



STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR:
On Call Geotechnical Engineering
Services for County Projects

RFQ 2022-010

WEBB COUNTY | SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Letter of Transmittal

September 21, 2022

Webb County Purchasing Department
1110 Washington St., Ste. 101
Laredo, Texas 78040

Ref: RFQ 2022-010 On Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for County Projects

Dear Evaluation Committee:

Since 1968, Raba Kistner, Inc. (Raba Kistner) has played a major role in shaping the Rio Grande Valley (RGV). With two local offices, we've helped design, build and maintain the infrastructure that makes up the environment in which our citizens live, work and play. Raba Kistner is a firm that listens and commits to helping serve our clients. We have been serving city, county, and state clients for over 53 years, and those entities remain Raba Kistner's clients today because we understand their specific needs, we listen, and we help them accomplish their project objectives.

We are pleased to present our Statement of Qualifications to Webb County for the above-mentioned RFQ. Raba Kistner's Services proposed for this RFQ: **Geotechnical Engineering Services**.

Raba Kistner is locally-managed and operated by professionals within South Texas and is supported by one of the largest engineering firms in the southwestern United States. We offer one of the largest pools of resident engineers, architects, technicians, inspectors, and environmental professionals in the Valley. With our local offices and local staff, we are able to provide fast project deliverables. Additionally, Raba Kistner's McAllen laboratory was the first Rio Grande Valley facility to become both accredited by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and validated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The scope of tests included in our accreditation is unmatched in the RGV.

This SOQ is valid for ninety (90) days from the deadline of submission. Raba Kistner's quick responsiveness and on-time deliverables are maintained throughout project design and construction. We have a clear understanding of Webb County's staff's expectations and all Raba Kistner engineers, architects, and staff are dedicated and committed to this vision. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 956.682.5332 or kleonard@rkci.com. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Leonard', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Katrin Leonard, PE, Vice President

Executive Summary

Qualification Statement

Firm Name: Raba Kistner, Inc.

Local Addresses: 800 East Hackberry
McAllen, Texas 78501

Telephone Numbers: 956.682.5332 (McAllen)

Contact Person: Katrin Leonard, PE
956.648.5410
kleonard@rkci.com

Raba Kistner, Inc. (Raba Kistner) is pleased to present our company's extensive expertise and unique qualifications to Webb County to provide Geotechnical Engineering services for the Webb County's upcoming street, drainage improvement, and other miscellaneous projects. We are confident that we can provide the Webb County with quality services based on our 53 years of continued engineering services in Texas. Our local Rio Grande Valley (RGV) offices have over 40 employees ready to service Webb County.

Raba Kistner has one of the largest geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing and engineering, environmental, and project management staff in the state, and has the necessary staff and equipment for your projects. Our team has successfully and continuously tailored cost-effective scopes of service to fit individual projects' unique requirements. Our staff strives to be responsive to our clients' schedules, comprehensive in their scope, and realistic and cost-conscious in their recommendations.

More than 75% of our team holds licensure or certifications in their areas of expertise. Furthermore, Raba Kistner's Geotechnical and Construction Materials Testing staff and laboratories are among the largest in the state. Raba Kistner's resources, manpower, and organizational structure allow for all of our employees to serve as seamless service providers for every project. Given our staff size and experience within each service, we can undertake the requirements of major projects or complement clients' existing in-house capabilities. Our commitment to protecting our clients' interests remains constant.

Executive Summary

Raba Kistner’s engineering staff and independent laboratories are among the largest and most thoroughly equipped throughout the State of Texas. We serve in leadership roles and are accredited by and/or affiliated with:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)
- American Society for Testing of Materials (ASTM E 329)
- Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA)
- National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Texas Council of Engineering Laboratories (TCEL)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Raba Kistner has played an integral role in the expansion of the RGV since 1991, and in improving the quality of life of its citizens. We have two primary local facilities—offices in Brownsville and McAllen. The McAllen facility, the largest in the Valley, has more than 5,200 square feet of air-conditioned space encompassing advanced technology in the geotechnical and materials testing laboratory. We are honored that public agencies and businesses in the Valley have recognized our engineering capabilities and have allowed us the opportunity to provide consultation on their projects. This local familiarity adds to the quality of services we are able to provide Webb County. Our experience has given us a wealth of knowledge about local conditions, Raba Kistner would like to apply its 53 years of local knowledge and experience to help Webb County realize its vision of being leaders in delivering reliable services to the community. No conflicts of interest exist in representing Webb County.

Raba Kistner has performed over 1,500 projects for City, County, or State entities from our RGV offices in the last 30 years. Through this experience, we have gained knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate standards, and policies for when working with these entities. Our local familiarity adds to the quality of services we are able to provide our clients throughout the region. Our commitment to protecting our clients’ interests remains constant. Used individually or collectively, Raba Kistner’s services provide practical, on-time, on-budget solutions.

1968 Bunny and Carl Raba, and Ronald Tolson start Raba & Tolson Consulting Engineers, local geotechnical engineering firm, in San Antonio, Texas.	1974 Richard Kistner joins firm and leads the expansion into construction materials engineering.	1978 Name changes to Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. expands services to include geosciences and environmental sciences.	1980 Office established in Mexico.	1986 Office established in Austin, Texas.
1991 Office established in McAllen, Texas, followed with office in Brownsville, Texas in 1994.	2001 Office established in Houston, Texas.	2003 Services expanded to include infrastructure and work begins on SH 130.	2008 Office established in Dallas, Texas.	2009 Office established in Utah.
2013 Project Control Program management firm, Project Control, and its sports and entertainment division, PC Sports joins Raba Kistner.	2015 Office established in Lincoln, Nebraska.	2018 50 YEARS RABA KISTNER Building Better Tomorrows	2018 Construction Sciences Raba Kistner joins Australian engineering firm Construction Sciences PTY, LTD (now Intega)	2021 Drake Environmental, LLC joins Raba Kistner.
2015 Red River Archaeology Dallas-based firm, Red River Archaeology joins Raba Kistner.	2018 Timber Creek Environmental, LLC joins Raba Kistner.	2021 Raba Kistner, an Intega Group company, joins Kiwa.		

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Information contained in this RFQ #2022-10 and any supplemental information submitted during the selection, negotiation or contracting phases may contain confidential and proprietary information belonging to Raba Kistner. Disclosure of this information would reveal Raba Kistner's individual approach, including methods employed for investigation, examination, assessment and analysis, processes and procedures. Confidential and proprietary information should not be disclosed in response to a request for information submitted under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Raba Kistner has made all reasonable efforts to highlight, separate or otherwise indicate information to be excepted from disclosure due to its confidential and/or proprietary nature. Information not designated as proprietary or confidential may still be subject to an exception from disclosure.

Section 1 Geotechnical Experience

— A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

Firm Name: Raba Kistner, Inc.
Local Address: 800 East Hackberry
McAllen, Texas 78501
Telephone Numbers: 956.682.5332 (McAllen)

— B. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY

Professional Corporation

— C. PLACE OF INCORPORATION

State of Texas

— D. NAME AND LOCATION OF MAJOR OFFICES AND OTHER FACILITIES THAT RELATE TO THE OFFEROR'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS RFQ

Headquarters: 12821 W. Golden Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78249

— E. NAME, ADDRESS, BUSINESS AND FAX NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL CONTACT

Contact Person: Katrin Leonard, PE
800 East Hackberry
McAllen, Texas 78501
956.648.5410
kleonard@rkci.com

— F. FULL NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR EACH MEMBER, PARTNER, AND EMPLOYEE OF OFFER (SUB-OFFERORS) WHO WILL PERFORM SERVICES

Raba Kistner will perform all services requested in this RFQ except Geotechnical Drilling Services. Below is the information for those companies.

Firm Name: Eagle Drilling	Firm Name: Southwest Drilling
Address: 27411 Okent Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78260	Address: 210 S Flores St Rio Grande City, Texas
Telephone Numbers: 830-980-8257	Telephone Numbers: 956-227-3817

— G. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Raba Kistner has been in business for more than fifty-three (53) years providing geotechnical, construction materials testing, environmental, facilities, program management and transportation/infrastructure engineering services throughout Texas and the United States. The firm has in excess of \$100 million per year in revenues, and

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employees over 600 people in offices in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Dallas, the Rio Grande Valley, Salt Lake City, and New York. The firm has a net worth of over \$8 million and has been consistently profitable throughout the firm's history. Financial Statements are available upon request.

Geotechnical Engineering Services

Raba Kistner's goal is to improve our clients' project performance by putting our extensive geotechnical engineering experience to work. Since 1968, we have developed engineering solutions for complex surface and subsurface conditions.

Our professionals clearly understand the interrelationship between our geologic environment and the objectives of clients. Over the past 53 years, our geotechnical team has successfully and continuously tailored cost-effective scopes of service to fit individual project's unique requirements. We take advantage of advanced technology including geophysical surveys and pressure meter testing.

Raba Kistner's staff serves a broad market. Clients receive the advantage of our shared experience between markets and one of the largest archives of geotechnical data. We tackle site conditions ranging from coastal sands to expansive clay soils to rock formations. Raba Kistner's geotechnical footprint has marked distribution and retail centers, high rise structures, sports arenas, and convention centers. We have served numerous educational and healthcare campuses, military installations, and international airports. Our team has also worked closely with clients on regional water/wastewater utilities and energy transmission systems, first-in-the-state transportation initiatives, and major industrial and manufacturing facilities.

Raba Kistner's professionals strive to be responsive to our clients' schedules, comprehensive in our scoping, and realistic and cost conscious in our recommendations. Identifying subsurface conditions and understanding their impact on construction and performance are critical issues on any project. Underground conditions represent risk, and Raba Kistner reduces those risks by putting our geotechnical engineering and geotechnical testing experience to work. Our expertise includes field exploration services, laboratory testing, and engineering evaluation and reporting. We have worked on large, significant projects, and have tailored cost-effective services for each.

Raba Kistner has one of the largest archives of geotechnical data in the Southwest. We tackle site conditions ranging from coastal sands to expansive clay soils to rock formations, and our geotechnical footprint has marked retail centers, sports arenas, convention centers, education and healthcare campuses, military installations, international airports, energy transmission

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systems, and much more. For each, we utilize our accredited and/or certified laboratories, innovative techniques and equipment, vast experience, and ingenuity to create effective solutions.

Specialty Geotechnical Testing Services:

- Pressuremeter Studies
- Soil and Rock Instrumentation
- Conductivity Testing
- Resistivity Testing
- Refraction Microtremor (ReMi®)
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Various Specialty Services

Geotechnical Engineering Approach

Close coordination and communication with Webb County representatives and Raba Kistner technical staff will be key to the successful execution of work under this contract. Raba Kistner's Project Manager will be available on a continuous basis during extended hours, seven days a week, to receive requests from Webb County and coordinate with the appropriate technical staff and agencies for the execution of each assignment. Once a task is requested, Raba Kistner will provide Webb County with a scope, fee and schedule, then internally make the assignment to our staff. The assignment will be completed in coordination with Webb County staff and regulatory authorities, as is appropriate, within the agreed schedule.

Experience in the Area

For over 30 years, Raba Kistner has played an integral role in the expansion of the Rio Grande Valley and improving the quality of life of its citizens. We have performed Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical services on hundreds of municipal-related projects within the Valley and have extensive experience assisting the Webb County area, which will provide a unique advantage in servicing these Geotechnical Engineering and CoMET projects. Our employees work and live in the area and are familiar with the local issues and concerns. Given our history of practicing professional engineering and consulting services within the Valley, we have a comprehensive database of geotechnical subsurface conditions. This aids clients such as Webb County in that we can pull from first-hand knowledge when dealing with projects. The Raba Kistner RGV Offices employ more than 50 staff members. Given our previous experience working with Webb County, we trust you are familiar with each of these individuals' quality of work.

Statement on Availability & Commitment to Undertake Projects

Given our staff size and experience within each service, we can undertake the requirements of major projects or complement clients' existing in-house capabilities, including multiple projects at the same time. Our commitment to protecting our clients' interests remains constant. Used individually or collectively, Raba Kistner's services provide practical, on-time, on-budget solutions.

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Concrete testing representatives also have experience in soils testing services including density, gradation, sampling, percent solids of lime slurry and will possess a radiation safety certificate. All field services will be closely monitored by the Field and Laboratory Managers.

Length of Response Time

Our current workload will allow for full application of our assigned staff and company resources to meet your schedule and deadlines. Having a record of engineering and consulting services for public agencies, we are familiar with your timing and fiscal constraints and understand the sensitivity required for service turnaround time and scheduling with public projects. Our staff is ready to take on new assignments now and can provide begin work immediately after receiving your authorization to proceed.

Project Manager for Geotechnical Services

Ms. Katrin Leonard, PE, Vice President will serve as Project Manager overseeing all Geotechnical Engineering services provided for Webb County projects. With more than 22 years of experience, Ms. Leonard serves as Vice President overseeing all operations in the RGV. She is responsible for the management, administration, and coordination of subsurface reconnaissance studies, soil investigations, shallow and deep foundation recommendations, pavement design and analyses, construction materials engineering, quality control/quality assurance, due diligence studies, and forensic investigations, and a number of environmental site assessments for residential, commercial, and industrial projects, as well as various infrastructure projects with local, state, county, and federal agencies in South Texas, México, and along the Texas/México border. Ms. Leonard's experience includes water and wastewater related projects; streets/roadways; bridge replacements; commercial properties; residential subdivisions; manufacturing facilities; sports arenas/complexes; and educational, health, and financial institutions.

Proposed Cost Control Methods

The development of a scope of work is generally dictated by project specifications, plans and details, and other code requirements. Many key factors that affect the project scope of work and involve various parties, including the owner's representative. These items include the construction schedule, means and methods to be employed by the general contractor, and construction costs. The knowledge of construction practices which Raba Kistner has developed throughout the last 53 years has helped us tailor a project management approach to efficiently deliver our services. Usually, plans and specifications are closely reviewed to determine the frequency of testing, the type of tests, and the quantities of materials to be tested. Raba Kistner employs estimators that have many years of experience estimating costs for projects. Once this information is collected, a determination of the number of tests and other services is calculated based on the test frequencies cited in the project specifications.

Raba Kistner's scope of work and staffing plan can be further refined by reviewing the construction

Section 1 Geotechnical Experience

schedule and the means and methods provided by the District. Utilization of overtime testing significantly impacts the testing budget and further reviewing contractor work schedules can more effectively estimate utilization of overtime.

Our scope of work is highly dependent upon the actions and progress of the contractor, we have the ability to provide Webb County with progress reports as to adherence of budget and scope. For any change in scope, Raba Kistner will obtain authorization by the County prior to performing the work.

Corporate Professional Engineers License



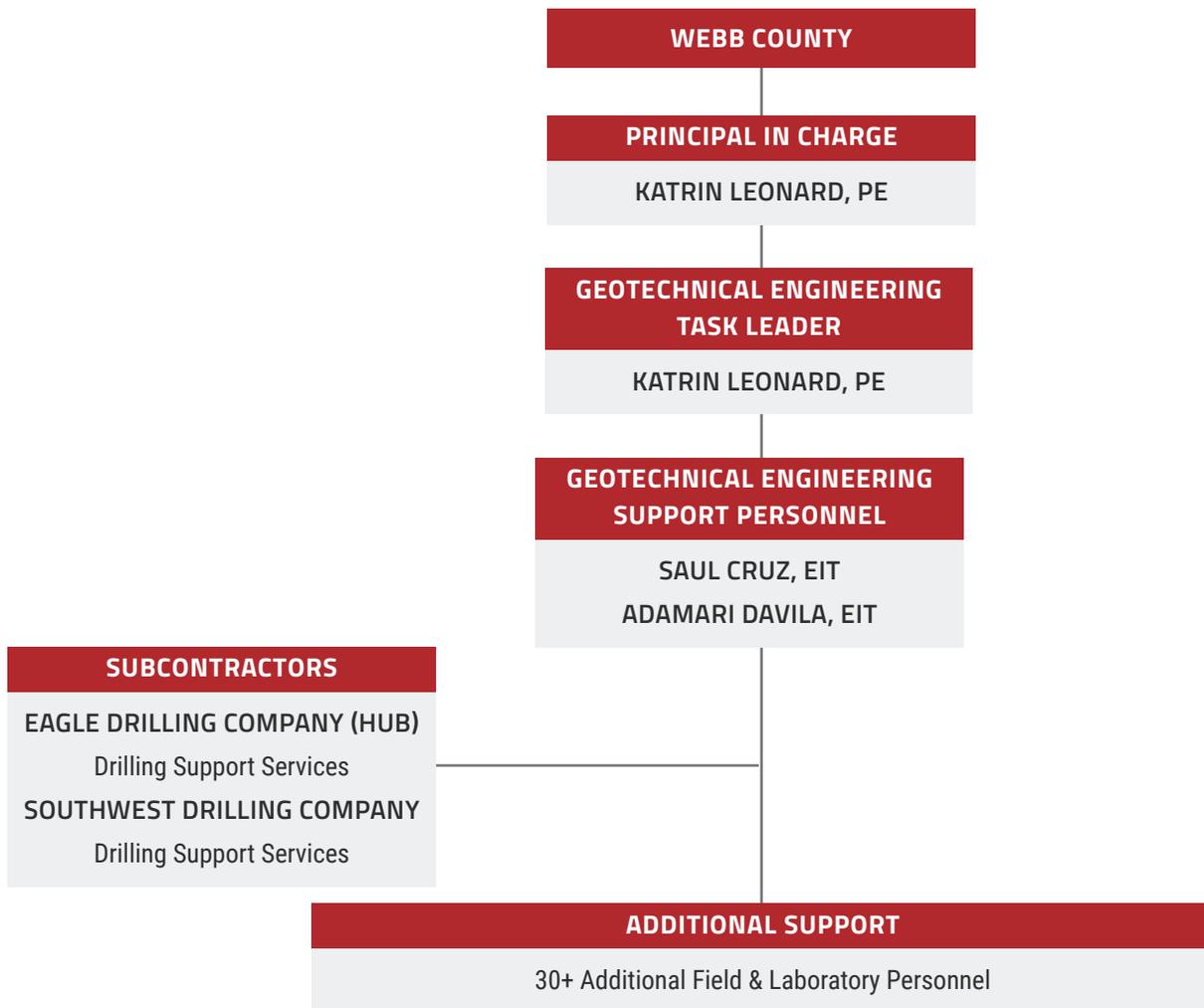
AASHTO Laboratory Accreditation



Section 2 Personnel Qualifications

Management and Staffing

Organizational Chart



Resumes



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Geotechnical Engineering
Construction Materials Engineering
Facilities Engineering

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

22 years

REGISTRATION

Professional Engineer:
Texas No. 95810
Granted: 6/2/2005
Expires: 3/31/2022

EDUCATION

B.S., Civil Engineering
Carleton University, Ontario, 1999

AVAILABILITY

45%

Katrin Leonard, PE

VICE PRESIDENT

PROJECT ROLE: PROJECT MANAGER & GEOTECHNICAL TASK LEADER

Ms. Leonard is recognized for her commitment to meeting client objectives for prompt and practical facilities engineering solutions. As Vice President of Raba Kistner's Rio Grande offices, she has assumed progressive responsibility in management, administration, and coordination of geotechnical and facilities services throughout South Texas, the Texas/México border, and Northern México.

Ms. Leonard earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Carleton University in Ontario, Canada. She is registered as a Professional Engineer by the State of Texas.

On a day-to-day basis, Ms. Leonard provides project management in several areas of facilities engineering. Her project assignments address subsurface reconnaissance studies, soil investigations, residential observation, and foundation and pavement design recommendations. Her responsibilities include preparation, design and analysis, and review of plans, specifications, reports, and cost and quantity estimates for industrial, commercial, residential, and educational projects.

Ms. Leonard has had the opportunity to excel at a diversity of significant projects. Working as a team and on her own, she has experience in project management/administration of numerous educational and institutional health facilities, bank buildings, retail shopping centers, water and wastewater treatment plants for city and state Economically Distressed Area Programs, and transportation efforts, including airports, communication towers, and streets.

Ms. Leonard is dedicated to her profession and community. She volunteers time to numerous organizations and continues to enhance her engineering qualifications through regular participation in professional training seminars.



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Geotechnical Engineering
Construction Materials Engineering and Testing

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

7 years

REGISTRATIONS

Engineer-in-Training:
Texas No. 65436

EDUCATION

B.S., Civil Engineering
University of Texas - Pan American,
2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Civil Engineers
(ASCE), Member

AVAILABILITY

45%

Saul Cruz, EIT

ENGINEER IN TRAINING

PROJECT ROLE: GEOTECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Mr. Cruz works with Raba Kistner’s Rio Grande Valley operations as an Engineer in Training. Under the direction of professional engineers, within the company, he is responsible for performing geotechnical, facilities and construction materials engineering investigations and report preparation. Mr. Cruz has experience working with the City of McAllen and the City of Pharr where he worked as an engineering intern. On a day-to-day basis, Mr. Cruz provides engineering support and manages a variety of projects and investigations, which include engineering observation at new and existing building sites, direction and oversight of field and exploration staff and subcontractors for field services, and pier and foundation inspection. Mr. Cruz is also responsible for classification of samples, assignment of testing regimens in the laboratory, interpretation of engineering data, performing engineering calculations and analysis, and report preparation.

Subcontractors

Eagle Drilling, Inc. - 10% of Contract

Eagle Drilling, Inc. was founded in August 1991. Eagle Drilling has worked on more than 500 geotechnical engineering projects with Raba Kistner over the last five years as Raba Kistner 's primary driller in the South Texas region. If needed, with three fully staffed drilling rigs, Eagle Drilling has the ability to meet the necessary drilling equipment to support this project.

Eagle Drilling, Inc. meets HUB/DBE/MBE/WBE qualifications.

Southwest Drilling Company - 10% of Contract

Southwest Drilling Company was formed in 1998 and works with Raba Kistner on many South Texas Projects. Raba Kistner and Southwest Drilling Company have worked on over 150 geotechnical engineering projects together as Raba Kistner's primary driller in the Rio Grande Valley area.

Mr. Santiago G. Gonzalez manages pre-drilling activities for all geotechnical engineering and/or other subsurface exploration projects handled by engineering companies, as well as providing technical support for projects involving complex geology. He has experience in managing a large scale fleet of drill rigs and a full drilling staff, coupled with an extensive geological knowledge, make him uniquely qualified to coordinate field services for geologic and geotechnical engineering projects.

Mr. Gonzalez has worked as a geotechnical driller for more than 19 years. He established his drilling company in 1997 and works extensively with Raba Kistner on many South Texas drilling projects.

We have worked very closely with both Eagle Drilling Copmany and Southwest Drilling Company for numerous years and are confident both firms will be able to perform quality drilling activities for Raba Kistner and Webb County on a timely basis.

Length of Response Time

Our current workload will allow for full application of our assigned staff and company resources to meet your schedule and deadlines. Having a record of engineering and consulting services for public agencies, we are familiar with your timing and fiscal constraints and understand the sensitivity required for service turnaround time and scheduling with public projects. Our staff is ready to take on new assignments now and can provide a price proposal and begin work immediately after receiving your authorization to proceed.

Section 2 Personnel Qualifications

Statement on meeting the County's needs and RFQ requirements

Given our staff size and experience within each service, we can undertake the requirements of major projects or complement clients' existing in-house capabilities, including multiple projects at the same time. Our commitment to protecting our clients' interests remains constant. Used individually or collectively, Raba Kistner's services provide practical, on-time, on-budget solutions.

Section 3 References and Projects

Prior Related Experience

EAGLE PASS ROAD PAVING PROJECT, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$6,1117

CLIENT: Webb County

CONTACT: Mr. Guillermo B. Cuellar

ADDRESS: 1620 Santa Ursula, 2nd Floor, Laredo, Texas 78040

PHONE: 956-523-4055

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Construction Materials Testing for this project.

WEBB COUNTY JP PCT 4 BLDG ADD, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$5,475

CLIENT: Webb County

CONTACT: Mr. Luis Perez Garcia, PE

ADDRESS: 1620 Santa Ursula, 2nd Floor, Laredo, Texas 78040

PHONE: 956-523-4055

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services for this project.

SHUNIOR DRAINAGE PROJECT, EDINBURG, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$25,000

CLIENT: City of Edinburg

CONTACT: Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa, PE

ADDRESS: PO Box 1079, Edinburg, Texas 78540

PHONE: 956-388-8211

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services for this project.

LOS FRESNOS HIKE & BIKE TRAIL, LOS FRESNOS, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$20,903

CLIENT: City of Los Fresnos

CONTACT: Mr. Mark Milum

ADDRESS: 520 East Ocean Blvd, Los Fresnos, Texas 78566

PHONE: 956-233-5768

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services and Construction Materials Engineering Testing and Inspection for this project.

Section 3 References and Projects

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT, MERCEDES, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$76,000

CLIENT: City of Mercedes

CONTACT: Mr. Sergio Zavala

ADDRESS: 400 S Ohio St, Mercedes, Texas 78570

PHONE: 956-656-3114

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering for this project.

ALBERTA ROAD, EDINBURG, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$80,000

CLIENT: City of Edinburg

CONTACT: Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa

ADDRESS: PO Box 1079, Edinburg, Texas 78540

PHONE: 956-388-8211

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services and Construction Materials Engineering Testing and Inspection for this project.

BELDEN BUENA VISTA, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$17,285

CLIENT: City of Brownsville

CONTACT: Mr. David Licon, Jr.

ADDRESS: PO Box 911, Brownsville, Texas 78520

PHONE: 956-541-1012

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services for this project.

WESTWAY HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, MCALLEN, TEXAS

FINAL COST: \$18,338

CLIENT: City of McAllen

CONTACT: Mr. Eduardo Mendoza, PE

ADDRESS: 311 North 15th street, McAllen, Texas 78501

PHONE: 956-681-1150

DESCRIPTION: Raba Kistner performed Geotechnical Engineering Services for this project.

What Our Clients Say About Us

"Provided the final report in a timely manner."

"Staff were constantly in contact with us and provided us with updated information prior to the final report."

"Met our schedule in a timely manner."

"The staff at the McAllen branch are always available and professional on all our projects."

– SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

"I've used Raba Kistner on two separate occasions to complete coring work and both times the work was done quickly and well."

– AUSTIN ISD

"Excellent services, very professional and helped us with the time limit that we had."

– CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

"Great service provided!"

– WESLACO ISD

"Your personnel have assisted us with advice on frequency of testing and have attempted to consolidate visits for various testing activities required."

– HARLINGEN CISD

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As always, Raba Kistner consistently delivers high quality Geotechnical and Materials Testing Services to the District... we are very pleased with the quality of the RKCI services and look forward to future projects together.”

– North East ISD



"The project was completed in a timely manner."

"The testing and reports were provided to us in a timely manner."

– CITY OF HARLINGEN

"The staff at Raba, are always ready to go over and beyond all of the projects that are contracted to do"

"They are friendly and knowledgeable on all aspects of construction."

"Raba reports are very good, and are received on time"

– NORTHSIDE ISD

Section 3 References and Projects

References Form

Please list at minimum five (5) local governmental entities where similar scope of services were provided.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR OFFER.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: City of McAllen

Address: 130 W. Houston Avenue, McAllen, Texas 78501

Contact Person and Title: Mr. Eduardo Mendoza, PE

Phone: 956-681-1151 Fax: _____

Email Address: emendoza@mcallen.net Contract Period: 1991-On Going

Description of Professional Services Provided: Geotechnical and CoMET Projects Performed - over 300 projects since 1991.

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: City of Harlingen

Address: 118 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Contact Person and Title: Mr. Carlos Sanchez, PE, CPM, CFM

Phone: 956-216-5015 Fax: _____

Email Address: csanchez@myharlingen.us Contract Period: 1995-On going

Description of Professional Services Provided: Geotechnical and CMT Projects over 10 projects since 1995.

Section 3 References and Projects

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: City of Weslaco

Address: 255 South Kansas Avenue, Weslaco, Texas 78596

Contact Person and Title: Mr. Mike R. Perez

Phone: 956-968-3181 Fax: _____

Email Address: mrperez@weslacotx.gov Contract Period: 2012-On Going

Description of Professional Services Provided: Multiple Geotechnical and CMT projects, including 19 projects since 2012

REFERENCE Four

Government/Company Name: City of Pharr

Address: 118 S. Cage Blvd., Pharr, Texas 78577

Contact Person and Title: Ms. . Maria Rangel, PE

Phone: 956-402-4221 Fax: _____

Email Address: maria.rangel@pharr-tx.gov Contract Period: 2013-On Going

Description of Professional Services Provided: Multiple Geotechnical and CMT projects, including 30 projects since 2013.

Section 3 References and Projects

REFERENCE Five

Government/Company Name: Hidalgo County Drainage District #1

Address: 902 N. Doolittle Road, Edinburg, Texas 78542

Contact Person and Title: Mr. Raul E. Segin

Phone: 956-292-7080 Fax: _____

Email Address: raul.segin@hcdd1.org Contract Period: 2020-Present

Description of Professional Services Provided: Geotechnical and Materials Testing for over 15 Drainage District Projects.

- ****Additional pages are permitted if more space is required****

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Section 4 Required Forms

Offeror: Complete & Return this Form with Response Submission.

House Bill 89 Verification

I, Joseph A. Irizarry, the undersigned representative of (company or business name) Raba Kistner, Inc. (heretofore referred to as company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named above complies with the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking an action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and

2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or a limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business association that exist to make a profit.

Joseph A. Irizarry
Signature of Company Representative

9/21/2022
Date

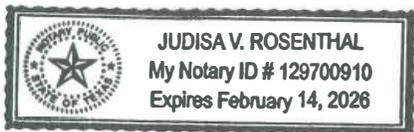
On this 21st day of September, 2022, personally appeared

Joseph A. Irizarry, the above named person, who after being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

Notary Seal

[Signature]
Notary Signature

9/21/2022
Date



Section 4 Required Forms

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE		FORM CIQ
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity		
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY	
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<p>2.J Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raba Kistner, Inc.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Known Affiliation or Relationship Exists</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p>		
<p>Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oves DNo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dves DNo</p>		
<p>Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.</p>		
<p>D Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).</p>		
<p><i>Raba Kistner</i></p> <p>Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p>		<p>9/21/2022</p> <p>Date</p>

WEBB COUNTY PURCHASING DEPT.
QUALIFIED PARTICIPATING VENDOR CODE OF ETHICS
AFFIDAVIT FORM

STATE OF TEXAS *

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF WEBB *

BEFORE ME the undersigned Notary Public, appeared _____, the herein-named "Affiant", who is a resident of _____ County, State of _____, and upon his/her respective oath, either individually and/or behalf of their respective company/entity, do hereby state that I have personal knowledge of the following facts, statements, matters, and/or other matters set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I personally, and/or in my respective authority/capacity on behalf of my company/entity do hereby confirm that I have reviewed and agree to fully comply with all the terms, duties, ethical policy obligations and/or conditions as required to be a qualified participating vendor with Webb County, Texas as set forth in the Webb County Purchasing Code of Ethics Policy posted at the following address: <http://www.webbcountytx.gov/PurchasingAgent/PurchasingEthicsPolicy.pdf>

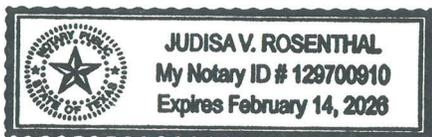
I personally, and/or in my respective authority/capacity on behalf of my company/entity do hereby further acknowledge, agree and understand that as a participating vendor with Webb County, Texas on any active solicitation/proposal/qualification that I and/or my company/entity failure to comply with the Code of Ethics policy may result in my and/or my company/entity disqualification, debarment or make void my contract awarded to me, my company/entity by Webb County. I agree to communicate with the Purchasing Agent or his designees should I have questions or concerns regarding this policy to ensure full compliance by contacting the Webb County Purchasing Dept. via telephone at (956) 523-4125 or e-mail to the Webb County Purchasing Agent to joel@webbcountytx.gov.

Executed and dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Joseph A. Irizarry
Signature of Affiant

Joe Irizarry, Sr. Vice President
Printed Name of Affiant/Company/Entity

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this 21 day September, 20 22



[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

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Texas Department of
Agriculture

Form H2048
January 2008

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

PART A.

Federal Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 require the Texas Department of Agriculture (TOA) to screen each covered potential contractor to determine whether each has a right to obtain a contract in accordance with federal regulations on debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion. Each covered contractor must also screen each of its covered subcontractors.

In this certification "contractor" refers to both contractor and subcontractor; "contract" refers to both contract and subcontract.

By signing and submitting this certification the potential contractor accepts the following terms:

1. The certification herein below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was entered into. If it is later determined that the potential contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, or the TOA may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
2. The potential contractor will provide immediate written notice to the person to which this certification is submitted if at any time the potential contractor learns that the certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
3. The words "covered contract", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "participant", "person", "principal", "proposals", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this certification have meanings based upon materials in the Definitions and Coverage sections of federal rules implementing Executive Order 12549. Usage is as defined in the attachment.
4. The potential contractor agrees by submitting this certification that, should the proposed covered contract be entered into, it will not knowingly enter into any subcontract with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture or other federal department or agency, and/or the TDA, as applicable.

Do you have or do you anticipate having subcontractors under this proposed contract?
D Yes

X DNo

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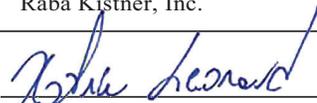
5. The potential contractor further agrees by submitting this certification that it will include this certification titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion for Covered Contracts" without modification, in all covered subcontracts and in solicitations for all covered subcontracts.
6. A contractor may rely upon a certification of a potential subcontractor that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered contract, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A contractor must, at a minimum, obtain certifications from its covered subcontractors upon each subcontract's initiation and upon each renewal.
7. Nothing contained in all the foregoing will be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this certification document. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
8. Except for contracts authorized under paragraph 4 of these terms, if a contractor in a covered contract knowingly enters into a covered subcontract with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, Department of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal department or agency, as applicable, and/or the TOA may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

PART B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION FOR COVERED CONTRACTS

Indicate in the appropriate box which statement applies to the covered potential contractor:

- D** The potential contractor certifies, by submission of this certification, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any federal department or agency or by the State of Texas.
- D** The potential contractor is unable to certify to one or more of the terms in this certification. In this instance, the potential contractor must attach an explanation for each of the above terms to which he is unable to make certification. Attach the explanation(s) to this certification.

Name of Contractor	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No.	Program No.
Raba Kistner, Inc.	74-1611534	



Signature of Authorized Representative

9/21/2022

Date

Katrin Leonard, PE, Vice President

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING
(Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements)**

PART A. PREAMBLE

Federal legislation, Section 319 of Public Law IO1-121 generally prohibits entities from using federally appropriated funds to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the federal government. Section 319 specifically requires disclosure of certain lobbying activities. A federal government-wide rule, " New Restrictions on Lobbying", published in the Federal Register, February 26, 1990, requires certification and disclosure in specific instances.

PART B. CERTIFICATION

This certification applies only to the instant federal action for which the certification is being obtained and is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 ,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with these federally funded contract , subcontract, subgrant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL , " Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying ", in accordance with its instructions. (If needed , contact the Texas Department of Agriculture to obtain a copy of Standard Form-LLL.)

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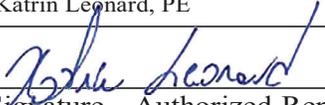
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all covered subrecipients will certify and disclose accordingly.

Do you have or do you anticipate having covered subawards under this transaction?

- Yes
- No

Name of Contractor/Potential Contractor	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No.	Program No.
Raba Kistner, Inc.	74-1611534	

Name of Authorized Representative	Title
Katrin Leonard, PE	Vice President



Signature - Authorized Representative

9/21/2022

Date

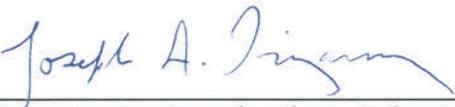
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PROOF OF NO DELINQUENT TAXES OWED TO WEBB COUNTY

Name Raba Kistner, Inc. owes no delinquent property taxes to Webb County.

Raba Kistner, Inc. owes no property taxes as a business in Webb County.
(Business Name)

Joseph A. Irizarry owes no property taxes as a resident of Webb County.
(Business Owner)


Person who can attest to the above information

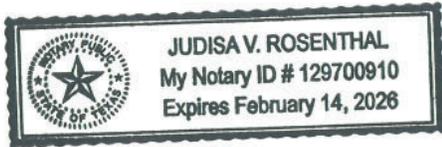
*** SIGNED NOTORIZED DOCUMENT AND PROOF OF NO DELINQUENT TAXES TO WEBB COUNTY.**

The State of Texas
County of Webb

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Joseph A. Irizarry, know to me (or proved to me on the oath of _____) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 20th day of September 2022.

Notary Public, State of Texas



Judisa Rosenthal

(Print name of Notary Public here)

My commission expires the 14th day of February 2026.

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THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH RFQ PACKAGE; PLEASE CHECK OFF EACH ITEM INCLUDED WITH RFQ PACKAGE AND SIGN BELOW TO COMPLETE SUBMITTAL OF EACH REQUIRED ITEM.

RFQ 2022-010 “On Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for County Projects”

- Statement of Qualifications
- References Form
- Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ)
- Certification regarding Debarment (Form H2048)
- Certification regarding Federal lobbying (Form 2049)
- Code of Ethics Affidavit
- House Bill 89 Form
- Senate Bill 252 Form
- Proof of No Delinquent Tax Owed to Webb County



Signature of Person Completing this Package

9/21/2022

Date

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County of Webb

ADDENDUM NUMBER 1 TO THE RFQ DOCUMENTS

Addendum Date: September 19, 2022

RFQ DOCUMENT NUMBER RFQ 2022-010

“On Call Geotechnical Engineering Services for County Projects”

A. This Addendum shall be considered part of the RFQ documents for the above-mentioned project as though it had been issued at the same time and shall be incorporated integrally therewith. Where provisions of the following supplementary data differ from those of the original bid documents, this Addendum shall govern and take precedence. **RESPONDENTS MUST SIGN THE ADDENDUM AND SUBMIT IT WITH THEIR BIDS/PROPOSALS.**

B. Respondent are hereby notified that they shall make any necessary adjustments in their estimates as a result of this Addendum. It will be construed that each bidder's proposal is submitted with full knowledge of all modifications and supplemental data specified herein.

Except as described below, the original bid document remains unchanged. The RFQ documents are modified and/or clarified, as follows:

Modification to the Cover page and Section 5 Background and Scope of Services:

- Webb County is currently seeking to retain up to three (3) qualified Engineering Firms to provide Material Testing Services on an on-call basis. The services will be assigned on an as-needed basis for various projects and efforts initiated by Webb County for a three (3) year performance period ~~effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025~~. They may be short term assignments or may be part of larger capital project assignments. This document outlines the requirements, selection process and documentation necessary to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to this RFQ. This solicitation will comply with the State of Texas Government Code; Professional Services Procurement Act and if applicable with the Code of Federal Regulations §200.318 - §200.327 (General Procurement Standards).
- **Effective on the date the professional services agreement is fully executed.**

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RESPONDENT MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM BY SIGNING BELOW AND ATTACHING THE SIGNED ADDENDUM TO THE PROPOSAL FORM(S):

Company Name Raba Kistner, Inc.

Contact Person Katrin Leonard, PE

Signature 

Date 9/21/2022

THIS CONCLUDES ADDENDUM NO. 1 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

This Addendum is being transmitted electronically via our E-Bid site @ <https://webbcountyebid.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> . If you have any questions, please direct them to; Juan Guerrero Jr. (956) 523-4149 or email at juguerrero@webbcountytx.gov .



— THE RABA KISTNER PURPOSE

To provide professional consulting services with passion and integrity, to help build a better world for our employees, their families, our clients, and the communities we serve.



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