



City of St. George State of Louisiana

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND UNIT PRICE BIDS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL

Bids Due: 07/07/2025 AT 2:00 PM CST

1.0 Introduction

The City of St. George ("CITY") seeks qualified Debris Removal Contractors to respond to this Request for Qualifications and Unit Price Bids by providing Statements of Qualification and Unit Price Bids for Debris Removal ("Bid") for the term of July 15, 2025 through July 14, 2026 which may be extended for two additional one-year terms.

The selected Contractor shall perform debris collection, removal, processing and disposal services for disaster debris to be monitored by CITY's Consultant for Monitoring Services for Debris Removal. The selected Debris Removal Contractor ("Contractor") shall provide all management, supervision, labor, transportation, and equipment necessary to manage debris removal.

The selected Contractor must be able to remove large volumes of disaster generated debris, household hazardous waste, and white goods from areas of within CITY in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. Contractor will be responsible for removing, collecting and disposing of debris including white goods and dead animals; providing project management services; providing an action plan detailing the sequence and timing of debris clearing and collection; preparing State and Federal reporting and reimbursement documents for review and submittal to CITY; providing community relation support during all phases of disaster recovery work, including providing a hot-line phone number and email address for the public to report complaints and make requests; and obtaining all necessary local, state, and federal permits and licenses.

During disaster events, Contractor must coordinate with CITY and when applicable state debris management and with FEMA or other agencies to ensure debris removal is performed in an efficient and effective manner in compliance with all eligibility criteria for available federal and state funding. Such work shall be managed in accordance with local, state and federal regulations, guidelines, and laws regarding funding, recycling and disposal of debris following a natural disaster or destructive event.

CITY intends to ensure all work performed is eligible for funding through available funding sources including FEMA's PA Program and performed in accordance with FEMA regulations, policies, and guidelines, as well as with any other applicable state or federal regulations, policies, and guidelines.

Respondents must submit a Statement of Qualifications and Unit Price Bids on or before **2:00 p.m. CST on Monday, July 7, 2025** either by: 1) delivering an original and three copies and an electronic copy in PDF in a sealed container marked as follows to:

City of St. George
 ATTN: BIDS – DEBRIS REMOVAL
 14100 Airline Highway
 St. George, Louisiana 70817

or 2) submitting via Central Bidding (www.centralBidding.com).

Respondents are solely responsible for the cost of preparing the Statement of Qualifications and Unit Price Bids and timely delivery. Failure to deliver a Bid in accordance with this section shall result in rejection of the Bid.

2.0 Background

The City of St. George, a municipality with an area of approximately 60 square miles situated in the southeast corner of East Baton Rouge Parish, is governed by the Lawrason Act, La. R.S. 33:381, *et seq.* St. George was incorporated by an election held on October 12, 2019.

3.0 Tentative Schedule of Events

Any revisions to schedule will be posted at www.stgeorgela.gov. CITY reserves the right to change the Schedule or issue addenda. Respondents are responsible for checking the website for any changes.

Activity	Description	Date & Time (CST)
Publication of Notice in Official Journal	Request for Statements of Qualifications and Bids published in The Advocate	Tuesday, June 3, 2025
		Monday, June 9, 2025
		Friday, June 13, 2025
Publication of Notice on Websites	www.centralbidding.com & www.stgeorgela.gov	Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Inquiries	Deadline to submit inquiries via email to: rfp@stgeorgela.gov	4:00 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025
Response to Inquiries	Deadline for CITY to post inquiries and responses thereto on www.stgeorgela.gov	Monday, June 23 2025
Addenda	Deadline for Addenda if necessary, to be posted on www.stgeorgela.gov and www.centralbidding.com	Monday, June 27 2025
Statements of Qualifications and Bids Due	Deadline for receipt of Statements of Qualifications and Bids	2:00 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2025

Activity	Description	Date & Time (CST)
Ranking of Contractors and Interviews	Designees rank bids and set interview schedule, if necessary	Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Interviews and Selection of Contractor	Interviews of proposers begins, if necessary	Wednesday, July 9, 2025
	Recommendation to Council	Tuesday, July 15, 2025

4.0 Questions and Communications

To ensure a fair and objective evaluation of all Statements of Qualifications and Proposals, Respondents SHALL NOT initiate contact or communications with any appointed or elected official of the CITY of ST. GEORGE regarding this RFQ&P until after award of contract or until this RFQ&P has been cancelled.

Questions concerning any portion of the RFQ & Bids shall be submitted via email to: RFP@stgeorgela.gov no later than Monday, June 16, 2025, at 4:00 PM CST. All inquiries together with responses thereto will be posted on St. George’s website, www.stgeorgela.gov on or before Monday, June 23, 2025.

5.0 Scope of Debris Removal Services

General

CITY expects to achieve the following:

Engage a skilled and qualified Contractor with a strong record and experience with FEMA and all applicable State and Federal Disaster Specific Guidance(s) and policies related to disaster debris management, removal and disposal services on an on-call and emergency basis to assure CITY has dependable, responsive and expert services.

- Obtain the lowest possible pricing.
- Establish a cost-effective means to provide immediate response to CITY’s needs during an emergency or disaster.

Contractor shall provide all necessary equipment, operators, and other personnel for a comprehensive debris removal and disposal operation. Services to be performed shall include but not be limited to segregation, removal, hauling, and disposal of debris on public land and rights of way. Contractor shall be paid to remove, process, or dispose of debris in the Notice to Proceed (“NTP”). Contractor will serve as the general contractor for the purpose of debris removal and disposal operation. Contractor shall use all required resources including subcontractor(s) as necessary to restore the health, safety, and welfare of the community in a timely and cost-effective manner. Contractor may use its own subcontractors, with the expectation that subcontractors will be members of the local workforce when possible. Contractor shall obtain all permits and licenses

necessary to complete the work. Contractor shall supply comprehensive documentation of work by volume, location, time, and date per FEMA and FHWA reporting requirements and/or any other applicable state and federal reporting requirements.

Debris removal activities may be scheduled during daylight hours, 12 to 14 hours per day, 7 days per week; including holidays, unless otherwise directed by CITY.

Contractor shall supply sufficient personnel to accommodate the volume of debris to be removed. Contractor shall remove and replace employees immediately upon notice from CITY for conduct or actions not consistent with the contract's requirements.

Contractor must be capable of providing all services necessary and fully understand FEMA, FHWA, and Louisiana requirements of natural disaster and destructive event debris clean-up operations.

Services

Services to be provided under this scope of work may include the following:

- Collecting and removing debris from public rights-of-way, streets, and roads, including debris collected in bags and placed by the curb;
- Collecting and hauling of debris to a site approved by the City;
- Collecting and disposing of white goods and dead animals and separating these items at the specified debris sites for hauling to their ultimate disposal site;
- Providing project management services;
- Providing community relations support during all phases of disaster recovery work, including providing a hotline telephone number and an email address for the public to report complaints;
- Obtaining all necessary local, state, and federal permits and licenses;
- Following all applicable guidelines established by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) Comprehensive Plan for Disaster Clean-up and Debris Management);
- Preparing state and federal reporting and reimbursement documents for review and submission to the City.

Personnel Requirement and Responsibilities

Contractor shall furnish all necessary personnel, materials, equipment, labor, supervision, facilities, and shall otherwise provide all services necessary for, or incidental to, the performance of all Work. Contractor will supervise and direct all work, workers and equipment. Contractor is solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety program and procedures used. Contractor shall employ and maintain a qualified and accessible supervisor in the area of operation who shall have the full authority to act on behalf of Contractor.

Utilizing Resources in Disaster Area: Contractor shall, to the extent practical, give priority to utilizing resources in CITY and surrounding areas, including but not limited to procuring supplies and equipment, awarding subcontracts, and employing workers.

Ownership of Debris: Title to debris and other waste shall pass to Contractor when placed in the collection equipment. Title to debris and other waste shall remain with Contractor until the time of deposit and/or disposal at the CITY designated landfill.

Traffic Controls: Contractor shall mitigate the impact of operations on local traffic to the fullest extent practical. Contractor is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate traffic controls in all work areas. Contractor shall provide sufficient signing, flagging, and barricading to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in all work areas. All work shall be performed in conformance with all Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances governing personnel, equipment and workplace.

Contractor shall be responsible for cleaning up any spillage of material resulting from debris removal and hauling activities. Bidder's vehicles shall be equipped at a minimum with brooms, shovels, and rakes.

Contractor shall exercise responsible care to protect all public and private property located in and adjacent to the street right-of-way (i.e. curbs and gutters, catch basins, sidewalks, driveways, fire hydrants, mailboxes and similar items) in the execution of the debris removal and hauling activities. Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to public and private property associated with the debris removal and hauling activities.

Definitions:

Debris: Items and materials broken, destroyed or displaced by a disaster. Examples of debris include, but are not limited to, construction and demolition debris, woody waste and personal property.

Eligible Debris: Debris within the scope of the Notice to Proceed ("NTP").

Burnable Debris: Burnable debris includes all biodegradable matter except that included in the following definitions of other categories of debris. It includes, but is not limited to, damaged and disturbed trees; bushes and shrubs; broken, partially broken and severed tree limbs; untreated structural timber, untreated wood products and brush. City encourages use of for clean fuel as opposed to just burning for incineration. Burning waste for clean fuel purposes, must be documented.

Non-Burnable Debris: Non-burnable debris includes, but is not limited to, treated timber; plastic; glass; rubber products; metal products; sheet rock; cloth items; non-wood building materials, pressure treated wood, furniture, and carpeting. City encourages recycling of non-burnable debris whenever possible.

Recyclable Debris: White goods, metal and other material that City and Contractor deem recyclable.

Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D) - FEMA Publication 325 defines eligible construction and demolition (C&D) debris as damaged components of buildings and structures such as: lumber and wood, gypsum wallboard, glass, metal, roofing material, tile, carpeting and floor coverings, window coverings, plastic pipe, concrete, fully cured asphalt, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and their components, light fixtures, small consumer appliances, equipment, furnishings and fixtures that are a result of a disaster. Current eligibility criteria include:

Debris must be located within a designated disaster area and removed from an eligible applicant's improved property or right-of-way.

Debris removal must be the legal responsibility of Bidder. Debris must be a result of a disaster.

Debris Removal

General Removal Requirements: Contractor shall provide for the emergency roadway debris clearance and removal of debris from the areas within the Project Area as designated by City. Debris removal shall be limited to public streets, roads and other rights-of-way, all City property, and other municipal facilities and sites as may be directed, and includes property debris from private residences brought to the edge of the right-of-way. Contractor is responsible for determining the method and manner of all debris removal. The general concept of the disaster debris removal operations includes multiple scheduled passes or passes as specified by City of each site, location or right-of-way as directed by City. This manner of debris removal allows citizens the opportunity to return to their properties and subsequently bring all debris to the edge of the right-of-way for the removal, as property restoration progresses. Contractor shall make as many passes as City may direct to complete the removal of all natural disaster generated debris. Contractor shall remove all debris from each location prior to proceeding to the next location along the route during the initial and subsequent passes. Contractor shall not be permitted to randomly select debris from multiple locations without the complete removal of debris at each location per pass.

Debris Removal from Public Rights-of-Way: Contractor shall pick-up, remove from public rights-of-way and haul all eligible debris to disposal sites as identified and directed by City in the attached Appendix D. Any plastic bags containing yard debris placed by the curb shall be picked up separately from other loose woody waste and brought to the designated site. Contractor shall segregate at the curb all debris to the maximum extent practical.

Dead Animals Removal: Contractor shall collect, remove, transport, and dispose of dead livestock, poultry, large animals, and domestic pets from private property and public rights-of-way as identified by City, in accordance with regulatory

requirements.

White Goods: Contractor should expect to encounter White goods, such as household appliances. Contractor shall pickup and remove all white goods from public rights-of-way and transport them to a designated white goods recycling site as identified and directed by City in the Exhibit A attached. White goods shall be segregated and disposed at the areas within the recycling site as directed by the recycling site operator to correspond with his recycling activities. White goods shall be handled in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws. White goods shall be segregated and handled separately from other debris and transported to a designated white goods recycling site.

Construction and Demolition Debris: Contractor shall pick-up, remove from public rights-of-way and haul all eligible construction and demolition (C&D) debris to a disposal site as identified and directed by City in the NTP. Construction and demolition debris generated by a disaster includes damaged components of buildings and structures, such as lumber and wood, gypsum wallboard, glass, metal, roofing material, tile, carpeting and flooring, window coverings, plastic pipe, fully cured asphalt, heating and ventilating, and air conditioning systems and their components, light fixtures, small appliances, equipment, furnishings and fixtures.

Electronic Load Tickets: Electronic load tickets will be used for recording volumes of debris removal. Electronic Load tickets will be issued to each vehicle operator at the debris removal location. City's representative will keep the original copy of the ticket and give two copies to the vehicle operator for Contractor's records.

Debris Removal Equipment: All trucks and other equipment must be in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local rules and regulations. Any truck or trailer used to haul debris must be capable of rapidly dumping its load without the assistance of other equipment; be equipped with a tailgate that will effectively contain the debris during transport and permit the truck to be filled to capacity; and measured and marked for its load capacity; and be equipped with a retractable cover that completely covers the load for transport on public roads in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws.

Sideboards or other extensions to the bed are allowable, provided they meet all applicable rules and regulations, cover the front and both sides, and are constructed in a manner to withstand severe operating conditions. The sideboards are to be constructed of 2" by 6" boards or greater and not to extend more than two feet above the metal bedsides. City's representative must approve all requests for extensions.

Prior to commencing debris removal operations, Contractor shall present to City's representative all trucks or trailers to be used for hauling debris, for the purpose of determining hauling capacity. Hauling capacity will be based on the interior dimensions of the truck's metal dump bed. Hauling capacity, in cubic yards, will be recorded and marked on each truck or trailer with permanent markings. Each truck or trailer will also be numbered for identification with a permanent marking. The

certified hauling capacity of all trucks and trailers shall be determined only in the presence of the designated City representative.

Trucks or equipment designated for use under this Contract shall not be used for any other work during the working hours of this Contract. Contractor shall not solicit work from private citizens or other to be performed in the designated work area during the period of this Contract. Under no circumstances will the Contractor mix debris hauled for others with debris hauled under this Contract.

All vehicles and trucks used for debris removal purposes must be clearly identified as such with signage, plaque or paint clearly identifying to citizens of City approved debris clean-up activities.

Technical Disaster Recovery Assistance:

Program Management Assistance: As part of and in support of the debris removal, processing and disposal services above, Contractor shall provide technical disaster recovery assistance to City. Contractor shall assist City in the identification and documentation of expenditures eligible for reimbursement by Federal and State agencies and in the submission of official request for Project Worksheet inspection.

Contractor shall prepare City's recovery documentation plan and shall maintain all required documentation during the recovery process. Contractor shall provide training to City's representatives on the requirements for quality and quantity of the claim documentation. Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that all required documentation is maintained and prepared. Contractor shall assist City in providing community relations services that may include audio/visual presentation and fact sheets.

Contractor shall provide guidance to CITY on issues involving Federal and State reimbursement, and assist City in negotiations with Federal and State agencies. Contractor shall provide any other representation as may be reasonably required or requested by City.

Reimbursement Assistance: Contractor shall provide assistance to City in City's effort to obtain Federal and State reimbursement for the disaster. Contractor shall maintain and provide all records, disposal tickets, field inspection reports and other data sufficient to provide substantiation of Federal and State reimbursement applications.

Public Relations

Customer Complaint Hotline: Contractor shall set up and maintain a telephone number and email address for the public to report complaints related to debris removal. Contractor shall provide personnel to answer calls and emails during regular business hours throughout the event recovery period. Contractor is responsible for advertising the hotline phone number and email address to the public. All complaints shall be documented with date, time, location, issue, and

resolution. Documentation shall be submitted as part of Contractor's weekly report to City.

Reporting

Debris Removal Reports: Contractor shall provide daily reports to City to detail the progress of debris removal services. Each report shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- Reporting date;
- Location of work (street names and address blocks);
- Contractor's name performing work at each location;
- Daily and cumulative amount of debris removed, grouped according to debris type;
- Hours of operation for all vehicles and equipment listed by work locations;
- Number of passes performed at each location;
- Daily and cumulative totals of debris removed, by category; and
- Any Problems encountered or anticipated.

Discrepancies between the daily report and the corresponding electronic load tickets shall be reconciled no later than the following work day.

Weekly Reports - Contractor shall provide Weekly Reports to the Mayor on complaints received from the previous week and the status of resolution of any outstanding complaints during the execution of Work under this Contract. The report shall include a description of the steps taken by Contractor to insure the complaint is resolved and not repeated. The Weekly Report shall contain any reported complaints, including complaint resolution, and any unusual occurrences or problems encountered in providing Disaster Debris Removal and Management Services. The Weekly Report shall be emailed to CITY's designated representative pursuant to a schedule and in a format approved by CITY.

Final Report - Contractor shall provide a Final Report on the work completed during disaster cleanup and recovery operations. The Final Report shall be submitted no later than 60 days following the final day of disaster debris collection after each disaster event, and included with the Contractor's invoice to City. The format of the report shall be approved by City prior to the start of the work. Contractor shall attest to the accuracy of the information in the report. False or altered information shall be cause for Contract termination. At a minimum, the report shall contain the following information:

- Locations of work (street names and address blocks);
- Listing of equipment and vehicles used by identification number, with type, model number and year
- Hours of operation for all vehicles and equipment listed by work locations;
- Operator's name for all equipment and vehicles;
- Personnel listing for all work locations;
- Total debris removed by type;

- Report in cubic yards of the amount of storm debris recycled or beneficially re-used. This includes burning ground up wood chips for clean fuel as opposed to incineration;
- Summary of complaints and complaint resolution (with copy of the complaint database on CD ROM);
- Comments or unusual occurrences;
- Bidder's recommendations for improvements to Disaster Debris Removal and Management Services; and
- Claim documentation for submittal to State and Federal government reimbursement.

Supporting Information - Supporting information must be provided to City at the completion of Contract and must include, but not be limited to, the following list. Additional supporting information may be requested by City.

- Electronic load tickets shall be indexed by date, ticket number and invoice number;
- Ticket logs database, including all information from ticket (hard copy and electronic copy);
- Daily tower logs;
- List of all personnel with signatures and initials;
- Damage reports, completed repairs, and releases, if applicable;
- Documentation of issues and final resolution;
- Map books by pass with daily logs;
- List of tickets issued to monitors, by monitor, and list of lost/voided tickets;
- Each debris removal pass may, and the discretion of City, have a door hanger placed at each residence or street sign hanger placed at key intersection to indicate pickup has occurred. A report describing the location of hangers shall be provided to City; and
- Each pile of ineligible debris will be photographed and tagged. A list compiled and submitted with photographs to City. City must approve the format of the ineligible debris tag.

Personnel Requirement and Responsibilities

Bidders shall hold all required licenses to perform the work.

Bidder is required to submit with the bid certified supporting data regarding bidder's experience, qualifications, and suitability for the work, which should include the following information, sworn to under oath by bidder, or, if an entity, an authorized representative of bidder:

1. Bidder must have expertise and experience in assisting governmental entities in debris removal following a disaster.
2. Bidder must list a minimum of five separate and verifiable disaster recovery

events and respective clients. Clients listed must be for completed work on disaster recovery projects and debris removal and processing projects. At least client references shall be for a disaster recovery project performed for a public agency. Listed projects listed should also show experience in FEMA reimbursement and client training. Bidders using joint ventures should include former clients of the joint venture, if applicable. Information on each client should be provided in the following format:

- Project/event title
- Client name
- Contact person and telephone number
- Location of project (if different than above)
- Project team
- Performance period
- Approximate fee for services
- Brief description of project
- Quantity of debris removed

3. Availability of contract managers and key personnel must be identified. Bidder shall identify subcontractors and intended scope of their work. Types and quantities of recovery equipment must be identified. Bidder shall clearly identify equipment owned by Bidder separately from equipment available from other sources. CITY expects personnel, subcontractors and equipment identified in the bid to be available for work to complete services. CITY further expects the identified equipment will be sufficiently maintained so as to be available to operate in a safe and reliable manner. Bidder should provide an estimate of the current workload and all future commitments to other emergency response contracts. Bidder should provide reasonable assurance that identified personnel will be available to work on future projects. Bidder must provide reasonable assurance that all equipment identified for disaster recovery will be available and are not contractually obligated to other projects (e.g. residential collection contracts, solid waste transfer contracts, or other disaster debris removal contracts.)
4. Bidder shall describe the organizational structure, assigned liaison officer, and the project management methods most appropriate to perform the services outlined in the scope of services. The discussion should include methods for communicating with team members and City emergency management staff, protocols for teamwork assignments, data management and project tracking methodologies and capabilities, schedule controls, and any other appropriate management considerations. Bidder should also discuss Bidder's staffing and ability to supervise multiple clean-up crews and subcontractors. This discussion should include Bidder's project management methods that ensure the quality of the work being performed by Bidder's crews and subcontractors.
5. An itemized list of Bidder's proposed facilities and equipment that accommodates

both large and confined/narrow streets and areas that shall be available for use, including equipment, vehicles, and materials that Bidder presently owns and Bidder intends to procure. The equipment specified in the itemized list shall be provided if listed. The equipment may be modified by advance written request by Bidder and written approval by City, any failure to do which shall constitute Breach of Contract.

6. All Bidders must furnish satisfactory evidence to CITY that they are fully competent and have the necessary facilities, experience and pecuniary resources to fulfill the terms and conditions of Contract Documents. Bidders shall provide personnel to manage the work experienced in performing Disaster Debris Removal and Management Services or other related debris removal and Management Services.
7. Bidders who submit qualifications and experience relying on personnel other than those directly employed by Bidder shall provide evidence and assurance as may be required by City that those personnel are in direct and daily management and control of the Work. Examples of such personnel are those from Bidder's parent company, affiliates, joint venture, or other entity accepted by City.
8. Bidders shall inform City of any and all instances wherein a debris removal services contract, or any related solid waste services contract, held by Bidder has been terminated or assigned to others prior to its contract expiration date. Bidder shall make available to City any information regarding the nature and circumstances of the termination as City may deem necessary.
9. Bidders that are wholly-owned subsidiaries of larger parent companies, and that submit qualifications and competency information based in whole or in part on the capabilities of the parent company, shall agree that it will cause its parent company to guarantee the performance of all of Bidder's obligations under the Contract Documents.
10. Bidders shall complete and submit Appendices A, B, C, and D.

6.0 Term / Deployment

The work shall begin on notice to proceed and continue until completed. Contractor must be prepared to begin deployment of personnel to perform services identified in this Contract within 24 hours from the notice to proceed. When additional services are needed to meet CITY's requirements of debris removal, Contractor shall increase the number of personnel as needed.

7.0 Evaluation and Selection

Administrative and Mandatory Screening

Bids will be reviewed to determine compliance with administrative and mandatory

requirements as specified in this RFQ & Bids. Bids determined not compliant with mandatory requirements (responsive) or proposals deemed to be not responsible will be rejected and will not be scored.

8.0 Reservation of Rights

CITY intends to award one contract and does not anticipate multiple awards; however, CITY reserves the right to make multiple or partial awards. CITY reserves the right to reject any or all responses.

CITY does not guarantee any minimum quantity. City does not obligate itself to contract for or accept more than their actual requirements during the period term of Contract, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds. Price Schedule

Prices proposed by bidders must be submitted on the Bid Form furnished herein as **Appendix B**. Prices shall be firm for the term of the contract and inclusive of all charges Contractor wishes CITY to consider for proposed services. Prices shall include delivery of all items F.O.B. destination.

8.0 No Conflict of Interest

Respondent shall not have a real or perceived conflict of interest with City of St. George or its appointed or elected officials. A conflict of interest includes:

- Respondent is owned by an immediate family member of an appointed or elected official of the City of St. George.
- Respondent or an owner of Respondent has a business relationship with an appointed or elected official of the City of St. George.
- Respondent employs any immediate family member of an elected or appointed official of the City of St. George which would present a conflict under the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

9.0 Announcement of Contractor

CITY will notify the successful bidder. Unsuccessful bidders will be notified in writing accordingly. Bids received (except for that information appropriately designated as confidential in accordance with R.S. 44:1, *et seq*), shall be made available, upon request, to all interested parties after the "Notice of Intent to Award" letter has been issued.

10.0 Claims or Controversies

Any Bidder who believes they were adversely affected by the CITY's procurement process or award, may file a protest. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Mayor and specifically state the particular facts which form the basis of the protest

and the relief requested. The written protest must be received within seven calendar days from the date proposals were opened. CITY may, at its sole discretion, suspend, postpone or defer the proposal process and/or award in whole or in part upon receipt of a protest. CITY will act upon protests within 15 calendar days of the receipt thereof. The written protest shall be a condition precedent to any other proceedings in connection with a protest and shall be considered the administrative remedy available to review protests.

**EXHIBIT A
POTENTIAL TEMPORARY DEBRIS
STAGING AND REDUCTION SITES
(TDSRS)**

The following list of designated temporary debris staging and reduction sites (TDSRS) expected to be available. Additional sites may be established by the City. The number and location of additional sites will depend on the magnitude of the disaster event and the scale of the debris collection and removal operation.

Natural Resources Recovery

12537 Scenic Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70807

White Goods Recycling:

North Landfill 16001
Samuels Road
Zachary, LA 70791

Additional possible TDSRS:

BREC
N. Sherwood Forest Blvd at S. Choctaw Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70814

EXHIBIT B
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Bidders should review the entire Request for Bids prior to responding. Bidders are responsible for supplying all materials and labor necessary to complete work.
2. The contract title and bidder's name must be clearly printed on the outside of the bid envelope. Only one bid will be accepted from each bidder.
3. The method of delivery of bids is the responsibility of the bidder. All bids must be received by the City of St. George at City of St. George 14100 Airline Highway, St. George, Louisiana 70817 or electronically to www.centralbidding.com on or before the specified deadline. Late bids will not be accepted. Items must be marked ATTN: BIDS.
4. After opening, bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.
5. Bids shall be on copies of the bid form furnished by CITY. CITY will accept bids from bidders in whose names' bid forms were issued. Altered or incomplete bids, or the use of substitute forms or documents, shall render the bid non-responsive and subject to rejection.
6. CITY specifically reserves the right to evaluate bids and award items separately, grouped or on an all or none basis, to accept the bids in the best interest of St. George, and to reject all bids if that is in the best interest of St. George.
7. All quotes must be clearly typed or written. Inability to read any information may result in rejection of the bid.
8. All bids must be signed by an individual authorized to bind Bidder. Failure to do so shall cause the bid to be rejected.
9. Written addenda issued prior to opening which modifies the bid shall become a part of the bid for submittal and shall be incorporated within the contract. Only a written interpretation or correction by Addendum shall be binding. Bidders shall not rely upon any interpretation or correction given by any other method.
10. Contract prices shall remain firm for duration of contract and no price increases will be allowed. In the event of a price decrease, the City must be notified immediately and be allowed to take advantage of such decrease beginning with the effective date of the price decreases.
11. CITY is a municipality to which the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics, La. R.S. 42:1101, et seq. ("Ethics Code") applies. Information regarding the Ethics Code is located at <http://ethics.la.gov>. La. R.S. 42:1113 prohibits elected officials, public employees, members of the immediate family of public servants and legal entities in which the public servant has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering any contract, subcontract or other transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the public servant's agency. La. R.S. 42:1102(13) defines "immediate family" as the children, spouses of the children, the siblings, the spouses of the siblings, the parents, the spouse and the parents of the spouse of a public servant. La. R.S. 42:1102(2) defines "agency" to be a department, division,

agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit of a governmental entity. La. R.S. 42:1102(8) defines "controlling interest" as any ownership interest in any legal entity or beneficial interest in a trust, held by or on behalf of an individual or a member of his immediate family either individually or collectively, which exceeds 25% of that legal entity.

Each Bidder is responsible for determining there will NOT be ANY conflict of interest or other violation of the Ethics Code, if Bidder is selected. Bidders should direct all inquiries regarding the applicability of the Ethics Code to the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, or by phone to: (225) 219-5600 or 1-800-842-6630.

12. To ensure fair and objective evaluation of responses, Bidders SHALL NOT initiate contact or communications with any elected or appointed official, employee, or contractor of St. George regarding this Invitation for Bids until after a contract is awarded or this Invitation for Bids is cancelled.
 - a. Questions concerning this Invitation for Bids shall be submitted via email to no later than 4:00 p.m. CST Friday, **June 22, 2025**. All inquiries together with responses thereto will be posted on www.stgeorgela.gov on or before **Wednesday, July 27, 2022**.
13. If Bidder is placed in default by CITY for failure to accept the order or contract, after being awarded the contract, for failure to timely deliver, or for otherwise unsatisfactory performance, bidder shall be subject up to six months suspension from bidding or proposing on any CITY. Bidder is not eligible to submit a bid for any project or contract for work for which he has been placed in default.
14. St. George is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, reprisal, disability, sexual orientation, marital status or political affiliation.
15. Right To Audit Clause: Contractor shall permit CITY's authorized representative to periodically inspect and audit all data and records of Contractor relating to performance under contract.
16. St. George is exempt from all state and local sales taxes; however, Bidders should include in cost any applicable taxes required to be paid for purchase of materials and services required to perform the work.
17. Contractor, and any sub-contractor, shall comply with all applicable laws, obtain all permits and possess all licenses required in connection with work hereunder.
18. Contractor shall indemnify CITY against any and all liens for which the City-owned property may become liable as a result of Contractors work hereunder.
19. Before issuance of final payment, Contractor will be required to submit evidence satisfactory to CITY all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid or otherwise satisfied.
20. All material and workmanship, as applicable, shall be guaranteed for a minimum of one year, unless provided otherwise by the specification or bid form. Such guarantee shall include all labor and materials needed to replace any defective

workmanship or materials within the guarantee period.

21. City, its officers, employees and agents, shall not be responsible for the negligent acts and omissions of Contractor or Contractor's officers, employees or agents or subcontractors, nor shall the Contractor or the Contractor's officers, employees or agents be responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of the City, its officers, employees and agents. Accordingly, Contractor shall indemnify and save the City, its officers, employees and agents, harmless from any and all claims, suits and actions of any character, name or description brought for or on account of any injury or damage to any person or property arising out of the work performed by Contractor, or Contractor's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors.
22. Bidder shall submit an appropriate resolution approving the contract.
23. Contractor shall furnish evidence of insurance required by Exhibit D prior to commencing services.
24. Contractor shall furnish a performance bond in the estimated contract amount when NTP is issued.
25. Contractor shall abide by the requirements of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and shall not discriminate against employees or applicants due to color, race, religion, sex, handicap or national origin. Contractor shall take Affirmative Action pursuant to Executive Order #11246 and the National Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to provide for positive posture in employing and upgrading persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin, and shall take Affirmative Action as provided in the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Act of 1974. Contractor shall also abide by the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that all services are delivered without discrimination due to race, color, national origin or handicap.
26. ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE: Contractor shall agree to adhere to the mandate dictated by the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act which provides that each Contractor or sub grantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the completion of work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.
27. CLEAN AIR ACT: Contractor shall agree to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of Violating Facilities.
28. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT: Contractor shall abide by the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94- 163).
29. CLEAN WATER ACT: Contractor shall agree to adhere to the provisions which require compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act which prohibits the use under non-exempt Federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

30. ANTI-LOBBYING AND DEBARMENT ACT: Contractor shall comply with Federal statutes required in the Anti-Lobbying Act and the Debarment Act.
31. PROCURMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS: If applicable, Contractor 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 by 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.
32. MANDATORY STANDARDS: Contractor must comply with any applicable mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan (La. R.S. 40:1730.49).
33. Certification of no suspension or debarment: By signing and submitting a bid, Bidder certifies that Bidder, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with the requirements in OMB's Uniform Grant Guidance regulations. A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at <http://www.sam.gov>.

EXHIBIT D
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES

Contractor and all sub-contractors shall carry and maintain at least the minimum insurance specified below until completion and acceptance of the work. Contractor shall not commence work until certificates of insurance have been approved by City. Insurance companies listed on certificates must have industry rating of A-, Class VI or higher, according to A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide unless otherwise approved by CITY. Contractor is solely responsible for assuring that its sub-contractors meet these insurance requirements. Contractor shall furnish copies of insurance certificates for subcontractors, and/or copies of all actual policies including the Contractor's policies.

A. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence basis:

General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Projects-Comp/Op Agg	\$2,000,000
Personal & Adv Injury	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage (Any one fire)	\$ 50,000
Medical Expenses	\$ 5,000

- B. Business Auto – Any Auto; or Owned, Non-Owned & Hired: \$2,000,000
- C. Standard Workers Compensation – Full statutory liability for State of Louisiana with Employer's Liability Coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- D. Coverage afforded to St. George applies as primary and not excess or contributing to any other insurance carried by St. George.
- E. St. George must be named as additional insured on all general liability policies described above.
- F. Waiver of subrogation in favor of St. George is required from Worker's Compensation Insurer.
- G. Certificates must provide for 30 days written notice to Certificate Holder prior to cancellation or change.
- H. The Certificate Holder should be shown as: City of St. George; notices of change or cancellation shall be provided to:

Attn: Dustin Yates, Mayor
14100 Airline Highway
St. George, Louisiana 70817

All insurance certificates must be filed with City for approval by the time of execution of Agreement by Contractor, but in any event not later than five calendar days after receipt of notification of award, and prior to beginning any work.

EXHIBIT E

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

A. Submission Requirements

1. To be considered, submit all required documents prior to deadline.
2. Bidders shall submit a statement of qualifications to meet CITY's objectives and perform tasks listed in the Scope of Services. Statement of qualifications shall include the size of the firm, office location from which the service is being performed and nature of staff and equipment to be employed for the project.
3. List of equipment available for the project.
4. List of all disaster specific experience within the last five years, including response time, client list, and a contact person. This includes previous experience in the performance of projects of a similar nature sufficient to ensure timely and efficient completion of any disaster project.
5. Explanation of how quickly Contractor could mobilize based on the severity of the disaster.
6. Indicate and list any legal actions against your Contractor in the last five years.
7. A debris management and response plan applicable for the scope of services.
8. Minimum of three letters of reference.
9. Any plans for subcontractor participation.

B. Information to be submitted in a sealed envelope or package in the order requested:

1. Cover Sheet (Page 1)
2. Bid Form for Unit Price Contract for Storm Debris Removal (Page 2)
3. Bidder's Organization (Page 3)
4. Schedule of Items (Page 4)
5. Statement of Qualifications

C. Limitations

1. This bid does not commit CITY to the award of a contract, or to pay any cost incurred in the preparation for a response to this request.
2. CITY may or may not require the prospective bidder to participate in an interview and to submit additional technical information to determine eligibility.
3. CITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to request additional information, and to award a contract deemed most advantageous to CITY.

APPENDIX A
CITY OF ST. GEORGE
East Baton Rouge Parish Louisiana
INVITES FOR BIDS FOR A UNIT PRICE CONTRACT
FOR STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL
2025-2026

Bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2025, at one of the following addresses:

St. George City Hall
ATTN: BIDS-DEBRIS REMOVAL
14100 Airline Highway, St. George, LA 70817

OR

Electronically to www.centralbidding.com

Bids must be placed in a sealed package or envelope and include a cover sheet with the following information.

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

BIDDER'S MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

OFFICE PHONE NO.: _____ CELL PHONE NO: _____

FACSIMILE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

APPENDIX B
CITY OF ST. GEORGE, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
BID FORM FOR UNIT PRICE CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to submit the attached bid on behalf of BIDDER: _____

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: _____
(if different from mailing address on cover)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Bidder has carefully examined all documents made a part of this Invitation for Bids. Bidder further certifies that the prices shown are in full compliance with the conditions, terms and specifications of the Invitation for Bids.

Bidder understands that CITY has discretion to reject any or all bids if determined to be in the best interest of CITY. CITY does not guarantee it will need such services during the Contract Period.

Bidder agrees to furnish to CITY evidence of required insurance within 48 hours after receiving notice of contract award and a performance bond within 48 hours of issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

Contract Period

Contract period is July 15, 2025 through July 14, 2026, which may be extended for two additional one year periods.

Contract Price/Payment

Price for quantities collected on a cubic yard basis shall be provided on the Schedule of Items attached as Appendix D. The contract unit price shall not exceed the unit cost quoted by the successful bidder for the maximum cubic yards collected.

Undisputed invoices will be paid less a 10% retainage within 30 days from receipt of invoice and supporting documentation. Retainage will be released upon satisfactory completion of work and certification of payment for all materials, labor and supplies used to perform work.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____

TITLE: _____

**APPENDIX C
BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION
COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS**

INDIVIDUAL

Individual's Name: _____

Doing business as: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

PARTNERSHIP

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Managing Partner: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Manager: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____

CORPORATION

CORPORATE RESOLUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL.

Corporation Name: _____

Address: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Name & Title of person authorized: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email: _____

FOR JOINT VENTURES, ALL PARTIES TO VENTURE MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM.

**APPENDIX D
CITY OF ST. GEORGE
SCHEDULE OF ITEMS FOR UNIT PRICE CONTRACT
FOR STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL**

Item No.	Item Description	Unit	Unit Price
1	Emergency Roadway Debris Clearance	/Crew - Hours	
2	Total Debris Collection and Removal by Volume	/CY	
3	Hazardous Stump Removal, greater than 24" dia.	/Each	
4	Cutting & Removal Hazardous Leaning Trees	/Each	
5	Cutting & Removal Hanging Tree Limbs	/Tree	
6	Collection & Disposal Dead Animals	/Pound	
7	Collection & Transport of White Goods	/Each	
8	Collection & Disposal of C&D Debris	/CY	
9	Processing of Burnable Debris using air curtain incinerator at disposal site	/CY	

The signature on Page 2 of this form certifies that Bidder has carefully examined all documents associated with this REQUEST FOR BIDS AND OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS made a part of this Request for Bids. Bidder further certifies that prices shown are in full compliance with all the conditions, terms and specifications of this Request for Bids.

All unit prices requested will be reviewed for reasonableness; however, the following formula will be used to determine the lowest priced bid:

The sum of 95 times the Unit Price for Item No. 2 and 5 times the Unit Price for Item No. 8.

Lowest Bidder must possess experience with similar-sized debris removal projects.