

# TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT

## PART 1 ONLY

Between Ameresco, Inc. Ameresco, Inc and  
(Company Name)

**THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS),**  
a Department of Texas Education Service Center Region 8 for  
**TIPS RFP 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 Part with JOC) - PART 1 ONLY**

### General Information

The Vendor Agreement (“Agreement”) made and entered into by and between The Interlocal Purchasing System (hereinafter “TIPS”) a government cooperative purchasing program authorized by the Region 8 Education Service Center, having its principal place of business at 4845 US Hwy 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686 and the TIPS Vendor. This Agreement consists of the provisions set forth below, including provisions of all attachments referenced herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions set forth below and those contained in any attachment, the provisions set forth shall control unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing and by signature and date on the attachment.

A Purchase Order (“PO”), Agreement or Contract is the TIPS Member’s approval providing the authority to proceed with the negotiated delivery order under the Agreement. Special terms and conditions as agreed between the Vendor and TIPS Member should be added as addendums to the Purchase Order, Agreement or Contract. Items such as certificate of insurance, bonding requirements, small or disadvantaged business goals are some, but not all, of the possible addendums.

## Terms and Conditions

### Freight

All quotes to Members shall provide a line item for cost for freight or shipping regardless if there is a charge or not. If no charge for freight or shipping, indicate by stating “No Charge”, “\$0”, “included in price” or other similar indication. Otherwise, all shipping, freight or delivery charges shall be passed through to the TIPS Member at cost with no markup and said charges shall be agreed by the TIPS Member unless alternative shipping terms are agreed to by the TIPS Member as a result of the proposal award.

### Warranty Conditions

All new supplies equipment and services shall include **manufacturer's minimum standard warranty** unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Vendor shall be legally permitted to sell all products offered for sale to TIPS Members if the offering is included in the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) category. All goods proposed and sold shall be new unless clearly stated in writing.

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR AN EXHIBIT ATTACHED HERETO, THE VENDOR HAS MADE AND MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE) WITH RESPECT TO THE WORK.

### Customer Support

The Vendor shall provide timely and accurate customer support for orders to TIPS Members as agreed by the Parties. Vendors shall respond to such requests within a commercially reasonable time after receipt of the request. If support and/or training is a line item sold or packaged with a sale, support shall be as agreed with the TIPS Member.

### **Agreements**

Agreements for purchase will normally be put into effect by means of a contract, agreement, or purchase order(s) executed by authorized agents of the TIPS Member participating government entities, but other means of placing an order may be used at the Member's discretion. Vendor accepts and understands that when a purchase order or similar purchase document is sent from a customer through TIPS to the Vendor, TIPS is recording the purchase and verifying whether the purchase is within the parameters of the TIPS Contract only. Vendor agrees that TIPS is not a legal party to the purchase order or similar purchase document and TIPS is not responsible for identifying fraud, mistakes, or misrepresentations for the specific order. Vendor agrees that any purchase order or similar purchase document issued from a customer to Vendor, even when processed through TIPS, constitutes a legal contract between the customer and Vendor only. A Vendor that accepts a purchase order or similar purchase document and fulfills an order, even when processed through TIPS, is representing that the vendor has carefully reviewed the purchase order or similar purchase document for legality, authenticity, and accuracy.

### **Tax exempt status**

Most TIPS Members are tax exempt and the related laws and/or regulations of the controlling jurisdiction(s) of the TIPS Member shall apply.

### **Assignments of Agreements**

No assignment of this Agreement may be made without the prior notification of TIPS. Written approval of TIPS shall not be unreasonably withheld. Payment for delivered goods and services can only be made to the awarded Vendor, Vendor designated reseller or vendor assigned company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Ameresco may retain the services of subcontractors to perform any portion of its duties pursuant hereto without requiring notice to, or consent of, TIPS with the understanding that the Awarded Vendor is ultimately responsible for meeting all contract requirements.

### **Disclosures**

- Vendor and TIPS affirm that he/she, or any authorized employees or agents, has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this Agreement.
- Vendor shall attach, in writing, a complete description of any and all relationships that might be considered a conflict of interest in doing business with the TIPS program.
- The Vendor affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this Agreement.

### **Term of Agreement and Renewals**

The Agreement with TIPS is for approximately three (3) years with an option for renewal for an additional one (1) consecutive year. If TIPS offers the renewal extension year, the Vendor will be notified by email to the primary contact of the awarded Vendor and shall be deemed accepted by the Vendor unless the awarded Vendor notifies

TIPS of its objection to the additional term. TIPS may or may not exercise the available extension(s) provided in the original solicitation beyond the base three-year term. Whether or not to offer the extension is at the sole discretion of TIPS.

**“Start Date” for Term Calculation Purposes Only:** Regardless of actual award/effective date of Contract, for Agreement “term” calculation purposes only, the Agreement “start date” is the last day of the month that Award Notifications are anticipated as published in the Solicitation

**Example:** *If the anticipated award date published in the Solicitation is May 22, 2020 but extended negotiations delay award until June 27, 2020 The end date of the resulting initial “three-year” term Agreement, (which is subject to an extension(s)) will still be May 31, 2023 in this example.*

**“Termination Date”:** The scheduled Agreement “termination date” shall be the last day of the month of the month of the Original Solicitation’s Anticipated Award Date plus three years.

**Example:** *If the original term is approximately three years, and the solicitation provides an anticipated award date of May 22, 2020, the expiration date of the original three-year term shall be May 31, 2023 in this example.*

**Extensions:** Any extensions of the original term shall begin on the next day after the day the original term expires.

**Example Following the Previous Example:** *If TIPS offers a one-year extension, the expiration of the extended term shall be May 31, 2024 in this example.*

TIPS may offer to extend Vendor Agreements to the fullest extent the original Solicitation permits.

**Automatic Renewal Clauses Incorporated in Awarded Vendor Agreements with TIPS Members Resulting from the Solicitation and with the Vendor Named in this Agreement.**

No Agreement for goods or services with a TIPS Member by the awarded vendor named in this Agreement that results from the solicitation award named in this Agreement, may incorporate an automatic renewal clause that exceeds month to month terms with which the TIPS Member must comply. All renewal terms incorporated in an Agreement by the vendor with the TIPS Member shall only be valid and enforceable when the vendor receives written confirmation by purchase order, executed Agreement or other written instruction issued by the TIPS Member for any renewal period. The purpose of this clause is to avoid a TIPS Member inadvertently renewing an Agreement during a period in which the governing body of the TIPS Member has not properly appropriated and budgeted the funds to satisfy the Agreement renewal. This term is not negotiable and any Agreement between a TIPS Member and a TIPS awarded vendor with an automatic renewal clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

**Shipments**

The Vendor shall ship, deliver or provide ordered products or services within a commercially reasonable time after the receipt of the order from the TIPS Member. If a delay in said delivery is anticipated, the Vendor shall notify TIPS Member as to why delivery is delayed and shall provide an estimated time for completion of the order. TIPS or the requesting entity may cancel the order if estimated delivery time is not acceptable or not as agreed by the parties.

**Invoices**

Each invoice or pay request shall include the TIPS Member’s purchase order number or other identifying designation as provided in the order by the TIPS Member. If applicable, the shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of TIPS Member receipt shall be made available upon request.

## **Payments**

The TIPS Member will make payments directly to the Vendor, the Vendor Assigned Dealer or as agreed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member after receiving invoice and in compliance with applicable payment statute(s), or as otherwise provided by an agreement of the parties.

## **Pricing**

Price increases will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation. All pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as provided in the solicitation, to be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor. Vendor will not show adding the fee to the invoice presented to TIPS Member customer.

## **Participation Fees and Reporting of Sales to TIPS by Vendor**

The Participation Fee that was published as part of the Solicitation and the fee published is the legally effective fee, along with any fee conditions stated in the Solicitation. Collection of the fees by TIPS is required under Texas Government Code §791.011 Et seq. Fees are due on all TIPS purchases reported by either Vendor or Member. Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer. Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer agrees that the participation fee is due to TIPS for all Agreement sales immediately upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity and must be paid to TIPS at least on a monthly basis, specifically within 31 calendar days of receipt of payment, if not more frequently, or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS. Thus, when an awarded Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer receives any amount of payment, even partial payment, for a TIPS sale, the legally effective fee for that amount is immediately due to TIPS from the Vendor and fees due to TIPS should be paid at least on a monthly basis, specifically within 31 calendar days of receipt of payment, if not more frequently.

## **Reporting of Sales to TIPS by Vendor**

Vendor is required to report all sales under the TIPS contract to TIPS. When a TIPS Member initiates a purchase with a TIPS Awarded Vendor, if the Member inquires verbally or in writing whether the Vendor holds a TIPS Contract, it is the duty of the Vendor to verify whether or not the Member is seeking a TIPS purchase. Once verified, the Vendor must include the TIPS Contract number on any communications and related sales documents exchanged with the TIPS Member entity. To report sales, the Vendor must login to the TIPS Vendor Portal online at [https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors\\_form.cfm](https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors_form.cfm) and click on the PO's and Payments tab. Pages 3-7 of the [Vendor Portal User Guide](#) will walk you through the process of reporting sales to TIPS. Please refer to the TIPS [Accounting FAQ's](#) for more information about reporting sales and if you have further questions, contact the Accounting Team at [accounting@tips-usa.com](mailto:accounting@tips-usa.com). The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement and submitting same to TIPS. Failure to render the participation fee to TIPS shall constitute a breach of this agreement with our parent governmental entity, Texas Education Service Center Region 8, as established by the Texas legislature and shall be grounds for termination of this agreement and any other agreement held with TIPS and possible legal action. Any overpayment of participation fees to TIPS by a Vendor will be refunded to the Vendor within ninety (90) days of receipt of notification if TIPS receives written notification of the overpayment not later than the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment and TIPS determines that the amount was not legally due to TIPS pursuant to this agreement and applicable law. It is the Vendor's responsibility to identify which sales are TIPS Agreement sales and pay the correct participation fee due for TIPS Agreement sales. Any notification of overpayment received by TIPS after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment will be non-refundable. Region 8 ESC and TIPS reserve the right to extend the six (6) month deadline to notify if approved by the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors. TIPS reserves all rights under the law to collect the fees due. Please contact TIPS at [tips@tips-usa.com](mailto:tips@tips-usa.com) or call (866) 839-8477 if you have questions about paying fees.

## **Indemnity**

The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers and employees from and against all claims and suits by third parties for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees. Parties found liable shall pay their proportionate share of damages as agreed by the parties or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction over the case. **NO LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARE PERMITTED OR AGREED BY TIPS/ESC REGION 8.** Per Texas Education Code §44.032(f), and pursuant to its requirements only, reasonable Attorney's fees are recoverable by the prevailing party in any dispute resulting in litigation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Vendor's liability to TIPS shall be limited to unmitigable direct damages actually incurred by TIPS with respect to any and all claims arising out of the performance or nonperformance of the Vendor's obligations under this Agreement and shall not in total exceed the amounts paid under this Agreement. Nothing in this agreement limits the Vendor's liability to a TIPS Member that contracts with the Vendor for services unless otherwise agreed by the TIPS Member and the Vendor. NEITHER TIPS NOR THE VENDOR, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, ADVISERS, REPRESENTATIVES, AFFILIATES, OR SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES FOR ANY ACTIONS RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY ORDER, WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, WARRANTY, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, CONTRIBUTION, OR OTHERWISE. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT LIMITS THE VENDOR'S LIABILITY TO A TIPS MEMBER THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE VENDOR FOR SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY THE TIPS MEMBER AND THE VENDOR.

## **State of Texas Franchise Tax**

By signature hereon, the Vendor hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code.

## **Miscellaneous**

The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that continued participation in TIPS is subject to TIPS sole discretion and that any Vendor may be removed from the participation in the Program at any time with or without cause. Nothing in the Agreement or in any other communication between TIPS and the Vendor may be construed as a guarantee that TIPS or TIPS Members will submit any orders at any time. TIPS reserves the right to request additional proposals for items or services already on Agreement at any time.

## **Purchase Order Pricing/Product Deviation**

If a deviation of pricing/product on a Purchase Order or contract modification occurs between the Vendor and the TIPS Member, TIPS must be notified within five (5) business days of receipt of change order.

## **Termination for Convenience of TIPS Agreement Only**

TIPS reserves the right to terminate this agreement for cause or no cause for convenience with a thirty (30) days prior written notice. Termination for convenience is conditionally required under Federal Regulations 2 CFR part 200 if the customer is using federal funds for the procurement. All purchase orders presented to the Vendor, but not fulfilled by the Vendor, by a TIPS Member prior to the actual termination of this agreement shall be honored at the option of the TIPS Member. The awarded Vendor may terminate the agreement with ninety (90) days prior written notice to TIPS 4845 US Hwy North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. The vendor will be paid for goods and services delivered prior to the termination provided that the goods and services were delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the terminated agreement. This termination clause does not affect the sales agreements executed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member

customer pursuant to this agreement. TIPS Members may negotiate a termination for convenience clause that meets the needs of the transaction based on applicable factors, such as funding sources or other needs.

### **TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures**

Usually, purchase orders or their equal are issued by participating TIPS Member to the awarded vendor and should indicate on the order that the purchase is per the applicable TIPS Agreement Number. Orders are typically emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com.

- Awarded Vendor delivers goods/services directly to the participating member.
- Awarded Vendor invoices the participating TIPS Member directly.
- Awarded Vendor receives payment directly from the participating member.
- Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor. Vendor agrees to pay the participation fee to TIPS for all Agreement sales upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS.

### **Licenses**

Awarded Vendor shall maintain, in current status, all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by awarded Vendor. Awarded Vendor shall remain reasonably fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of goods or services under the Agreement. TIPS and TIPS Members reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel an order or terminate this or any other sales Agreement of any awarded Vendor whose license(s) required for performance under this Agreement have expired, lapsed, are suspended or terminated subject to a 30-day cure period unless prohibited by applicable statute or regulation.

### **Novation**

If awarded Vendor sells or transfers all assets, rights or the entire portion of the assets or rights required to perform this Agreement, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this Agreement. A simple change of name agreement will not change the Agreement obligations of awarded vendor. TIPS will consider Contract Assignments on a case by case basis. TIPS must be notified within five (5) business days of the transfer of assets or rights.

### **Site Requirements (*only when applicable to service or job*)**

**Cleanup:** When performing work on site at a TIPS Member's property, awarded Vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by TIPS Member or as agreed by the parties. Upon completion of work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition.

**Preparation:** Awarded Vendor shall not begin a project for which TIPS Member has not prepared the site, unless awarded Vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until TIPS Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order. Site preparation includes, but is not limited to: moving furniture, installing wiring for networks or power, and similar pre-installation requirements.

**Registered sex offender restrictions:** For work to be performed at schools, awarded Vendor agrees that no employee of a subcontractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are, or reasonably expected to be, present unless otherwise agreed by the TIPS Member. Awarded Vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the TIPS Member's discretion. Awarded Vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. **Safety measures:** Awarded Vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Awarded Vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by the operation and work in progress. Proper



precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

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**Smoking**

Persons working under Agreement shall adhere to the TIPS Member’s or local smoking statutes, codes or policies.

**Marketing**

Awarded Vendor agrees to allow TIPS to use their name and logo within TIPS website, marketing materials and advertisement subject to any reasonable restrictions provided to TIPS in the Proposal to the Solicitation. The Vendor may submit an acceptable use directive for Vendor’s names and logos with which TIPS agrees to comply. Any use of TIPS name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press release, regarding this Agreement by awarded vendor must have prior approval from TIPS which will not be unreasonably withheld. Request may be made by email to TIPS@TIPS-USA.COM.

**Supplemental Agreements**

The TIPS Member entity participating in the TIPS Agreement and awarded Vendor may enter into a separate Supplemental Agreement or contract to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this Agreement such as but not limited to, invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any Supplemental Agreement or contract developed as a result of this Agreement is exclusively between the TIPS Member entity customer and the Vendor. TIPS, its agents, TIPS Members and employees not a party to the Supplemental Agreement with the TIPS Member customer, shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement unless named and agreed by the Party in question in writing in the agreement. If a Vendor submitting a Proposal requires TIPS and/or TIPS Member to sign an additional agreement, those agreements shall comply with the award made by TIPS to the Vendor. Supplemental Vendor’s Agreement documents may not become part of TIPS’ Agreement with Vendor unless and until an authorized representative of TIPS reviews and approves it. TIPS review and approval may be at any time during the life of this Vendor Agreement. TIPS permits TIPS Members to negotiate additional terms and conditions with the Vendor for the provision of goods or services under the Vendor’s TIPS Agreement so long as they do not materially conflict with any terms of this Agreement which are expressly stated as not negotiable by TIPS Members.

**Survival Clause**

All applicable sales, leases, Supplemental Agreements, contracts, software license agreements, warranties or service agreements that were entered into between Vendor and TIPS or the TIPS Member Customer under the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. All Orders, Purchase Orders issued or contracts executed by TIPS or a TIPS Member and accepted by the Vendor prior to the expiration or termination of this agreement, shall survive expiration or termination of the Agreement, subject to previously agreed terms and conditions agreed by the parties or as otherwise specified herein relating to termination of this agreement.

**Legal obligations**

It is the responding Vendor's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in the applicable Solicitation that resulted in this Vendor Agreement and any awarded Agreement thereof. Applicable laws and regulations must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

**Audit rights**

Due to transparency statutes and public accountability requirements of TIPS and TIPS Members', the awarded Vendor shall, at their sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by TIPS Member that utilizes this Agreement. TIPS and Region 8 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting of TIPS related purchases for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. In order to ensure and confirm compliance with this agreement, TIPS shall have authority to conduct audits of Awarded Vendor's pricing or TIPS transaction documentation with TIPS Members with 30 days' notice unless the audit is ordered by a Court Order or by a Government Agency with authority to do so without notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that TIPS is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible entities that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, TIPS shall have the ability to conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm to investigate any possible non-compliant conduct or may terminate the Agreement according to the terms of this Agreement. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be reasonably provided in the time, format and at the location acceptable to Region 8 ESC or TIPS. TIPS agrees not to perform a random audit the TIPS transaction documentation more than once per calendar year, but reserves the right to audit for just cause or as required by any governmental agency or court with regulatory authority over TIPS or the TIPS Member.

**Force Majeure**

If by reason of causes beyond its control ("Force Majeure"), including but not limited to an act of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemies, acts of terrorism, epidemic, pandemic, orders or restraints of any kind of the government of the United States or any state or any of their departments agencies or officials or any other civil governmental, military or judicial authority, war, blockage, insurrection, riot, sudden action of the elements, fire, explosion, flood, earthquake, storms, drought, landslide, or explosion or nuclear emergency, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (other than payment obligations) then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. In addition, the Term, at Vendor's option, shall be extended for a period equal to the number of days that the Force Majeure prevented the non-performing party from performing. Any decision by the TIPS Member to close or change the use of the facilities or scope Items at the property shall not constitute a Force Majeure excusing the TIPS Member's performance under this Agreement.

**Choice of Law**

The Agreement between the Vendor and TIPS/ESC Region 8 and any addenda or other additions resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles.

**Venue, Jurisdiction and Service of Process**

Any Proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County,



Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Venue for any dispute resolution process, other than litigation, between TIPS and the Vendor shall be located in Camp or Titus County, Texas.

### **Project Delivery Order Procedures**

The TIPS Member having approved and signed an interlocal agreement, or other TIPS Membership document, may make a request of the awarded Vendor under this Agreement when the TIPS Member desires goods or services awarded to the Vendor. Notification may occur via phone, the web, courier, email, fax, or in person. Upon notification of a pending request, the awarded Vendor shall acknowledge the TIPS Member's request as soon as possible, but must make contact with the TIPS Member within two working days.

### **Status of TIPS Members as Related to This Agreement**

TIPS Members stand in the place of TIPS as related to this agreement and have the same access to the proposal information and all related documents. TIPS Members have all the same rights under the awarded Agreement as TIPS.

### **Vendor's Resellers as Related to This Agreement**

Vendor's Named Resellers ("Resellers") under this Agreement shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement and all addenda or incorporated documents. All actions related to sales by Authorized Vendor's Resellers under this Agreement are the responsibility of the awarded Vendor. If Resellers fail to report sales to TIPS under your Agreement, the awarded Vendor is responsible for their contractual failures and shall be billed for the fees. The awarded Vendor may then recover the fees from their named reseller.

### **Support Requirements**

If there is a dispute between the awarded Vendor and TIPS Member, TIPS or its representatives may, at TIPS' sole discretion, assist in conflict resolution if requested by either party. TIPS, or its representatives, reserves the right to inspect any project and audit the awarded Vendor's TIPS project files, documentation and correspondence related to the requesting TIPS Member's order. If there are confidentiality requirements by either party, TIPS shall comply to the extent permitted by law.

### **Incorporation of Solicitation**

The TIPS Solicitation which resulted in this Vendor Agreement, whether a Request for Proposals, the Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Qualifications solicitation, or other, the Vendor's response to same and all associated documents and forms made part of the solicitation process, including any addenda, are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if copied verbatim. In the event of any conflict between this Vendor Agreement (or any Member Agreement incorporating this Vendor Agreement) and the TIPS Solicitation and/or the Vendor's response and/or associated documents or forms, the terms of this Vendor Agreement (or such Member Agreement, as applicable) shall govern.

**SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES**

THE SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT ARE MERELY GUIDES FOR CONVENIENCE AND ARE NOT FOR CLASSIFICATION OR LIMITING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES TO THIS DOCUMENT.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

Texas governmental entities are prohibited from doing business with companies that fail to certify to this condition as required by Texas Government Code Sec. 2270.

By executing this agreement, you certify that you are authorized to bind the undersigned Vendor and that your company (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement.

You certify that your company is not listed on and does not and will not do business with companies that are on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts list of Designated Foreign Terrorists Organizations per Texas Gov't Code 2270.0153 found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/foreign-terrorist.pdf>

You certify that if the certified statements above become untrue at any time during the life of this Agreement that the Vendor will notify TIPS within three (3) business day of the change by a letter on Vendor's letterhead from and signed by an authorized representative of the Vendor stating the non-compliance decision and the TIPS Agreement number and description at:

Attention: General Counsel  
ESC Region 8/The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)  
4845 Highway 271 North  
Pittsburg, TX,75686  
And by an email sent to [bids@tips-usa.com](mailto:bids@tips-usa.com)

**Insurance Requirements**

The undersigned Vendor agrees to maintain the below minimum insurance requirements for TIPS Contract Holders:

<b>General Liability</b>	\$1,000,000 each Occurrence/ Aggregate
<b>Automobile Liability</b>	\$300,000 Includes owned, hired & non-owned
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	Statutory limits for the jurisdiction in which the Vendor performs under this Agreement.
<b>Umbrella Liability</b>	\$1,000,000

When the Vendor or its subcontractors are liable for any damages or claims, the Vendor's policy, when the Vendor is responsible for the claim, must be primary over any other valid and collectible insurance carried by the Member. Any immunity available to TIPS or TIPS Members shall not be used as a defense by the contractor's insurance policy. The coverages and limits are to be considered minimum requirements and in no way limit the liability of the Vendor(s). Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A-; VII or better rating in accordance with current A.M. Best Key Rating Guide. "Claims made" policies will not be accepted. Vendor's required minimum coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, non-renewed or reduced in coverage or in limits unless replaced by a policy that provides the minimum required coverage except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested has been given to TIPS or the TIPS Member if a project or pending delivery of an order is ongoing. Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the TIPS or the TIPS Member.

## Special Terms and Conditions

- **Orders:** All Vendor orders received from TIPS Members must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should a TIPS Member send an order directly to the Vendor, it is the Vendor's responsibility to forward a copy of the order to TIPS at the email above within 3 business days and confirm its receipt with TIPS.
- **Vendor Encouraging Members to bypass TIPS agreement:** Encouraging TIPS Members to purchase directly from the Vendor or through another agreement, when the scope of work is consistent with the scope contemplated by TIPS RFP 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 Part with JOC) - PART 1 ONLY and the Member has requested using the TIPS cooperative Agreement or price, and thereby bypassing the TIPS Agreement is a violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will result in removal of the Vendor from the TIPS Program.
- **Order Confirmation:** All TIPS Member Agreement orders are approved daily by TIPS and sent to the Vendor. The Vendor should confirm receipt of orders to the TIPS Member (customer) within 3 business days.
- **Vendor custom website for TIPS:** If Vendor is hosting a custom TIPS website, updated pricing when effective. TIPS shall be notified when prices change in accordance with the award.
- **Back Ordered Products:** If product is not expected to ship within the time provided to the TIPS Member by the Vendor, the Member is to be notified within 3 business days and appropriate action taken based on customer request.

The TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Page is inserted here.

# TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Form

RFP 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 PART with JOC) PART 1 ONLY

Company Name Ameresco, Inc.

Address 7929 Brookrive Drive, Suite 250

City Dallas State TX Zip 75247

Phone 972.349.0970 Fax 480.499.9170

Email of Authorized Representative rgeorgeoff@ameresco.com

Name of Authorized Representative Robert Georgeoff

Title Executive Vice President

Signature of Authorized Representative 

Date February 15, 2022

TIPS Authorized Representative Name David Fitts

Title Executive Director

TIPS Authorized Representative Signature David Wayne Fitts

Approved by ESC Region 8 David Wayne Fitts

Date 3-24-2022

## **NOTICE TO MEMBERS REGARDING ATTRIBUTE RESPONSES**

TIPS VENDORS RESPOND TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS AS PART OF TIPS COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS. THE VENDOR'S RESPONSES TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED HEREIN AS "SUPPLIER RESPONSE." PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DEVIATIONS, IF ANY, IN VENDOR'S RESPONSE TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS MAY NOT REFLECT VENDOR'S FINAL ATTRIBUTE RESPONSE, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO AWARD. PLEASE CONTACT THE TIPS OFFICE AT 866-839-8477 WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING VENDOR ATTRIBUTE RESPONSE DEVIATIONS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT TIPS DOES NOT PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO MEMBERS. TIPS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU CONSULT YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH OR MAKING PURCHASES FROM TIPS VENDORS.



## 220106 Addendum 2 Ameresco, Inc. Supplier Response

### Event Information

Number: 220106 Addendum 2  
Title: Comprehensive HVAC ( 2 Part with JOC)  
Type: Request for Proposal  
Issue Date: 1/6/2022  
Deadline: 2/18/2022 03:00 PM (CT)  
Notes: This is a 2 PART solicitation. PART 1 is for projects that are not considered construction or a public work. It includes, but is not limited to, parts, supplies, maintenance services and repairs. PART 2 Job Order Contract (JOC) is for projects considered construction or public work projects. The determination of whether or not a project requires a PART 2 JOC is the responsibility of the TIPS member entity. Vendors are encouraged to respond to BOTH PARTS 1 and 2 to meet the needs of our members, but responses to both parts is not required.

**IF YOU CURRENTLY HOLD TIPS CONTRACTS: 180101 COMPREHENSIVE HVAC SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES PART 1 OR 2 ("180101"); 190604 COMPREHENSIVE HVAC SOLUTIONS AND SERVICES PART 1 OR 2 ("190604"), OR; 200303 COMPREHENSIVE HVAC PART 1 OR 2 ("200303"), YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS SOLICITATION TO PREVENT LAPSE OF CONTRACT UNLESS YOU HOLD ANOTHER CURRENT TIPS CONTRACT THAT COVERS ALL OF YOUR HVAC OFFERINGS. THIS AWARDED CONTRACT WILL REPLACE YOUR EXPIRING**



## **Contact Information**

Address: Region 8 Education Service Center  
4845 US Highway 271 North

Pittsburg, TX 75686

Phone: +1 (866) 839-8477

Email: [bids@tips-usa.com](mailto:bids@tips-usa.com)

## Ameresco, Inc. Information

Contact: Sarah Price  
Address: 7929 Brookriver Drive  
Suite 250  
Dallas, TX 75247  
Phone: (214) 208-5884  
Toll Free: (866) 263-7372  
Email: sprice@ameresco.com  
Web Address: www.ameresco.com

By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Robert Georgeoff

*Signature*

Submitted at 2/17/2022 2:24:42 PM

rgeorgeoff@ameresco.com

*Email*

## Requested Attachments

### **Agreement Signature Form PART 1 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106\_Agreement Signature Form PART 1 ONLY.pdf

If you have not taken exception or deviation to the agreement language in the solicitation attributes, download the AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM from the "ATTACHMENTS" tab. This PDF document is a fillable form. Download the document to your computer, fill in the requested company information, print the file, SIGN the form, SCAN the completed and signed AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM, and upload here.

If you have taken exception to any of the agreement language and noted the exception in the deviations section of the attributes for the agreement, complete the AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM, but DO NOT SIGN until those deviations have been negotiated and resolved with TIPS management. Upload the unsigned form here, because this is a required document.

### **Vendor Agreement PART 1 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106\_Vendor Agreement\_PART 1 ONLY.pdf

The vendor must download the Vendor Agreement from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed agreement.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### **Vendor Agreement PART 2 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106\_Vendor Agreement\_JOC PART 2 ONLY.pdf

If proposing on Part 2, the vendor must download the Vendor Agreement from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed agreement.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### **Agreement Signature Form PART 2 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106\_Agreement Signature Form PART 2 ONLY.pdf

If proposing on Part 2, the vendor must download the Vendor Agreement from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed agreement.

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### **Pricing Form 1 PART 1 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106 Pricing Form 1 PART 1 ONLY.xlsx

The vendor must download the PRICING SPREADSHEET SHEET from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### **Pricing Form 2 PART 1 ONLY** AMERESCO\_220106\_Pricing Form 2 PART 1 ONLY.xlsx

The vendor must download the PRICING SPREADSHEET SHEET from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**OPTIONAL - PART 2 - JOC Pricing of Itemized List of RS Means Non-Prepriced Items***No response*

The Vendor may download the optional Pricing of Itemized List of RS Means Non-Prepriced Items form from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information, and upload the completed spreadsheet. DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**Reference Form (PARTS 1 & 2)**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Reference Form.xls

Valid Reference Email addresses are REQUIRED on the spreadsheet. The vendor must download the References spreadsheet from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet. DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**Proposed Goods and Services**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Proposed Goods and Services.pdf

Please upload one or more documents or sheets describing your offerings, line cards, catalogs, links to offerings OR list links to your offerings that illustrate the catalog of proposed lines of goods and or services you carry and offer under this proposal. It does not have to be exhaustive but should, at a minimum tell us what you are offering. It could be as simple as a sheet with your link to your online catalog of goods and services.

**D/M/WBE Certification OPTIONAL***No response*

D/M/WBE Certification documentation may be scanned and uploaded if you desire to claim your status as one of the identified enterprises. (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise and/or Woman Business Enterprise) If vendor has more than one certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**Warranty**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Warranty.pdf

Warranty information (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**Supplementary**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Supplementary.pdf

Supplementary information can be scanned and uploaded. (Company information, brochures, catalogs, etc.) (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**All Other Certificates**

AMERESCO\_220106\_All Other Certificates.pdf

All Other Certificates (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. If vendor has more than one other certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

**Logo and Other Company Marks**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Logo.png

**Conflict of Interest Form CIQ- ONLY REQUIRED IF A CONFLICT EXISTS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS***No response*

ONLY REQUIRED IF A CONFLICT EXISTS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS

Conflict of Interest Form for Vendors that are required to submit the form. The Conflict of Interest Form is included in the Base documents or can be found at <https://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/CIQ.pdf>.

**Certificate of Corporate Offerer - COMPLETE ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Certification of Corporate Offerer Form.pdf

COMPLETE AND UPLOAD FORM IN ATTACHMENTS SECTION ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION

**Lobbying Report Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"***No response*

If you answered "I HAVE Lobbied per above" to attribute #66, please download and complete and upload the Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in the Response attachments section.

**Confidentiality Form**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Confidentiality Claim Form.pdf

REQUIRED CONFIDENTIALITY FORM. Complete the form according to your company requirements, make any desired attachments and upload to the appropriate section under "Response Attachments" THIS FORM DETERMINES HOW ESC8/TIPS RESPONDS TO LEGAL PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS.

**Bonding Capacity Letter from Surety/Insurance Company**

AMERESCO\_220106\_Bonding Capacity Letter.pdf

REQUIRED IF YOU ARE PROPOSING ON PART 2 -Attach the Bonding Capacity Letter from Surety/Insurance Company. if you do not have one available at time of proposal, attached a letter stating it will be submitted when received to prove bonding capacity. No award can be made until official bonding capacity letter is received by TIPS.

You are required by TIPS to upload a current W-9 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Form for your entity. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity.

**Response Attachments**

**AMERESCO\_220106\_Agreement Exceptions-Deviations Explanation\_PART 1 ONLY.pdf**

Exceptions/Deviations Explanation: Vendor Agreement Part 1 ONLY

**AMERESCO\_220106\_Agreement Exceptions-Deviations Explanation\_JOC Part 2 ONLY.pdf**

Exceptions/Deviations Explanation: Vendor Agreement JOC Part 2 ONLY

**AMERESCO\_220106\_Solicitation Exceptions-Deviations Explanation\_JOC Part 2 ONLY.pdf**

Exception/Deviations Explanation: Solicitation JOC Part 2 ONLY

**AMERESCO\_220106\_Part 1 Form 1 Catalogs.zip**

Part 1, Form 1 Catalog Pricing

**Bid Attributes**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprise - D/M/WBE/Federal HUBZone (Required by some participating governmental entities). Vendor certifies that their firm is a D/M/WBE or HUBZone? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" D/M/WBE CERTIFICATES section.</p> <p><input type="text" value="No"/></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>Historically Underutilized Business - HUB (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a HUB as defined by the State of Texas at <a href="https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/">https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/</a>.</p> <p>Proof may be submitted. Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section.</p> <p><input type="text" value="No"/></p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes"/></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>States Served:</b></p> <p>If answer is NO to question #3, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX)</p> <p><input type="text" value="No response"/></p>

<b>5</b>	<b>Company and/or Product Description:</b>
	This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.)  Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE:AMRC) is a leading cleantech integrator and renewable energy asset developer, owner, and operator. Our comprehensive portfolio includes energy efficiency and infrastructure upgrades, including comprehensive HVAC solutions and services; asset sustainability; and renewable energy solutions delivered to clients throughout North America and the United Kingdom.  Technical independence coupled with our advanced technology portfolio allows us to integrate best-in-class solutions for the unique needs of each customer, paired with practical financial solutions. Whether focused on securing infrastructure upgrades, meeting sustainability goals, or creating resiliency, our customers benefit from a single provider of comprehensive clean technology solutions.

<b>6</b>	<b>Primary Contact Name</b>
	Primary Contact Name <input type="text" value="Sarah Price"/>

<b>7</b>	<b>Primary Contact Title</b>
	Primary Contact Title <input type="text" value="Managing Director - Marketing &amp; Communications"/>

<b>8</b>	<b>Primary Contact Email</b>
	Primary Contact Email <input type="text" value="sprice@ameresco.com"/>

<b>9</b>	<b>Primary Contact Phone</b>
	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="4804999123"/>

<b>10</b>	<b>Primary Contact Fax</b>
	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="4804999150"/>

<b>11</b>	<b>Primary Contact Mobile</b>
	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="6024032360"/>

<b>12</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Name</b>
	Secondary Contact Name <input type="text" value="Vince Drieling"/>

<b>13</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Title</b>
	Secondary Contact Title <input type="text" value="Vice President - Business Development"/>

1 4	<b>Secondary Contact Email</b> Secondary Contact Email <input type="text" value="vdrieling@ameresco.com"/>
1 5	<b>Secondary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="9723490970"/>
1 6	<b>Secondary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="4804999150"/>
1 7	<b>Secondary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2142085884"/>
1 8	<b>Admin Fee Contact Name</b> Admin Fee Contact Name. This person is responsible for paying the admin fee to TIPS. <input type="text" value="Travis Farland"/>
1 9	<b>Admin Fee Contact Email</b> Admin Fee Contact Email <input type="text" value="tfarland@ameresco.com"/>
2 0	<b>Admin Fee Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="4804999162"/>
2 1	<b>Purchase Order Contact Name</b> Purchase Order Contact Name. This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS. <input type="text" value="Dominic Palma"/>
2 2	<b>Purchase Order Contact Email</b> Purchase Order Contact Email <input type="text" value="dpalma@ameresco.com"/>
2 3	<b>Purchase Order Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="4804999149"/>
2 4	<b>Company Website</b> Company Website (Format - www.company.com) <input type="text" value="www.ameresco.com"/>



**25 Entity D/B/A's and Assumed Names**  
Please identify all of your entity's assumed names and D/B/A's. Please note that you will be identified publicly by the legal name under which you responded to this solicitation unless you organize otherwise with TIPS after award.

**26 Primary Address**  
Primary Address

**27 Primary Address City**  
Primary Address City

**28 Primary Address State**  
Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation)

**29 Primary Address Zip**  
Primary Address Zip

**30 Search Words:**  
Please list search words to be posted in the TIPS database about your company that TIPS website users might search. Words may be product names, manufacturers, or other words associated with the category of award. **YOU MAY NOT LIST NON-CATEGORY ITEMS.** (Limit 500 words) (Format: product, paper, construction, manufacturer name, etc.)

**31 Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal grant funds with you if awarded? Is it your intent to be able to sell to our members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?**

Most of our members receive Federal Government grants or other funding and they make up a significant portion of their budgets. The Members need to know if your company is willing to sell to them when they spend federal budget funds on their purchase. There are attributes that follow that include provisions from the federal regulations in 2 CFR part 200, etc. Your answers will determine if your award will be designated as eligible for TIPS Members to utilize federal funds with your company.

Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal funds, at the Member's discretion, with you?

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**Yes - No**

Certification of Residency - The vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:

(A) has its principal place of business in Texas;

OR

(B) employs at least 500 persons in Texas?

This question is required as a data gathering function for information to our members making purchases with awarded vendors. Does not affect scoring with TIPS.

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**Company Residence (City)**

Vendor's principal place of business is in the city of?

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**Company Residence (State)**

Vendor's principal place of business is in the state of?

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**Discount Offered - CAUTION READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE VENDORS FREQUENTLY MAKE MISTAKES ON THIS ATTRIBUTE QUESTION**

Remember this is a MINIMUM discount percentage so, be sure the discount percentage inserted here can be applied to ANY OFFERING OF GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH OUT THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT

CAUTION: BE CERTAIN YOU CAN HONOR THIS MINIMUM DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE ON ANY OFFERED SERVICE OR GOOD NOW OR DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.

If awarded on PART 1, what is the MINIMUM percentage discount off of any item or service you offer to TIPS Members that is in your regular catalog (as defined in the solicitation specifications document), website, store or shelf pricing or when adding new goods or services to your offerings during the life of the contract? The resulting price of any goods or services Catalog list prices after this discount is applied is a ceiling on your pricing and not a floor because, in order to be more competitive in the individual circumstance, you may offer a larger discount depending on the items or services purchased and the quantity at time of sale.

Must answer with a number between 0% and 100%.

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**MINIMUM Discount Term**

If awarded on PART 1, does the vendor agree to at least offer, for the life of the Agreement, the Minimum Discount Percentage off list or catalog proposed by Vendor in response to the Attribute entitled "Discount Offered - CAUTION READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE VENDORS FREQUENTLY MAKE MISTAKES ON THIS ATTRIBUTE QUESTION"?

TIPS will utilize this response to satisfy the Long Term Cost scoring evaluation criteria on PART 1. A "YES" answer will be awarded the maximum 10 points for this criterion out of the 100 total points and a "NO" answer is awarded 0 points.

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7** Yes - No

If awarded on Part 1 of the TIPS Contract, for the duration of the Contract, Vendor agrees to provide, upon request, their then current catalog pricing, as defined in the solicitation and below, to TIPS upon request for any goods and services offered on PART 1 of the Vendor's TIPS Contract, if any.

"Catalog" means the available list of tangible personal property or services, in the most current listing, regardless of date, during the life of the contract, that takes the form of a catalog, price list, schedule, shelf price or other form that:

- A. is regularly maintained by the manufacturer or Vendor of an item; and
- B. is either published or otherwise available for inspection by a customer during the purchase process;
- C. to which the minimum discount proposed by the proposing Vendor may be applied.

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8** TIPS administration fee

By submitting a proposal, I agree that all pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as designated in the solicitation or as otherwise agreed in writing and shall be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor or the vendor's named resellers and as agreed in the Vendor agreement. I agree that the fee shall not and will not be added by the vendor as a separate line item on a TIPS member invoice, quote, proposal or any other written communications with the TIPS member.

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9** REQUIRED FOR PART 2 JOC - PRICING OF Regular Hours Coefficient

**What is your regular hours coefficient for the RS Means Price Book? (FAILURE TO RESPOND PROHIBITS PART 2 JOC EVALUATION)**

Remember that this is a ceiling price proposed. You can discount lower than your proposed contract coefficient, but not higher.

This is one of three pricing questions that are required for consideration for award on this solicitation. Please consider your answer carefully. An explanation of the TIPS scoring of pricing is included in the attachments for your information.

The below is an Example of how pricing model works (not intended to influence your proposed coefficient, you should propose a coefficient that you determine is right for your business):

To propose the exact pricing as the RS Means Unit Price Book, you would insert a 1.0 and to propose a 5% discount for the RS Means Price Book would be a .95 regular hours coefficient and so on.

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0** REQUIRED FOR PART 2 JOC - PRICING OF After Hours Coefficient

**What is your after hours coefficient for the RS Means Price Book for work performed after normal working hours? (FAILURE TO RESPOND PROHIBITS PART 2 JOC EVALUATION)**

Remember that this is a ceiling price proposed. You can discount to any TIPS Member customer a lower coefficient than your proposed contract coefficient, but not higher.

This is one of three pricing questions that are required for consideration for award on this solicitation. Please consider your answer carefully. An explanation of the TIPS scoring of pricing titled "Pricing Coefficient Instruction" is included in the attachments for your information.

The below is an EXAMPLE of how the pricing model works (It is not intended to influence your proposed coefficient, you should propose a coefficient that you determine is reasonable for your business for the life of the contract): The most common after hours coefficient is time and a half of the RS Means Unit Price Book prices. To illustrate this coefficient, if your regular hours coefficient is .95, your after hours coefficient would be 1.45.

**4 1 REQUIRED FOR 2 PART JOC - PRICING for Markup of Non-Prepriced Items in RS Means Unit Price Book**

**YOU MUST ENTER A PERCENTAGE NOT A COEFFICIENT.**

**What is your proposed Markup Percentage on materials not found in the RS Means Price Book? (FAILURE TO RESPOND PROHIBITS PART 2 JOC EVALUATION)**

If any materials being utilized for a project cannot be found in the RS Means Price Book, this question is what is the markup percentage on those materials?

When answering this question please insert the number that represents your percentage of proposed markup. **YOU MUST ENTER A PERCENTAGE NOT A COEFFICIENT.**

Example: if you are proposing a 30 percent markup, please insert the number "30". Remember that this is a ceiling markup. You may markup a lesser percentage to the TIPS Member customer when pricing the project, but not a greater percentage.

EXAMPLE: You need special materials that are not in the RS Means Unit Price Book for a project. You would buy the materials and mark them up to the TIPS Member customer by the percentage you propose in this question. If the materials cost you, the contractor, \$100 and you proposed a markup on this question for the material of 30 percent, then you would charge the TIPS Member customer \$130 for the materials.

**YOU MUST ENTER A PERCENTAGE NOT A COEFFICIENT.**

**4 2 Yes - No**

Vendor agrees to remit to TIPS the required administration fee or, if resellers are named, guarantee the fee remittance by or for the reseller named by the vendor?

TIPS/ESC Region 8 is required by Texas Government Code § 791 to be compensated for its work and thus, failure to agree shall render your response void and it will not be considered.

**4 3 TIPS Administration Fee Paid by Vendor - Not Charged to Customer**

Vendor understands and agrees that it owes TIPS a TIPS Administration Fee (published in the RFP/RCSP document) on every TIPS sale made under an awarded TIPS Contract. Vendor further understands and agrees that Vendor shall submit pricing with this proposal which includes and accounts for the TIPS Administration Fee and **shall never** separately charge the TIPS Member Customer the TIPS fee or add the TIPS Administration Fee line item to an invoice or similar purchase document. Submission of this proposal is Vendor's certification that Vendor agrees to this mandatory term.

**4 4 Yes - No**

Do you offer additional discounts to TIPS members for large order quantities or large scope of work?

**4 5 Years in Business as Proposing Company**

Years in business as proposing company?

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**Resellers:**

If awarded on PART 1, does the vendor have resellers that it will name under this contract?

Resellers are defined as other companies that sell your products under an agreement with you, as the awarded vendor of TIPS.

EXAMPLE: BIGmart is a reseller of ACME brand televisions. If ACME were a TIPS awarded vendor, then ACME would list BIGmart as a reseller.

(Resellers are only permitted under a PART 1 award. If applicable, Vendor should add all Authorized Resellers within the TIPS Vendor Portal upon award).

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**Right of Refusal**

The proposing vendor has the right not to sell under the awarded agreement with a TIPS member at vendor's discretion unless required by law.

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**NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE**

By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that:

- 1) This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other Bidder or with any Competitor;
- 2) This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other Bidder, Competitor or potential competitor;
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
- 4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the Bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered.

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE - FORM CIQ -Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement?**

Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement? YES or NO

If you have a conflict of interest as described in this form or the Local Government Code Chapter 176, cited therein- you are required to complete and file with TIPS.

The Form CIQ is one of the attachments to this solicitation.

There is an optional upload for this form provided if you have a conflict and must file the form

**50 Filing of Form CIQ**

If yes (above), have you filed a form CIQ by uploading the form to this RFP as directed above?

**51 Regulatory Standing**

I certify to TIPS for the proposal attached that my company is in good standing with all governmental agencies Federal or state that regulate any part of our business operations. If not, please explain in the next attribute question.

**52 Regulatory Standing**

Regulatory Standing explanation of no answer on previous question.

**53 Antitrust Certification Statements (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)**

By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that:

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

(1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;

(2) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;

(3) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law;

(4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this bid to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.



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**4** **Suspension or Debarment Instructions**

Instructions for Certification:

1. By answering yes to the next Attribute question below, the vendor and prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out herein in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms “covered transaction,” “debarred,” “suspended,” “ineligible,” “lower tier covered transaction,” “participants,” “person,” “primary covered transaction,” “principal,” “proposal” and “voluntarily excluded,” as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction” without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.

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**5** **Suspension or Debarment Certification**

By answering yes, you certify that no federal suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract as described above.

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### **Non-Discrimination Statement and Certification**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law, all U.S. Departments, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

(Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Title 7 CFR Parts 15, 15a, and 15b; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement – Nutrition Programs and Activities)

All U.S. Departments, including the USDA are equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. I certify that in the performance of a contract with TIPS or its members, that our company will conform to the foregoing anti-discrimination statement and comply with the cited and all other applicable laws and regulations.

Yes, I certify (Yes)

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### **2 CFR PART 200 Contract Provisions Explanation**

Required Federal contract provisions of Federal Regulations for Contracts for contracts with ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members:

The following provisions are required to be in place and agreed if the procurement is funded in any part with federal funds.

The ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members are the subgrantee or Subrecipient by definition. Most of the provisions are located in 2 CFR PART 200 - Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards at 2 CFR PART 200. Others are included within 2 CFR part 200 et al.

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

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**2 CFR PART 200 Contracts**

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Notice: Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does vendor agree?

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**2 CFR PART 200 Termination**

Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for cause after giving the vendor an appropriate opportunity and up to 30 days, to cure the causal breach of terms and conditions. ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for convenience with 30 days notice in writing to the awarded vendor. The vendor would be compensated for work performed and goods procured as of the termination date if for convenience of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and the ESC Region 8 and TIPS reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in the best interest of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS.

Does vendor agree?

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**2 CFR PART 200 Clean Air Act**

Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Pursuant to the Clean Air Act, et al above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires that the proposer certify that during the term of an award by the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor agrees to comply with all of the above regulations, including all of the terms listed and referenced therein.

Does vendor agree?

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**1** **2 CFR PART 200 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment**

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any 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. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that during the term and during the life of any contract with ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor certifies to the terms included or referenced herein.

Does vendor agree?

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**2** **2 CFR PART 200 Federal Rule**

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$250,000)

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that in performance of the contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$250,000, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).

Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Clean Air Act?

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**3** **2 CFR PART 200 Procurement of Recovered Materials**

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act as described above?

**6 4 2 CFR PART 200 Rights to Inventions**

If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Pursuant to the above, when the foregoing applies to ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in the Federal rule above.

Does vendor agree?

**6 5 2 CFR PART 200 Domestic Preferences for Procurements**

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of 2 CFR Part 200.322, “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. Moreover, for purposes of 2 CFR Part 200.322, “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe, aggregates such as concrete, glass, including optical fiber, and lumber.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that to the greatest extent practicable Vendor will provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

Does vendor agree?

**6 6 2 CFR PART 200 Ban on Foreign Telecommunications**

Federal grant funds may not be used to purchase equipment, services, or systems that use “covered telecommunications” equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. “Covered telecommunications” means purchases from Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), and video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that Vendor will not purchase equipment, services, or systems that use “covered telecommunications”, as defined by 2 CFR §200.216 equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

Does vendor agree?

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**7** **2 CFR PART 200 Equal Employment Opportunity**

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

Does vendor agree?

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**8** **2 CFR PART 200 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)**

[Applicable ONLY to contracts in excess of \$100,000 involving mechanics or laborers.] Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members on qualifying contracts, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award for all contracts by the District resulting from this procurement process.

Does vendor agree?

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**9** **2 CFR PART 200 Contract Cost & Price**

For contracts more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, a TIPS Member may, in very rare circumstances, be required to negotiate profit as a separate element of the price pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.324(b). Under those circumstances, Vendor agrees to provide information and negotiate with the TIPS Member regarding profit as a separate element of the price. However, Vendor certifies that the total price charged by the Vendor shall not exceed the Vendor’s TIPS pricing and pricing terms proposed.

Does Vendor Agree?

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**FEMA Fund Certifications**

Submission of this proposal is Vendor's certification that Vendor agrees to this term. Vendor certifies that **IF and when** Vendor accepts a TIPS purchase paid for in full or part with FEMA funds, Vendor certifies that:

(1) Vendor agrees to provide the TIPS Member, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to and rights to reproduce any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or an authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that no language in this contract or the contract with the TIPS Member is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

(2) The Vendor shall not use the Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

(3) The Vendor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

(4) The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

(5) The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor's actions pertaining to this contract.

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**Certification of Compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act**

When appropriate and to the extent consistent with the law, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq; 49 C.F.R. Part 18) and any mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in applicable state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Act.

Does Vendor agree?

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**Certification Regarding Lobbying**

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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**Lobbying Report Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"**

ONLY IF you answered "I HAVE Lobbied per above" to attribute above titled "[Certification Regarding Lobbying](#)", please download and complete and upload the Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in the Response attachments section.

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**Subcontracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.**

Do you ever anticipate the possibility of subcontracting any of your work under this award if you are successful?

IF NO, DO NOT ANSWER THE NEXT ATTRIBUTE QUESTION. . IF YES, and ONLY IF YES, you must answer the next question YES if you want a TIPS Member to be authorized to spend Federal Grant Funds for Procurement.

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5 ONLY IF YES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement, do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?**

ONLY IF YES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement,

do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?

Federal Regulation 2 CFR §200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. (a)The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce ; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs(1) through (5) of this section.

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6 If proposing on PART 2, Davis-Bacon Act compliance.**

IF proposing on PART 2, Texas Statute requires compliance with Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part S, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act {40 U.S.C. 314S), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR PART 2 OF THIS SOLICITATION, the Vendor agrees, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, to comply with the Davis Bacon Act, IF APPLICABLE and if proposing on PART 2 of this solicitation.

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7** **Indemnification**

The ESC Region 8 and TIPS is a Texas Political Subdivision and a local governmental entity; therefore, is prohibited from indemnifying third parties pursuant to the Texas Constitution (Article 3, Section 52) except as specifically provided by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. A provision in a contract to indemnify or hold a party harmless is a promise to pay for any expenses the indemnified party incurs, if a specified event occurs, such as breaching the terms of the contract or negligently performing duties under the contract. Article III, Section 49 of the Texas Constitution states that "no debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State ... " The Attorney General has counseled that a contractually imposed obligation of indemnity creates a "debt" in the constitutional sense. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. MW-475 (1982). Contract clauses which require the System or institutions to indemnify must be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas." Liquidated damages, attorney's fees, waiver of vendor's liability, and waiver of statutes of limitations clauses should also be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of State of Texas."

Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree (Yes)

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8** **Remedies**

The parties shall be entitled to exercise any right or remedy available to it either at law or in equity, subject to the choice of law, venue and service of process clauses limitations agreed herein. Nothing in this agreement shall commit the TIPS to an arbitration resolution of any disagreement under any circumstances. Any Claim arising out of or related to the Contract, except for those specifically waived under the terms of the Contract, may, after denial of the Board of Directors, be subject to mediation at the request of either party. Any issues not resolved hereunder MAY be referred to non-binding mediation to be conducted by a mutually agreed upon mediator as a prerequisite to the filing of any lawsuit over such issue(s). The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any associated filing fee equally. Mediation shall be held in Camp or Titus County, Texas. Agreements reached in mediation shall be reduced to writing, and will be subject to the approval by the District's Board of Directors, signed by the Parties if approved by the Board of Directors, and, if signed, shall thereafter be enforceable as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Do you agree to these terms?

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9** **Remedies Explanation of No Answer**

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0** **Choice of Law**

The agreement between the Vendor and TIPS/ESC Region 8 and any addenda or other additions resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles. THIS DOES NOT APPLY to a vendor's agreement entered into with a TIPS Member, as the Member may be located outside Texas.

Do you agree to these terms?

**8 1 Venue, Jurisdiction and Service of Process**

Any proceeding, involving Region 8 ESC or TIPS, arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Any dispute resolution process other than litigation shall have venue in Camp County or Titus County Texas.

Do you agree to these terms?

**8 2 Alternative Dispute Resolution Explanation of No Answer**

**8 3 Infringement(s)**

The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS and its employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from any and all third party claims and judgments involving infringement of patent, copyright, trade secrets, trade or service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights attributed to or claims based on the Vendor's proposal or Vendor's performance of contracts awarded and approved.

Do you agree to these terms?

**8 4 Infringement(s) Explanation of No Answer**

**8 5 Acts or Omissions**

The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from and against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands or suits, and all related costs, attorney's fees and expenses arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, or suppliers in the execution or performance of any agreements ultimately made by TIPS and the vendor.

Do you agree to these terms?

**8 6 Acts or Omissions Explanation of No Answer**

**8 7 Contract Governance**

Any contract made or entered into by the TIPS is subject to and is to be governed by Section 271.151 et seq, Tex Loc Gov't Code. Otherwise, TIPS does not waive its governmental immunities from suit or liability except to the extent expressly waived by other applicable laws in clear and unambiguous language.

Yes, I Agree (Yes)

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## Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause

### Payment Terms:

TIPS or TIPS members shall not be liable for interest or late payment fees on past due balances at a rate higher than permitted by the laws or regulations of the jurisdiction of the TIPS Member.

### Funding Out Clause:

Vendor agrees to abide by the laws and regulations, including Texas Local Government Code § 271.903, or any statutory or regulatory limitations of the jurisdiction of any TIPS Member which governs contracts entered into by the Vendor and TIPS or a TIPS Member that requires all contracts approved by TIPS or a TIPS Member are subject to the budgeting and appropriation of currently available funds by the entity or its governing body.

See statute(s) for specifics or consult your legal counsel.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered.

Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree (Yes)

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## Insurance and Fingerprint Requirements Information

### Insurance

If applicable and your staff will be on TIPS member premises for delivery, training or installation etc. and/or with an automobile, you must carry automobile insurance as required by law. You may be asked to provide proof of insurance.

### Fingerprint

It is possible that a vendor may be subject to Chapter 22 of the Texas Education Code. The Texas Education Code, Chapter 22, Section 22.0834 & 22.08341. Statutory language may be found at: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>

If the vendor has staff that meet both of these criterion:

- (1) will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and
- (2) has or will have direct contact with students

Then you have "covered" employees for purposes of completing the attached form.

TIPS recommends all vendors consult their legal counsel for guidance in compliance with this law. If you have questions on how to comply, see below. If you have questions on compliance with this code section, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety Non-Criminal Justice Unit, Access and Dissemination Bureau, FAST-FACT at [NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us) and you should send an email identifying you as a contractor to a Texas Independent School District or ESC Region 8 and TIPS. Texas DPS phone number is (512) 424-2474.

See form in the next attribute to complete entitled:  
Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees

## Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees

Introduction: Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires entities that contract with school districts to provide services to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees. Contractors must certify to the district that they have complied. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at a school district.

Definitions: Covered employees: Employees of a contractor or subcontractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed at the District and have or will have direct contact with students. The District will be the final arbiter of what constitutes direct contact with students. Disqualifying criminal history: Any conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District, or one of the following offenses, if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or enrolled in a public school:

(a) a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code; (b) an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; or (c) an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.

I certify that:

**NONE (Section A)** of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractors are covered employees, as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor will not become covered employees. Contractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

**OR**

**SOME (Section B)** or all of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor are covered employees. If this box is checked, I further certify that:

(1) Contractor has obtained all required criminal history record information regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history.

(2) If Contractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the District in writing within 3 business days.

(3) Upon request, Contractor will provide the District with the name and any other requested information of covered employees so that the District may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.

(4) If the District objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information, Contractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District.

Noncompliance or misrepresentation regarding this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

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**9 1 Texas Business and Commerce Code § 272 Requirements as of 9-1-2017**

SB 807 prohibits construction contracts to have provisions requiring the contract to be subject to the laws of another state, to be required to litigate the contract in another state, or to require arbitration in another state. A contract with such provisions is voidable. Under this new statute, a "construction contract" includes contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with (among others) architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, equipment lessors, or materials suppliers. "Construction contracts" are for the design, construction, alteration, renovation, remodeling, or repair of any building or improvement to real property, or for furnishing materials or equipment for the project. The term also includes moving, demolition, or excavation. BY RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION, AND WHEN APPLICABLE, THE PROPOSER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE TEXAS BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE § 272 WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH TIPS MEMBERS THAT ARE TEXAS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

**9 2 Texas Government Code 2270 & 2270 Verification Form**

Texas Government Code 2270 & 2271 Verification Form  
If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, the Vendor hereby certifies and verifies that neither the Vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of the Vendor, if any (the "Vendor Companies"), boycotts Israel, and the Vendor agrees that the Vendor and Vendor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "boycott" shall mean and include refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.  
Our entity further certifies that it is is not listed on and we do not do business with companies prohibited by Texas Government Code 2270 or that are on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts list of Designated Foreign Terrorists Organizations per Texas Gov't Code 2270.0153 found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/foreign-terrorist.pdf>  
I swear and affirm that the above is true and correct.

YES

**9 3 Logos and other company marks**

Please upload your company logo to be added to your individual profile page on the TIPS website. If any particular specifications are required for use of your company logo, please upload that information under the "Logo and Other Company Marks" section under the "Response Attachment" tab. Preferred Logo Format: 300 x 225 px - .png, .eps, .jpeg preferred

Potential uses of company logo:

- \* Your Vendor Profile Page of TIPS website
- \* Potentially on TIPS website scroll bar for Top Performing Vendors
- \* TIPS Quarterly eNewsletter sent to TIPS Members
- \* Co-branding Flyers and or email blasts to our TIPS Members (Permission and approval will be obtained before publishing)



<b>9 4</b>	<b>Solicitation Deviation/Compliance</b> Does the vendor agree with the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation? <input type="text" value="No"/>
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<b>9 5</b>	<b>Solicitation Exceptions/Deviations Explanation</b> If the bidder intends to deviate from the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached. TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions. In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this Solicitation. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Please reference Ameresco's proposed exceptions and/or deviations attachment uploaded to the 'Other Response Attachments' section of the IONWAVE Portal (file: "AMERESCO_220106_Solicitation Exceptions-Deviations Explanation_JOC Part 2 ONLY"). Ameresco has submitted such requests for consideration via track changes/redlines. Should TIPS wish for the Microsoft Word version of these proposed exceptions and/or deviations, it will gladly be furnished upon request.</p></div>
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<b>9 6</b>	<b>Agreement Deviation/Compliance</b> Does the vendor agree with the language in the Vendor Agreement? <input type="text" value="No"/>
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<b>9 7</b>	<b>Agreement Exceptions/Deviations Explanation</b> If the proposing Vendor desires to deviate from the Vendor Agreement language, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included. TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal based upon any deviations indicated below. In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Vendor Agreement. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Please reference Ameresco's proposed exceptions and/or deviations attachment uploaded to the 'Other Response Attachments' section of the IONWAVE Portal (files: "AMERESCO_220106_Agreement Exceptions-Deviations Explanation_PART 1 ONLY" and "AMERESCO_220106_Agreement Exceptions-Deviations Explanation_JOC Part 2 ONLY", respectively). Ameresco has submitted such requests for consideration via track changes/redlines. Should TIPS wish for the Microsoft Word versions of these proposed exceptions and/or deviations, it will gladly be furnished upon request.</p></div>
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<b>9 8</b>	<b>Felony Conviction Notice</b> Texas Education Code, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony." Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract." (c) This section does not apply to a publicly held corporation. The person completing this proposal certifies that they are authorized to provide the answer to this question. Select A., B. or C. A. My firm is a publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable. OR B. My firm is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony, OR C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony. (if you answer C below, you are required to provide information in the next attribute. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>A. Firm is a publicly held corporation.</p></div>
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**99** **If you answered C. My Firm is owned or operated by a felon to the previous question, you are REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

If you answered C. My Firm is owned or operated by a felon to the previous question, you must provide the following information.

1. Name of Felon(s)
2. The named person's role in the firm, and
3. Details of Conviction(s).

**100** **Required Confidentiality Claim Form**

Required Confidentiality Claim Form

This completed form is required by TIPS. By submitting a response to this solicitation you agree to download from the "Attachments" section, complete according to the instructions on the form, then upload the completed form, with any confidential attachments, if applicable, to the "Response Attachments" section titled "Confidentiality Form" in order to provide to TIPS the completed form titled, "CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM FORM". **THIS REQUIRED PROCESS IS THE ONLY WAY TO DEEM PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION CONFIDENTIAL ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION WILL BE DISREGARDED UNLESS THE DOCUMENT IS IDENTIFIED BY AND ATTACHED TO THE REQUIRED FORM.** By completing this process, you provide us with the information we require to comply with the open record laws of the State of Texas as they may apply to your proposal submission. If you do not provide the form with your proposal, an award will not be made if your proposal is qualified for an award, until TIPS has an accurate, completed form from you.

Read the form carefully before completing and if you have any questions, email bids@tips-usa.com.

**101** **Member Access to Vendor Proposal**

Notwithstanding any other information provided in this solicitation or Vendor designation of certain documentation as confidential or proprietary, Vendor's acceptance of this TIPS Contract constitutes Vendor's consent to the disclosure of Vendor's comprehensive proposal, including any information deemed confidential or proprietary, **to TIPS Members**. The proposing Vendor agrees that TIPS shall not be responsible or liable for any use or distribution of information or documentation by TIPS Members or any other party. By submitting this proposal, Vendor certifies the foregoing.

**102** **Choice of Law clauses for TIPS Members**

If the vendor is awarded a contract with TIPS under this solicitation, the vendor agrees to make any Choice of Law clauses in any contract or agreement entered into between the awarded vendor and with a TIPS member entity to read as follows: "Choice of law shall be the laws of the state where the customer resides" or words to that effect.

**103** **Venue of dispute resolution with a TIPS Member**

In the event of litigation or use of any dispute resolution model when resolving disputes with a TIPS member entity as a result of a transaction between the vendor and TIPS or the TIPS member entity, the Venue for any litigation or other agreed upon model shall be in the state and county where the customer resides unless otherwise agreed by the parties at the time the dispute resolution model is decided by the parties.

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### Indemnity Limitation with TIPS Members

Texas and other states restrict by law or state Constitution the ability of a governmental entity to indemnify others. TIPS requires that any contract entered into between a vendor and TIPS or a TIPS Member as a result of an award under this Solicitation limit the requirement that the Customer indemnify the Vendor by either eliminating any such indemnity requirement clauses in any agreements, contracts or other binding documents **OR** by prefacing all indemnity clauses required of TIPS or the TIPS Member entity with the following: "To the extent permitted by the laws or the Constitution of the state where the customer resides, ".

**Agreement is a required condition to award of a contract resulting from this Solicitation.**

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### Arbitration Clauses

Except for certain circumstances, TIPS forbids a mandatory arbitration clause in any contract or agreement entered into between the awarded vendor with TIPS or a TIPS member entity. Does the vendor agree to exclude any arbitration requirement in any contracts or agreement entered into between TIPS or a TIPS member entity through an awarded contract with TIPS?

**Agreement is a required condition to award of a contract resulting from this Solicitation.**

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### Upload of Current W-9 Required

Please note that you are required by TIPS to upload a current W-9 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Form for your entity. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity.

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### CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING CERTAIN ENERGY COMPANIES (Texas law as of September 1, 2021)

**By submitting a proposal to this Solicitation, you certify that you agree, when it is applicable, to the following required by Texas law as of September 1, 2021:**

If (a) company is not a sole proprietorship; (b) company has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this contract has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2274 of SB 13 (87<sup>th</sup> session), the company hereby certifies and verifies that the company, or any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of these entities or business associations, if any, does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. For purposes of this contract, the term "company" shall mean an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, that exists to make a profit. The term "boycott energy company" shall mean "without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company (a) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law, or (b) does business with a company described by paragraph (a)." See Tex. Gov't Code § 809.001(1).

## **CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES (Texas law as of September 1, 2021)**

**By submitting a proposal to this Solicitation, you certify that you agree, when it is applicable, to the following required by Texas law as of September 1, 2021:**

If (a) company is not a sole proprietorship; (b) company has at least ten (10) full-time employees; (c) this contract has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds; (d) the contract is not excepted under Tex. Gov't Code § 2274.003 of SB 19 (87<sup>th</sup> leg.); and (e) governmental entity has determined that company is not a sole-source provider or governmental entity has not received any bids from a company that is able to provide this written verification, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2274 of SB 19 (87<sup>th</sup> session), the company hereby certifies and verifies that the company, or association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary parent company, or affiliate of these entities or associations, that exists to make a profit, does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of this contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. For purposes of this contract, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" shall mean, with respect to the entity or association, to: "(1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. See Tex. Gov't Code § 2274.001(3) of SB 19. "Discrimination against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" does not include: "(1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (2) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency, or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association." See Tex. Gov't Code § 2274.001(3) of SB 19.

## **CERTIFICATION REGARDING CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE (Texas law as of September 1, 2021)**

**By submitting a proposal to this Solicitation, you certify that you agree, when it is applicable, to the following required by Texas law as of September 1, 2021:**

If (a) company is not a sole proprietorship; (b) company has at least ten (10) full-time employees; (c) this contract has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds; (d) the contract is not excepted under Tex. Gov't Code § 2274.003 of SB 19 (87<sup>th</sup> leg.); and (e) governmental entity has determined that company is not a sole-source provider or governmental entity has not received any bids from a company that is able to provide this written verification, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required.

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**Acknowledgement**

By submitting this proposal, Vendor certifies that it has read, examined, and understands all portions of this solicitation including but not limited to all attribute questions, attachments, solicitation documents, bid notes, and the Vendor Agreement(s). Vendor certifies that, if found to be necessary by the proposing vendor, vendor has sought the advice of counsel in understanding all portions of the solicitation.

## ADDENDUM NO. 1 TIPS 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 Part with JOC)

This Addendum #1 **does not** require action from responding Vendors and **does not** require resubmission for Vendors who have already submitted. It is only to correct a misstatement originally included in Pages 4-5 of the solicitation attachment entitled “220106 RCSP Specifications.” The original pages 4-5 provided for and discussed a term of years of, “approximately two (2) years with an option for renewal extension for an additional three (4) consecutive one (1) year terms.” This Addendum No. 1 corrects it to properly state and describe a term of, “approximately two (2) years with an option for renewal extension for an additional two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms” as expanded upon below. Specifically, the section entitled “Term of Agreement and Renewals” starting on Page 4 and ending on Page 5 of the attachment entitled “220106 RCSP Specifications” is now changed to read as follows:

### **“Term of Agreement and Renewals**

The Agreement with TIPS is for approximately two (2) years with an option for renewal extension for an additional two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. The first renewal extension year shall be automatic unless the awarded vendor notifies TIPS of its objection to the first additional one (1) year renewal extension. If TIPS offers the second one (1) year renewal extension terms, the vendor will be notified by email to the primary contact of the awarded Vendor and shall be deemed accepted by the Vendor unless the awarded vendor notifies TIPS of its objection to the additional term. TIPS may or may not exercise the available extension(s) provided in the original solicitation beyond the base term. Whether or not to offer the renewal extension years is at the sole discretion of TIPS.

**“Start Date” for Term Calculation Purposes Only:** Regardless of actual award/effective date of Contract, for Agreement “term” calculation purposes only, the Agreement “start date” is the last day of the month that Award Notifications are anticipated as published in the Solicitation.

**Example:** *If the anticipated award date published in the Solicitation is August 27, 2020 but extended negotiations delay award until September 24, 2020 the end date of the resulting initial “two-year” term Agreement, (which is subject to an extension(s)) will still be August 31, 2022 in this example*

**“Termination Date”:** The scheduled Agreement “termination date” shall be the last day of the month of the month of the Original Solicitation’s Anticipated Award Date plus two years.

**Example:** *If the original term is approximately two years, and the solicitation provides an anticipated award date of August 27, 2020, the expiration date of the original two-year term shall be August 31, 2022 in this example.*

**Extensions:** Any extensions of the original term shall begin on the next day after the day the original term expires.

**Example Following the Previous Example:** *If TIPS offers a one-year extension, the expiration of the extended term shall be August 31, 2023 in this example.*

TIPS may offer to extend Vendor Agreements to the fullest extent the original Solicitation permits.

Total term of Agreement can be up to the number of years provided in the solicitation or as limited by statute.”

**ADDENDUM NO. 2 TIPS 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 Part with JOC)**

This correction ***does not*** require action from responding Vendors and ***does not*** require resubmission for Vendors who have already submitted ***unless you wish to correct the optional form entitled "PART 2 JOC Pricing of Itemized List of Means Non-Prepriced Items" based on the information herein.*** This Addendum is only to correct a misstatement on the original optional attachment entitled "PART 2 JOC Pricing of Itemized List of Means Non-Prepriced Items." The attachment mistakenly provided for and discussed "Attribute 39." Specifically, any erroneous reference to "Attribute 39" on the specified attachment should be considered immediately replaced with "the Attribute Question asking for Pricing for Markup of Non-Prepriced Items in RS Means Unit Price Book." Please disregard any reference to Attribute 39 on this optional form and consider it to be referencing the Attribute Question asking for "Pricing for Markup of Non-Prepriced Items in RS Means Unit Price Book" instead.



**TIPS RFP 220106 Comprehensive HVAC (2 Part  
with JOC)**

REFERENCES
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Please provide five (5) references from five different entities, preferably from school districts or other governmental entities who have used you the last three years. Additional references may be required. DO NOT INCLUDE TIPS EMPLOYEES AS A REFERENCE.

Verify your references emails are deliverable and that they agree to provide a reference. Failure to do this may delay the evaluation

You may provide more than five (5) references.

Entity Name	Contact Person	<b>VALID EMAIL IS REQUIRED</b>	Phone
City of Bonham	Sean Pate	<a href="mailto:spate@cityofbonham.org">spate@cityofbonham.org</a>	903.583.7555 x111
City of El Campo	Courtney Sladek	<a href="mailto:csladek@cityofelcampo.org">csladek@cityofelcampo.org</a>	979.541.5000
Woodlands Water	James Stinson, PE	<a href="mailto:jstinson@woodlandswater.org">jstinson@woodlandswater.org</a>	281.367.1271
Marana Unified School District	Daniel Contorno	<a href="mailto:D.J.Contorno@maranausd.org">D.J.Contorno@maranausd.org</a>	520.682.4756
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Cleve McDaniel	<a href="mailto:cleve.mcdaniel@nmt.edu">cleve.mcdaniel@nmt.edu</a>	575.835.5606



**Required Confidential Information Status Form**

Ameresco, Inc.

Name of company

Robert Georgeoff, Executive Vice President

Printed Name and Title of authorized company officer declaring below the confidential status of material

2375 E. Camelback Road, Suite 400 Phoenix AZ 85016 480.499.9122

Address

City

State

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Phone

**ALL VENDORS MUST COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION**

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUESTS OF EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 8 AND TIPS (ESC8) IS GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 552

If you consider any portion of your proposal to be confidential information and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 Texas Gov't Code or other law(s), you must attach a copy of all claimed confidential materials within your proposal and put this COMPLETED form as a cover sheet to said materials then scan, name "CONFIDENTIAL" and upload with your proposal submission. (You must include all the confidential information in the submitted proposal. The copy uploaded is to indicate which material in your proposal, if any, you deem confidential in the event the receives a Public Information Request.) ESC8 and TIPS will follow procedures of controlling statute(s) regarding any claim of confidentiality and shall not be liable for any release of information required by law. Upon your claim and your defense to the Office of Texas Attorney General is required to make the final determination whether the information submitted by you and held by ESC8 and TIPS is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

**ALL VENDORS MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS BELOW.**

**OPTION 1:**

**I DO CLAIM parts of my proposal to be confidential and DO NOT desire to expressly waive a claim of confidentiality of all information contained within our response to the solicitation.** The attached contains material from our proposal that I classify and deem confidential under Texas Gov't Code Sec. 552 or other law(s) and I invoke my statutory rights to confidential treatment of the enclosed materials.

**IF CLAIMING PARTS OF YOUR PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL, YOU MUST ATTACH THE SHEETS TO THIS FORM AND LIST THE NUMBER OF TOTAL PAGES THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

**ATTACHED** ARE COPIES OF \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES OF CLAIMED CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL FROM OUR PROPOSAL THAT WE DEEM TO BE NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WILL DEFEND THAT CLAIM TO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL IF REQUESTED WHEN A PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST IS MADE FOR OUR PROPOSAL.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**OPTION 2:**

**I DO NOT CLAIM any of my proposal to be confidential, complete the section below.**

**Express Waiver:** I desire to expressly waive any claim of confidentiality as to any and all information contained within our response to the competitive procurement process (e.g. RFP, CSP, Bid, RFQ, etc.) by completing the following and submitting this sheet with our response to Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS.

Signature

Date January 13, 2022

## All Other Certificates

The certificates provided herein are intended to highlight Ameresco's good standing with industry accreditors, professional licensing agencies, and governmental bodies, particularly those within the State of Texas.





# The State of Texas

SECRETARY OF STATE

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF  
AMERESCO, INC.  
FILE NUMBER: 134965-06**

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that the attached application of the above entity for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State has been received in this office and is found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State from and after this date for the purpose or purposes set forth in the application under the name of

**AMERESCO ENERGY SERVICES, INC.**

Dated: October 05, 2000  
Effective: October 05, 2000



*Elton Bomer*  
Secretary of State

## Warranty

As a vendor-neutral energy service company, Ameresco's project developers are able to select the technologies that most effectively achieve a client's unique goals at the lowest possible cost.

Ameresco provides a standard one-year material and labor warranty on each project. Equipment manufacturer warranties that are greater than one year are transferred to the customer at the end of the warranty period. Some manufacturers offer extended material warranties that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis once the final equipment has been selected for an individual project.



## Proposed Goods and Services

Founded in 2000, Ameresco, Inc. (NYSE: AMRC) is leading cleantech integrator and renewable energy asset developer, owner, and operator. Our comprehensive portfolio includes the development and delivery of over \$10 billion in comprehensive energy and water services, including energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, asset sustainability, and renewable energy solutions. With more than 1,100 employees providing local expertise in [70 offices](#) throughout the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, Ameresco is the only company of its kind to be technology and vendor-neutral, which means each customer served is matched with innovative energy solutions that meet their unique needs.

As a full-service engineering and construction firm, we have delivered projects and hold contracts to provide engineering, procurement, and construction services on a site-specific, regional, and nationwide basis. We offer an extensive and diverse portfolio that spans lighting, water, heating, ventilation, cooling, building envelope, smart meters and controls; plant upgrades and rehabilitation; and renewable solutions including solar PV, CHP and cogeneration plants, geothermal, green gas, and wind – all of which can all be paired with microgrid and battery storage technologies. Our new construction and renovation project experience covers the full range of technologies related to building systems and facility infrastructure, often in tenant-occupied facilities and with minimal laydown space.

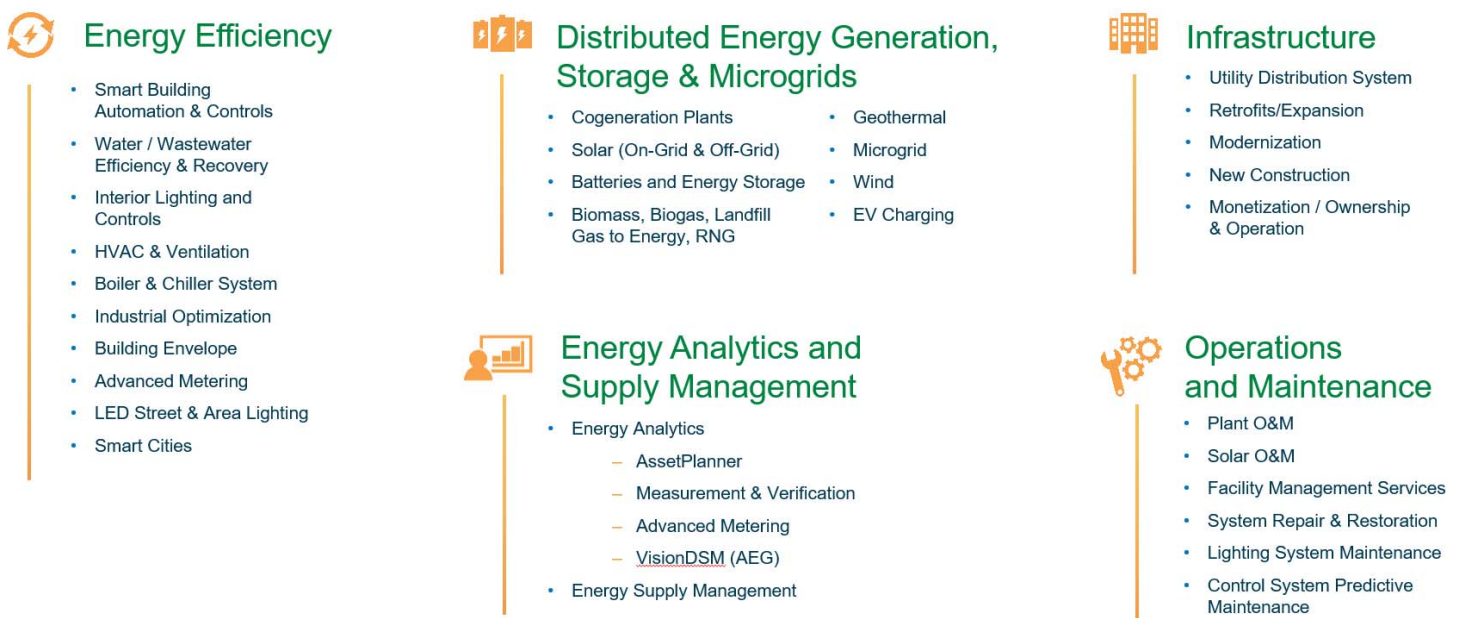


Figure 1.0. Ameresco's Comprehensive Suite of Services



## Description of Technologies

The following provides a brief description of the typical technologies and systems evaluated for efficiency improvement, infrastructure modernization, and cost savings.

### Comprehensive HVAC Solutions and Services

Ameresco provides HVAC solutions that support indoor environmental comfort for building residents, and deliver efficient, productive building conditions supporting the facility's use.

HVAC is an important consideration for facilities of all size, where safe and healthy building conditions are regulated with respect to temperature and humidity, using fresh air from outdoors. Our HVAC solutions provide thermal comfort, afford acceptable indoor air quality, and are designed to support efficient building operations and unique customer requirements.

Ameresco has extensive experience implementing HVAC energy conservation projects including replacing chillers and cooling towers, installing variable frequency drives, converting dual duct HVAC systems and multi-zone HVAC systems to variable air volume systems, replacing variable inlet vanes on fans with variable frequency drives, replacing electric duct heaters with hot water systems, replacing electric boilers with gas or oil fired boilers, and converting air-cooled chillers to water cooled systems.

### Energy Management and Control Systems

Ameresco's engineers and project developers have a wealth of experience in energy management control systems (EMCS) for large and small facilities. Ameresco does not represent any one manufacturer or product line of control system and can work with clients to tailor the system to their needs. As a vendor-neutral energy and renewable energy services provider, Ameresco produces unbiased, value-based energy programs to address the unique needs of each of client. Ameresco is neither affiliated with nor a subsidiary of any equipment or system manufacturers. Thus, our energy projects are never influenced by the sale of equipment or systems. Ameresco has worked with all of the major manufacturers including Johnson Controls, Alerton, Tridium, Network 8000, Siemens, Invensys, Honeywell, Automated Logic, Schneider Electric, and Andover systems.

Additionally, Ameresco has extensive experience converting systems from pneumatic controls to Direct Digital Controls (DDC), which is often a desired measure to improve the monitoring and control of the systems. Ameresco has experience installing BACNet, LONWORKS, MODBUS and other open protocol systems. A key element to achieving EMCS savings is eliminating simultaneous heating and cooling within a given zone and matching facility conditions with the needs of the specific facility.

Founded in 2000 | Public in 2010

## Leading Cleantech Integrator and Renewable Energy Asset Developer, Owner & Operator

Drawing from over 20 years of experience, **Ameresco, Inc.** (NYSE:AMRC) has successfully completed energy saving, environmentally responsible projects with Federal, state and local governments, healthcare and educational institutions, housing authorities, and commercial and industrial customers.

Ameresco's comprehensive portfolio includes energy efficiency, infrastructure upgrades, asset sustainability and renewable energy solutions delivered to clients throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

Our approach begins by addressing energy demand with analytics and efficiency measures to reduce energy consumption. Then, we right-size innovative options for energy supply with renewable and distributed solutions. As a long-term partner, we can also provide ongoing operations and maintenance services to support clients' energy objectives.

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### Enabling a Low Carbon Future

Since 2010, Ameresco's renewable energy assets and customer projects delivered a **cumulative Carbon Offset equivalent to 60+ Million Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>**. Ameresco's sustainability services in support of clients' pursuit of Net Zero include upgrades to a facility's energy infrastructure and the development, construction, and operation of distributed energy resources.



Delivered over \$10 Billion in Energy Solutions



**70+ Offices** Throughout the USA, Canada, and the UK and more than **1,000 Employees**



Developed over 300 MW of Renewable Energy Projects



Up to **45% Energy Cost Savings** with Comprehensive, Audit-Based Improvements



Socially **Responsible** & Economically **Efficient**

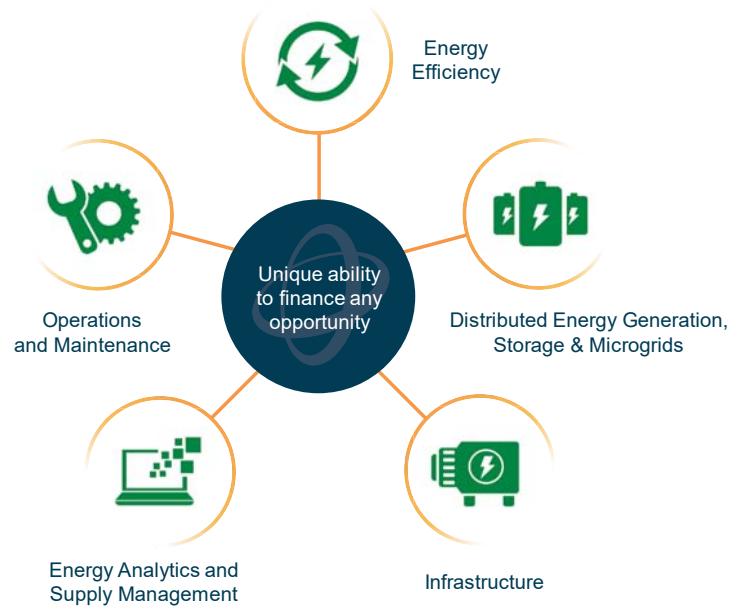


In 2020, Ameresco's Renewable Energy Assets and Customer Projects Delivered a Carbon Offset Equivalent to ~12.6 Million Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Ameresco's Advanced Technology Portfolio

Ameresco's objective and comprehensive approach delivers the best-in-class advanced energy technologies to meet the unique needs of each customer. The company's deep bench of technical expertise enables Ameresco to present a wide portfolio of innovative energy, sustainability, and infrastructure solutions. Leveraging budget-neutral solutions — including energy savings performance contracts (ESPCs), power purchase agreements (PPAs), and off-balance sheet Energy as a Service (EaaS) contracts — we eliminate the financial barriers that traditionally hamper energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Moreover, Ameresco provides the resources needed to successfully plan, execute and assist with financing each customer's energy project.

Ameresco's sustainability services in support of clients' pursuit of Net Zero include upgrades to a facility's energy infrastructure and the development, construction, and operation of distributed energy resources. Whether focused on securing infrastructure upgrades, meeting sustainability goals, or creating resiliency, our customers benefit from a single provider of comprehensive clean technology solutions.



## Ameresco Proudly Serves



Airports



Colleges & Universities



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Federal Government



Healthcare Facilities



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Public Housing



Municipal Government



Utilities

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# Preparing Your Facilities for Building Readiness

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Green • Clean • Sustainable

**What measures are you considering  
to provide a safe & healthy indoor  
environment when staff, students,  
or the public return to your facilities?**

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# Measures & Strategies for Building Readiness

The Ameresco team can customize a solution that best meets your facility and organizational needs, and will pursue funding sources that can help offset the costs of such improvements. What measures are you considering for re-occupation?



## Re-Inhabiting Buildings

- Airflow testing and pressurization
- Building flushing - 100% outside air
- Domestic water flushing - including floor drains and p-traps
- Facility scheduling - longer warm up and shut down
- Filter evaluation - MERV ratings and improvements
- Filtration - enhanced options (HEPA, UV, etc.)
- Filtration scheduling - regular, seasonal, special circumstances
- Humidification verification
- Indoor air quality testing
- Indoor environmental quality - capacity, additional ventilation



## System Optimization

- Building tune-up (monitor, troubleshoot, adjust)
- Building envelope inspections
- Commissioning - new construction, post-construction, ongoing
- Retro-commissioning services



## Building Operations

- Remote support and systems monitoring
- Maintenance tasking and scheduling assistance
- Sequence of operations (SOO) review & optimization
- Training for new maintenance procedures

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## Project Highlight

# Joint Base San Antonio, TX



## Assuring Energy Security at the Largest Base Organization in the Department of Defense

### Technology Type:

Microgrid Control System | Battery Energy Storage  
Onsite Energy Generation | Solar PV | HVAC  
Combined Heat and Power System | Energy Efficiency  
Energy Savings Performance Contract | Distributed  
Energy Resources | Smart Buildings

### Facility Size

**14.7M** square feet

### Task Order Size

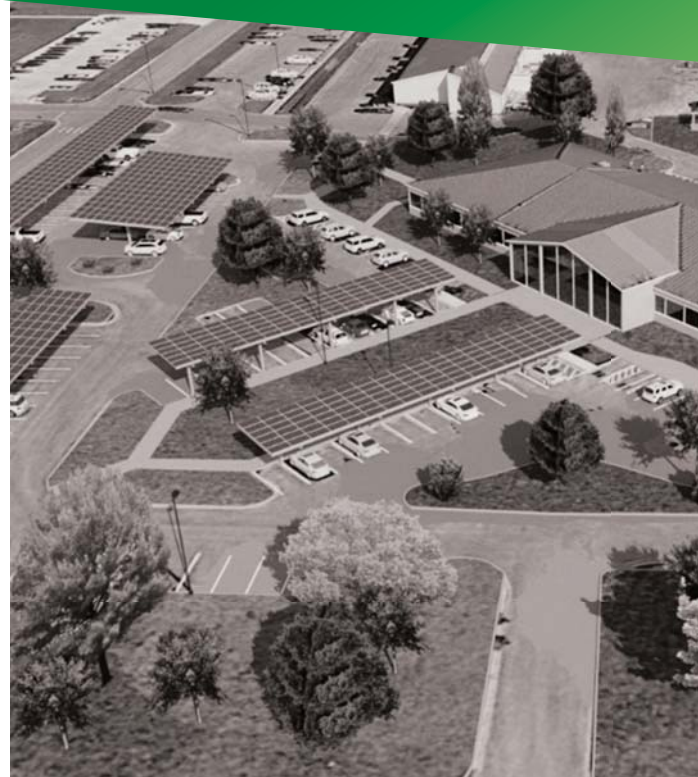
**\$133.5M**

### Annual Energy Consumption Reduction

**24%**

### Annual Energy Savings

**\$8.7M**



### Summary

The Defense Logistics Agency implemented a self-funding energy security and resiliency infrastructure project at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) in Texas. The project integrates on-site renewable energy generation, battery energy storage, and microgrid technologies allowing for seamless transition to backup power in order to maintain operation of critical loads.



## Solution

Ameresco will provide energy efficiency and reliability upgrades to 900 buildings across five military installations and will build a microgrid integrating 18.5 megawatts (MW) of new onsite energy photovoltaic assets, 4 MW of gas fired backup generation and 4 MW/8 MWh of battery energy storage, and 585 kW of combined heat and power to support critical energy loads for mission assurance. This \$133.5 million task order leverages \$2.7 million of Facilities Sustainment Restoration and Modernization (FSRM) funds as a direct investment in the project.

- HVAC management control systems
- Over 2 million galls of thermal energy storage
- Building envelope improvements
- Over 140,000 LED lighting systems
- 11.7 MW ground mount solar
- Over 5 MW of roof-mount solar
- Ongoing operations and maintenance
- New combined heat and power system



## Benefits

More than 14.7 million square feet of buildings will receive energy and water conservation upgrades designed to reduce energy consumption by 24 percent annually. JBSA will leverage their efficiency savings to build an innovative microgrid in support of critical energy loads for mission assurance. The installation of new onsite energy systems will offset electricity purchases from the grid and will provide energy security and resiliency.

- Diverse portfolio of distributed energy assets
- Reduced energy consumption
- Automated Islanding from commercial power grid during periods of interruption
- Critical building resiliency during utility outage or grid disruption
- Integrated operation of renewable energy with battery generation and backup capabilities for grid-tie peak shaving and off-grid islanding of mission critical loads



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## Project Highlight

# City of Rockport, TX

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The City of Rockport Reduced Their Annual Electricity Consumption by 452,213 kWh

### Technology Type:

AMI | Energy Efficiency | Energy Savings Performance Contract | HVAC Replacement and Controls Upgrades | LED Street and Area Lighting | Water and Gas Meter Upgrades | WWTP Variable Speed Blowers

### Facility Size

9 city facilities

### Energy Project Size

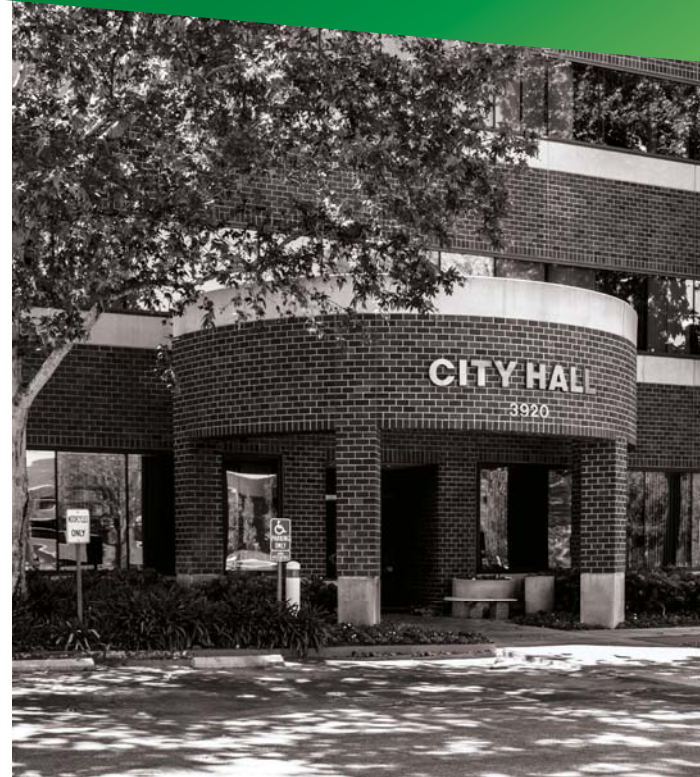
\$9,400,000

### Reduced Annual Electricity Consumption

452,213 kWh

### Annual Energy Savings

\$728,534



### Summary

After sustaining a direct hit from Hurricane Harvey in 2017, environmental risks and impacts became even more important to the City of Rockport. Following a Detailed Utility Audit, Ameresco and the City of Rockport partnered on a metering infrastructure and utility conservation project that would improve energy and water efficiency.



## Solution

The comprehensive water and energy conservation project upgraded City of Rockport facilities with the latest, energy efficient technology. The intent of the project was to address life cycle concerns, increase efficiency, reduce energy consumption, and generate utility cost savings. The project included the following measures:

- Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
- Replacement of 9,015 water meters and 4,983 gas meters with integration into the AMI network
- Retrofit of 1,021 interior and exterior light fixtures and installation of lighting controls at city facilities
- Installation of 14 poles with 104 LED fixtures at a sports complex, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant

“**Our energy conservation project and partnership with Ameresco has been instrumental in the rebuilding of the City of Rockport infrastructure since Hurricane Harvey.**”

Mike Donoho  
*Director – Building &  
Development/Public Works,  
City of Rockport*



## Benefits

The City of Rockport addressed long-term operational needs, reduced electricity costs, and benefited from a wireless AMI system that provided the IT infrastructure necessary to manage water and gas consumption at a more advanced level.

- Automated the City’s water and electric billing system, greatly reducing the burden on staff
- Accurately captured metered utility consumption and potential increases in water and sewer billing revenues
- Reduced water and electric failure risks, resulting in fewer service calls from customers to the City
- Enhanced customer service to City of Rockport’s citizens via a customer web portal allowing customers to view historical utility consumption data
- Improved efficiency
- Reduced energy consumption and operational cost

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## Project Highlight

# Palms at Waikiki AOA, HI

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New Upgraded Chiller System  
Bringing Boutique Honolulu Resort  
Upgrades for Property Efficiency

### Technology Type:

Central Plant | Chiller | Commissioning |  
Cooling Tower | Design-Build

Annual Utility Savings

~\$75,000

Annual Utility Cost Reduction

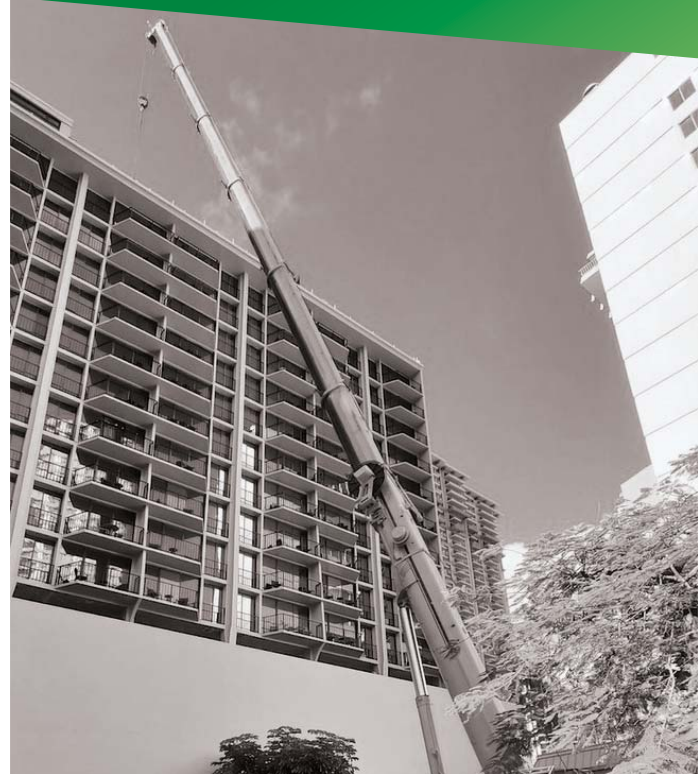
17%

Rebate Incentive

\$50,000+

Annual Energy Savings

310,808 kWh



## Summary

The Palms at Waikiki AOA, a boutique resort centered around friendly and efficient service in the busy tourist and cultural center of Waikiki, partnered with Ameresco to resolve operational inefficiencies from previous projects and improve the building's overall efficiency. Through replacing the property's cold air system with a new water-cooled chiller and generating new project ideas, Ameresco continues to work towards Aqua Palms' goal of reducing energy consumption and electricity usage.



## Solution

Ameresco assessed the resort's existing operations and equipment to make holistic recommendations for improvements. Due to various phases of upgrades being incomplete, the Ameresco team worked to resolve issues related to unsuitable solutions being applied and related to equipment that had not operated in years. Ameresco designed and installed a new cooling system, connecting it to the existing cooling tower.

- New water-cooled chiller with dual compressor connects the previously abandoned cooling tower
- Chilled water and condensing water infrastructure were added
- New chiller handles the entire cooling load of the building
- Existing equipment was left in place to provide redundancy during repairs and maintenance

“We are always looking for innovative ways to make sure our building operates at the utmost efficiency.”

Rick Fields - *Chief Engineer,  
Palms at Waikiki AOAO*



## Benefits

This partnership and successful implementation has provided numerous benefits to the resort building, its occupants, and the overall sustainability initiatives in the state of Hawaii. Benefits include:

- Redundant cooling systems to ensure no system down time and consistent comfort for guests
- Estimated annual utility savings of around \$75,000
- Received an energy rebate of over \$50,000
- 45% Reduction in central plant energy consumption
- Contributing towards Hawaii's 2045 carbon neutrality goal

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## Project Highlight

# Medical University of South Carolina, SC



## MUSC Reduces Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by 3,223 Tons with Energy Efficiency Measures

### Technology Type:

Comprehensive LED Lighting Retrofits | Energy Efficiency | Energy Savings Performance Contract | Guaranteed Energy Savings

### Facility Size

**3M** square feet  
(68 buildings)

### Energy Project Size

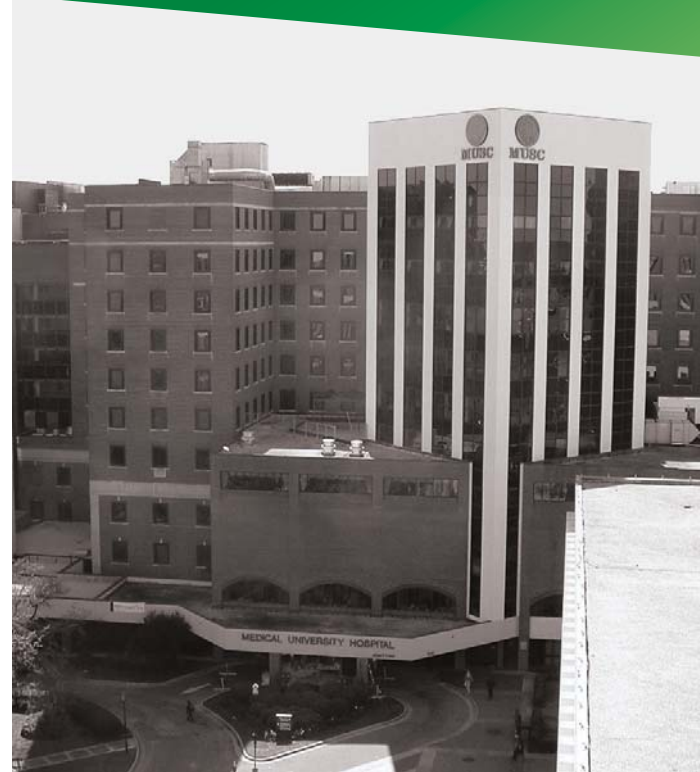
**\$43,000,000** Phase I: \$16 million  
Phase II: \$27 million

### Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

**3,223** tons

### Annual Energy Savings

**\$2,838,566** (Phase II)



### Summary

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) partnered with Ameresco to provide much needed energy improvements and efficiency upgrades. Following a successful Phase I project, MUSC selected Ameresco to perform a second phase of upgrades. This multi-phase project allows the University to become an environmental leader with an eye toward sustainability.



## Solution

During Phase I Ameresco reviewed the major energy-consuming systems of the buildings to provide MUSC with a comprehensive project to enhance the campus' energy efficiency and improve the learning environment for students, faculty, and staff.

This included significant upgrades to the lighting system, which resulted in a high-quality visual solution for the energy project due to improved color rendering and consistency of lighting campus wide.

Building upon the financial and operational success of Phase I, the second phase of the project addresses capital deferred maintenance needs funded from guaranteed savings and further improve operational efficiency. Energy conservation measures installed throughout both project phases include:

### Phase I

- Replaced or retrofitted water fixtures
- Steam trap repair or replacement, replacement of old boiler controls and sensors
- Retrofitted existing fume hoods for efficiency
- Updated air handling units, distribution units, and chillers

### Phase II

- LED lighting upgrades
- Installation of building automation and control systems
- Chiller plant optimization with variable primary flow conversion



**This was MUSC's first performance contract experience, and we were concerned about the challenges we might face as the work progressed. I am pleased to report that Ameresco has done what they said they would do and more, and that the work has been accomplished on schedule and with minimal interruption to building occupants.**



John Malmrose  
Chief Facilities Officer, MUSC



## Benefits

Facing growing enrollment, diminished state budgets, and aging infrastructure, MUSC partnered with Ameresco on a multi-phase budget-neutral energy efficiency project that would improve the learning environment as well as both patient care and medical research facilities.

Through this Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC), Ameresco was able to increase the energy infrastructure capacity for the growing campus, improve reliability and control, improve air quality, and significantly cut energy and operational costs. Given the sensitivity of these facilities, Ameresco installed all the measures with little to no impact on day-to-day operations.

Phase II of the project improves facility operational efficiencies, preserves capital to address other campus improvement needs, and enhances the academic learning environment for its students and faculty.

- Annual reduction of 3,223 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, equal to the planting of 59 acres of trees
- Upgrades to 68 buildings
- Building envelope improvements
- Decreased water consumption and energy costs

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## Project Highlight

# Orange Unified School District, CA

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## Orange Unified Achieves 19% Annual Energy Savings at 12 District Facilities

### Technology Type:

HVAC Replacements | Interior and Exterior Lighting Retrofits | Pool Pump Retrofits | Variable Frequency Drive Upgrades

### Facility Size

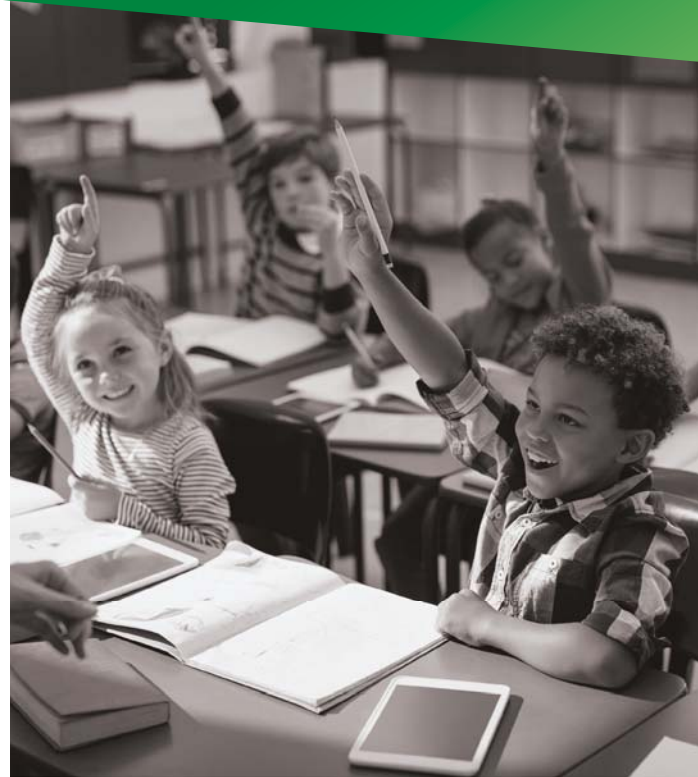
**12** district facilities

### Energy Project Size

**\$4,300,000**

### Estimated Annual Energy Savings Per Facility:

**19%**



### Summary

To assist Orange Unified School District (Orange Unified) with implementing its allocation from the California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39 K-12 Program), Ameresco was hired to perform an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) for twelve Orange Unified facilities. Orange Unified then hired Ameresco to implement their multi-year Energy Expenditure Plans (EEPs).





## Solution

- Ameresco replaced antiquated and inefficient HVAC equipment, interior and exterior lighting, and various pool pump/variable frequency drive measures.
- The project includes a detailed scope of work, construction timeline, firm pricing, no change orders, product/design specifications, and identified utility incentive/grants.

**“This project with Ameresco allows the District to pay for energy efficient improvements over an acceptable timeframe without placing additional burden on taxpayers. We are improving performance, control and comfort of our buildings, and reducing overall operating costs as well.”**

John Ortega,  
*Vice President Board of Education  
Orange Unified School District*



## Benefits

- Orange Unified will benefit from a significant annual utility (electrical & gas) cost reduction at each of the designated sites.
- Orange Unified will dramatically improve staff efficiencies due to the new HVAC, lighting, and electrical upgrades.

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## Project Highlight

# Paul Brown Stadium Hamilton County, OH

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## Stadium Upgrades Enhance Fan Experience and Create Energy Savings for the County

### Technology Type:

Energy Efficiency | Budget-Neutral Infrastructure Upgrades | LED Field Lighting | Central Plant Upgrades | Demand Side Management | Energy Savings Performance Contract

### Facility Size

**65,515** seating capacity

### Energy Project Size

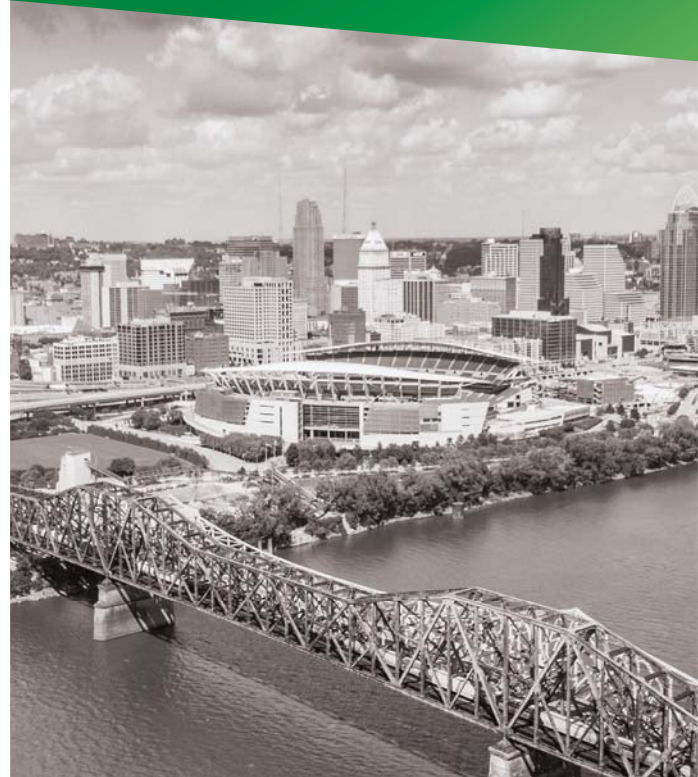
**\$17.9** million

### LED Fixtures Installed

**22,306**

### Annual Energy & Operational Savings

**\$1.4+** million



### Summary

Ameresco installed multiple system upgrades and a state-of-the-art lighting control and monitoring system to alleviate temperature control problems and enhance lighting in Paul Brown Stadium in Hamilton County, OH, home of the Cincinnati Bengals. The infrastructure upgrades improved the overall experience for fans and athletes while providing a more comfortable environment for utilization of the stadium for non-game events.



## Solution

Through an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC), Ameresco installed energy efficient equipment and multiple HVAC control system upgrades to the East and West club areas. The upgrades included replacing over 20,000 existing light fixtures and the installation of LED tech sports field lights and a new, state-of-the-art DMX lighting control and monitoring system to improve lighting conditions while reducing energy costs.

- Lighting upgrades
- Water conservation
- HVAC controls upgrade
- Boiler upgrades
- Building envelope
- Locker Room recovery ventilator



**We have been working with Ameresco since the start of 2014 and are continuously looking to find ways to incorporate more sustainable solutions into the County’s infrastructure. With the addition of these new measures, we can rest assured that we’re implementing changes that enable higher quality lighting, while also creating additional energy savings for the stadium and taxpayers of Hamilton County.**



Joe Feldkamp  
*Director, Stadia and Parking Company,  
Hamilton County*



## Benefits

This budget-neutral project provided significant cost savings from energy efficient upgrades to help improve stadium and field conditions. The newly installed LED field lighting system will provide the stadium with high quality, consistent lighting levels, while the heating system measures will help maintain temperature control in the club areas.

- Tax-payer savings of over \$890K annually
- Improved field visibility for the athletes and fans
- Improved sustainability for the stadium
- Increased utilization of the space for non-game events

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