

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BANKING SERVICES

I. INTRODUCTION

The City of La Feria, La Feria Economic Development Corporation, La Feria Industrial Development Corporation, and Utilities Board, the four which are collectively described as the “City”, are requesting proposals for a banking services contract, to begin October 1, 2024 and extend through September 30, 2029. Through this contract the City intends to minimize banking costs, improve operational efficiency, and maximize investment capabilities. This Request for Proposal (RFP) represents the cash management goals, specifies all banks' required qualifications, the banking services required, the estimated activity volumes on all accounts, the method and terms of compensation, submission instructions and the contract award provisions.

II. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

A. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

To assure a close working relationship, to facilitate available services, and to support local business, the entity may give priority to those banks with full service capabilities within the City limits. Any required statement regarding equal opportunity and affirmative action should be included if required/desired. The proposal submitted will become part of the final contract.

B. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Proposal Format

In order to fully and equitably evaluate each bank's ability to meet the banking services needs of the City, a standard reply format is required. Each proposal must include a response to each item in the RFP in the order given. Only proposals submitted in the prescribed format and using the exhibit forms provided will be evaluated for contract award.

2. Submission Requirements

The sealed application submission shall include the following:

1. One original (so marked) and three (3) complete bound copies of the application;
2. One complete copy of the application response as a PDF file on a Flash Drive;
3. The MS-Excel Bank Services Fee Schedule on a Flash Drive; and
4. The bid bond check.

The application shall be accompanied by a bid bond, in the form of a cashier's check, in the amount of \$5,000.00, made payable to the City of La Feria. If this bid to be Depository of all City funds or to be Depository of only a designated amount of said funds is accepted, said check is to secure the performance of said bid, and if Bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City as provided in this bid, then said check shall be cashed by the City as liquidated damages for said failure. If the Bidder enters into a contract with the City, the City shall return the check to the Bidder. In the event this bid is not accepted, the check is to be returned to the Bidder immediately after the contract award is made.

3. RFP Questions

Questions regarding this RFP or the service requested will be accepted in written form at the address below on or before 5:00 pm, July 29, 2019. Responses to all material questions submitted will be communicated to each prospective bidder.

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115 E. Commercial Ave.
La Feria, Texas 78559
Ref: RFP Depository Services

4. Request for Proposal Amendments

Modifications or additions may be made as a result of questions submitted. Written notification of any such change will be made in writing to all known bidders.

5. Selection Criteria

Evaluation of proposals will be made on the basis of the following objectives:

Time deposit interest rates	15%
Cost of Service	35%
Service Availability	25%
Safety and Creditworthiness of bank	25%

6. Award of Bid and Service Initiation

The contract is to be awarded by City Council at its meeting August 13, 2024.

III. REQUIRED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

All banks must provide, as part of the proposal:

- audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year,
- a copy of the current call report, and
- a statement regarding any recent or foreseen merger or acquisition.

IV. REQUIRED BANKING SERVICES

This section lists all the services to be provided by the bank under this agreement. Attachment A list each of these services. The bank should use this Attachment to provide the specific price for each service, if any.

A. Consolidated Account Structure

The bank is to provide a master consolidation account and zero balance accounts from which daily balance and detail reporting is available. Attachment B lists the City's current open accounts.

B. Wire Transfer Services

The City currently generates approximately 15 incoming and 5 outgoing wires each month. A standard wire transfer agreement will be executed with the bank. This proposal should include a copy of your standard transfer procedures and wire transfer agreement. The City requires adequate security provisions and procedures. If the wire transfer requests are available on line, full information should be submitted detailing the use.

C. Automated Daily Balance Reporting

The City requires an automated PC-based reporting system for access to the closing ledger and available balances. Stipulate the time at which the access is available and describe the system to be used. Reporting should include balance and detail reporting. Samples of the reports are to be included in the proposal.

D. Sweep Account Provisions

If the City chooses, the bank will be responsible for automatically sweeping the balances in all accounts daily to an investment option (money market fund, repo, etc.). Describe the sweep options and, if a money market fund is used, provide a prospectus. The accounts will be swept to the compensating balance.

E. Investment of Idle Funds and Safekeeping of City Securities

All certificates of deposit bought by the City will be bought on a competitive basis. The City has no obligation to invest its funds with or through the bank. If the bank is proposing overnight repurchase agreements, an executed Master Repurchase Agreement is required. In order to fulfill GASB III requirements for reporting, if a repurchase agreement is executed with the bank itself, the collateral must be held in the trust department of the bank in a separate account.

All securities will be handled on a delivery versus payment (DVP) basis as they are cleared into and out of the account. There will be approximately ten securities in safekeeping at any time. All clearing and safekeeping will be in the bank or its correspondent. All correspondent and safekeeping arrangement will be stipulated in the proposal.

F. Standard Disbursing Services

Standard disbursing services for all accounts are required to include the payment of all checks upon presentation.

G. Standard Deposit Services

The bank must guarantee immediate credit on all incoming wire transfers and U.S. Treasury checks upon receipt and all other checks based on the bank's published availability schedule. The Bank should specify in their proposal their deposit requirements and commercial and retail deposit locations, including night deposit services and procedures.

H. Reporting and Account Analysis

Monthly account analysis reports must be provided by the bank on a timely basis for each account and on a total account basis. A sample account analysis format must be provided as part of the proposal. Samples of monthly statements should also be provided. The monthly statements are to be received within ten business days of the next month.

I. Account Executive

An account executive must be assigned to the account to coordinate the account services and expedite the solution of any problem. A trained and competent backup for the account executive, familiar with the account, should be assigned in the proposal. Stipulate the name and a brief biography of the account executive to be assigned to the City's account.

J. Direct Deposit

Describe the requirements and deadlines for computer tap for ACH transactions. The proposal should indicate when funds will be available in participating banks.

K. Daylight Overdraft Provisions

Every effort will be made to eliminate daylight overdraft situations on the account. However, in case this situation does arise, the proposal should include any and all bank policies regarding daylight overdrafts charges or handling procedures.

L. Stop Payments

The proposal must include a statement on the proposed stop payment process on an automated or manual basis.

M. Collateralization of Deposits

The bank must agree to obtain and maintain acceptable collateral sufficient to cover all anticipated time and demand deposits, above the FDIC insured limit of \$250,000. Securities used to pledge against time and demand deposits must be held in an independent third-party safekeeping institution outside the bank's holding company. The bank will execute a tri-party safekeeping agreement with the City and the Safekeeping bank for safekeeping of these securities. Collateral will be maintained at a minimum of 102% and marked to market at least once a month. Control will be shared jointly between the bank and the entity. Substitution will be

approved by the City and not unduly withheld. Substitutions of collateral will be requested in writing and new collateral will be received before the existing collateral is released. The proposal will name the safekeeping bank for collateral.

N. Remote Deposit Capture and Service Availability

The City requires remote deposit services including all associated software and hardware in order to be able to process multiple deposits by individual cashiers for utility and court payments received. The proposal must describe policy, procedures, and deadlines for the bank's remote deposit services including fund availability, type of equipment and software to be used.

O. Positive Pay

The City may require that its depository bank provide positive pay services. The proposal must describe in detail the bank's policy, procedures, and deadlines for the positive pay services that will be provided to the City to protect all form of payment disbursements and withdrawals from its accounts at the proposing bank.

P. Armored Car Services

The City requires daily armored car service from city hall for deposit pickup.

Q. Additional Services

If new services become available and are provided during the period of this contract, they will be charged at the bank's then published rate.

V. OTHER SERVICES

The City is interested in obtaining service and cost information on additional services for possible use during the contract period. These services are not required but will be evaluated in terms of availability, feasibility, service levels, service providers and cost. The City will make its determination after receipt of proposals as to whether a service will be used. If the service is accepted later in the contract period the services and charges stipulated in the proposal will be applied.

A. Lockbox Services

The City may choose to utilize lockbox services for certain revenue collections. Describe the service including the lockbox location and a full description of the service.

VI. BANK COMPENSATION

Any net settlement on compensating balances will be made annually. If fees are chosen as the payment methodology, fees will be paid monthly after receipt of the account analysis.

ATTACHMENT A - BANKING SERVICES CHARGES

*Any and all anticipated service charges
must be shown on this form
to be applicable under the agreement. Add additional lines as required.*

Service Unit	Unit Charge	Cost of Service
Account Maintenance	Per month	
Daily Balance Reporting	Per month	
Zero Balanced Accounts		
Master Account	Per month	
Subsidiary Accounts	Per month	
Credits Posted	Per transaction	
Debits Posted	Per transaction	
Encoding charge	Per transaction	
ACH Processing	Per transaction	
Origination of file	Per tape	
ACH deletions	Per transaction	
ACH entries	Per transaction	
Returned checks	Per transaction	
Controlled Disbursement	Per account/per month	
Reconciliation	Per month	
Sort list tape	Per transaction	
Sort and list	Per transaction	
Items Deposited		
Deposits	Per transaction	
Commercial Deposits	Per transaction	
Group I items	Per transaction	
Group II items	Per transaction	
Group III items	Per transaction	
Group IV items	Per transaction	
Stop payments	Per transaction	
Wire Transfers		
Incoming	Per transaction	
Outgoing	Per transaction	
Investment Safekeeping		
S/keeping interest/credit	Per transaction	
S/keeping receipt deposit	Per transaction	
S/keeping outgoing	Per transaction	
Securities DVP FRB	Per transaction	
Securities DVP NY	Per transaction	
Check Printing	Per transaction	
Extra statements	Per transaction	
Disposable Bank Bags	Per Item	
Lockbox	Per month	
Cutbacks	Per transaction	

Positive Pay	Per month	
Positive Pay	Per item	
Armored Car Service	Per month	
Remote Deposit Capture	Per month	
On-Us Checks	Per item	
Transit Checks	Per item	

ATTACHMENT B–CURRENT OPEN ACCOUNTS

- POOLED CASH
 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 - LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 - LA FERIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 - CITY OF LA FERIA CO 2015
 - PAYROLL
 - CITY OF LA FERIA IDC-USDA GRANT
 - PROPERTY SEIZED FUND
 - CITY OF LA FERIA
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