public servants; (iii) §2155.003, Gov't Code, which prohibits the chief clerk or any other employee of the TPWD from having an interest in, or in any manner be connected with, a contract or bid for a purchase of goods or services by an agency of the state or accept from any person to whom a contract has been awarded anything of value or a promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation.

34.2 The Respondent shall give all notices and comply with all laws and regulations applicable to furnishing and performance of the Contract. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable laws and regulations, TPWD shall not be responsible for monitoring Respondent's compliance with any laws or regulations. If Respondent performs any work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to laws or regulations, Respondent shall bear all claims, costs, losses and damages caused by, arising out of or resulting therefrom.

35. **NO WAIVER:** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of the state's sovereign immunity. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas under this Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppels. TPWD does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to TPWD by entering into this Contract or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into this Contract.
36. **NO LIABILITY UPON TERMINATION:** If this Contract is terminated for any reason, TPWD and the State of Texas shall not be liable to Contractor for any damages, claims, losses, or any other amounts arising from or related to any such termination. However, Contractor may be entitled to the remedies provided in Gov't Code, Chapter 2260.
37. **DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES; UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES:** Respondent represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Chapter 17, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Respondent has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit, and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.
38. **FALSE STATEMENTS; BREACH OF REPRESENTATIONS:** By signature to its Bid/Proposal, Respondent makes all the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications and affirmations included in the RFP. If Respondent signed its Bid/Proposal with a false statement or signs the Contract with a false statement or it is subsequently determined that Contractor has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications or affirmations included in the Contract, Contractor shall be in default under this Contract and TPWD may terminate or void the Contract for cause and pursue other remedies available to TPWD under this Contract and applicable law.
39. **ACTUAL AND PERCEIVED CONFLICTS:** By submitting a Bid/Proposal, the Respondent represents and warrants that neither it nor its employees and subcontractors have an actual or potential conflict of interest in entering a Contract with TPWD. The Respondent also represents and warrants that entering a Contract with TPWD will not create the appearance of impropriety. In its Bid/Proposal, the Respondent shall disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest that it might have in contracting with TPWD. The TPWD will decide, in its sole discretion, whether an actual or perceived conflict should result in Bid/Proposal disqualification or Contract termination.
40. **CURRENT AND FORMER TPWD EMPLOYEES:**
- 40.1 In addition to the disclosures required above, the Respondent shall also disclose any of its personnel who are current or former officers or employees of the TPWD or who are related, within the third degree by consanguinity (as defined by §573.023, Gov't Code) or within the second degree by affinity (as defined by §573.025, Gov't Code), to any current or former officers or employees of the TPWD.
- 40.2 Respondents must comply with all applicable Texas and federal laws and regulations relating to the hiring of former state employees (see e.g., Texas Gov't Code Chapters 572 and 573). Such "revolving door" provisions generally restrict former agency heads from communicating with or appearing before the agency on certain matters for two years after leaving the agency. The revolving door provisions also restrict some former employees from representing clients on matters that the employee participated in during state service or matters that were in the employees' official responsibility or from working for

certain entities after their state employment. Respondent, by signing this solicitation, certifies that it has complied with all applicable laws and regulations regarding former state employees.

41. **SEVERABILITY:** If any provision of the Contract is construed to be illegal or invalid, such construction will not affect the legality or validity of any of its other provisions. The illegal or invalid provision will be deemed severable and stricken from the contract as if it had never been incorporated herein, but all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.
42. **FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** Respondent shall demonstrate on-site compliance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, Section 1706, amending Section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978, dealing with issuance of Form W-2's to common law employees. Respondent is responsible for both federal and State unemployment insurance coverage and standard Worker's Compensation insurance coverage. Respondent shall comply with all federal and State tax laws and withholding requirements. The State of Texas shall not be liable to Respondent or its employees for any Unemployment or Workers' Compensation coverage, or federal or State withholding requirements. **Contractor shall indemnify the State of Texas and shall pay all costs, penalties, or losses resulting from its omission or breach of this Section.**
43. **INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY:**
- 43.1 **Acts or Omissions:** CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS, TPWD, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY CONTRACTOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND CONTRACTOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONTRACTOR AND TPWD AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.
- 43.2 **Compensation/Unemployment Insurance – Including Indemnity:**
- 43.2.1 CONTRACTOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S AND CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES' TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. TPWD AND/OR THE STATE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/ OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER.
- 43.2.2. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS TPWD, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND CONTRACTOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE

CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. CONTRACTOR AND TPWD AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

44. **CONTRACTOR LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:** The Contractor shall be liable for all damages to government-owned, leased, or occupied property and equipment caused by the Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and suppliers, including any delivery or cartage company, in connection with any performance pursuant to the Contract. The Contractor shall notify the TPWD Contract Manager in writing of any such damage within one (1) calendar day.
45. **FELONY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:** Respondent represents and warrants that Contractor has not and Respondent's employees have not been convicted of a felony criminal offense, or that, if such a conviction has occurred, Respondent has fully advised TPWD as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the conviction.
46. **IMMIGRATION:** The Respondent represents and warrants that it shall comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and 1990 regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individuals hired on or after November 6, 1986, who will perform any labor or services under the Contract and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA) enacted on September 30, 1996.
47. **PROTEST PROCEDURES:** Any actual or prospective Respondent who is aggrieved in connection with this solicitation, evaluation, or award of any contract resulting from this solicitation may formally protest as provided in TPWD's rules at [TAC, Title 31, Part 2, Chapter 51, Subchapter L, Rule 51.350](#).
48. **CIVIL RIGHTS:** The Respondent agrees that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, or religious belief, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, be subjected to discrimination under, or be denied employment in the administration of, or in connection with, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under this Contract. The Respondent shall comply with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and as supplemented by regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity Department of Labor."
49. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Under §2155.003, Gov't Code, a TPWD employee may not have an interest in, or in any manner be connected with a contract or response for a purchase of goods or services by an agency of the state; or in any manner, including by rebate or gift, accept or receive from a person to whom a contract may be awarded, directly or indirectly, anything of value or a promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation. Any individual who interacts with public purchasers in any capacity is required to adhere to the guidelines established in Section 1.2 of the State of Texas Procurement Manual, which outlines the ethical standards required of public purchasers, employees, and respondents who interact with public purchasers in the conduct of state business, and with any opinions of or rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission. Entities who are interested in seeking business opportunities with the State must be mindful of these restrictions when interacting with public purchasers of TPWD or purchasers of other state agencies.
50. **LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY; NO OTHER OBLIGATIONS:** Contractor shall have no authority to act for or on behalf of TPWD or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in this Contract; no other authority, power or use is granted or implied. Contractor may not incur any debts, obligations, expenses, or liabilities of any kind on behalf of the State of Texas or TPWD.
51. **NOTICES:** Any written notices required under this Contract will be by either hand delivery to Contractor's office address specified in the *Execution of Proposal, Exhibit A* of this Contract or by U.S. Mail, certified, return receipt requested, to TPWD, Attn: Purchasing, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744. Notice will be effective on receipt by the affected party. Either party may change the designated notice address in this Section by written notification to the other party.
52. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In the case of conflicts between the contract documents, the following shall control in this order of priority:

- 64.1. Signed Contract/Purchase Order (or Notice of Award)
- 64.2. Attachments to the Contract/Purchase Order (or Notice of Award)
- 64.3. The Solicitation (e.g., RFP, IFB)
- 64.4. Contractor’s Response to the Solicitation and Contractor’s Best and Final Offer, if applicable

53. BUSINESS OWNERSHIP:

- 65.1. Pursuant to Texas Family Code, title 5, Subtitle D, Section 231.006(d), regarding child support, the Respondent certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. Furthermore, any bidder subject to Section 231.006 must include names and Social security numbers of each person with at least 25% ownership of the business entity submitting the bid. This information must be provided prior to award.
- 65.2. RESPONDENT MUST PROVIDE, IN THE SPACE BELOW, THE NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF AN INDIVIDUAL OWNER, A SOLE PROPRIETOR AND ALL PARTNERS, SHAREHOLDERS, OR OWNERS WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) PERCENT OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY ENTERING INTO THIS CONTRACT. BIDDERS THAT HAVE PRE-REGISTERED THIS INFORMATION ON THE CPA/TPASS CENTRALIZED MASTER BIDDERS LIST HAVE SATISFIED THIS REQUIREMENT. IF NOT PRE-REGISTERED, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

DO NOT ENTER “CORPORATION”, “PUBLIC CORPORATION”, “PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY” OR OTHER NON-RESPONSIVE ANSWERS. IF NO ONE PERSON CONTROLS 25% OR MORE OF THE ORGANIZATION, ENTER “NONE”.

NAME _____ SSN _____ % _____

NAME _____ SSN _____ % _____

NAME _____ SSN _____ % _____

NAME _____ SSN _____ % _____

54. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAW: In the execution of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including laws governing labor, equal opportunity, safety, and environmental protection. Contractor shall make itself familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect performance under this Contract.

55. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: The Respondent shall be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the mandates of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.).

56. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S E-VERIFY SYSTEM:

- 56.1 By entering into this Contract, the Contractor certifies and ensures that it utilizes and will continue to utilize, for the term of this Contract, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:
 - All persons employed to perform duties within Texas, during the term of the Contract; and
 - All persons (including subcontractors) assigned by the Respondent to perform work pursuant to the Contract, within the United States of America.
- 56.2 The Contractor shall provide, upon request of TPWD, an electronic or hardcopy screenshot of the confirmation or tentative non-confirmation screen containing the E-Verify case verification number for attachment to the Form I-9 for the three most recent hires that match the criteria above, by the Contractor, and Contractor’s subcontractors, as proof that this provision is being followed.
- 56.3 If this certification is falsely made, the Contract may be immediately terminated, at the discretion of the state and at no fault to the state, with no prior notification. The Contractor shall also be

responsible for the costs of any re-solicitation that the state must undertake to replace the terminated Contract.

Attachment A
Caprock Canyon State Park Surplus Bison as of March 2017

| EID # | Dangle Tag | Year Born |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 761 | 160 | 2014 |
| 767 | 165 | 2014 |
| 770 | 168 | 2014 |
| 771 | 169 | 2014 |
| 772 | 170 | 2014 |
| 773 | 171 | 2014 |
| 775 | 173 | 2014 |
| 508 | n/a | 2014 |