

August 24, 2020

**Request for Bids TO-21-04**

Natural Gas  
Fixed Price Contract

Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) is requesting bids from qualified firms to provide natural gas at three meters. All three locations are in Topeka, Kansas.

**Specifications**

The contractor will provide natural gas to the three meters and three addresses listed below. The Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline (SSCGP) and Kansas Gas Service (KGS) provide the transportation; the contractor will provide only the natural gas.

Account 510668975-1423572    Meter 1207714106 – 201 North Kansas Avenue  
Meter 1208512823 – 200 NW Crane

Account 510668975-1643334    Meter 1209322599 – 820 SE Quincy Street

On the Price Quote, please show how much you will charge per dekatherm above the SSCGP First of the Month Index (FMI). Do not include the FMI or the Index Adder (SSCGP transportation and fuel cost) in your bid price.

Contractor will be responsible for delivering all supplies and shall provide a full balancing service. All aforementioned requirements shall be included in the Contract Rate for the Contract Volumes (i.e. no additional adders accepted).

Metro's natural gas usage at all three locations is shown in Appendix 1.

**Contract Term**

Metro's natural gas contract expires on September 30, 2020. This contract will start on October 1, 2020. There will be no options or extensions. During the final six months of this contract, Metro will issue another RFB for these services. Metro would prefer a three-year contract. On the Price Quote form, please show how many years your contract would run.

**General Instructions**

Bids must be submitted in the following format:

- 1) Cover sheet signed by the individual authorized to commit the firm to perform the contract requirements, including your firm's name, address, phone, fax, and email;
- 2) Provide a description of your understanding of, and ability to fulfill the specifications and services requested in this RFB;
- 3) Provide a description of your firm's experience and qualifications. Supply at least three references with current contact information, for which you have provided the same or similar services as specified in this RFB; and,

- 4) The completed cover letter, price quote and certifications on pages 7-11.

In order to be considered for contract award, your bid must be received in the Metro office by **1:00p on Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered.

Following are the evaluation criteria, listed by degree of importance. A criterion may have multiple elements with varying degrees of importance.

Customer Service  
Price

The cover sheet, price quote form and the certifications on pages 7-11 are part of your bid and must be completed by all bidders. Bids that do not include the completed price quote and fully executed certifications may not be considered. The successful bidder will be required to follow the contract clauses on pages 3-6.

No advantage shall be taken by the contractor or any subcontractor in fulfilling the terms of this project due to omission of specifications by Metro.

Topeka Metro's current DBE goal is 2.00%. There is no DBE goal for this contract. If your firm is a DBE, or if you will be sub-contracting with a DBE, please attach a copy of the current DBE certificate. Upon contract award, all proposals will be public record and posted to Metro's website. Metro recommends that proposers exclude any trade secret, proprietary or confidential information from their proposals.

Topeka Metro is a direct deposit payor. The successful bidder will be required to fill out a W-9 Form and the Topeka Metro Electronic Payment/ACH Authorization Form.

If you have any questions concerning this RFB, or if you need clarification or additional information, please contact Richard Appelhanz. Electronic submission of bids is preferred. If submitting bids on paper, please provide an original and three full copies. Bids are to be sent to:

Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority  
Attn: Richard Appelhanz  
201 North Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66603  
785-730-8621  
[rappelhanz@topekametro.org](mailto:rappelhanz@topekametro.org)

Questions must be received by Metro by Thursday, August 27, 2020.



## 1.0 ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Contractor agrees to provide Metro, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 CFR 633.15 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 USC 5302 and 49 CFR 633.5, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 USC 5307, 5309 or 5311. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until Metro, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 2 CFR 200.333 and 2 CFR 200.336. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

## 2.0 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

Contractor shall neither delegate any duties or obligations under this contract, nor assign, transfer, convey, sublet, subcontract or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, duty, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous written consent of Metro.

## 3.0 CIVIL RIGHTS

- 3.1 Nondiscrimination – In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000d, Section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 USC 6102, Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC 12132, and Federal transit law at 49 USC 5332, the contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- 3.2 Equal Employment Opportunity – The following equal employment opportunity requirements apply to the underlying contract:
  - 3.2.1 Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex – In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC 2000e, and Federal transit law at 49 USC 5332, the contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of US Department of Labor (USDOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 CFR Parts 60 et seq., and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may in the future affect activities undertaken in the course of the project. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
  - 3.2.2 Age – In accordance with Section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 USC 623 and Federal transit law at 49 USC 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
  - 3.2.3 Disabilities – In accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 USC 12112, the Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities. In addition, the contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.
- 3.3 The contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.
- 3.4 If the contract involves federal funds, the provisions of this subsection do not apply. If the contract does not involve federal funds, and if contractor's contracts with Topeka Metro for the current fiscal year cumulatively total more than \$5,000 and the contractor has four or more employees during the term of this contract, the contractor also agrees to observe the provisions of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act and shall not discriminate against any person in the performance of work under this contract because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the contractor shall include the phrase, "equal opportunity employer," or a similar phrase to be approved by Topeka Metro. If the contractor fails to comply with the reporting or other requirements of the Kansas Human Rights Commission under K.S.A. 44-1031 or K.S.A. 44-1116, and amendments thereto, the contractor shall be deemed to have breached this contract and it may be canceled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by Topeka Metro. If contractor is found guilty of a violation of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination or the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act under a decision or order of the Kansas Human Rights Commission which has become final, the contractor shall be deemed to have breached the present contract and it may be canceled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by Topeka Metro. Contractor agrees to include the binding provisions of this subsection in every subcontract or purchase order so that such provisions will be binding upon such subcontractor or vendor.



#### 4.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

Contractor shall at all times be solely responsible for complying with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations in connection with the performance of this contract.

#### 5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

Between the date and time that proposals are due, until award of the contract by Metro, no information will be released which may have an adverse impact upon the negotiations or selection process. No information will be shared about the distinguishing characteristics or deficient characteristics of any proposal. All documents received by Metro are subject to the Kansas Open Records Act, KSA 45-215, et seq., and the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552.

#### 6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No director or employee of Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, during his/her tenure or within one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

#### 7.0 CONTRACT CHANGES

Any proposed change to this contract shall be submitted to Metro in writing for approval. No change in this contract shall be made unless Metro gives prior written approval. Contractor shall be liable for all costs, damages and/or liabilities, and for proper corrections, resulting from any specification change not properly approved in writing by Metro. Changes that have not been approved by Metro shall place Contractor in default of the contract.

#### 8.0 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

- 8.1 This contract is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. Metro's overall 2019-2021 goal for DBE participation is 2.00%; the race neutral goal is 1.12%, and the race conscious goal is 0.88%. There is no contract goal for this procurement.
- 8.2 The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Metro deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- 8.3 The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from Metro.
- 8.4 The contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.
- 8.5 The contractor must promptly notify Metro, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of Metro.

#### 9.0 ENERGY CONSERVATION

The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

#### 10.0 EXCLUSIONARY OR DISCRIMINATORY SPECIFICATIONS

Metro will comply with the requirements of 49 USC 5323(h)(2) by refraining from using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications.

#### 11.0 FEDERAL CHANGES

The contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between Metro and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

#### 12.0 INCORPORATION OF FTA TERMS

These contract provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by USDOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the included contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by USDOT, as set forth in the current version of FTA Circular C 4220.1, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any Metro requests which would cause Metro to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.



### 13.0 INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor shall be responsible for and indemnify, defend and hold harmless Metro, its directors and employees from all demands, claims, suits and settlements for loss of or damages to property, or personal injuries, including death to persons, and from all judgments recovered, and from all expenses incurred in defending or settling said claims or suits, or enforcing this provision, including court costs and attorney fees and other expenses arising out of the errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Contractor, its employees, or agents in connection with the goods and/or services provided under this contract.

### 14.0 INSURANCE

Contractor shall maintain for the duration of the contract such insurance as will protect it and Metro from all claims, including Workers' Compensation, and will hold Metro harmless from, and indemnify Metro for, all claims and damages which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under this contract, whether such operations are by Contractor, by a subcontractor, by anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Contractor will submit certificates or other proof of insurance to Metro, naming Metro as an additional insured, upon notification of contract award.

### 15.0 INTEREST OF CONGRESS

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.

### 16.0 NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO THIRD PARTIES

Metro and the contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of this contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to Metro, the contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to this contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from this contract. The contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that this clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provision.

### 17.0 PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Contractor agrees that it will, at its own expense, defend all suits and all proceedings instituted against Metro, if such suits and proceedings are based on any claim that the materials or equipment provided by Contractor, or any part thereof, or any tool, article or process used in the manufacture thereof, constitutes an infringement of any patent. Metro will give Contractor prompt notice in writing of any suit or proceeding, and will give Contractor all needed information, assistance and authority to enable Contractor, through its legal counsel, to defend the same.

### 18.0 PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS

- 18.1 The contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 USC 3801, et seq. and US DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of this contract, the contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to this contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- 18.2 The contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 USC 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 USC 1001 and 49 USC 5307 on the contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.
- 18.3 The contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

### 19.0 RECYCLED PRODUCTS

The contractor agrees to comply with all of the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 USC 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.



## 20.0 SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

In accordance with 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200, the contractor is required to verify that none of its principals or affiliates: 1) is included on the federal government's suspended and debarred list; 2) is proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded or disqualified; 3)

within three years preceding this proposal, has not been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for (a) commission of fraud or criminal offense pertaining to performing a public transaction, (b) violation of any federal or state antitrust statute, or (c) embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property; 4) is indicted or charged by a governmental entity for any of the charges in 3) above; and 5) has had any public transaction terminated for cause or default within three years preceding this proposal. The contractor is required to include this requirement in any subcontracts related to this contract. By signing and submitting its proposal, the proposer certifies that the certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Metro. If it is later determined that the proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Metro, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The proposer agrees to verify that none of its principals or affiliates is included on the federal government's suspended and debarred list at any time throughout the period of this contract. The proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring the same compliance in its subcontracts related to this contract.

## 21.0 TERMINATION

Termination for Convenience – Metro may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the contractor when it is in the Metro's best interest. The contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract close-out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to Metro to be paid to the contractor. If the contractor has any property in its possession belonging to Metro, the contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner Metro directs.

Termination for Default – If the contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, Metro may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by Metro that the contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the contractor, Metro, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

Opportunity to Cure – Metro in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the contractor ten (10) days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If contractor fails to remedy to Metro's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this contract within ten (10) days after receipt by contractor of written notice from Metro setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Metro shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to the contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Metro from also pursuing all available remedies against contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

Waiver of Remedies for Any Breach – In the event that Metro elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by Metro shall not limit Metro's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this contract.

Termination for Default – If the contractor fails to deliver supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension or if the contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of this contract, Metro may terminate this contract for default. Metro shall terminate by delivering to the contractor a Notice of Termination specifying the nature of the default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in this contract. If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of Metro.

**COVER SHEET**

**Proposer Information**

Company Name TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC.

Address 1722 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street Suite J

City, State, Zip Tulsa, OK 74136

Main Phone 918-551-1210

**Contact Person Information**

Name Tamara Walden

Job Title Business Development

Phone 918-551-1210

Alt. Phone 918-645-7409

Email twalden@tigernaturalgas.com

Signature Johnathan Burris 

Date: September 8, 2020

**PRICE QUOTE**

Please show how much your company will charge above the SSCGP First of the Month Index. This is the only acceptable type of price quote.

Year 1 \$ 0.62

Year 2 \$ 0.68

Year 3 \$ 0.75

If your company does not offer three-year contracts, how long would your contract run? \_\_\_\_\_ years

Complete your price quote in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete a price quote for each year of the contract.
- 2) Complete a price quote for the first year of the contract and show the maximum percentage increase for years 2-3.

Topeka Metro is tax exempt. Do not include sales tax in your proposed price.



**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) CERTIFICATION**

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. Metro's overall 2019-2021 goal for DBE participation is 2.00%; the race neutral goal is 1.12%, and the race conscious goal is 0.88%. There is no contract goal for this procurement.

The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of this DOT-assisted contract. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as Metro deems appropriate. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)).

The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from Metro.

The contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.

The contractor must promptly notify Metro, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of Metro.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name and Title: Johnathan Burris, Executive Vice President

Company Name: TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC.

Date: September 8, 2020

**NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION**

This is my sworn statement to certify that this proposal was not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed entity. This proposal is not collusive.

This proposer has not been a party to any agreement or collusion in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price, to refrain from bidding, or otherwise. This proposer has not, directly or indirectly, by agreement, communication or conference with anyone, attempted to induce action prejudicial to the interest of Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, or of any proposer, or anyone else interested in the proposed contract.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name and Title: Johnathan Burris, Executive Vice President

Company Name: TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC.

Date: September 8, 2020



**SUSPENSION / DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

**In regard to 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200**

In accordance with 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200, the contractor is required to verify that none of its principals or affiliates:

- 1) is included on the federal government's suspended and debarred list;
- 2) is proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded or disqualified;
- 3) within three years preceding this proposal, has been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for (a) commission of fraud or criminal offense pertaining to performing a public transaction, (b) violation of any federal or state antitrust statute, or (c) embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;
- 4) is indicted or charged by a governmental entity for any of the charges in 3) above; and
- 5) has had any public transaction terminated for cause or default within three years preceding this proposal.

The contractor is required to include this requirement in any subcontracts related to this contract.

By signing and submitting its proposal, the proposer certifies that the certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by Metro. If it is later determined that the proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to Metro, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The proposer agrees to verify that none of its principals or affiliates is included on the federal government's suspended and debarred list at any time throughout the period of this contract. The proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring the same compliance in its subcontracts related to this contract.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name and Title: Johnathan Burris, Executive Vice President

Company Name: TIGER NATURAL GAS, INC.

Date: September 8, 2020



Mr. Richard Appelhanz  
Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority  
201 North Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66603

Subject: **Response to RFB TO-21-04 – Natural Gas**

Dear Richard,

Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. ("Tiger") is pleased to provide you with the following response to your request for proposal for natural gas service to **Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro)**.

Tiger, one of the nation's leading independent gas suppliers, is a **Native American/Woman owned business with minority and Hubzone certification**. Tiger has successfully served the private, public, and government end-use markets since 1991. Our experienced staff focuses its efforts on reliable deliverability and exemplary customer service, while maintaining a reputation of the utmost in integrity throughout the industry.

Per your request, please find attached the following:

- 1) Cover Sheet signed by Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. to commit the firm to perform the contract requirements.
- 2) Description of Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. understanding of, and ability to fulfill the specifications and services request in this RFB;
- 3) Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.'s description of our firm's experience and qualifications. A list of three references with current contact information, for which Tiger has provided the same or similar services as specified in this RFB; and
- 4) The completed cover letter, price quote and certifications on pages 7-11.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (918) 551-1210 (office) or (918) 645-7409.

Submitted by:

*Tamara*

Tamara J. Walden



2) Tiger confirms it has read the specifications and will provide service accordingly.

3)

## **CAPABILITIES**

Within our gas operations (transportation/nominations/balancing) and gas billing groups alone, Tiger brings 195 years' experience in managing gas usages from the wellhead (gathering systems/plant production) to the burner-tip (your meters at all facilities behind Kansas Gas Service). Our mission statement has been to save our customers money over the local utility rate while also providing more than just one contractual service option.

## **FEATURES AND IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Nature of obligation**

#### **Service type**

Tiger Natural Gas will provide Firm Delivery for 100% of the natural gas usage for all facilities under contract with **Metro**. Tiger will work with customers under periods of Force Majeure, Curtailment, and OFO's to make sure gas deliveries support critical infrastructures to the best extent possible.

#### **Gas Quantity**

1. Nominations – Tiger will handle all nominations as required based on the best information available via historical data and forecasted weather patterns.
2. Imbalances – Tiger will manage the imbalances caused by usages that vary from historical. Coupled with current timely reads when available we will balance these to the parameters established by the local tariff rules of each system

## **Customer Service**

### **Pricing transparency**

Tiger as marketer will provide upon request historical price data for the index used as contract basis. In addition, marketer shall provide upon request historical pipeline and other charges, a breakdown of charges and calculations used to reach prices billed. This shall include fuel and all other applicable fees.

### **Account representatives**

Dedicated Representative - Tamara Walden will be the designated Marketer for **Metro**., contact information listed in under Staff above. Tamara will provide you updated pricing

with your pricing options for lock in, index and pipeline data history and optional services. She will also coordinate with all Facility Directors to ensure accurate nominations are reviewed and determined on a monthly basis, deadline for updates is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to gas flow.

General Inquiries: Customer Service inhouse services are provided by dialing **888-875-6122** or [INFO@TIGERNATURALGAS.COM](mailto:INFO@TIGERNATURALGAS.COM). Also, please see attached list of each Department Director's and their contact information for direct inquiries by department.

## Billing

Invoicing – Tiger has the required staff in house to support any billing type needed whether it be EDI or paper or both.

## REFERENCES

Point of Contact	Phone Number	E-Mail	Volume-Dth Supply Managed	Type/Class of Customer
<b>OKC School District</b> Martha Sturm-Sawyer Justin Weathers	(405) 587-1046	<a href="mailto:Mwsturm-sawyer@okcps.org">Mwsturm-sawyer@okcps.org</a> <a href="mailto:Jweathers@okcps.org">Jweathers@okcps.org</a>	135,000 Annually	School District
<b>Downstream Casino Resort</b> Mike Jones	(918) 919-6050	<a href="mailto:mjones@downstreamcasino.com">mjones@downstreamcasino.com</a>	60,000 Annually	Casino/Resort
<b>Cherokee Nation</b> Mark Watowich	(918) 828-6291	<a href="mailto:Mark.Watowich@CNEnt.com">Mark.Watowich@CNEnt.com</a>	50,000 Annually	Casinos/Schools Businesses

## Website

Tiger website: [www.tigernaturalgas.com](http://www.tigernaturalgas.com)

Tiger has a portal for clients to access invoices, usage, pricing, etc.

Megan Tedlock will administer and set up the Topeka Metro for access.  
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Tiger will allow the customer to convert the INDEX based pricing to a fixed price on a best efforts basis. This can be done for full or partial volumes for any months in which the entire usage amount has not already been converted. Any volumes converted to a fixed price will have zero allowable tolerance. Unless otherwise stated, any variance from the contracted volumes will be priced based on market conditions at the time of occurrence.



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Tamara is available to accept calls 24/7 via cell phone to enable full service to her clients. She prides herself in providing exemplary customer service. In addition, Tiger has an inhouse Customer Service Team of three employees, that are always available from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. M-F.

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