

BANDERA COUNTY, TEXAS – PUBLIC NOTICE:
BANDERA COUNTY, TEXAS -- REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS/BIDS
REGARDING LEASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY
FOR THE ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE-OCTOBER 14, 2023
RFP # 22-1023

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Chapters 2254 and 2269 of the Texas Government Code and other authority that Bandera County, Texas (“County”), on December 8, 2022, by and through its Commissioners Court (“Commissioners Court”), approved and issued its **RFP # 22-1023, (“RFP”) the Bandera County, Texas’s REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS/BIDS REGARDING LEASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE-OCTOBER 14, 2023.**

The lease of county owned property for the October 14, 2023 Annular Solar Eclipse will be referred to as the “Project.”

Bandera County owns 44.7 acres out of survey 60, Hendrick Arnold, in Bandera County, Texas which has an address of 2886 State Highway 16 N., Bandera County, Texas. Bandera County proposes to lease such property and improvements as described in the RFP (“Property”) (excluding the Show Barn, which is currently under lease by Bandera County Junior Livestock Association, Lessee¹) in an effort to minimize the effects of the influx of visitors to Bandera County, Texas for the October 14, 2023, Ring of Fire, Annular Eclipse. Bandera County will accept for review timely submitted Responses to the request for sealed bids. Any response to the Request shall include the following dates, at a minimum, within the term of the lease: October 12, 2023, October 13, 2023, October 14, 2023 and October 15, 2023.

The Property currently is comprised of land, existing buildings or structures, parking areas, and grounds, as more particularly described in the RFP.

The County seeks Respondents with qualifications to lease the Property for the stated Project as more fully described in the RFP.

The procurement of a Lessee for the Project will be conducted pursuant to the ranking and contract negotiation procedure described by the Texas Government Code and other authority. The Responses submitted shall provide all information necessary for evaluation and ranking by the Commissioners Court, as required by the RFP. Pursuant to Texas State law, including but not limited to Texas Local Government Code §263.007 and Texas Local Government Code §§319.004 and 319.005, Bandera County acting through its Commissioners Court has the authority to lease County-Owned property; and pursuant to Texas State law, the County will select a Lessee for the Project on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the requested services, provide the equipment, personnel and facilities for the Project, pursuant to the evaluation criteria described in the RFP.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Hon. Richard Evans, the Bandera County Judge [office telephone number (830) 796-3781)] at: (1) his physical office address being Office of the County Judge, Bandera County, Texas, Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, First Floor, Bandera, Texas 78003; or (2) through requests sent to his mailing office address being Office of the County Judge, Bandera County, Texas, P.O. Box 877, Bandera, Texas 78003. Also, a copy of the RFP may be downloaded from the County’s internet website at www.banderacounty.org.

Important deadlines and other matters relating to the submission of a timely response (“Response”) to the RFP are identified and described in the RFP, including the following:

• **Questions --**

The County will try to answer written questions concerning the RFP, but shall not be obligated to do so. Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted to the County Judge, Richard Evans **on or before January 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** County local time. Questions about this Request shall be delivered in writing as follows: (1) [for courier or hand-delivery only] his physical office address being Office of the County Judge, Bandera County, Texas, Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, First Floor, Bandera, Texas 78003; (2) [for mail-in delivery only] his mailing office address being Office of the County Judge, Bandera County, Texas, P.O. Box 877, Bandera, Texas 78003; or

¹ Respondent will need to contact the Bandera County Junior Livestock Association if Respondent wants to lease the Show Barn.

(3) his office e-mail at countyjudge@banderacounty.org. The foregoing shall not limit the County's right to issue addenda to the Request prior to opening of Responses, or to delay the date and time of said opening. The County will try to answer written questions concerning the RFP, but shall not be obligated to do so.

● **Deadline for Response Submission** -- Each Response to RFP shall follow the requirements stated in the RFP, and shall be addressed and timely delivered in **accord with the such requirements on or before February 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., County local time. Responses delivered after that deadline are subject to rejection by the County**

If Response is delivered by hand or courier it shall be addressed: to the Hon. Richard Evans, County Judge, Bandera County, Texas, Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, Bandera, Texas 78003;

If Response is delivered by mail, it shall be addressed to: Hon. Richard Evans, P.O. Box 877, Bandera, Texas 78003.

● **Response Opening Date** -- Responses properly delivered to the County shall be opened and read aloud by the Commissioners Court at its **public meeting on February 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., County local time, at the Bandera County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 500 Main St., Bandera, Texas 78003.** Thereafter, the Commissioners Court may conduct the evaluation of the Responses and award the proposed lease. The County may reject any or all submitted Responses and may rely on all protections afforded the County within the competitive procurement procedure allowed by law.

Award-- The evaluation and award will be announced on **March 9, 2023 at the public meeting of the Commissioners Court which begins at 10:00 a.m., County local time.**

Please refer to the RFP for a more detailed description of: (1) all requirements regarding the form, scope, content and delivery of a timely Response to the RFP; (2) the Response evaluation criteria, selection procedure, and contract negotiation procedure required by the RFP; and (3) the Property for the Project. All actual or potential Respondents should monitor the County's internet website at www.banderacounty.org for information posted regarding this RFP and to remain informed regarding all addenda, if any, issued by the County regarding this RFP.

Pursuant to the RFP, the County may: (1) reschedule, amend, extend, reject, or cancel the RFP at any time; (2) reject any or all Responses; (3) waive any formality or irregularity in connection with the requirements of a Response; and (4) consider a Response not made in compliance with the RFP, although the County will have no obligation to consider a noncompliant Response. The County will not reimburse a Respondent for any costs incurred as a result of the issuance of the RFP, a submitted Response, or the award or non-award of a lease agreement. The County shall give public notice of and actions on or regarding the RFP as required by law.