

BID FORM
REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR

PROPERTY OWNER: ESTEBAN REY CARTAS

OWNER PHONE NUMBER: (239) 318-0103

ADDRESS: 710 DESOTO AVE LEHIGH ACRES FL 33972

Contractors are required to call and schedule an appointment to view the home.

BID DUE DATE: **on March 11th, 2026 12:00 p.m.**

The bid submitted is based on the structure being: Occupied Unoccupied by the Tenant/Owner during construction.

BID LIFE FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAYS

RETURN TO: Lee County Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 533-7930

Pursuant to and in compliance with the Invitation to Bidders and the proposed Contract Documents as Defined in the Instructions to Bidders relating to the Rehabilitation Construction Project referenced above, including any Addenda, the undersigned, having become thoroughly familiar with the terms and conditions affecting the performance and cost of the work at the place where the work is to be completed, and having fully inspected the site in all particulars, hereby proposes and **agrees to fully perform the work within 45 calendar days** from the date the Notice to Proceed is issued, and in exact accordance with the proposed Contract Documents, including furnishing of any and all labor and materials and to do all the work required to construct and complete said work in accordance with the Contract Documents, for the following sum of money:

Total prices are to include all labor, materials, services and equipment necessary for completion of the work as shown on Schedule of Work and General Specification attached hereto:

BASE BID:	\$ _____
BID ADDENDA, (IF APPLICABLE):	\$ _____
TOTAL BASE BID INCLUDING ALL ADDENDA (IF APPLICABLE):	\$ _____
TOTAL BID ALTERNATES, (IF APPLICABLE):	\$ _____

SCOPE OF WORK: New well equipment on side of home, Replace HVAC split system and electrical check.

This project requires the Contractor to have the following license(s) to perform the specified scope of work: **General Contractor's License**

Ordering Instructions: Official Bidding Documents may be examined at and **must** be obtained from the **Lee County Human and Veteran Services 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, phone 239-533-7900 or online at: <http://www.leegov.com/dhs/partner/openbids>**

Please Note: Bids will not be accepted by the County if the Official Bidding Documents are not obtained from Lee County Human and Veteran Services. Any substitutes for the Lee County Official Bidding Documents will not be accepted.

It is mandatory that the contractor or his representative attend all Pre-Bid Meetings (*if required*). Failure to attend will result in forfeiting the right to bid on this project. All pages of the bid package must be submitted.

As required, contractors will abide by Lee County and the CDC guidelines as it relates to COVID-19 including wearing mask and gloves, and maintaining social distancing of six feet.

SEALED BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED
BY March 11th, 2026, at 12:00 P.M.

TO: LEE COUNTY HUMAN AND VETERAN SERVICES
2440 THOMPSON STREET, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

BID OPENING:
LEE COUNTY HUMAN AND VETERAN SERVICES
2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
DATE/TIME: March 11th, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 "COUNTY" is defined as the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, or its duly authorized representative(s).

1.2 "BIDDER" is defined as one who submits a bid directly to the COUNTY in response to this Solicitation.

1.3 "SUCCESSFUL BIDDER" is defined as the lowest, qualified, responsible, and responsive bidder to whom the Board of County Commissioners makes a written award, based upon evaluation criteria contained herein.

1.4 "BIDDING DOCUMENTS" or "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" is defined as document to be submitted with the bid proposal:

- A. Signed **Bid Form** with ALL items completed.
- B. **Schedule of Work** with lump sum prices for all "Bid Items", "Alternates", and "Addenda" items, as applicable.
- C. **Acknowledge Receipt of Addenda**, if applicable.
- D. Vendor/Bidder Application –Applications require documentation of state registration and/or certified license, certificates of insurance, and local business tax. Information must be submitted prior to the Notice of Award. The application is available at: <http://www.leegov.com/procurement/vendor-bidder-application>.

NOTE: Title, Subtitles, Headings, Running Headlines of Contents, and Indexes are used merely for convenience purposes.

1.5 "SEALED BID" is defined as the form in which the bidding documents are to be submitted to the COUNTY.

- A. Bidding Documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope no later than 12:00 pm on the date specified
- B. Sealed envelope must be labeled "**Sealed Bid**", and clearly state the CLIENT NAME, CLIENT ADDRESS, DATE AND TIME BID IS DUE, CONTRACTOR NAME, and CONTRACTOR ADDRESS.
- C. All items in Section 1.4 of this package are to be included in the sealed envelope. *See example attached.*

2. BIDDER EXAMINATION/INVESTIGATION OF SITE

2.1 EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND ATTENDANCE AT PRE-BID MEETING

Before submitting a bid, each bidder shall carefully examine the drawings (if applicable), read the specifications, general conditions, and all other contract documents and **ATTEND THE PRE-BID MEETING (if required)**. Each bidder shall fully inform himself prior to bidding as to all existing conditions and limitations under which the work is to be performed and he shall include in his bid a sum to cover the cost of all items necessary to perform the work as set forth in the contract documents. No plea of ignorance of conditions or difficulties that may be encountered in the execution of the work pursuant to this bid package may be made. Failure to make the necessary examinations and investigations will not be accepted as an excuse for any failure or omission on the part of the successful BIDDER. Successful BIDDER must fulfill all of the requirements of the Contract Documents. Failure or omission on the part of the successful BIDDER will not be accepted as a basis for any claims whatsoever for extra compensation or for an extension of time. The submission of a bid shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made all necessary examinations and investigations.

2.2 Lee County may rely upon Consultants to prepare drawings and specifications for testing of surface and latent physical conditions at the site or otherwise affecting the cost, progress or performance of the work detailed in the scope. COUNTY will make copies of such reports available to any BIDDER requesting them. These reports are not guaranteed as to their accuracy or completeness, nor are they part of the Contract Documents. Before submitting its Bid, each BIDDER will, at its own expense, make such additional investigations and tests, as the BIDDER may deem necessary.

2.3 BIDDER shall not be entitled to compensation beyond its bid price when required to incur expenses because of tolls, weight limits of trucks, access to the site, permanent or temporary power at the job site, delivery of materials, temporary utilities, or compliance with OSHA requirements when examination and/or investigation of the site conditions and access routes would have revealed the extra expense involved. The above list is intended to be illustrative and not all-inclusive.

3. PREPARATION OF BID

3.1 Each BIDDER shall submit the completed Bid Specifications and indicate the total lump-sum, total unit price base bid, and any total price(s) of any alternative(s) requested as part of the bid solicitation. BIDDER must furnish all requested information in the space provided in the Bid Specifications. The BIDDER is solely responsible for reading and completely understanding the requirements and the specifications of the items bid.

3.2 Signatures shall be required as follows:

- A. Bids by a corporation must be manually executed in the corporate name, by the President or Vice President (or other corporate officer, accompanied by written evidence of authority to so sign). The corporate seal must be affixed and attested by the secretary or assistant secretary. The corporate address and State of incorporation must be shown below the signature. Non-resident corporations shall furnish to the COUNTY a duly certified copy of all required authorizations to transact business in the State of Florida along with the bid proposal.
- B. Bids by a partnership must be manually executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner whose title must appear under the signature. The official address of the partnership must be shown below the signature.
- C. Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bonds or other surety instruments must attach with each bond or surety instrument a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.
- D. All names must be typed or printed below the signature.

3.3 The COUNTY will only consider bids meeting the exact specifications and requirements of the Bidding Documents.

3.4 Bid errors shall be handled as follows:

- A. Where bids have erasures or corrections, each erasure or correction must be in ink and initialed in ink by the BIDDER prior to submitting.
- B. In the case of lump sum price bids, if an error occurs in the extension of an item, the lump sum price in words (as shown in the bid) will govern.

3.5 Any blank spaces on the Bid Specifications, qualifying notes, exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, signatures, or failure to submit a bid on the COUNTY'S form may cause BIDDER to be declared non-responsive.

3.6 Where required by the bid package, BIDDERS must submit (with their bid specifications) cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications relative to the items proposed and offered.

3.7 The BIDDER shall comply with the Florida Sales and Use Tax Law as it may apply to this Contract. The Bid amount(s) shall include any and all Florida Sales and Use Tax payment obligations required by Florida Law of the successful BIDDER and/or its subcontractors or material suppliers.

4. COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDA

4.1 No interpretation or clarification of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other contract documents will be binding if made to any BIDDER orally. Every such request must be in writing, addressed to LEE COUNTY HUMAN AND VETERAN SERVICES, and received no later than **three (3) calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays), prior to bid opening date.**

4.2 All such interpretations or clarifications MUST be issued in writing by Lee County Human and Veteran Services. Information obtained directly from the homeowner of the property being rehabilitated will not control.

4.3 All interpretations, supplemental instructions, or modifications to the Bidding Documents will be issued as a written Addendum and made available to all known BIDDERS, not later than **three (3) calendar days** (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays), prior to the bid opening date. Questions will not be accepted during the last **three (3) calendar days prior** to bid opening date, unless otherwise specified by Lee County Human and Veteran Services. All Bidders should check with Lee County Human and Veteran Services at least **three (3) calendar days** before the bid due date to verify information regarding Addenda. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid as non-responsive. Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by number and date on the Bid Specifications. Addenda information will be emailed to all contractors that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting (if required) or posted on the Lee County Human and Veteran Services website. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE HE/SHE OBTAINS INFORMATION RELATED TO ADDENDA.** All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.

5. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 **CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND AUTO INSURANCE POLICIES** - The successful bidder shall deliver to Lee County Procurement Management, within **ten (10) calendar days** of the Notice of Award, certificates of insurance, which the successful bidder is required to purchase and maintain in accordance with Florida Law. If the successful bidder fails to furnish the required **certificates of insurance** with the ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award, Lee County Human and Veteran Services may annul the Notice of Award, and award the bid to the next lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder.

6. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

6.1 **SUBMIT THE BID** according to section 1.5 of this package **IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, MAILED OR HAND CARRIED**, to Lee County Human and Veteran Services, 2440 Thompson St, Fort Myers, FL 33901, **PRIOR TO THE BID CLOSING TIME.** The **ENTIRE** Bid Package must be stamped in received by Lee County Human and Veteran Services prior to the bid submittal deadline.

6.2 The proper delivery of the bid to Lee County is solely and strictly BIDDER'S responsibility. Lee County shall not be responsible for delays caused by the United States Postal Service or any other occurrence. Bids submitted by certified or registered mail, not received by Lee County Human and Veteran Services by the bid submittal deadline, will not be honored.

6.3 The bid submittal time will be **strictly** observed. Under ***no*** circumstances will bid proposals delivered after the specified submittal time be considered. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure the bid is received by Lee County Human and Veteran Services prior to the opening date and time specified. Any bid received after the opening date and time will be promptly returned to the bidder unopened.

6.4 Bidder must submit his/her Lump Sum Bid on this Bid Form on the Schedule of Work. Any blank spaces on the Bid Form and Schedule of Work required in Instructions to Bidders or signatures may result in the Bid being declared as ***NON-RESPONSIVE***.

7. WITHDRAWAL, TRANSFER OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS

7.1 Bids may be withdrawn at the request of the BIDDER. The request to withdraw may be made via writing, faxing, or emailing in time for delivery during the normal course of business, but prior to the time scheduled for the opening of the bid proposal. Such requests must have confirmed documentation of any telegraphic withdrawal with the BIDDER'S signature, dated or postmarked prior to the scheduled time of bid opening.

7.2 If, within twenty-four (24) hours after Bids are opened (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays), any BIDDER providing a signed, written notice to the COUNTY and demonstrating to the reasonable satisfaction of the COUNTY that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, may withdraw its Bid without penalty. The BIDDER shall be disqualified from further consideration on the Work to be provided under that Project. Except as specified in this subparagraph, BIDDER may not withdraw its bid after the appointed bid opening time.

7.3 BIDDER may not modify its bid proposal at any time for any reason whatsoever.

8. BID OPENING

8.1 At the time and place fixed for the opening of bids every bid properly delivered within the time fixed for receiving bids will be opened and publicly read aloud, irrespective of any irregularities found therein. BIDDERS and other persons interested may be present, in person or by representative. An abstract of the amounts of the base bids and major alternates (if any) will be made available to BIDDERS after the opening of bids. Bids will be submitted and opened no earlier than 3:00 pm.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT/REJECTION OF BIDS

9.1 Bids are being obtained pursuant to FS 255.20. The statutory criterion for award of a bid is to the "lowest qualified responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with the contract/bid documents". A bid meeting these statutory criteria is considered in the best interest of the COUNTY. The COUNTY reserves the right to exercise its discretion to reject any and all Bids, with or without cause, to waive informalities (e.g., not involving price, time or changes in the work), and to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of Lee County. Discrepancies in the multiplication of units of work and lump sum prices will be resolved in favor of the lump sum prices. Minor mathematical errors will be corrected by Lee County Human and Veteran Services based upon stated criteria.

9.2 The COUNTY may conduct such investigations as the COUNTY deems necessary and appropriate to assist in the evaluation of any Bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations proposed by Bidder hereunder.

9.3 By submitting a bid, the BIDDER recognizes and accepts that the COUNTY may reject the bid based upon the exercise of its sole discretion. BIDDER waives any claim(s) it may have for damages or other relief resulting directly or indirectly from the rejection of its bid based on any grounds, including the disclosure of any pertinent information relating to the reasons for rejection of said bid.

9.4 All vendors will be evaluated on their past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.). Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.

9.5 The County reserves the right to exercise its discretion, to waive minor informalities in any bid; to reject any or all bids with or without cause; and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the County of Lee.

10. EXECUTION OF WRITTEN CONTRACT

10.1 The COUNTY will issue a "Notice to Proceed" on the Project within **forty-five (45) calendar days** of the date of the Notice of Award.

10.2 In the event the Notice to Proceed has not been issued by the COUNTY within the **forty-five (45) calendar day** period above, the CONTRACTOR shall have the option, upon written notice, to rescind the Contract or continue with the Contract as originally bid, unless stated otherwise in Supplemental Conditions.

11. ACCEPTANCE

11.1 The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the COUNTY and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality. In the event the materials and/or services supplied to the COUNTY are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications, the COUNTY reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return such product to the seller at the seller's expense.

12. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME AFFIDAVIT

12.1 Any person or affiliate as defined by statute who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid or a contract to provide any goods or services to the COUNTY; may not submit a bid on a contract with the COUNTY for the construction or repair of a public building or a public work; may not submit bids or leases of real property to the COUNTY; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the COUNTY, may not transact business with the COUNTY in excess of \$25,000 for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

13. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

13.1 Whenever two or more proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received for the procurement of contractual services, a proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the evaluation/award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace, a business shall comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes 287.087.

14. PERMITS AND LICENSES

14.1 The contractor must apply for **all** applicable permits within fourteen (14) calendar days after the notice to proceed is issued by the Lee County Human and Veteran Services. All permits, governmental fees and licenses necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work must be obtained prior to the commencement of any work required by job specifications, copies of such licenses and permits shall be provided to the rehab specialist upon receipt. Each contractor will submit, to the rehab specialist, a copy of job specifications that have been signed off by the building department certifying that all permits applicable to the work required have been applied for.

A notice of commencement will be filed on each job in conjunction with the issuance of notices to proceed and any other requirements of the Florida Mechanic's Lien Law shall be completed.

15. LABOR AND MATERIALS

15.1 The contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, transportation, etc., necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work.

16. IMMIGRATION LAWS

16.1 Lee County will not intentionally award COUNTY contracts to any contractor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in 8 U.S.C. Section 1324 a(e), Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA).

16.2 Lee County shall consider the employment by any Contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the INA. Such violation by the recipient of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A(e) of the INA shall be grounds for unilateral cancellation of the contract by Lee County.

17. SECTION 3

17.1 It is the policy of Lee County Human and Veteran Services (LCHVS) to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act (HUD) of 1968 pursuant to [24 CFR 570.607 \(b\)](#). This legislative directive provides preference to low-income residents, and businesses that substantially employ these persons, for new employment, training, and contracting opportunities resulting from HUD-funded projects. As such it is the intent of LCHVS to give, to the greatest extent feasible, (consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations), employment, contracting and other economic opportunities arising in connection with a proposed project to low-income persons, Section 3 residents and business concerns in the local community, and that contracts be awarded to eligible business concerns which employ and/or are owned in substantial part by such low-income persons residing in Lee County.

17.2 In order for LCHVS to be considered in compliance with the regulation, LCHVS will make, to the greatest extent feasible, efforts to achieve the three annual minimum numerical goals as set forth at [24 CFR Part 135.30](#), for employment and contracting by: 1) awarding 10 percent of the total dollar amount of all covered construction contracts to Section 3 businesses; 2) offering 30 percent of new employment opportunities to Section 3 businesses; and 3) hiring 30 percent of new hires as Section 3 residents annually—i.e., one out of three new employees needed to complete a Section 3 covered project/activity shall be a Section 3 resident.

17.3 Efforts to ensure that these levels are achieved include: 1) requiring that all contractors post information at job sites in affected areas regarding employment opportunities and preference in hiring Section 3 employees and 2) advertising projects identifying contracting opportunities and the preference to utilize Section 3 businesses.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE EXAMPLE #1 – PLACED IN DROP BOX

Contractor Name
Contractor Address
City, State Zip Code

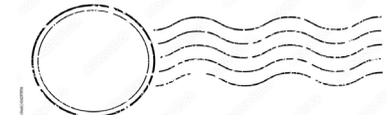
SEALED BID

Client Name
Client Address
City, State Zip Code

BID DUE:
JANUARY 1, 2023
12:00 p.m.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE EXAMPLE #2 – MAILED

Contractor Name
Contractor Address
City, State Zip Code



SEALED BID

Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson St
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Client Name
Client Address
City, State Zip Code

BID DUE:
JANUARY 1, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Bid Posted 02/25/2026
Bid due back 03/11/2026
By 12:00 PM

Lee County BoCC
Human and Veteran Services

Name: Esteban Cartas
Address: 710 Desoto Ave
City, State Zip: Lehigh Acres FL 33972
Client Phone # (239)318-0103
Strap # 29-44-27-L1-12045.0070
Date: February 17, 2026
Rehab Specialist: Brian Bissell (239)281-1182

Contractor will have 45 days to complete the work

All construction shall be in compliance with the current requirements, 2020 or 2023 Florida Building Code, Building, Residential, Existing Building, Plumbing, and Mechanical with Supplements. The 2011 National Electrical Code. All Lee County Ordinances. And all current Florida State Statues, to include # 553.844 and #553.885.

Contractors shall be responsible for all dimensions, locations, and quantities. All color samples shall be submitted and approved by this office prior to work commencing.

Note: No deviation from this specification will be permitted without written and signed authorization by Lee County Human and Veteran Services.

Contractors *must* obtain ALL NECESSARY PERMITS and all necessary documents from Federal, State and Local governmental agencies prior to commencement of any work, and furnish copies of permits to Lee County Human and Veteran Services prior to commencement of any work. Permits will cover all work to be completed under this schedule of work.

SCHEDULE OF WORK

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL

1. **Service and Distribution:** Check existing electrical service. Service shall be complete with main disconnect and all necessary circuit breakers. If exteriorly located, panel box shall be weatherproof. Service shall have a separate 220 V circuit for water heater, electric range, clothes dryer, washer combination in wall heat-air unit, Central HVAC or heating unit with disconnect. All 220V receptacles will **amped per mfg. specifications**, circuits complete with proper ground. **All Direct wire smoke detectors with battery back-up will be checked to ensure proper function and coverage.** Check existing GFI's in all required locations for proper function. All work will be completed in a workmanlike manner. **NOTE: Check existing water /well equipment electric for proper function.**

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DESCRIPTION OF PLUMBING

- 2. **Water Pump/Well Equipment Service:** Provide all new well equipment at the side of the house. **Design the system to meet the existing water type, provide proper equipment to meet site conditions.** When complete equipment shall be in a user ready state of operation to include all pumps, salt tank, pressure tanks, aerator tank, gauges, pump relay switches and central water filtration units for Iron/Hydrogen Sulfide. Contact Housing Rehab. Specialist if submersible pump unit in ground needs service or repair.
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DESCRIPTION OF MECHANICALS

3. **Central Heat and Air:** Provide and install a new electric split central heating and cooling system with a minimum 14 seer rating and heat strip properly sized for the dwelling. New system will be (Ruud, Rheem, or equal quality). New system shall be installed to existing duct system with all necessary transitions to complete the system. All existing duct work shall be inspected for leaks and shall be repaired where required. Equipment shall be placed where current units are installed. New system will be installed to all manufacturers' specifications with warranty submitted to owner. All work shall be completed in a workmanlike manner. **Note: Air handler is in the attic.**

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DESCRIPTION OF PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS

4. **Permits:** Contractor must submit the entire work schedule to building department to ensure all proper permits are obtained. Obtain all necessary permits and all necessary documents (Con-currency requirements, etc.) from Federal, State and Local governmental agencies prior to commencement of any work. Furnish copies of permits and all necessary documents to Lee County Human and Veteran Services prior to commencement of any work. Permits will cover all work completed under schedule of work for general, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and roofing. All fees shall be paid by contractor for permits required by application. All inspection scheduling shall be the responsibility of the general contractor.

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TOTAL BID

\$ _____

Authorized Contractor's Signature: _____

Contractor's name: _____

Company name: _____

Contractor's Address: _____

Contractors' Phone: _____

Additional Notes;

