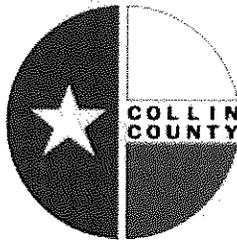


Solicitation 2015-076

**HERBICIDE TREATMENT OF ROADSIDE RIGHT OF WAYS
& ENCROACHMENTS**

Bid designation: Public



Collin County

Bid 2015-076 HERBICIDE TREATMENT OF ROADSIDE RIGHT OF WAYS & ENCROACHMENTS

Bid Number **2015-076**
 Bid Title **HERBICIDE TREATMENT OF ROADSIDE RIGHT OF WAYS & ENCROACHMENTS**

Bid Start Date **In Held**
 Bid End Date **Feb 12, 2015 2:00:00 PM CST**
 Question & Answer End Date **Feb 9, 2015 10:00:00 AM CST**

Bid Contact **Carol Magers**
 Buyer II
 Purchasing Department
 cmagers@co.collin.tx.us

Contract Duration **365 days**
 Contract Renewal **3 annual renewals**
 Prices Good for **90 days**

Standard Disclaimer *****Note to Bidders/Offerors~The following standard disclaimer applies to Invitation to Bid (IFB), Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP), and Request for Proposal (RFP) ONLY, not applicable to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Information (RFI).*****
Mailing Address:
Collin County Purchasing
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Ste 3160
McKinney, TX 75071
Prices bid/proposed shall only be considered if they are provided in the appropriate space(s) on the Collin County bid form(s). For consideration, any additions or deductions to the bid/proposal prices offered must be shown under the exceptions section of the bid/proposal in the case of electronic submittal, ONLY in the case of a hard copy submittal will an additional attachment be allowed. Extraneous numbers, prices, comments, etc. or bidder/offeror generated documents appearing elsewhere on the bid or as an additional attachment shall be deemed to have no effect on the prices offered in the designated locations.
All delivery and freight charges (F.O.B. inside delivery at Collin County designated locations) are to be included as part of the bid/quote/proposal price. All components required to render the item complete, installed and operational shall be included in the total bid/quote/proposal price. Collin County will pay no additional freight/delivery/installation/setup fees.

Bid Comments Collin County's intent of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) and resulting contract is to provide bidders with sufficient information to prepare a bid for spraying of roadside right of ways and encroachments within unincorporated areas of Collin County.
 Bidders shall have prior encroachment and right-of-way spraying experience, similar in size to that being requested by Collin County. Vendor shall submit three (3) acceptable references, listing current/prior contracts. References must state the agency, phone number, contact person and contract size. Failure to submit the references with bid submittal may result in rejection of bid.
 Bidder shall use own water. If bidder wishes to use Collin County water they must first request permission from their County contact person. Water meter readings will be read and billed back to bidder.

Item Response Form

Item **2015-076--01-01 - Asphalt Roadside Management: State price for 1st Spray Application**
 Lot Description **Asphalt Roadside Management consists of a minimum of sixty (60) inches divided into two (2) sections; encroachment vegetation treatment and roadside right-of-ways.**

Quantity **1 each**
 Unit Price
 Delivery Location **Collin County**
No Location Specified
Qty 1

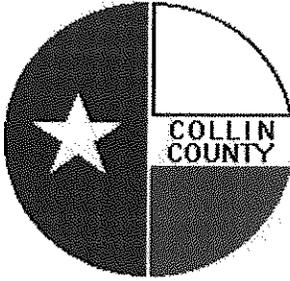
Description
 State price for 1st Spray Application to apply herbicides as described in Section 4.0.

Item **2015-076--01-02 - Asphalt Roadside Management: State price for 2nd Spray Application**
 Lot Description **Asphalt Roadside Management consists of a minimum of sixty (60) inches divided into two (2) sections; encroachment vegetation treatment and roadside right-of-ways.**
 Quantity **1 each**
 Unit Price
 Delivery Location **Collin County**
No Location Specified
Qty 1

Description
 State price for 2nd Spray Application to apply herbicides as described in Section 4.0.

Item **2015-076--01-03 - Asphalt Roadside Management: License Requirements**
 Lot Description **Asphalt Roadside Management consists of a minimum of sixty (60) inches divided into two (2) sections; encroachment vegetation treatment and roadside right-of-ways.**
 Quantity **1 each**
 Prices are not requested for this item.
 Delivery Location **Collin County**
No Location Specified
Qty 1

Description
 The qualified bidder shall hold all permits, licenses and certifications required to do the work under this Contract, and all permits, licenses and certifications shall be current. The herbicide shall be applied under the supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator, properly licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture. All chemical spraying shall be done by individual(s) with a valid, current commercial applicators license. Copies of all current permits, licenses, and certifications shall be uploaded as specified.



COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.0.1 Definitions

1.0.1.1 Bidder/Quoter/Offeror: refers to submitter.

1.0.1.2 Vendor/Contractor/Provider: refers to a Successful Bidder/Quoter/Contractor/Service Provider.

1.0.1.3 Submittal: refers to those documents required to be submitted to Collin County, by a Bidder/Quoter/Offeror.

1.0.1.4 IFB: refers to Invitation For Bid.

1.0.1.5 RFQ: refers to Request For Qualifications

1.0.1.6 RFP: refers to Request For Proposal.

1.0.1.7 RFI: refers to Request For Information.

1.0.1.8 CSP: refers to Competitive Sealed Proposal

1.0.1.9 Quotation: refers to Request for Quotation

1.1 If Bidder/Quoter/Offeror do not wish to submit an offer at this time, please submit a No Bid Form.

1.2 Awards shall be made not more than ninety (90) days after the time set for opening of submittals.

1.3 Collin County is always conscious and extremely appreciative of your time and effort in preparing your submittal.

1.4 Collin County exclusively uses BidSync for the notification and dissemination of all solicitations. The receipt of solicitations through any other company may result in your receipt of incomplete specifications and/or addendums which could ultimately render your bid non-compliant. Collin County accepts no responsibility for the receipt and/or notification of solicitations through any other company.

1.5 A bid/quote/submittal may not be withdrawn or canceled by the bidder/quoter/offeror prior to the ninety-first (91st) day following public opening of submittals and only prior to award.

1.6 It is understood that Collin County, Texas reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids/Quotes/Proposals/Submittals for any or all products and/or services covered in an Invitation For Bid

(IFB), Request For Qualifications (RFQ), Request For Proposal (RFP), Request For Information (RFI), Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP), and Quotation, and to waive informalities or defects in submittals or to accept such submittals as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Collin County.

1.7 All IFB's, RFP's, CSP's, RFQ's, and RFI's submitted in hard copy paper form shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the IFB/RFP/RFQ/RFI/CSP/Quotation number and name. A hard copy paper form submittal shall be manually signed in ink by a person having the authority to bind the firm in a contract. Submittals shall be mailed or hand delivered to the Collin County Purchasing Department.

1.8 No oral, telegraphic or telephonic submittals will be accepted. IFB's, RFP's, RFQ's, CSP's, and RFI's, may be submitted in electronic format via **BidSync**.

1.9 All Invitation For Bids (IFB), Request For Proposals (RFP), Request For Qualifications (RFQ), Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP), and Request For Information (RFI), submitted electronically via **BidSync** shall remain locked until official date and time of opening as stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of the IFB, RFP, RFQ, CSP, and/or RFI.

1.10 Time/date stamp clock in Collin County Purchasing Department shall be the official time of receipt for all Invitation For Bids (IFB), Request For Proposals (RFP), Request For Qualifications (RFQ), Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP), Request For Information (RFI), submitted in hard copy paper form. IFB's, RFP's, RFQ's, CSP's, RFI's, received in County Purchasing Department after submission deadline shall be considered void and unacceptable. Absolutely no late submittals will be considered. Collin County accepts no responsibility for technical difficulties related to electronic submittals.

1.11 For hard copy paper form submittals, any alterations made prior to opening date and time must be initialed by the signer of the IFB/RFQ/RFP/CSP/RFI, guaranteeing authenticity. Submittals cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline.

1.12 Collin County is by statute exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax; therefore, the prices submitted shall not include taxes.

1.13 Any interpretations, corrections and/or changes to an Invitation For Bid/Request For Qualifications/Request For Proposal/Request for Information/Competitive Sealed Proposal, and related Specifications or extensions to the opening/receipt date will be made by addenda to the respective document by the Collin County Purchasing Department. Questions and/or clarification requests must be submitted no later than seven (7) days prior to the opening/receipt date. Those received at a later date may not be addressed prior to the public opening. Sole authority to authorize addenda shall be vested in Collin County Purchasing Agent as entrusted by the Collin County Commissioners' Court. Addenda may be transmitted electronically via **BidSync**, by facsimile, E-mail transmission or mailed via the US Postal Service.

1.13.1 Addenda will be transmitted to all that are known to have received a copy of the IFB/RFQ/RFP/RFI/CSP and related Specifications. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Quoter/Offeror to verify issuance/non-issuance of addenda and to check all avenues of document availability (i.e. **BidSync at www.bidsync.com**, telephoning Purchasing Department directly, etc.) prior to opening/receipt date and time to insure Bidder/Quoter/Offeror's receipt of any addenda issued. Bidder/Quoter/Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

1.14 All materials and services shall be subject to Collin County approval.

1.15 Collin County reserves the right to make award in whole or in part as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

1.16 The Bidder/Quoter/Offeror shall comply with Commissioners' Court Order No. 96-680-10-28, Establishment of Guidelines & Restrictions Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts by County Officials & County Employees.

1.17 Any reference to model/make and/or manufacturer used in specifications is for descriptive purposes only. Products/materials of like quality will be considered.

1.18 Bidders/Quoters/Offerors taking exception to the specifications shall do so at their own risk. By

offering substitutions, Bidder/Quoter/Offeror shall state these exceptions in the section provided in the IFB/RFQ/RFP/CSP/Quotation or by attachment. Exception/substitution, if accepted, must meet or exceed specifications stated therein. Collin County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

1.19 Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders/Quoters/Offerors: A prospective Bidder/Quoter/Offeror must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1.19.1 have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- 1.19.2 be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery/completion schedule;
- 1.19.3 have a satisfactory record of performance;
- 1.19.4 have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- 1.19.5 be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

Collin County may request documentation and other information sufficient to determine Bidder's/Quoter's/Offeror's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

1.20 Vendor shall bear any/all costs associated with its preparation of an RFI/IFB/RFQ/RFP/CSP/Quotation submittal.

1.21 Public Information Act: Collin County is governed by the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. All information submitted by prospective bidders during the bidding process is subject to release under the Act.

1.22 The Bidder/Quoter/Offeror shall comply with Commissioners' Court Order No. 2004-167-03-11, County Logo Policy.

1.23 Interlocal Agreement: Successful bidder agrees to extend prices and terms to all entities that has entered into or will enter into joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with Collin County.

1.24 Bid Openings: All bids submitted will be read at the county's regularly scheduled bid opening for the designated project. However, the reading of a bid at bid opening should be not construed as a comment on the responsiveness of such bid or as any indication that the county accepts such bid as responsive.

The county will make a determination as to the responsiveness of bids submitted based upon compliance with all applicable laws, Collin County Purchasing Guidelines, and project documents, including but not limited to the project specifications and contract documents. The county will notify the successful bidder upon award of the contract and, according to state law; all bids received will be available for inspection at that time.

2.0 TERMS OF CONTRACT

2.1 A bid/quote/proposal, when properly accepted by Collin County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the Vendor/Contractor/Provider and Collin County. No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of an Amendment and/or a Change Order.

2.2 No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All Amendments and/or Change Orders to the contract will be made in writing by Collin County Purchasing Agent.

2.3 No public official shall have interest in the contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

2.4 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall comply with Commissioners' Court Order No. 96-680-10-28,

Establishment of Guidelines & Restrictions Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts by County Officials & County Employees.

- 2.5 Design, strength, quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practice.
- 2.6 Bids/Quotes/Proposals must comply with all federal, state, county and local laws concerning the type (s) of product(s)/service(s)/equipment/project(s) contracted for, and the fulfillment of all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.
- 2.7 All products must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition and of current manufacture. Obsolete products, including products or any parts not compatible with existing hardware/software configurations will not be accepted.
- 2.8 Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall provide any and all notices as may be required under the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988, 28 CFR Part 67, Subpart F, to its employees and all sub-contractors to insure that Collin County maintains a drug-free work place.
- 2.9 Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Collin County and all its officers, agents and employees and all entities, their officers, agents and employees who are participating in this contract from all suits, claims, actions, damages (including personal injury and or property damages), or demands of any character, name and description, (including attorneys' fees, expenses and other defense costs of any nature) brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of Vendor/Contractor/Provider's breach of the contract arising from an award, and/or any negligent act, error, omission or fault of the Vendor/Contractor/Provider, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of Vendor/Contractor/Provider in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from an award. Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall pay in full any judgment with costs, including attorneys' fees and expenses which are rendered against Collin County and/or participating entities arising out of such breach, act, error, omission and/or fault.
- 2.10 If a contract, resulting from a Collin County IFB, RFP, RFQ, CSP, Quotation is for the execution of a public work, the following shall apply:
- 2.10.1 In accordance with V.T.C.A. 2253.021, a governmental agency that makes a public work contract with a prime contractor shall require the contractor, before beginning work, to execute to the governmental entity a Payment Bond if the contract is in excess of \$25,000.00. Such bond shall be in the amount of the contract payable to the governmental entity and must be executed by a corporate surety in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1 Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).
- 2.10.2 In accordance with V.T.C.A. 2253.021, a governmental agency that makes a public work contract with a prime contractor shall require the contractor, before beginning work, to execute to the governmental entity a Performance Bond if the contract is in excess of \$100,000.00. Such bond shall be in the amount of the contract payable to the governmental entity and must be executed by a corporate surety in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 87, Acts of the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1 Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).
- 2.11 Purchase Order(s) shall be generated by Collin County to the vendor. Collin County will not be responsible for any orders placed/delivered without a valid purchase order number.
- 2.12 The contract shall remain in effect until any of the following occurs: delivery of product(s) and/or completion and acceptance by Collin County of product(s) and/or service(s), contract expires or is terminated by either party with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation and notice must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Collin County reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the Vendor/Contractor/Provider fails to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications. Breach of contract or default authorizes the County to purchase elsewhere and charge the full increase in cost and handling to the defaulting Vendor/Contractor/Provider.
- 2.13 Collin County Purchasing Department shall serve as Contract Administrator or shall supervise agents

designated by Collin County.

- 2.14 All delivery and freight charges (FOB Inside delivery at Collin County designated locations) are to be included as part of the bid/quote/proposal price. All components required to render the item complete, installed and operational shall be included in the total bid/quote/proposal price. Collin County will pay no additional freight/delivery/installation/setup fees.
- 2.15 Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall notify the Purchasing Department immediately if delivery/completion schedule cannot be met. If delay is foreseen, the Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent. The County has the right to extend delivery/completion time if reason appears valid.
- 2.16 The title and risk of loss of the product(s) shall not pass to Collin County until Collin County actually receives and takes possession of the product(s) at the point or points of delivery. Collin County shall generate a purchase order(s) to the Vendor/Contractor/Provider and the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices.
- 2.17 Invoices shall be mailed directly to the Collin County Auditor's Office, 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100, McKinney, Texas 75071. All invoices shall show:
- 2.17.1 Collin County Purchase Order Number;
 - 2.17.2 Vendor's/Contractor's/Provider's Name, Address and Tax Identification Number;
 - 2.17.3 Detailed breakdown of all charges for the product(s) and/or service(s) including applicable time frames.
- 2.18 Payment will be made in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.
- 2.19 All warranties shall be stated as required in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.20 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider and Collin County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.21 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider agree to protect Collin County from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
- 2.22 The contract will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Should any portion of the contract be in conflict with the laws of the State of Texas, the State laws shall invalidate only that portion. The remaining portion of the contract shall remain in effect. The contract is performable in Collin County, Texas.
- 2.23 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey the contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from Collin County.
- 2.24 The apparent silence of any part of the specification as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of the specification shall be made on the basis of this statement.
- 2.25 Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall not fraudulently advertise, publish or otherwise make reference to the existence of a contract between Collin County and Vendor/Contractor/Provider for purposes of solicitation. As exception, Vendor/Contractor/Provider may refer to Collin County as an evaluating reference for purposes of establishing a contract with other entities.
- 2.26 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider understands, acknowledges and agrees that if the Vendor/Contractor/Provider subcontracts with a third party for services and/or material, the primary Vendor/Contractor/Provider (awardee) accepts responsibility for full and prompt payment to the third party. Any dispute between the primary Vendor/Contractor/Provider and the third party, including any payment dispute, will be promptly remedied by the primary vendor. Failure to promptly render a remedy or to make prompt payment to the third party (subcontractor) may result in the withholding of funds from the primary Vendor/Contractor/Provider by Collin County for any payments owed to the third party.

2.27 Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall provide Collin County with diagnostic access tools at no additional cost to Collin County, for all Electrical and Mechanical systems, components, etc., procured through this contract.

2.28 Criminal History Background Check: If required, ALL individuals may be subject to a criminal history background check performed by the Collin County's Sheriff's Office prior to access being granted to Collin County. Upon request, Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall provide list of individuals to Collin County Purchasing Department within five (5) working days.

2.29 Non-Disclosure Agreement: Where applicable, vendor shall be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement acknowledging that all information to be furnished is in all respects confidential in nature, other than information which is in the public domain through other means and that any disclosure or use of same by vendor, except as provided in the contract/agreement, may cause serious harm or damage to Collin County. Therefore, Vendor agrees that Vendor will not use the information furnished for any purpose other than that stated in contract/agreement, and agrees that Vendor will not either directly or indirectly by agent, employee, or representative disclose this information, either in whole or in part, to any third party, except on a need to know basis for the purpose of evaluating any possible transaction. This agreement shall be binding upon Collin County and Vendor, and upon the directors, officers, employees and agents of each.

2.30 Vendors/Contractors/Providers must be in compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 and all employees specific to this solicitation must be legally eligible to work in the United States of America.

2.31 Certification of Eligibility: This provision applies if the anticipated Contract exceeds \$100,000.00 and as it relates to the expenditure of federal grant funds. By submitting a bid or proposal in response to this solicitation, the Bidder/Quoter/Offeror certifies that at the time of submission, he/she is not on the Federal Government's list of suspended, ineligible, or debarred contractors. In the event of placement on the list between the time of bid/proposal submission and time of award, the Bidder/Quoter/Offeror will notify the Collin County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating this contract for default.

2.32 Notice to Vendors/Contractors/Providers delivering goods or performing services within the Collin County Detention Facility: The Collin County Detention Facility houses persons who have been charged with and/or convicted of serious criminal offenses. When entering the Detention Facility, you could: (1) hear obscene or graphic language; (2) view partially clothed male inmates; (3) be subjected to verbal abuse or taunting; (4) risk physical altercations or physical contact, which could be minimal or possibly serious; (5) be exposed to communicable or infectious diseases; (6) be temporarily detained or prevented from immediately leaving the Detention Facility in the case of an emergency or "lockdown"; and (7) subjected to a search of your person or property. While the Collin County Sheriff's Office takes every reasonable precaution to protect the safety of visitors to the Detention Facility, because of the inherently dangerous nature of a Detention Facility and the type of the persons incarcerated therein, please be advised of the possibility of such situations exist and you should carefully consider such risks when entering the Detention Facility. By entering the Collin County Detention Facility, you acknowledge that you are aware of such potential risks and willingly and knowingly choose to enter the Collin County Detention Facility.

2.33 Delays and Extensions of Time when applicable:

2.33.1 If the Vendor/Contractor/Provider is delayed at any time in the commence or progress of the Work by an act or neglect of the Owner or Architect/Engineer, or of an employee of either, or of a separate contractor employed by the Owner, or by changes ordered in the Work, or by labor disputes, fire, unusual delay in deliveries, unavoidable casualties or other causes beyond the Vendor/Contractor/Provider's control, or by delay authorized by the Owner pending mediation and arbitration, or by other causes which the Owner or Architect/Engineer determines may justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be extended by Change Order for such reasonable time as the Owner/Architect may determine.

2.33.2 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction.

NOTE: All other terms and conditions (i.e. Insurance Requirements, Bond Requirements, etc.) shall be stated in the individual IFB/RFQ/RFP/RFI/CSP/Quotation Solicitation documents as Special Terms, Conditions and Specifications.

3.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Before commencing work, the vendor shall be required, at its own expense, to furnish the Collin County Purchasing Agent with certified copies of all insurance certificate(s) indicating the coverage to remain in force throughout the term of this contract.

3.1.1 **Commercial General Liability** insurance including but not limited to the coverage indicated below. Coverage shall not exclude or limit Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Cross Liability.

- Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
- Personal & Adv Injury: \$1,000,000
- Products/Completed Operation: \$2,000,000
- General Aggregate: \$2,000,000

3.1.2 **Workers Compensation** insurance as required by the laws of Texas, and Employers' Liability.

Employers' Liability

- Liability, Each Accident: \$500,000
- Disease-Each Employee: \$500,000
- Disease – Policy Limit: \$500,000

3.1.3 **Commercial Automobile Liability** insurance including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used in connection with the contract.

- Combined Single Limit – Each Accident: \$1,000,000

3.2 With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, the vendor shall endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:

3.3.1 A waiver of subrogation in favor of Collin County, its officials, employees, volunteers and officers shall be contained in all insurance coverages.

3.3.2 The vendor's insurance coverage shall name Collin County as additional insured under the General Liability policy.

3.3.3 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify Collin County of any decrease in the insurance coverage limits.

3.3.4 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to the effect that Collin County will receive at least thirty (30) days notice prior to cancellation, non-renewal or termination of the policy.

3.3.5 All copies of Certificates of Insurance shall reference the project/contract number.

3.4 All insurance shall be purchased from an insurance company that meets the following requirements:

3.4.1 A financial rating of B+VI or better as assigned by the BEST Rating Company or equivalent.

3.5 Certificates of Insurance shall be prepared and executed by the insurance company or its authorized agent, and shall contain provisions representing and warranting the following:

3.5.1 Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverages according to requirements and instructions contained herein.

3.5.2 Sets forth the notice of cancellation or termination to Collin County.

3.6 Pesticide and Herbicide Endorsement: Contractor shall endorse their General Liability policy with a Pesticide or Herbicide Applicator Coverage Endorsement, CG 22 64 07 98.

4.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

4.1 Authorization: By order of the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas sealed bids will be received for Herbicide Treatment, Roadside Right-of-Ways and Encroachments.

4.2. Intent of Request for Bid: Collin County's intent of this Request for Bid (IFB) and resulting contract is to provide bidders with sufficient information to prepare a bid for spraying of roadside right-of-ways and encroachments within unincorporated areas of Collin County.

4.3 Term: Provide for a multi-year contract commencing on March 1, 2015 and continue through February 28, 2016. The contract shall be subject to three (3) additional twelve (12) month renewal periods provided there is no change in the terms, conditions, specifications, and prices provided that such renewals are mutually agreed to by both parties. In no event shall the term plus renewal exceed four (4) years.

4.4 Funding: Funds for payment have been provided through the Collin County budget approved by the Commissioners' Court for this fiscal year only. State of Texas statutes prohibit the County from any obligation of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Therefore, anticipated orders or other obligations that arise past the end of the current Collin County fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval.

4.5 Price Reduction: If during the life of the contract, the vendor's net prices to other customers under the same terms and conditions for items/services awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to Collin County.

4.6 Price Redetermination: A price redetermination may be considered by Collin County only at the twelve (12) month, twenty-four (24) month, thirty-six (36) month, and forty-eight (48) month anniversary date of the contract. All requests for price redetermination shall be in written form and shall include documents supporting price redetermination such as Manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, Federal/State minimum wage law, Federal/State unemployment taxes, F.I.C.A., Insurance Coverage Rates, etc.. The bidder's past experience of honoring contracts at the contract price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and best offer. Collin County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the price redetermination as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

4.7 Testing: Testing may be performed at the request of Collin County, by an agent so designated, without expense to Collin County. The County reserves the right to request the services of the Texas Department of Agricultural, at any time, to check and verify the requirements of the herbicides being used.

4.8 Samples/Demos: When requested, samples/demos shall be furnished free of expense to Collin County.

4.9 Contact person: The bidder shall submit with his/her bid a listing of contact information of company representatives available to respond to service and inspection requests from the County and to answer questions and/or take

possible complaints from residents of Collin County. The bidder shall have on call/available twenty-four (24) hours per day at least one company representative.

4.10 License Requirements: The qualified bidder shall hold all permits, licenses, and certifications required to do the Work under this Contract, and all such permits, licenses, and certifications shall be current. The herbicide shall be applied under the supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator, properly licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture. All chemical spraying shall be done by individual (s) with a valid, current commercial applicators license.

4.11 Waste Materials: All refuse and waste material shall be disposed of by the Contractor at a location other than the county or third-party's property, at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor must immediately clean up any spilled material from roads.

4.12 Spills: Any spills will be handled following Safe Industry Standards.

4.13 Traffic Control: The road shall be kept open to traffic at all times. Equipment shall be parked off of the pavement when mixing chemical or loading materials. The bidder shall be responsible for providing traffic control during this project consistent with the provisions set forth in the "Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices", Version 2011, Revision II 2014 issued under the authority of the "State of Texas Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways," codified as Transportation Code 544.001.

4.14 Equipment Requirements: For evaluation purposes, bidder shall submit a listing of all equipment/vehicles in vendor's inventory (Attachment A) to be used in the performance of this contract, and denote whether or not equipment is owned or leased by the bidder. **Failure to include equipment listing with bid submittal may result in rejection of bid.** All equipment proposed for use by the bidder for herbicide application must be inspected and licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture and must comply with all applicable State, Federal and OSHA Regulations. All equipment submitted for use on this project shall be maintained in satisfactory working condition to guard against injury to the grounds, county property, third-party property, persons or animals. Bidder's equipment that operates from public roads shall have a permanent flashing rotating amber caution light mounted to the top of each piece of equipment along with an arrow board.

4.15 Complaints: Complaints from residents resulting from work done under this contract shall be received and recorded by the County. The complaints shall be forwarded to the bidder and the bidder shall initiate contact with the person(s) registering the complaint within twenty-four (24) hours following notification. When required bidder shall take the necessary actions to investigate the complaint and document all findings. If, in fact, a liability situation does exist, every effort shall be taken to insure that the claim is settled as expeditiously as possible. Collin County shall be kept informed as to the disposition of complaints.

The bidder shall be responsible for any property damage caused by the use of chemicals, vehicles, or other equipment while performing this contract.

4.16 Additional work: All work added or deleted shall be specified by location and approximate acreage/mileage. A designated representative of the County and the bidder shall measure areas to be added or deleted to determine the exact acreage/mileage. Such measurements shall be documented and signed by both representatives.

4.17 Records: Records of herbicide application shall be maintained by the vendor in compliance with Texas law. The following records shall be maintained by the vendor for a period of two (2) years and shall be delivered to Collin County upon request:

- 4.17.1 Date and time of day each application started
- 4.17.2 Name of the person for whom the application was made (i.e. Collin County)
- 4.17.3 Location of the right-of-way where the application was made, stated in a manner that will permit inspection by authorized parties
- 4.17.4 The herbicide applied, including:
 - 4.17.4.1 Product name
 - 4.17.4.2 Product's EPA registration number
 - 4.17.4.3 Application rate
 - 4.17.4.4 Total volume of spray mix, dust, granules or other materials applied per unit
- 4.17.5 Total acres or other measure of area treated
- 4.17.6 Wind direction, velocity and air temperature on date of each application
- 4.17.7 Name and department license number of the applicant
- 4.17.8 Any and all records required by the Texas Department of Agriculture

4.18 Inspection of Work: The designated Collin County representative shall jointly inspect all areas treated and the bidder approximately thirty (30) days to thirty-five (35) days following completion of stated treatment cycle. It shall be determined if killing of vegetation, excepting Bermuda grass, has been effective. In the event, the killing of vegetation is not satisfactory; vendor shall, at no expense to the County, re-treat areas.

Inspection findings shall be documented and signed by both the vendor and Collin County and will be utilized to support requests for payment by the bidder for satisfactory completion of services.

4.19 Scope of Work: The scope of work included in this bid consists of herbicide treatment of road surfaces and roadside right-of-ways within the unincorporated areas of Collin County, Texas.

4.19.1 EXCLUSIONS:

4.19.1.1 City and Municipalities-limits can and will change. As such, it is the vendor's responsibility to contact the County's representative for current/updated city limit changes.

4.19.1.2 Designated Non-spray areas-Public Works Road and Bridge Department maintains records and map(s) of areas where the application of herbicides is prohibited.

4.19.1.3 Roadside right-of-ways areas that are extensions of maintained/manicured lawns that are mowed, maintained, etc. to the road shoulder.

4.19.1.4 Recorded/platted subdivisions are not included within the scope of right-of-way treatment in this section.

4.19.2 Work within the scope of this bid includes but is not limited to the herbicide treatment of approximately five hundred sixty-three (563) roads with approximately six hundred and fifty (650) miles of roadside right-of-ways that require encroachment spraying.

4.19.3 Asphalt Roadside Management consists of a minimum of sixty (60) inches divided into two (2) sections; encroachment vegetation treatment and roadside right-of-ways.

4.19.3.1 Encroachment vegetation treatment requires a minimum spray width of eighteen (18) inches, and a maximum spray width of twenty-four (24) inches of a NON-SELECTIVE chemical to effectively kill ALL vegetation. Pavement Encroachment Treatments are defined as any vegetation that is growing through an asphalt or concrete road surface. Treatment of pavement vegetation encroachments shall require a total kill of all vegetation encroaching (growing) through, on, within, or up through road pavement surfaces.

4.19.3.2 Right-of-way Treatment is defined as the treatment of vegetation from the road shoulder to a point not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in width or to existing road way fences not to exceed a distance of thirty-six (36) inches from the road shoulder. Vegetation is described as weeds, undesirable grasses (except Bermuda grass), vines, brush and small trees.

4.19.4 Herbicides used in the treatment of roadside vegetation, are required to effectively kill and/or manage all required vegetation, *except Bermuda grass*.

4.19.4.1 Basal Treatment – when required, the total elimination of trees and or brush shall be applied only as directed by Collin County representative.

- 4.19.4.2 Tree Limb and Brush Treatment – when required, the application of herbicides will be applied to trees and brush to retard growth (not kill or eliminate trees or brush) only when directed by Collin County representative.
- 4.19.4.3 Drainage Ditch or Stream Bed Treatment – consists of treating vegetation of trees or brush located in drainage ditches or stream beds adjacent to county roads with a SELECTIVE chemical to preserve Bermuda grass.
- 4.19.5 Both NON-SELECTIVE (chemical to effectively kill ALL vegetation) and SELECTIVE (chemical preserving the Bermuda grass) chemicals shall have a mixture to include drift retardant agent.
- 4.19.6 Before commencing work, the vendor shall be required to advise Collin County, in writing, of the herbicides he proposes to use in the treatment of all types of vegetation and shall not proceed with any work until such time as he has received written notice to proceed from Collin County. Collin County shall have final approval on the use of herbicides or other chemicals proposed by the bidder. Vegetation is defined as weeds, grass (*excepting Bermuda*), vines, brush and trees. The herbicides used in treatment of roadside vegetation shall be herbicides that will effectively kill all and/or manage all required vegetation, *except Bermuda grass*. Any crops, cropland, orchards, or Bermuda grass, etc., that is killed or permanently damaged shall be replanted, by the bidder, and growth will be assured. Replanting shall be done at no additional cost to Collin County.
- 4.19.7 The bidder shall comply with all herbicide application requirements as set forth by the Texas Structural Pest Control Board, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the manufacturer's label. If the chemical mix being used is suspect, the County reserves the right to use the Texas Department of Agriculture as an agent to verify requirements of chemicals being mixed. All herbicides shall be mixed and applied in strict accordance with the manufacturer's E.P.A. Registered Label. Failure to comply with these specifications shall be grounds for Collin County to suspend operations.
- 4.19.8 If at any time the vegetation is not totally killed after a treatment, follow-up treatment(s) shall be applied as required to achieve a total "kill" of all cattails and willow trees in ditch bottoms. Follow up treatments for vegetation other than willow trees and cattails will also be done at no expense to the County.

4.19.9 Follow-up inspections will be made of areas requiring spot treatments no later than thirty (30) days following treatment to determine effectiveness for payment.

4.20 Schedule of work: All areas defined in "Roadside Right of Ways and Encroachments" shall receive a minimum of two (2) herbicide spray treatments during each growing season as follows:

4.20.1 First treatment of all areas defined in Scope of Work shall start within ten (10) calendar days of written notice to proceed; generally mid-March to mid-May. First treatment shall be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar days of notice to proceed.

4.20.2 Second treatment shall start eleven (11) to thirteen (13) weeks, Mid-August to Mid-September, depending on rainfall, after completion of first treatment. Second treatment shall be completed within thirty-six (36) calendar days of notice to proceed.

In lieu of detailed routes and time/date schedules for treatment, the Bidder shall work with Collin County to coordinate and develop a schedule that is mutually agreeable or acceptable for both parties.

4.21 Guarantee: Vendor shall guarantee 100% herbicide coverage and 100% kill rate of all grasses and weeds encroaching through asphalt roads. Any and all costs associated with the required re-application of herbicides shall be the responsibility of the vendor.

4.22 Product & Application Rates: Application of herbicides shall be completed between March 1st and September 30th of each year. The type of herbicide to be used shall be Round Up or Collin County approved equal at a rate of a minimum of 160 ounces per acre.

4.23 Vendor Responsibilities:

4.23.1 Vendor shall be responsible for handling all public inquiries or complaints as stated in Section 4.15.

4.23.2 All equipment shall be maintained in satisfactory working condition to guard against injury to the ground, county property, third-party property, persons, and/or animals.

4.23.3 Vendor shall be responsible for repairs or replacement of all desirable trees, shrubs, and plants destroyed by vendor's employees, chemicals, and equipment during performance of work.

4.24 License, Registrations & Regulations:

- 4.24.1 Bidder shall submit with their bid, copies of valid, current Texas Department of Agriculture license and license number required for this type of project.
- 4.24.2 All work included in this contract shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and shall not be sub-contracted. All chemical spraying shall be done by persons with a valid, current commercial applicator's license. All foremen and workers shall have sufficient skill, proper license, and experience to perform work in an acceptable manner.
- 4.24.3 Herbicides shall be applied in compliance with Texas herbicide regulations. Particular attention shall be given to outlet pressure of herbicide equipment, application rates on the product label and wind velocity restrictions.

4.25 References

- 4.25.1 All responding bidders shall complete Attachment B and upload to their bid.

**SIGNATURE FORM
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

DELIVERY WILL BE F.O.B. INSIDE DELIVERY AT COLLIN COUNTY DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND ALL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES PAID BY THE SUPPLIER TO DESTINATION.

DELIVERY TO BE SPECIFIED IN CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF ORDER.

WE **DO NOT** TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS.

WE **TAKE** EXCEPTION TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS (EXPLAIN):

COMPANY INFORMATION/PROFILE/REFERENCES

Preferential Requirement: The County of Collin, as a governmental agency of the State of Texas, may not award a contract to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located (Government Code, Title 10, V.T.C.A., Chapter 2252, Subchapter A). Bidder shall make answer to the following questions by selecting the appropriate radio button or inserting information in the box provided:

Is your principal place of business in the State of Texas? Yes No

If the answer to question is "yes", no further information is necessary; if "no", please indicate:

in which state is your principal place of business is located:

if that state favors resident bidders (bidders in your state) by some dollar increment or percentage: Yes No

if "yes", what is that dollar increment or percentage?

Company Profile: IS YOUR FIRM?

Sole Proprietorship Yes No

General Partnership Yes No

Limited Partnership Yes No

Corporation Yes No

Other Yes No

List Legal Names in Company:

List at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies where these same/like products/services, as stated herein, have been provided. Include company name, address, contact name and telephone number.



AS PERMITTED UNDER TITLE 8, CHAPTER 271, SUBCHAPTER F, SECTION 271.101 AND 271.102 V.T.C.A. AND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 791, SUBCHAPTER C, SECTION 791.025, V.T.C.A., OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MAY WISH TO ALSO PARTICIPATE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT. EACH ENTITY WISHING TO PARTICIPATE MUST ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH COLLIN COUNTY AND HAVE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM VENDOR. IF SUCH PARTICIPATION IS AUTHORIZED, ALL PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ISSUED DIRECTLY FROM AND SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY REQUIRING SUPPLIES/SERVICES. COLLIN COUNTY SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ORDERS PLACED, DELIVERIES MADE OR PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES/SERVICES ORDERED BY THESE ENTITIES. EACH ENTITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONTRACT. WOULD BIDDER BE WILLING TO ALLOW OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTRACT, IF AWARDED, UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS? Yes No

By signing and submitting this Bid/Proposal, Bidder/Offeror acknowledges, understands the specifications, any and all addenda, and agrees to the bid/proposal terms and conditions and can provide the minimum requirements stated herein. Bidder/Offeror acknowledges they have read the document in its entirety, visited the site, performed investigations and verifications as deemed necessary, is familiar with local conditions under which work is to be performed and will be responsible for any and all errors in Bid/Proposal submittal resulting from Bidder/Offeror's failure to do so. Bidder/Offeror acknowledges the prices submitted in this Bid/Proposal have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. If Bid/Proposal is accepted, vendor further certifies and agrees to furnish any and all products/services upon which prices are extended at the price submitted, and upon conditions in the specifications of the Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOREGOING BID/PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE COMPANY LISTED BELOW HEREINAFTER CALLED "BIDDER/OFFEROR" IS THE DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF SAID COMPANY AND THE PERSON SIGNING SAID BID/PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE SAME. BIDDER/OFFEROR AFFIRMS THAT THEY ARE DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS CONTRACT; THIS COMPANY; CORPORATION, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP OR INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PREPARED THIS BID/PROPOSAL IN COLLUSION WITH ANY OTHER BIDDER/OFFEROR OR OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE SAME LINE OF BUSINESS; AND THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS BID/PROPOSAL AS TO PRICES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BID/PROPOSAL HAVE NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED BY THE UNDERSIGNED NOR BY ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT TO ANY OTHER PERSON ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THIS BID/PROPOSAL.

Company Name	
Street Address of Principal Place of Business	
City, State, Zip	

Phone of Principal Place of Business	
Fax of Principal Place of Business	
E-mail Address of Representative	
Federal Identification Number	
Date	
Acknowledgement of Addenda	#1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2 <input type="checkbox"/> #3 <input type="checkbox"/> #4 <input type="checkbox"/> #5 <input type="checkbox"/> #6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Authorized Representative Name	
Authorized Representative Title	
Signature (Required for paper bid submission)	

Attachment "A"
Equipment Listing

	Year	Model	Make	Description	Owned or Leased?
Equipment Information #1					
Equipment Information #2					
Equipment Information #3					
Equipment Information #4					
Equipment Information #5					
Equipment Information #6					
Equipment Information #7					
Equipment Information #8					

Attachment "B" References

Reference No. 1

Name of Contact: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Street Address _____ Suite# _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Project No. 1: _____ Size/Dollar Amt: _____
Project No. 2: _____ Size/Dollar Amt: _____

Reference No. 2

Name of Contact: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Street Address _____ Suite# _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Project No. 1: _____ Size/Dollar Amt: _____
Project No. 2: _____ Size/Dollar Amt: _____

Reference No. 3

Name of Contact: _____
Title: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____

Form **W-9**
 (Rev. January 2011)
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ³ The actual owner ⁴
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ⁴
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor [*]
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

OFFICE USE ONLY

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

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 person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

Date Received

1. Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2. 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 the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3. Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4.	
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity	Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, declare and affirm that my company is in compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 and all employees are legally eligible to work in the United States of America.

I further understand and acknowledge that any non-compliance with the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986 at any time during the term of this contract will render the contract voidable.

Name of Company	<input type="text"/>
Title of Officer	<input type="text"/>
Name of Officer	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>

**Question and Answers for Bid #2015-076 - HERBICIDE TREATMENT OF
ROADSIDE RIGHT OF WAYS & ENCROACHMENTS**

OVERALL BID QUESTIONS

There are no questions associated with this bid.