

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WITH SPECIFICATIONS

**CITY OF CONROE
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**FOOD AND/OR BEVERAGE CONCESSION PROPOSAL
(MOBILE CART)**



CITY OF CONROE
PARKS AND RECREATION

**CITY OF CONROE
P.O. BOX 3066
CONROE, TEXAS 77305**

RESPONSES DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

CITY OF CONROE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

(MOBILE CART) FOOD AND/OR BEVERAGE CONCESSION PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals to select up to a maximum of (4) four (**Mobile Food Cart**) Food and/or Beverage Concession Vendors for Founders Plaza. This proposal may be awarded in whole or individually. Mobile shall be defined as fully self-contained concession cart capable of being removed from premises daily. No provisions for water, gray water and cooking oils/grease disposal will be provided by the City of Conroe.

If you are interested in your organization being considered for this project, please submit four (4) copies of your proposal to:

USPS: City of Conroe
Soco Gorjon, City Secretary
P.O. Box 3066
Conroe, TX. 77305

Physical: City of Conroe
Soco Gorjon, City Secretary
300 W. Davis St.
Conroe, TX. 77301

Due Date: On or before 2:00 p.m. on February 25, 2021.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Mobile Cart Concessions.**"

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Any person with questions regarding this RFP, including a request to visit the site, should fax or email a written request for information / clarification to:

Lauren Arnold, Parks Superintendent
Office: 936-522-3843
Fax: 936-522-3844
larnold@cityofconroe.org

Answers will be provided to all Candidates receiving RFP's as a written addendum. Candidates should not rely on any oral communication concerning this RFP and oral responses will have no binding effect.

RESERVATIONS

The City, through its duly authorized officials, reserves the right to reject any, part of, or all proposals and to waive any formality pertaining to any proposal, without the imposition of any form of liability. The Owner also reserves the right to award this proposal to the most qualified proposer or to the proposer that offers the best value to the City taking into consideration the evaluation criteria contained herein. The companies whose proposals are not accepted will be notified after a binding agreement between the successful Candidate and the Owner is executed, or upon the Owner's rejection of all proposals.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Where materials or equipment are specified by a trade or brand name, it is not the intention of the City to discriminate against an equal product of another manufacturer, but to set a definite standard of quality or performance and to establish an equal basis for the evaluation of bids. In preparing this bid, each bidder is expected to include in his base bid the cost of the items so specified. **No alternate bids or bid items will be considered for this proposal.**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of Conroe is interested in providing first class mobile cart food and/or beverage concession service as specified herein. Before submitting a proposal, each bidder will be held responsible for having examined the premises and satisfied themselves as to the existing conditions or location under which they will be obligated to operate, or that will in any way affect the services under the contract.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Founders Plaza – Located at 205 Metcalf Street – Conroe, Texas 77301. The facility consists of a stage, interactive water feature and picnic tables.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Period of Operation: Upon acceptance and approval this bid effects a written agreement between CITY and VENDOR for the rights to operate a mobile concession stand at FACILITY in accordance with the provisions contained herein. Contract will commence on March 1, 2021 and continue for 12 months, with four (4) one (1) year renewals. All renewals are subject to approval by City Staff. CITY will evaluate the proposals and select those most beneficial to the CITY.

Report of Sales: All payments are to be submitted to CITY, Conroe Parks and Recreation Department Attn: LynnLi Joseph located at 1504 Parkwood West, Conroe, Texas (physical address) or mail to P.O. Box 3066, Conroe, Texas 77305 by the 15th of each month for the previous month's operation. Each payment (check payable to the City of Conroe) shall be accompanied by a complete report of the month's business transactions on standard monthly report forms, including the total of all daily sales of all commodities.

Payment Default: In case VENDOR fails to pay the monies due to CITY, pursuant to the terms of this agreement, CITY has the option to terminate the contractor and seek whatever legal relief may be appropriate to recover the balance due and may relet the privileges herein conveyed.

Supervision: VENDOR shall directly supervise this concession operation at all times. CITY shall have the right to inspect the vehicle or premise and to supervise the manner of exercising privilege hereby granted, and the conduct of VENDOR and those under him.

Alterations: Alterations to any part of the building or grounds on the premises will not be permitted without the prior approval of the Parks and Recreation Department. Any such alterations permitted will be at the expense of VENDOR and must comply with all City of Conroe building codes.

Sublet of Concessions: VENDOR shall not sell, sublet or assign this contract or any portion thereof to any other person or assignee or lessee.

Violation of Contract, Law and/or Ordinances: In the event VENDOR, its agents, representatives, employees, or volunteers are found willfully violating any law, ordinance, or provision of this contract, or becomes objectionable and offensive to the good order and use of the said PARK FACILITY, the said VENDOR shall be required to remove any such person from said FACILITY at once. CITY may, in addition thereto, terminate and cancel this agreement at its option and have all VENDOR property removed from the area.

Police Protection: CITY does not guarantee police protection and will not be liable for any loss or damage sustained by VENDOR. VENDOR shall hold and save CITY harmless from any and all claims from damages of whatever nature and kind, suffered or asserted to have been suffered, by the person or property of any person whomever, growing out of or resulting from or in any way connected with exercise of the privilege herein granted.

Termination Clause: It is further understood and agreed that VENDOR will vacate the premises immediately upon receipt of written notice to him by CITY. In the event this contract is for any

reason canceled, or at the termination of this contract and in case VENDOR fails to vacate the said premises upon aforesaid cancellation or at the termination of this contract, CITY shall not be responsible for any damage that might occur to VENDOR's property by virtue of CITY forcibly removing the property of VENDOR.

Hours or Operation: The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to regulate the days and hours the concessions will operate. Special events are occasionally held at PARK FACILITY. Detailed schedules will be forwarded to VENDOR as soon as CITY has the information. VENDOR will open and operate at an agreed upon time by City and Vendor. The public is allowed to bring food and beverages into FACILITY. FACILITY will generally be open to the public as follows:

Sunday through Saturday from dawn to dusk.

COMMUNICATION

The City of Conroe shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any representative of the City and any potential firm. All modifications to this solicitation must be made in writing. A proposer's failure to examine relevant documents or specifications will not relieve offer or from any obligation with regard to their response to this invitation.

CONDITIONS OF CONDUCT

At all times any agent, officer, or employee of Proposer shall be present upon property owned by the City of Conroe, the terms and conditions of the Drug and Alcohol Policy currently adopted by the City of Conroe, shall be deemed applicable to such persons. Violations of terms and conditions while present on the premises owned by the City of Conroe shall be grounds for termination of any contract between the City and Proposer. A copy of this policy is available for public inspection in the office of the City Secretary and copies may be obtained at a nominal charge.

ETHICAL STANDARD

No City official or employee shall have interest in any contract resulting from this bid. Individuals with a possible conflict will enact a public disclosure record by completing a "Statement of Financial Interest" form.

Refer to "Project Number and Title" on the 1295 form. Example forms are included with this Bid.

- **1295 certificate of Interested Parties**
- **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**
- **HB 89 Verification Form**
- **SB 252 Verification Form**

The four forms stated above MUST be returned as part of your Bid response. Failure to include these forms may result in your Bid being considered unresponsive and therefor disqualified. Sample copies of these forms are included in the Bid. The web address to the Texas Ethics Commission website with instructions is listed below:

(Sample Forms are attached)

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

REIMBURSEMENTS

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City of Conroe to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request and the City will not reimburse responding firms for these expenses, nor will the City pay any subsequent costs associated with the provision of any additional information or presentation, or to procure a contract for these services.

DISCLOSURE

There will be no disclosure of the contents to competing firms until the contract is awarded. All proposals will be kept confidential during the negotiation process. Once the contract has been awarded all proposals will be open for public inspection, except for trade secrets and confidential information, which the firm identifies as proprietary.

DEFAULT

The City reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately for failure to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements of this proposal.

SELECTION PROCESS

As required under Government Code 252, the Owner upon appropriate evaluation of all submitted proposals will rank the Candidates and the award will be based on the following criteria:

The City will select the proposal(s) that offer(s) the best combination of required specifications and best value for the City based upon the selection criteria below.

- a) Equipment condition, qualifications and overall experience. 20 points
- b.) Food variety, quality, selection offered and process of items to be sold. 25 points
- c.) References of current customers. 25 points
- d.) Price of food offered. 20 Points
- e.) Bidders past relationship with the City of Conroe 10 points

Proposals will be assessed against evaluation criteria and a decision made by the Evaluation Committee. Notification of proposal acceptance will be written formal confirmation.

INDEMNIFICATION

The Proposer shall, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Conroe, their officers, and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, orders, decrees, or judgments for injury, death, damage to person or property, loss, damage, or liability of any kind (including without limitation liability under any federal, state, or local environmental law, Compensation and Liability Act; fees and costs (including all costs or settlements and reasonable attorney’s fees incurred in defending any claim, demand, or cause of action) occasioned by, growing out of, or arising from (a) the performance of any product or service to be supplied by the Proposer, or (b) by any act, error or omission on the part of the Proposer, its agents, employees, or subcontractors, and or (c) any failure to fully comply with all applicable laws and regulations by the Proposer, its agents, employees, or subcontractors.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Proposer shall procure and maintain, at its expense, during the term of this proposal, at least the following insurance, covering work performed.

	COVERAGE	LIMITS
A.	Worker's Compensation	- As required by Texas Law
B.	Employer's Liability	- \$ 500,000 each occurrence
C.	Public Liability (Bodily injury)	- \$1,000,000 combined single limit
D.	Public Liability (Property damage)	- \$1,000,000 combined single limit
E.	Automobile Liability (Bodily injury)	- \$ 200,000 each person
F.	Automobile Liability (Property damage)	- \$ 50,000 each occurrence

The Proposer agrees to furnish insurance certificates, showing the Proposer's compliance with this section.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The Proposer is and shall perform these services as an independent contractor, and as such, shall have and maintain complete control over all of its employees, agents, and operations. Neither the Proposer nor anyone employed by it shall be, represent, act, purport to act or be deemed to be the agent, representative, employee or servant of the City of Conroe.

The Proposer selected by this Request for Proposal will be working as an independent contractor and will be required to take out and keep in force all permits, licenses, certifications, other approvals, and or insurance that may be required by the City of Conroe, any local or regional governmental agency, the State of Texas, or the federal government. Failure to comply with any of these items would be grounds for immediate cancellation of the contract.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

Proposers are expected to be fully informed of buildings, locations and working conditions under which the service will be performed, and to have thoroughly reviewed this RFP and specifications. Failure to do so will not relieve the successful proposer of any obligations to furnish the services as specified herein.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Attention is called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

INTERVIEWS

After written proposals are received and initially evaluated, the Owner may or may not require one or more of the Candidates to provide an oral presentation as a supplement to their proposals. Any Candidate required to interview should be prepared to discuss and substantiate any area of their proposal. The Owner is under no obligation to grant interviews to any Candidate receiving a copy of this RFP and/or submitting a written proposal in response to this RFP.

RESPONSE FORMAT

The items listed below shall be submitted with each proposal and should be submitted in the order shown. Each section should be clearly labeled, with pages numbered and separated by tabs. Failure by a Proposer to include all listed items will result in their proposal being rejected.

❖ Tab 1 – Cover Letter

Provide a cover letter indicating your firm's understanding of the requirements relating to this proposal. The letter must be brief and formal from the proposer that provides information regarding the firm's interest in and ability to perform the requirements of this RFP. A person who is authorized by the organization to enter into an agreement with the City of Conroe will sign the letter.

Please include all contact information.

❖ Tab 2 – Acceptance of Conditions

Indicate any exceptions to the specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP, including the Scope of Services.

❖ Tab 3 – Company Background (2 – Pages Maximum)

1. Years in business under present name.
2. Name and address of each office location.
3. Ownership structure (Corporation / Partnership).
4. Names and titles of officers in the company.
5. Company trade organizations / associations / affiliations

❖ Tab 4 – Experience of Key Personnel (2 – Pages Maximum)

1. List key personnel that will be assigned or oversee this job.
2. Describe all methods to select and train personnel who will work at each location, as well as a description of how customer complaints will be handled.

❖ Tab 5 – References (1 – Page Maximum)

Provide references from companies that are similar in size and volume to the City of Conroe scope of work for which your company has, in whole or in part, provided services.

❖ Tab 6 – List of Items to be sold (1 – Page Maximum)

List all items for sale and prices and a description of the equipment and other means of providing the proposed service.

❖ Tab 7- Ethics Forms, Insurance

PROPOSAL AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned Agrees That:

The individual signing this proposal certifies that he/she is a legal agent of the Proposer, authorized to represent the Proposer and is legally responsible for the offer with regard to supporting documentation and prices provided.

- A. No Federal, State, County or Municipal taxes have been included in the quoted prices and none will be added.
- B. Prices in this proposal have not knowingly been disclosed with any other provider and will not be prior to award.
- C. Prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition.
- D. No attempt has been made nor will be to induce any other person or firm to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
- E. The individual signing this proposal certifies that he/she is a legal agent of the proposer, authorized to represent the proposer and is legally responsible for the offer with regard to supporting documentation and prices provided.
- F. Agent shall **initial** each applicable item below to certify acknowledgement.

_____ Initial to indicate the required proposal submittals are enclosed.

_____ Initial to acknowledge receipt of addendum and/or amendment (if applicable).

(Company Name)

(Name of Authorized Agent – Printed)

(Street Address / P.O. Box)

(Authorized Agent Signature)

(City / State / Zip Code)

(Date)

(Phone)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Conroe will receive sealed RFPs in quadruplicate (4) for Mobile Food/Beverage Cart Concessions. The proposals shall be appropriately marked “**RFP #0225-2021 Mobile Food/Beverage Cart Concessions**” and delivered to the City Secretary 300 West Davis, 3rd Floor, Conroe Texas 77301. RFP’s will be publicly opened and names of proposers read aloud on **Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.** in the 1st Floor Council Chambers at City Hall (300 West Davis).

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from www.cityofconroe.org, departments, purchasing, Vendor Registry.

No proposal may in any way qualify, modify, substitute or change any part of the specifications contained herein.

The City of Conroe reserves the right to reject any and all offers, award parts of RFPs, award to multiple vendors and to waive informalities in submission of RFPs. The City of Conroe also reserves the right to award this proposal to the lowest most qualified responsible bidder meeting all the specifications or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City.

CC: 2/8/21 & 2/15/21

CITY OF CONROE, TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

OFFICE USE ONLY

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

 Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

("Company or Business Name")
House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____ (Person name), the undersigned representative of _____ (Company or Business Name) hereafter referred to as "Company"; being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. *"Boycott Israel" means 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 specifically 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; and*
2. *"Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.*

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

On this the ____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared _____, the above-named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY SIGNATURE

Date

**CITY OF CONROE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

SENATE BILL 252 CERTIFICATION

On this day, I, _____, the Purchasing Representative for the City of Conroe, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, certify that I did review the website list prepared, maintained, and made available to the City of Conroe by the Comptroller of the State of Texas of companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to Iran, Sudan or any foreign terrorist organization. I have ascertained that the below-named company is not contained on said list of companies that do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Company Name

RFP or Vendor number

CERTIFICATION CHECK PERFORMED BY:

Purchasing Representative

Date