Efficiency in Procurement

When you need to make a Choice, make the Right Choice…
Choice Partners follows all state and federal laws governing public procurement, including EDGAR for school districts. HUB, MWBE, SBA and other vendor certifications are requested on each RFP.
## Legal Requirements - Texas

**Choice Partners provides legally-procured contracts**

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Choice Partners Cooperative Serving
Schools | Colleges | Universities | Counties | Municipalities | NonProfits
HCDE-CP JOC/IDIQ Contracting: What you need to know to stay Legal & Compliant

BY: Stephen Kendrick, Sr. Manager of Facilities Planning
Objectives

- Concepts & Terminology of Job Order Contracting (JOC)
- Maintenance vs. Construction
- Trade JOC vs. JOC
- Quoting vs. Bidding
Why Job Order Contracting (JOC)

• "Time & Materials"

If providing "construction services"
• Only method allowed to select contractors for future, undefined projects
• TEC 44.031, TEC 51, LGC 252.043, LGC 262.023, LGC 271.054
• **Maintenance VS. Construction**

Factors to Consider

- “Like for like” – NOT new or upgraded
- Scale and complexity of project
- Physical size of object being worked on

• **JOC contract**
  (TGC 2269)

- **Maintenance Contract**
  (TEC 44.031)

Repair & Maintenance

Construction Services

OSHA Letter to Raymond Knobb (11.18.2003)
What is Job Order Contracting?

- “A procurement method used for maintenance, repair, alteration, renovation remediation, or minor construction” of facilities “when the work is of a recurring nature but the delivery times, types, and quantities of work required are indefinite.”

TEX. GOV’T CODE § 2269.401
Using JOCs procured by Purchasing Cooperatives

- Gov’t Entity selects vendor without having to use its own competitive procurement process
- ONLY satisfies the *procurement* requirement, NOT the *contracting* requirement
- Statute requires a written and signed job order between the **vendor and the District**
- Only construction method that allows for use of a cooperative in lieu of self-procurement
- Only method allowed to select contractors for future, undefined projects or tasks
What Cannot Be Done Under a JOC Contract?

- Engineering and Architectural Services
- Ground up construction of a new building
- A related type of project associated with civil engineering construction
- A building or structure that is incidental to a project that is primarily a civil engineering construction project

Texas Government Code 2269.402, 2269.408
What is the Unit Price Book?

• The contract specified UPB is a published maintenance or construction unit price book (RS Means or National Construction Estimator by Craftsman).
• Contains a list of tasks with an assigned cost for each task representing labor, material, and equipment cost.
What is a JOC/IDIQ Estimate?

- A line item assessment utilizing the Unit Price Book (UPB)
- Contains the tasks necessary to complete scope of work
- “Localized” by applying a City Cost Index (CCI) assigned to various cities
- Reduced by legally bid coefficient
- Contains contract number
- Subcontractor pricing must be estimated using the UPB for ALL scope of work
What is the Unit Cost?

- Includes all costs related to labor, materials, and equipment
- “Localized” by applying a City Cost Index (CCI) assigned to various cities
What is a Coefficient?

• Establishes a competitively bid cost adjustment or multiplier to the UPB pricing
• Includes contractor’s overhead and profit.
• Represented as a baseline of 1.0.
## JOC/IDIQ Estimate

### Roofing JOC/IDIQ RS Means UPB Training Sample

#### Vendor Name
Choice Partners Contract #17/038CG-XX

#### Job Description

#### Data Release : Year 2017 Quarter 2

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| RS Means Unit Cost Total | $ 42,732.55 |
| Total with Coefficient (.84 x RS Means Total) | $ 35,895.34 |
| 2% Bond (Any additional Pass-Through Costs) | $ 717.91 |
| **Total Project Quote** | **$ 36,613.25** |
Review the JOC Quote!

- CCI location
- Coefficient
- O & P Pricing
- Data release (most recent)
- Non pre-priced items
- Attempts to pass-through co-op fee
- Division 1
- Adjustment Factors
The Relationships

Gov’t Entity

Job Order
And/or
Contracted Services Agreement

Vendor

Interlocal Agreement

Awarded Contract

Co-Op
Use A Master Job Order Contract!

- Contains Gov’t Entity’s project specific Scope of Work
- Includes Job Order & Prevailing Wage Rate as Attachments
- Liquidated Damages
- Retainage
- Terms & Conditions Specific to Gov’t Entity
- Signed by District and Vendor

“An order for a job or project under a job order contract must be signed by the governmental entity's representative and the contractor.”

TEX. GOV’T CODE § 2269.410
The Job Order

- The **Job Order** is an attachment to the Job Order Contract (typically Attachment “A”):
  - Formally written
  - Project-specific
  - Owner authorization to provide a lump sum, fixed priced estimate
  - Based on the owner/contractor team’s defined scope of work.
  - Include Owner’s adopted prevailing wage rates as an attachment (required on all Public Works Projects) – Typically Attachment “B”
Public Works Bonds

• Performance bond required if contract is in excess of $100,000
  – Protects the Gov’t Entity from financial losses arising from default, material breach, termination or abandonment

• Payment bond required if a contract is in excess of $25,000
  – Protects the Gov’t Entity from claims for nonpayment of suppliers, subcontractors, and sub-subcontractors.

TEX. GOV’T CODE § 2253.021
JOCs and using an Architect or Engineer

• Gov’t Entity must independently hire A/E if services required
  TEX. GOV’T CODE § 791.011(j)

• Architect required for:
  – A new building having construction costs exceeding $100,000
  – An alteration or addition having construction costs exceeding $50,000
  TEX. OCC CODE § 1051.703

• Exceptions to Engineering Services:
  – An engineer is NOT required for a public work project if:
    • A project involving electrical or mechanical engineering will cost $8,000 or less
    • A project not involving electrical or mechanical engineering will cost $20,000 or less
      (i.e., structural or civil)
  TEX. OCC CODE § 1001.053
What Must Go To The Board (Governing Body)?

- Determination of construction services project delivery method (if other than CSP)
- Approval of competitive procurement results, where procurement is required
- Approval of all Interlocal Contracts for cooperatives
- Approval of the contract with any vendor
- Approval of all contract amendments or change orders
- All contract renewals and contract terminations
- Board my act to delegate all of the above powers (CH or CV Local)
- Job Orders (including cooperative purchases) in excess of $500,000
Trade JOC vs. JOC

Trade JOC:
- allows the use of one trade or division
- reduces overhead expenses when multiple trades are not needed to complete project

JOC:
- allows for the use of all divisions and is typically a general contractor
Bidding vs. Quoting

Bid / Proposal:
• formal
• written
• sealed response
• satisfies the state’s procurement requirements
• When using federal funds, must be 2 CFR Part 200 (EDGAR) compliant

Quote:
• job-specific price in writing
• based on vendor’s previously bid & awarded contract coefficient
• When using federal funds, one of three quotes must be from a minority-owned or woman-owned business
Takeaways

• Establish procurement method with your vendor prior to them quoting the job
• Include contract number on quote and PO
• Verify pricing by requesting the vendor’s line item estimate with legally bid coefficient
• If utilizing a coop, send a confirming copy of each JOC PO issued to Coop
• Not all Co-ops are created equal, are in State, or are 2 CFR Part 200 (EDGAR) compliant
• Board (Governing Body) Approval
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Navigating Choice Partners website
- Requesting Login & password
- Logging in
- Searching contracts and vendors
- Investigating suppliers and documentation
Member Login

If you are already a member, select "Set Up a New Account" below and get your login so you have access to all the details of our contracts.

USERNAME

PASSWORD

LOGIN TO FOOD AREA ONLY

LOGIN

Helpful Links

Set Up a New Account
Available Contracts
Forgot your password?
Due Diligence

Balfour Company

Contract Category: Award Jackets, Screen Printing and Embroidery
Contract Number: 15/039HC-01
Contract Terms:
Initial Award Date: August 18, 2015
1st Renewal Start Date: August 18, 2016
2nd Renewal Start Date: August 18, 2017
3rd Renewal Start Date: August 18, 2018
Current Expiration Date: August 17, 2019
General Options Remaining: 1
CP Contract Manager:
Karen Chesky
karen@choicepartners.org
713-651-6052

Contract Partner: Balfour Company
Contract Partner Web Site:
http://www.aajackets.com
Approved Market Area: TX

APPROVED PRODUCT OR SERVICE:
Award jackets, screen printing and embroidery services & products.

TO PLACE AN ORDER:
The customer can email, fax, or mail us a request for a quote. We will respond and if accepted we will order the product. Upon receipt of a purchase order from customer. Please include Choice Partners contract # on all POs.

PRICING: Is according to the contract on file with CP.
Freight Terms: -
HUB Status: No
MWBE Status: No
SBE Status: No

DUE DILIGENCE: Download
Supply Catalog

- 1100 line items competitively bid every 2 years
- Single awards
- Catalog Discount Percentage also provided
- eCatalog system allows members to create draft orders
FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Choice Partners?
A: Choice Partners was created by the merger of three Harris County Department of Education procurement cooperatives, Choice Facility Partners, Gulf Coast Food Co-op and HCDE Purchasing Cooperative. Choice Partners is a national cooperative purchasing service with legally procured contracts. Using these contracts streamlines purchasing, saving time and money for governmental organizations and nonprofits. A division of Harris County Department of Education, organizations in Texas that want to use these competitively bid and legally awarded contracts, sign an interlocal, government-to-government contract. Organizations outside Texas may just sign up and follow their state procurement laws.

Q: Who is eligible to use Choice Partners?
A: Schools, colleges, universities, municipalities, counties, state agencies and other governmental entities, and nonprofits may join and use Choice Partners contracts. Private schools and higher education organizations that operate as nonprofit organizations may also become members.

Q: What does it cost to use Choice Partners?
A: There is no charge to client members to use Choice Partners national cooperative contracts; vendor partners pay a small percentage fee back to Choice Partners.
Looking forward to working with you!

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