

ITEM I
CITY OF FAIRHOPE
BID INVITATION

August 19, 2010

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the City of Fairhope offices, 555 South Section St. Fairhope, Alabama, until 2:00P.M. September 13, 2010, and then publicly opened thereafter, for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work required by the City of Fairhope and described as follows:

Bid Number 032-10, WEATHERED STEEL POLES

Questions or comments pertaining to this bid must be presented in writing, sent as e-mail or faxed to the attention of the Purchasing Manager, Daniel P. Ames, P.O. Drawer 429, 555 South Section St., Fairhope, Al 36532, e-mail: dan.ames@cofairhope.com, fax number: 251-990-0125, Seventy Two (72) hours prior to the bid opening or will be forever waived.

All bids must be on blank forms provided in the Bid Documents. **BID BOND IS WAIVED.**
THERE WILL BE NO PREBID MEETING.

The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all contractors comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the Contract Documents in this regard. The City also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public bids.

All bids, with their guarantee (when required), must be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope, clearly identified on the outside as a "**Sealed Bid**" with **Item Name, Bid Number, City of Fairhope's Name and Address and Bidder's Name and Address**. Each bid must be in a separate envelope. Bids made out in pencil will not be accepted.

Failure to observe the instructions contained herein will constitute grounds for rejection of your bid. The City reserves the right to accept or reject all bids or any portion thereof whichever is in the best interest of the City of Fairhope.

The company that is awarded the bid must have Workman's Compensation Insurance on all of its employees if work is done on City premises. General Liability Insurance must be maintained to hold the City harmless in the event of an accident. Proof of Workman's Compensation Insurance if work is done on City premises and General Liability Insurance specifying coverage must accompany this bid packet. See specifications for details.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this type of work in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. Where applicable, this shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama. Bidder must have a current business license or purchase a business license with the City of Fairhope prior to bid being awarded.

Daniel P. Ames,
Purchasing Manager
Posted: 08-19-2010

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ITEM II

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS

1. The Bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder complying with conditions of the invitation for bids, provided his bid is reasonable and it is in the interest of the City of Fairhope to accept it. The bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The City of Fairhope, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest to the City of Fairhope.

COMPLIANCE

1. All bid components will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations.
2. The awarded vendor will be responsible for insuring that all items meet specifications before delivery.
3. Awarded vendor will make no substitutions for bid items without prior written approval of the City of Fairhope Purchasing Department.

ORDERING

1. The City of Fairhope Purchasing Department will issue Purchase Order(s) to the awarded vendor for bid items as needed.
2. If awarded vendor fails to fill Purchase Order(s) or deliver on time, the City of Fairhope reserves the option to procure needed, comparable items from any source, and bill the awarded vendor for associated expenses generated by such failure.

PACKAGING & DELIVERY

1. Deliver bid items to City of Fairhope Warehouse, 555 South Section Street, Fairhope, AL, or other designated City site, maintaining product in proper state, undamaged.
2. At point of delivery, awarded vendor will present an itemized delivery ticket **with the Purchase Order Number clearly referenced thereon**, to City of Fairhope receiving personnel for signing.
3. F.O.B. City of Fairhope, as directed.
4. Shortages, defective or damaged items will be rejected. The awarded vendor will replace such items within ten (10) working days.
5. If applicable, all titles, fees, as well as other charges, are to be paid by awarded vendor. Awarded vendor is to furnish prepaid certificate of title in the name of the City of Fairhope, Title shall change upon acceptance of delivery at the Owner approved delivery location.
6. The bidder shall give the City at least 24 hours notice (Weekends and Holidays excluded) prior to delivery on site.

PAYMENT

1. Invoices -- Upon completion of service and delivery of materials specified in the applicable purchase order, awarded vendor will submit an invoice and signed delivery ticket to:
City of Fairhope
Accounts Payable Department
P.O. Box 429
Fairhope, AL 36533
2. **All invoices must reference appropriate Purchase Order Numbers**
3. Payment Of Invoice: All invoices received by the City of Fairhope are payable within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the City of Fairhope, provided they are approved by the City of Fairhope.

COMPLIANCE

1. Compliance with or variations from the specifications must be noted as to each item on the Specification Sheet. This requirement must be met even though the Purchasing Manager may alter the specifications in the form of an addendum to accommodate variances. A request for a change in the specifications to accommodate a variation must be called to the attention of the Purchasing Manager at least 72 hours before the bid opening date. All requests for such changes will be considered and the merits weighed. Only those changes in specifications deemed to be in the best interest of the City will be made. In the event of a change in specifications, an addendum will be supplied to bidders. Exceptions may be accepted if they are minor, equal, or superior to that which is specified, and provided that they are listed and fully explained on a separate page entitled, "Exceptions to Specifications". The exceptions shall refer to the specification page and paragraph number. The City shall determine which (if any) exceptions are acceptable and this determination shall be final.

ITEM III

CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains all terms and conditions agreed upon by the Owner and Winning bidder. No other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either party hereto. The Winning Bidder shall not employ Subcontractors without the express written permission of the Owner. No waiver, alteration, consent or modification of any of the provisions of the Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the Owner and Contractor. This Agreement shall not be construed against the party or parties preparing it. It shall be construed as if all the parties and each of them jointly prepared this Agreement, and any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against one or more parties.

ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

The City of Fairhope will be deemed to have accepted the Work after the City of Fairhope agrees the Work is completed by signature on delivery or service tickets. In the event Work furnished under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order is found to be defective or does not conform to the intent of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, the awarded vendor shall, after receipt of notice from the City of Fairhope, correct the deficiencies. Failure on the part of the awarded vendor to properly correct the deficiencies within the time period allowed will constitute the City of Fairhope's right to cancel the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order immediately, upon written notice to the awarded vendor.

ADDENDA

All Addenda are part of the Contract Documents. Include resultant costs in the Bid. Addenda will be issued by FAX or Email to all Bidders on record, and posted to the City of Fairhope website

www.cofairhope.com. It is the responsibility of the bidder to verify that all addenda have been received, and to include all signed addenda in the bid submission

ADDITIONAL ORDERS

Unless it is specifically stated to the contrary in the bid response, the City of Fairhope reserves the option to place additional orders against a contract awarded as a result of this solicitation at the same terms and conditions; to extend the renewal date until a new bid is in place, if it is mutually agreeable.

APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement is deemed to be under and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Alabama. Any litigation arising out of the Agreement shall be heard in the Courts of Baldwin County, Alabama.

ASSIGNMENT

The awarded vendor shall not assign the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order or sublet it as a whole without the express written permission of the City of Fairhope. The awarded vendor shall not assign any payment due them hereunder, without the express written permission of City of Fairhope. The City of Fairhope may assign the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, or sublet it as a whole, without the consent of the awarded vendor.

ASSURANCE OF NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY

The bidder hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors, or partners and none of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery,

attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or Federal government.

AWARD CONSIDERATION

The following factors will be considered in determining the lowest **responsible** bidder: Overall quality, Conformity with specifications both general and specific, Purposes for which materials or services are required, Delivery dates and time required for delivery, Unit acquisition cost, financial ability to meet the contract, previous performance, facilities and equipment, availability of repair parts, experience, delivery promise, terms of payments, compatibility as required, other costs, and other objective and accountable factors which are reasonable.

AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS

The Bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder complying with conditions of the invitation for bids, provided his bid is reasonable and it is in the interest of the City of Fairhope to accept it. The bidder to whom the award is made will be notified at the earliest possible date. The City of Fairhope, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest to the City of Fairhope.

BACK ORDERS

If it is necessary to back order any items, the vendor must notify the Purchasing Department and advise as to the expected shipping or delivery date. If this date is not acceptable, the City of Fairhope may seek remedies for default.

BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY

If bid security is required, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount indicated on the bid cover must accompany the bid and be made payable to The City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Al. Corporate or certified checks are not acceptable. Bonds must be in a form satisfactory to the City and underwritten by a company licensed to issue

bonds in the State of Alabama. If bid security fails to accompany the bid, it shall be deemed unresponsive, unless the Purchasing Manager deems the failure to be non-substantial. All checks will be returned to the bidders after the contract has been approved. If a performance bond is required, the successful bidder will be notified after the awarding of the contract.

BRAND NAMES

Reference to brand names and numbers is descriptive, but not restrictive, unless otherwise specified. Bids on equivalent items meeting the standards of quality thereby indicated will be considered, providing the bid clearly describes the article offered and indicates how it differs from the referenced brands. Descriptive literature or manufacturers specifications plus any supplemental information necessary for comparison purposes should be submitted with the bid or the bid on that item may be rejected. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with the Division of Purchasing will not satisfy this requirement. The burden is on the bidder to demonstrate that the item bid is equivalent to the item specified in the ITB. Bids without sufficient documentation to fully support equality, may be considered non-responsive.

Reference by the City of Fairhope in the ITB to available existing specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of such specifications binding on the bidder. Unless the bidder specifies otherwise in its bid, it is understood the bidder is offering a referenced brand item as specified in the ITB or is bidding as specified when no brand is referenced. Failure to examine drawings, specifications and instructions will be at the bidder's risk.

BUSINESS LICENSE

The vendor selected to enter into a Contract / Agreement with the City of Fairhope must be licensed to do business in the City of Fairhope prior to commencement of any work under the contract. Delivery of goods or

services to the City of Fairhope by Purchase Order have detailed and varied Business License requirements. In all instances that require a business license. Awarded vendor will provide proof of possessing a current City of Fairhope Business License. Prospective bidders will not be required to possess a City of Fairhope Business License prior to award.

CANCELLATION OF / CONTRACT / AGREEMENT / PURCHASE ORDER / LEASE

A purchase order can be canceled in whole or in part when awarded vendor fails to deliver or perform as specified. Cancellation of a purchase order can only be made by a written purchase order change (POC) from the City of Fairhope. A term contract, lease or agreement can be canceled by the City of Fairhope, for justifiable cause, or convenience, by written notice.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 2006-557

Alabama law (section 41-4-116, code of Alabama 1975) provides that every bid submitted and contract executed shall contain a certification that the vendor, contractor, and all of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into Alabama or leases for use in Alabama are registered, collecting, and remitting Alabama state and local sales, use, and/or lease tax on all taxable sales and leases into Alabama. By submitting this bid, the bidder is hereby certifying that they are in full compliance with act no. 2006-557, they are not barred from bidding or entering into a contract pursuant to 41-4-116, and acknowledges that the awarding authority may declare the contract void if the certification is false. All corporations must register to do business in Alabama with the Office of the Secretary of State. Their address is:

Office of the Secretary of State
P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, AL 36103
(334) 242-5324

Fax: (334) 240-3138

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/index.aspx>

The Foreign Corporation form is online at <http://www.sos.state.al.us/downloads/dl1.cfm>

COST OF REMEDYING DEFECTS

All defects, indirect and consequential costs of correcting, removing or replacing any or all of the defective materials or equipment will be charged against the awarded vendor.

DELIVERY OF BID

Bids must be received in the Purchasing Office by the date and time specified on the bid cover. All bids will be accepted until the time and date stated on the bid cover. No bids will be accepted that extend past the time and date on the bid cover. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Purchasing Department. Bids submitted by U.S. Mail must be received by the City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the City of Fairhope offices, 555 South Section St., Fairhope, Al., unless otherwise specified.

DELIVERY

The number of calendar days required for delivery after receipt of a purchase order shall be stated in the RFQ / ITB / RFP and/or Purchase Orders. When no time is stated in the document, the time shall be fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of order. If a shipment is not made within the time period specified, the Purchase Order may be canceled.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

All products will be clearly labeled for their intended use. Each delivery of product or materials will include a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all materials that require an MSDS. All manufacturers/distributors of hazardous substances, including any of the items listed on this bid/quote/contract and subsequent award must include completed material safety data sheet (MSDS) for each hazardous material. Additionally, each

container of hazardous materials must be appropriately labeled with:

- a) The identity of the hazardous material,
- b) Appropriate hazard warnings, and
- c) Name and address of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party

EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

The City of Fairhope may require equipment/ product materials or service techniques to be demonstrated at a time, date and location to be specified by the City of Fairhope.

EQUIPMENT ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION

All electrical equipment purchased shall conform to, and be identified in, the applicable standard(s), or otherwise be certified as applicable, as of the bid opening date and time, by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or other recognized laboratory facility. Bidder must provide satisfactory documentation with returned bid that all such equipment meets the applicable product standard or has otherwise been certified as outlined above. Unless indicated in the bid document, the above certification shall apply to the equipment itself, not the individual components of that equipment.

ERRORS IN BID

Bidders are assumed to be informed regarding conditions, requirements and specifications prior to submitting bids. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. Bids already submitted may be withdrawn without penalty prior to bid opening. Errors discovered after the bid opening may not be corrected.

FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the City nor the awarded vendor shall be deemed in breach of any contract / Purchase Order or Agreement which may result from this proposal submission if it is prevented from performing any of the obligations hereunder by reason of Acts of

God, acts of the public enemy, acts of superior governmental authority, strikes or labor disputes, floods, riots, rebellion, sabotage, or any similar other unforeseeable causes beyond its control and not due to its fault or negligence. Each party shall notify the other immediately in writing of the cause of such after the beginning period thereof.

The awarded vendor may request cancellation and the City of Fairhope may grant the request if performance is prevented by any of the above referenced causes, or other unavoidable circumstances not attributable to the fault or negligence of the vendor. The burden of proof for such relief rests with the vendor. All correspondence pertaining to cancellation of a purchase order or term contract must be addressed to the City of Fairhope Purchasing Manager.

HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Bidder must comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City laws, ordinances and regulations relating to hazardous and toxic substances, including such laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to information hazardous and toxic substances, and as amended from time to time. Bidder shall provide the City of Fairhope with a "Material Safety Data Sheet" for all goods that carry one.

INDEMNITY

Indemnity: The awarded vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Fairhope, its officers, agent, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, fines, fees, expenses, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions and cost of actions, including reasonable attorneys fees for trial and on appeal, of any kind and nature, arising or growing out of, or in any way connected with the performance of this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, to the extent caused by a negligent act or omission of the awarded vendor, their agents, servants, employees, Subcontractors, or others associated with the awarded vendor. The awarded vendor shall

be responsible for damage to any equipment excluded from this agreement, or damage or injury caused by any equipment excluded from this agreement, only to the extent that the damage or injury is caused by a negligent act or omission of the awarded vendor, or caused by failure of the awarded vendor's supplied product to perform as specified.

INSPECTION

All materials, workmanship, equipment, and supplies are subject to inspection and test at any source or time. Final inspection, acceptance or rejection will be made at delivery destination. Goods that do not meet specifications will be rejected unless substitutions have been approved by the City of Fairhope. Failure to inspect or to reject upon receipt, however, does not relieve the awarded vendor of liability. When subsequent tests, after receipt, are conducted and when such tests reveal a failure to meet specifications, the City of Fairhope will reject the goods and the awarded vendor shall immediately supply goods meeting specifications or the City of Fairhope may seek damages including but not limited to the testing expense, regardless of whether a part of or all of the goods have been consumed through the testing process. Rejected goods shall be removed by the awarded vendor promptly after rejection, at his expense. If not removed in fourteen (14) calendar days, they may be disposed of at the discretion of the City of Fairhope. Disposal costs will be the awarded vendor's responsibility.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

At reasonable times, the City may inspect those areas of the awarded vendor's place of business that are related to the performance of a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. If the City makes such an inspection, the awarded vendor must provide reasonable assistance. The City of Fairhope reserves the right on demand and without notice all the vendor's files associated with a

subsequent Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order where payments are based on the awarded vendor's record of time, salaries, materials, or actual expenses. This same clause will apply to any subcontractors assigned to the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

INSURANCE

If a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order results from this RFQ / ITB / RFP, or other form of solicitation, the awarded vendor shall maintain such insurance as will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Fairhope from Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability claims from property damage and personal injury, including death, which may arise from the awarded vendor's operations under this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him/her.

INVITATION TO BID

Any provisions made in the RFQ / ITB / RFP, or other form of solicitation, supersedes any provisions outlined here in the General Terms and Conditions.

INVOICING, DELIVERY, PACKAGING

Invoices shall be prepared only after ordered materials have been delivered. All invoices must show the purchase order number. Unless otherwise specified in writing, vendors shall not ship any material without an authorized Purchase Order from the City of Fairhope Purchasing Department. All packages delivered must show the purchase order number. The awarded vendor will be required to furnish all materials, equipment and/or service called for at the bid price quoted. In the event the awarded vendor fails to deliver within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the City of Fairhope, the right is reserved to cancel the award and subsequent purchase order and purchase from the next lowest responsible bidder the items needed. The original awarded vendor will be back charged the difference between the original contract price and the price the City of Fairhope has to pay as a result of the

failure to perform by the original awarded vendor. All bids will remain firm for acceptance for 60 days from the date of bid opening. Prices shall be net F.O.B., Prepaid and Allow, City of Fairhope chosen site, Baldwin County, Al. The title and risk of loss of the goods will not pass to the City of Fairhope until receipt and acceptance takes place at the F.O.B. point.

LABELING

Individual shipping cartons shall be labeled with the name "City of Fairhope", Purchase Order Number, and where applicable, Contract Number, date of manufacture, batch number, storage requirements, conditions, and recommended shelf life. Bidders are encouraged to offer product packaging with recycled content.

LOSS OR DAMAGE IN TRANSIT

Delivery by a vendor to a common carrier does not constitute delivery to the City of Fairhope. Any claim for loss or damage incurred during delivery shall be between the vendor and the carrier. The City of Fairhope accepts title only after satisfactory receipt at the delivery point. The City of Fairhope shall note all visible damages on the freight bill and may refuse the damaged goods. The vendor shall make immediate replacement of the damaged merchandise or be subject to damages for breach of contract. If damage is to a small portion of a total shipment and the City of Fairhope will not be inconvenienced because of the shortage, the vendor may be permitted by the Purchasing Manager to deduct the amount of damage or loss from its invoice, in lieu of replacement. Risk of loss during delivery is borne by the vendor until the goods have been accepted by the City of Fairhope, unless otherwise specified in the RFQ / ITB / RFP or other form of solicitation.

MANDATORY SITE VISIT

If the RFQ / ITB /RFP or other form of solicitation requires a mandatory site visit, bidders must inspect the site where installation or service is to take place to obtain a full

understanding of scope of work outlined therein. Date of site visit will be determined by the City of Fairhope.

MONITORING OF SERVICES

Performance of services will be monitored by the requisitioning department and/or the Purchasing Department, and evaluation reports may be filed with the Purchasing Department. Performance not meeting specifications will result in cancellation of Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order and may result in vendor being removed from the vendor list.

NONCONFORMING MERCHANDISE

When merchandise received from the lowest responsible bidder is not in accordance with the purchase order, it will be returned to the bidder, at bidder's expense.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all contractors comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order Documents in this regard. The City also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public bids.

NON EXCLUSIVE

Unless otherwise specified, this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order is considered a non-exclusive Contract /Agreement / Purchase Order between the parties.

NOTIFICATION AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

In the event of accidents of any kind, in the performance of a Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order, the awarded vendor shall notify the City of Fairhope immediately and furnish, without delay, copies of all such accident reports to the City of Fairhope. If in the performance of their Work, the awarded vendor fails to immediately report an accident to the City of Fairhope, of which the awarded vendor has knowledge of and which

results in a fine levied against the City of Fairhope then the awarded vendor shall be responsible for all fines levied against the City of Fairhope.

PACKAGING

All goods must be packaged in new packing containers. Packing that meets the requirements of common carriers is acceptable, unless otherwise required. A packing slip or invoice must accompany all shipments and must reference the purchase order number.

PAYMENT

Invoices -- Upon completion of service and delivery of materials specified in the applicable purchase order, awarded vendor will submit an invoice and signed delivery ticket to:

City of Fairhope
Accounts Payable Department
P.O. Box 429
Fairhope, Al. 36533

All invoices must reference appropriate Purchase Order Numbers

Payment Of Invoice: All invoices received by the City of Fairhope are payable within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the City of Fairhope, provided they are approved by the City of Fairhope.

PAYMENT WITHHELD

Payment may be withheld until all items have been delivered and all requirements of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order have been fulfilled.

RECEIPT BY CITY OF FAIRHOPE

If not otherwise stated in the order, the City of Fairhope will be said to have received goods when they have been delivered, unloaded and placed on the agency's dock or if there is no dock, inside an accessible building, and signed for

by an authorized City employee. Shipments will be checked against the receiving copy of the Purchase Order. If the purchase order requires grading certificates, USDA Stamps, or any proof of quality, such proof must accompany the shipment.

SET-UP AND INSTALLATION

Unless otherwise specified, bid / quotation to include cost of all uncrating, disposal of shipping materials, set-up, testing and initial instruction to agency personnel.

SPILL CLEAN UP

The awarded vendor shall be responsible for spillage caused by their negligence, which occurs during transit or unloading operations. The awarded vendor shall immediately report and clean up any spillage. Upon failure to do so, the awarded vendor shall remain responsible for all actual related costs.

PRODUCT TESTING

Vendor shall incur all cost involved in obtaining an Independent Laboratory Test if the City deems necessary during the term of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to request a demonstration of any and all items bid before making the award.

PATENTS

Awarded Vendor guaranties that the sale and / or use of goods will not infringe upon any U.S. or foreign patent. Awarded vendor will at his / her own expense, indemnify, protect and save harmless the City of Fairhope, on any patent claims arising from the purchase of goods or services.

PACKAGING

Unless otherwise specified, goods are to be packaged in cartons meeting federal specifications and shipped on non-returnable pallets.

PERMITS LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

The awarded vendor is to procure all permits, licenses, and certificates, or any approvals of plans or specifications as may be required by Federal, State, Local Laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, for the proper execution and completion of Work covered under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

PREPARATION OF BID

All bids / proposals shall be typewritten or in ink on the form(s) prepared by the City of Fairhope. Bids / proposals prepared in pencil will not be accepted. All bids / proposals must be signed by officials of the corporation or company duly authorized to sign bids / proposals. Any bid / proposal submitted without being signed will automatically be rejected. All corrections or erasures shall be initialed and dated by the person authorized to sign quotations / bids / proposals. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail.

QUESTIONS / CONTACT

Commencing with the issuance of the RFQ / ITB / RFP, or other form of solicitation, no vendor or anyone acting on a vendor's behalf, shall make direct or indirect contact with City personnel or undertake any activities or take any action to otherwise promote its quotation / bid / proposal to the City or its personnel. All communications shall be made to the contact identified in the quotation / bid / proposal documents. Violation of this requirement may, at the City's sole and absolute discretion, be grounds for disqualifying a vendor from further consideration.

REJECTION OF BIDS

The City of Fairhope reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part for any reason, to waive technicalities or informalities, or to advertise for new proposals, if, in the judgment of the awarding authority, the best interest of the City of

Fairhope will be promoted thereby. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any of (but not limited to) the following causes: Failure to use the bid forms furnished by the City of Fairhope, Lack of signature by an authorized representative on the bid form, Failure to properly complete the bid form and vendor compliance, Evidence of collusion among bidders, Unauthorized alteration of the bid form.

RIGHT TO AUDIT

The awarded vendor shall maintain documentation of all work performed. The awarded vendor shall make any and all documentation available to the City of Fairhope at all reasonable times, for inspections and audit by the City of Fairhope, during the entire term of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order and for a period of Three (3) years after the expiration of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

SAMPLES

Bidders will not be required to furnish samples at the time of bid opening, unless specifically called for. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to request samples after bid opening to assist in the evaluation of proposals submitted.

SAFETY MEASURES

The awarded vendor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of the City of Fairhope's and awarded vendor's employees at the Work site, and shall erect and properly maintain at all times, all necessary safeguards for the protection of the workmen and the public. The awarded vendor shall post signs warning against hazards in and around the Work site.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions on a purchase order shall require the approval of the Originating Buyer. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to reject at destination and hold at the vendor's risk and expense any goods supplied by the vendor which do not conform to the

specification or description embodied in the order or are inferior in any respect to the good specified. Any good bought by sample which is inferior in quality to the sample submitted by vendor will be rejected. Any goods delivered that do not meet specifications may be returned to the vendor at its expense. When a good is returned, the vendor must make immediate replacement with acceptable merchandise or the City of Fairhope may seek remedies for default.

TABULATION

Bid results are posted on The City of Fairhope's web site: www.cofairhope.com . The awarded vendor will be sent a written notification via mail.

TAXES

Prices quoted shall be delivered prices, exclusive of all federal or state excise, sales, and manufacturer's taxes. The City will assume no transportation or handling charges other than specified in the RFQ, ITB, RFP or other form of solicitation. The City is tax exempt by law – Code of Alabama 1975.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Any Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order may be terminated for convenience by the City of Fairhope, in whole or in part, by written notification to the awarded vendor.

TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

Performance of Work under the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order Agreement may be terminated by the City of Fairhope, in whole or in part, in writing, whenever the City of Fairhope determines that the awarded vendor has failed to meet the requirements of the Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order.

TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION

Termination for Non-appropriation – The continuation of any financial obligation beyond the current fiscal year is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made

available by the local source, State Legislature and/or federal sources. The City of Fairhope may terminate any financial obligation, and awarded vendor waives any and all claim(s) for damages, effective immediately upon receipt of written notice (or any date specified therein) if for any reason the City of Fairhope's funding from local, State and/or federal sources is not appropriated, withdrawn or limited.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

The City of Fairhope and awarded vendor agree that time is of the essence in the performance of Work called for under this Contract / Agreement / Purchase Order. The awarded vendor agrees that all work will be accomplished regularly, diligently and uninterrupted at such a rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof within reasonable time periods.

TITLE

All titles, fees, as well as other charges, are to be paid by awarded vendor. Awarded vendor is to furnish prepaid certificate of title in the name of the City of Fairhope, Title shall change upon acceptance of delivery at the City of Fairhope approved delivery location.

VENDOR LIST

A vendor may be removed from the City of Fairhope's Bidders List if a vendor fails to respond to three (3) consecutive ITB's. A properly submitted "No Bid" is considered as a response and the vendor will receive credit for the response.

WARRANTY

The awarded vendor expressly warrants that all articles, materials, and work offered shall conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample, or other description which is furnished to or adopted by the City of Fairhope, and that it will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defects. The awarded vendor further warrants all items for a period of one year,

unless otherwise stated, from the date of acceptance of the items delivered and installed or work completed. All repairs, replacements, or adjustments during the warranty period will be at the awarded vendor's sole expense. Awarded vendor will provide written warranty for all parts and labor for a period of (1) one year commencing from date of written acceptance

of delivery by City of Fairhope. Awarded vendor will provide written copies of all other applicable warranties, such as, Manufacturer's warranty. Those warranties, if any, will be in addition to the awarded vendor's warranty, and the terms of which will not be altered by the awarded vendor's warranty.

SSPC-SP10	<u>Steel Structures Painting Council System and Specifications</u>
ASTM A6	<u>Specification for General Requirements for Delivery Rolled Steel Plates, Shapes, Sheet Piling and Bars for Structural Use</u>
ASTM A325	<u>Specification for High-Strength Bolts for Structural Steel Joints</u>
ASTM A354	<u>Standard Specification for Quenched and Tempered Alloy Steel Bolts, Studs, and Other Externally Threaded Fasteners</u>
ASTM A370	<u>Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products</u>
ASTM A435	<u>Standard Specification for Straight Beam Ultrasonic Examination of Steel Plates</u>
ASTM A563	<u>Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Nuts</u>
ASTM A572	<u>Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel</u>
ASTM A673	<u>Specification for Sampling Procedures for Impact Testing of Structural Steel</u>
ASTM A871	<u>Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy structural Steel Plate With Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance</u>
ASTM E164	<u>Recommended Practice for Ultrasonic Contact Examination of Weldments</u>

3.0 WORK NOT INCLUDED

- 3.1 OWNER will furnish the following material:
 - 3.1.1 Insulators, conductor and shield wire hardware assemblies.
 - 3.1.2 Danger signs, structure numbers, and aerial patrol signs.
 - 3.1.3 Conductors, shield wires and devices.
 - 3.1.4 Ladders typically not furnished unless specified.
- 3.2 OWNER will perform the following items of work:
 - 3.2.1 Unloading and storage of structures.

3.2.2 Erection of structures.

3.2.3 Installation of lighting assemblies, conductor and shield wire hardware assemblies, and devices.

4.0 DRAWINGS

4.1 Drawings shall show:

4.1.1 Structure outline dimensions and metal thickness.

4.1.2 All parts or pieces with their identification marks.

4.1.3 A bill of material for all material furnished by supplier.

4.1.4 Structure, including arms, part marks, pertinent dimensions and position of each member.

4.1.5 Total fabricated weight of the structure including all fittings and devices.

5.0 MATERIAL

5.1 All primary structural plate material shall be supplied to ASTM A6 “General Requirements for Delivery of Rolled Steel Plates, Shapes, Sheet Piling and Bars for Structural Use” unless herein modified. All structural plate material furnished shall be mill-certified to meet an impact property of 15 ft/lbs @ -20°F in the longitudinal direction using the Charpy V-Notch Test. This shall be on an average of three (3) tests with no one (1) test below 10 ft/lbs. The location of the test sample shall be as prescribed in ASTM A673. The criteria of 15 ft/lbs at -20°F is based on full size test specimens. For subsize specimens, the dimensions and values to be used shall be in accordance with ASTM A673. Heat lot testing (Frequency “H”) will be acceptable.

5.2 Weathering Steel Poles

Material shall conform to ASTM A871 to provide a minimum yield strength of 65 ksi and to meet the requirements of 5.1.

5.3 Galvanized Steel Poles

Material shall conform to ASTM A572, Grade 65, modified to limit silicon content to .04% and to meet the requirements of 5.1.

5.4 Bolts (Optional-Upon request)

5.4.1 Bolts shall be ASTM A449, ASTM A354 Grade BC, or ASTM A325.

5.4.2 Bolts shall be either coated with Zinc-rich Primer, or hot dipped galvanized per ASTM A153 unless manufactured of atmospheric corrosion resistant material.

5.4.3 Nuts shall conform to ASTM A563.

6.0 DESIGN

Structure Design Requirements

6.1 Pole Shaft

6.1.1 All pole shaft cross sections shall be 12-sided (dodecagon) tubular cross-sections. For distribution class poles, 8 sided poles will be accepted.

6.1.2 Minimum plate thickness is 3/16" for all tube shafts. The thickness of the tubular shafts shall be the same for the top, middle, and bottom sections within pole class. Variable plate thickness will not be allowed within pole class.

6.1.3 Poles shall be of uniform taper per the requirements in the tables below.

6.1.4 Top and mid sections within pole class shall be interchangeable. In other words, any top section or mid section will slip together properly with any bottom section within that same pole class.

6.1.5 All weathering bottom sections shall be sealed at the top and bottom of the section with a welded plate.

6.1.6 Weathering poles up to and including 60 feet in length shall be 1 piece poles. Assembled lengths of weathering poles from 65 feet to 120 feet shall be a maximum of 2 pieces (sections). Many times, one piece poles will also be required from 65 feet to 80 feet in overall length.

6.1.7 Poles shall have a pole top diameter (point to point reference), minimum groundline moment capacity (point to point reference), and minimum taper on the points per the following tables:

Minimum Groundline Moment Capacities (Ft-Kips, pt-pt) Light Duty Steel Poles										
Pole	LD-1	LD-2	LD-3	LD-4	LD-5	LD-6	LD-7	LD-8	LD-9	LD-10
Minimum Pole top diameter	9.5"	9.5"	9.5"	10.5"	10.5"	10.563"	10.63"	10.63"	10.63"	11.13"
Minimum Taper (" /ft)	.105"/ft t	.125"/ft t	.1475"/ft t	.156"/ft t	.185"/ft t	.1795"/ft t	.1775"/ft t	.201"/ft t	.223"/ft t	.2375"/ft t
40'	116	129	145	173	196	222	251	277	303	338
45'	125	140	159	189	217	246	277	308	339	379
50'	134	152	174	206	238	270	304	341	377	421

Minimum Groundline Moment Capacities (Ft-Kips, pt-pt)										
Light Duty Steel Poles										
55'	144	164	189	224	261	295	333	375	417	467
60'	154	177	205	243	285	322	363	411	459	514
65'	164	190	222	262	310	350	394	448	503	564
70'	175	204	240	282	336	379	426	488	549	616
75'	186	218	258	303	363	409	460	528	597	670
80'	197	233	277	325	391	440	495	571	647	727
85'	209	248	296	347	418	472	531	615	699	785
90'	221	264	316	370	440	506	569	661	753	847
95'	233	280	337	394	462	540	607	708	810	910
100'	246	296	358	416	484	576	648	757	868	975
105'	259	313	381	435	506	613	689	808	928	1025
110'	273	331	403	453	527	651	732	860	986	1076
115'	286	349	423	472	549	680	775	914	1033	1126
120'	300	367	440	491	570	709	821	970	1080	1176

Minimum Groundline Moment Capacities (Ft-Kips, pt-pt)			
Distribution Class Steel Poles			
Pole	DC-4	DC-3	DC-2
Minimum Pole top diameter	6.5"	7.5"	8.5"
Minimum Taper (" /ft)	.105"/ft	.105"/ft	.105"/ft
30'	50	63	77
35'	56	69	84
40'	62	76	91
45'	69	83	99
50'	75	90	107
55'	82	98	115
60'	90	106	124
65'	97	114	133
70'	105	123	142
75'	113	132	152
80'	122	141	162
85'	131	151	172
90'	140	161	183

Notes: Groundline moments in the preceding tables represent the moment capacity of the pole, based on point-to-point orientation, at a location of 10% of the pole height plus 2 feet from the pole butt. When selecting a pole, the responsible engineer shall determine the critical loading on the required pole section, taking column loading into consideration when applicable.

6.2 Bearing Plate and Pole Caps

6.2.1 For standard light duty poles, the diameter of the bearing plate shall be a maximum of the butt diameter plus 1 inch.

6.2.2 Pole caps shall be welded on for weathering poles and bolt-on for galvanized poles.

7.0 **FABRICATION**

7.1 Pole Shaft Fabrication

7.1.1 All workmanship and finish shall be equal to the best modern practice for the manufacture and fabrication of transmission structures, notwithstanding any omissions from this Specification or the drawing.

7.1.2 All parts of the structure shall be neatly finished and free from kinks or twists. All holes, blocks, and clips shall be made with sharp tools and shall be clean-cut without torn or ragged edges.

7.1.3 All forming or bending during fabrication shall be done by methods that will prevent embrittlement or loss of strength in the material being worked.

7.2 Accessories

7.2.1 Ladder clips shall be provided for climbing and working as detailed by the drawing specifications.

7.2.2 Grounding provisions shall be provided in accordance with the drawing specifications.

7.3 Welding

7.3.1 Welds and Welders shall conform to recommended practices of the American Welding Society Code D1.1 (or latest revision thereof) Sections 2, 4, and 5. In addition, compatibility between weld types and load application on connections will be considered. Machine welding shall be utilized where feasible.

7.3.2 Welding electrodes shall conform to AWS specifications. All weld material shall be certified to meet the requirement of a Charpy impact value of 15 ft-lbs at -20° Fahrenheit and shall have strength properties equal to or greater than the steel being welded.

7.3.3 Circumferential welds on poles and arms shall be 100% penetration. Longitudinal welds in female ends of slip joints shall be 100% penetration for a minimum of the slip joint lap + 12 inches.

7.3.4 Longitudinal welds other than in slip joint area shall be a minimum of 80% penetration.

7.3.5 Quality Control

7.3.5.1 Primary inspection for conformance to the AWS Code shall be by close visual inspection.

7.3.5.2 Welds shall be inspected in accordance with procedures of AWS D1.1 (latest revision), Section 6, and as outlined within this Specification.

7.3.5.3 Circumferential welds and longitudinal welds within six (6) inches of a circumferential weld, or within the area of the slip joint and 90° base weld, shall be tested ultrasonically in accordance with Part C, Section 6, of AWS D1.1, using either 45° or 70° transducers. In addition, the 90° base weld shall also include a longitudinal beam ultrasonic test from the bottom of the base into the weld.

7.3.5.4 Longitudinal welds on the female portion of a slip joint shall be tested ultrasonically in accordance with Section 6, Part C of AWS D1.1 to verify 100% penetration.

7.3.5.5 Weld acceptance or rejection criteria shall conform to AWS D1.1 Section 8.15.

8.0 FINISH

8.1 Surface Coating:

8.1.1 Standard construction is to require only groundline protection of the steel poles. This protection includes a base protection consisting of thermal spray zinc coating (Metalizing) from the pole butt to a point 10% of the pole height plus 7 feet. In addition to the base protection, a corrosion inhibiting coating of Corrocote II urethane, or equivalent, shall be applied to a minimum thickness (DFT) of 16 mils over the top of the base metallize coating. The Corrocote shall be applied from 5 feet from the pole butt to 10% plus 7 feet from the pole butt.

8.2 Surface Preparation

8.2.1 All surfaces to be painted or galvanized shall be cleaned after fabrication in accordance with Steel Structures Painting Council's Surface Preparation Specification SSPC-SP10 for near white finish.

9.0 Verification Reports

- 9.1 The VENDOR shall make adequate tests and inspections (to be kept for a minimum of 7 years) to determine that the material furnished is in accordance with this Specification.
- 9.2 The VENDOR, if requested by the OWNER, shall furnish a copy of mill test reports showing chemical and physical properties of all material furnished under this Specification.

10.0 Marking and Identification

- 10.1 A metal plate stating pole data shall be welded on a flat 90 degrees from a ladder clip face. The nameplate edges are not to extend beyond the flat. Pole length, weight, class, manufacturer, and manufacturer job number shall be stated on the nameplate.
- 10.2 The center of gravity for each pole section shall be marked along the long seam weld by a weld bead.
- 10.3 Two-piece poles shall have a weld bead denoting the class (example "LD-1") located approximately 1 foot above and below the pole joint on the flats that are to be mated.
- 10.4 For all poles, the bottom of the pole bearing plate shall have the pole class and length marked with a 2" weld bead. The pole top plate shall have the pole class only marked with a 2" weld bead.
- 10.5 For multi-section poles, the bottom pole section's sealer plate shall be marked with a paint stick, height and class. In cases where poles are very tall (for example, poles over 95 feet), the pole top section can be as long as 60 feet or greater. For pole top sections 60 feet and greater, include pole section length with a weld bead on the top plate.

11.0 Packing and Shipping

- 11.1 Poles and arms shall be properly blocked and restrained on rail cars or trucks to prevent damage to finish or distortion of components during shipment. The VENDOR shall exercise every precaution to protect all shipments against damage in transit.

END OF SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM V

**CITY OF FAIRHOPE
BID RESPONSE FORM**

BID NO.: 032-10

BID NAME: WEATHERED STEEL POLES

Our bid form must be filled in completely.

1. All pages of this Bid Response Form, and additional requested pages, if any, must be returned.
2. Acknowledgement must be made where a blank (_____) appears.
3. A signed contractual agreement must be in place prior to beginning work or services.
4. Any attachments hereto are made and become a part of this inquiry and must be signed by bidder.

QUANTITIES The City of Fairhope does not guarantee that the City will procure any set quantities.

SIZE	QUANTITY		
70/1	18	\$ _____ PER POLE	Deliver in _____ Days ARO
75/H1	6	\$ _____ PER POLE	Deliver in _____ Days ARO

Manufacturer: _____

Each bid must give the full business address of the bidder and must be signed by him with his usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full names of all partners and must be signed with the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership, or by an authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing. Bids by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the State of Incorporation and by the signature and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person shall also be typed or printed below the signature. A bid by a person who affixes to this signature the word "president," "secretary," "agent," or other designation without disclosing his principal, may be held to be the bid of the individual signing. When requested by the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

The undersigned agrees to furnish the goods/services as requested by you for the City of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama in your invitation to bid, and certifies that they will meet or exceed the specifications called for. The undersigned has read all information pertaining to this bid and has resolved all questions. It is also understood and agreed that all prices quoted are F.O.B. described in the bid documents and specifications. The undersigned also affirms he/she has not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding or otherwise.

Company _____

State of Incorporation _____

Company Representative _____

(Signature)

Title _____

Company Representative _____

(print)

Company Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Federal ID Number _____

Foreign Vendor Alabama Registration Number, if applicable _____

Alabama State Contractor's License Number, if applicable _____

THIS MUST BE NOTARIZED!

STATE OF _____ }

} ss:

COUNTY OF _____ }

I, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, hereby certify that

_____, as _____
(Type name of bid signer here) (Type bid signers Title here)

respectively, of _____
(Type company name here)

whose name is signed to the foregoing document and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the document they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and Notaries Seal on this _____ day of _____, 2010.

NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

END OF BID RESPONSE FORM