

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BANKING SERVICES AND DEPOSITORY

1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Carthage is requesting proposals for a banking services contract to be awarded February 13, 2023 with service to begin March 1, 2023 and extend for three (3) years. This contract may be extended for an additional two years. 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.

2. 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 full 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

Sealed bids or proposals clearly marked "Bank Depository" shall be delivered to the office of the City Secretary, Carthage City Hall, 812 W. Panola, Carthage, TX 75633 no later than 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023. Sealed bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2023. The City reserves the right to accept /reject any and all proposals.

The proposing Bank shall use this RFP form as the OFFICIAL BID FORM to submit rates and to answer questions. Any major changes or deletions that alter the intent of the RFP may be grounds for the City to disregard and reject the RFP and the bid. Variations or exceptions must be noted on the bid or on separate paper with reference to the appropriate section number.

The City reserves the right to request additional information or to meet with representatives from proposing organizations to discuss points in the proposal before and after submission, any and all of which may be used in forming a recommendations.

The Bidder states that is a banking institution chartered under the laws of the United States or the State of Texas.

3. RFP Questions

Questions regarding this RFP or the service requested will be accepted in written form at the address below on or before 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2023. Responses to all material questions submitted will be communicated to each prospective bidder.

City Secretary
PO Box 400
Carthage, TX 75633-0400

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 proposal will be made on the basis of the following objectives:

Time deposit interest rates	10%
Cost of Service	20%
Service availability	35%
Safety and creditworthiness	35%

6. Award of Bid and Service Initiation

The contract is to be awarded by the City Commission at its February 13, 2023 meeting.

3. REQUIRED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

All banks must provide, as part of the proposal:

- Audited financial statement for the most recent fiscal year;
- A copy of the current call report, and
- A statement regarding any recent or foreseen merger or acquisition.

4. REQUIRED BANKING SERVICES

The bank should list all services provided and the specific price for each service offered.

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. The City's current account structure contains the accounts listed on **Attachment A**.

B. Wire Transfer Services

The City currently generates an unlimited amount of incoming and 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 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 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 records 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 be provided. The monthly statements are to be received within five 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 an anticipated time and demand deposits, above the FDIC insured limit of \$100,000.00 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 must be released. The proposal will name the safekeeping Bank for collateral.

N. 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.

5. 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. 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.

6. 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

022241 Consolidated Cash

48631 Payroll

4701775 Credit Card