



Firm Recommendation – Construction Materials Testing

Gonzales County Courthouse Annex Building

May 5, 2025

I. Project Background

CPM Texas was engaged in late 2024, near the end of the design phase, by Gonzales County for a Renovation project that is focused on updating and enhancing the functionality of the county annex building. This building, which spans 25,000 square feet and is located at 1709 E. Sarah DeWitt Dr., Gonzales, TX 78629, will initially serve as a temporary courthouse during the main courthouse renovation. Once the courthouse renovations are complete, the annex will be repurposed for future county operations.

II. Firm Qualification Analysis

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ #2025A-003) was issued and publicly posted on March 24th.

Following receipt of the RFQ response submissions, CPM performed an analysis to identify the firm that is the most qualified to perform these services for Gonzales County. This analysis included evaluation of the qualifications, project experience, project approach, and dispatch and travel logistics. (reference attached matrix). Each category of evaluation was weighted per the scoring information included in the RFQ.

III. Recommendation

While all firms demonstrated the capability to perform the construction materials testing scope of work for this Project, ECS Southwest has distinguished itself as the most qualified for Gonzales County. Their strong qualifications, combined their proximity to the project site, set them apart from the other respondents.

Following a thorough evaluation of all responses, CPM recommends awarding the construction materials testing scope of work to ECS Southwest.

We respectfully request confirmation of the County's acceptance of this recommendation.

Please refer to the attached supplement for detailed information supporting this recommendation.

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Qualifications Analysis – Supplemental Information

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Firm Selection Matrix

Criteria		Weight	ECS Southwest	Intertek PSI	Raba Kistner	Terracon
1	Firm & Personnel Qualifications Experience, certifications, and technical capabilities	40	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Notes:		Firm is qualified to perform materials testing & observation services.	Firm is qualified to perform materials testing & observation services.	Firm is qualified to perform materials testing & observation services.	Firm is qualified to perform materials testing & observation services.
2	Relevant Project Experience Successful completion of similar projects	30	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
	Notes:		Extensive public experience	Extensive public experience	Extensive public experience	Extensive public experience
3	Project Approach Methodology, response times, and project understanding	20	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
	Notes:		Approach to testing and observation was appropriate	Approach to testing and observation was appropriate	Approach to testing and observation was appropriate	Approach to testing and observation was appropriate
4	Dispatch & Travel Logistics Location of field technicians and anticipated site travel logistics	10	10.00	5.00	7.00	9.00
	Location from which field technicians will be dispatched		1.00 San Marcos 80mi round trip	0.50 Victoria 120mi round trip	0.70 New Braunfels 104mi round trip	0.90 Seguin 88mi round trip
TOTAL SCORE			100	95	97	99
REVIEWER RANKING			1	4	3	2