

Solicitation 2015-170

SERVICES: MORGUE TRANSPORT

Bid Designation: Public



Collin County

Bid 2015-170

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Bid Number **2015-170**
 Bid Title **SERVICES: MORGUE TRANSPORT**

Bid Start Date **In Held**
 Bid End Date **Aug 6, 2015 2:00:00 PM CDT**
 Question & Answer End Date **Jul 30, 2015 5:00:00 PM CDT**

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Contract Duration **1 year**
 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.

Item Response Form

Item **2015-170--01-01 - Transport from location within Collin County to Collin County Medical Examiner**
 Quantity **1 each**
 Unit Price
 Delivery Location **Collin County**
Collin County - See P.O.
 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 3160
 ** See P.O. for Job Site **
 McKinney TX 75071
 Qty 1

Description

Transport from any location within Collin County to the Collin County Medical Examiner.
 Estimated annual quantity is 486 bodies. Fee is per body picked up.

Item **2015-170--01-02 · Transport from location outside Collin County to Collin County Medical Examiner**
Quantity **1 each**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Collin County - See P.O.
2300 Bloomdale Rd., Ste. 3160
** See P.O. for Job Site **
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Transport from any location outside Collin County to Collin County Medical Examiner's Office.
Estimated annual quantity is 38 bodies. Fee is per body picked up.



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. Coverage must be written on occurrence form.

- Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
- Personal Injury & Adv. Injury: \$1,000,000
- Products/Completed Operation Aggregate: \$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 which includes any automobile (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:

3.2.1 A waiver of subrogation in favor of Collin County, its officials, employees, volunteers and officers shall be provided for General Liability, Commercial Automobile Liability, and Workers' Compensation.

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

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

3.2.4 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.

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

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

3.3.1 A financial rating of A+VII or higher as assigned by the BEST Rating Company or equivalent.

3.4 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:

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

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

4.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 Authorization: By order of the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas sealed bids will be received for Services: Morgue Transport.

4.2 Term: Provide for a contract commencing on October 1, 2015 continuing for a one (1) year period through and including September 30, 2016 with three (3) additional one (1) year renewals.

4.3 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 may arise past the end of the current Collin County fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval.

4.4 Price Reduction: If during the life of the contract, the bidder's net prices to its customers for the same product(s) and/or services shall be reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the County shall receive such price reduction.

4.5 Price Redetermination: A price redetermination may be considered by Collin County only at the twelve (12) month, twenty-four (24) month and thirty-six (36) month anniversary dates of the contract. All requests for price redetermination shall be in written form and shall include documents supporting price redetermination such as Manufacture'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 bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and the best bid. Collin County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all of the price redetermination as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

4.6 Completion/Response Time: Successful bidder shall be capable of responding to a call for service and arriving at the location in Collin County for transport within one (1) hour under normal conditions. Repeated delays in response to a call without just cause, may, at the discretion of Collin County, be cause for termination of contract.

Bodies removed from a Collin County medical facility must be delivered to the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office within 2 hours of notification, unless otherwise directed by Collin County Medical Examiner's Office staff.

4.7 Service Location: Location for services will be determined upon each call.

4.8 Rate/Fee: Bidders shall specify the turnkey rate/fee for pick-up at the designated transport assignment location and delivery to the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office. Rates/Fees proposed must be all inclusive, incorporating all supplies, equipment, service, labor, personnel and other charges and expenses associated with this contract. Collin County will not pay for any services found to be unacceptable.

4.9 Monetary Penalties: Failure to comply with the stated response time and required pre-approved two (2) person crew many and will result in the following monetary deductions form the Bidders invoice for payment per transport assignment:

4.9.1 One (1) person crew arriving at a transport assignment location will result in an automatic of 50% of body/run unit cost, per assignment.

4.9.2 Arriving at the transport assignment location without approved personnel will result in an automatic deduction of 80% of body/run unit cost, per assignment.

4.9.3 Arriving late at transport assignment location (after-one (1) hour response time) see 4.6 may result in the following monetary deduction per assignment 01-15 minutes late \$15.00 16-30 minutes late \$20.00; 31+ minutes late \$30.00.

4.10 Evaluation and Award: Bids will be awarded to the overall low bidder meeting specifications. Low bidder will be determined by multiplying estimated annual quantities by the per body price.

4.11 Approximate Usage: Approximate usage does not constitute an order, but only implies the probable quantity the County will use. Services will be ordered on an as-needed basis. Estimated annual quantities listed below:

		Estimated Annual Quantities	
4.11.1	Transport from any location within Collin County to Collin County Medical Examiner's Office located at 700B W. Wilmeth Road, McKinney, TX: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.	486	Bodies
4.11.2	Transport bodies from outside Collin County and deliver to the Medical Examiner's Facility: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014	38	Bodies

4.12 Specifications/General Requirements: Bid shall be submitted as a flat fee per body delivered in accordance with the directions of the Collin County Medical Examiner. Collin County shall have twenty-four (24) hour/seven (7) day telephone communication with successful bidder. Successful bidder shall be available for immediate services on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day a week basis.

4.13 In the event of simultaneous assignments, priority for transport will be established by the Medical Examiner.

4.14 The County reserves the right to make alternate arrangements to transport the deceased by person or persons other than successful bidder including but limited to the following:

- 4.14.1 request by next of kin for a particular carrier,
- 4.14.2 Medical Examiner's office to pick up themselves,
- 4.14.3 Carrier other than successful bidder is already present and states they can transport.

4.15 The Collin County Medical Examiner may authorize transport of multiple bodies at one time, from one or more areas. It is understood that payment will be made for each body transported only when the transport of multiple bodies is authorized by the Collin County Medical Examiner.

4.16 The Collin County Medical Examiner will expect to have "control" over the transport vehicle and its crew from the time of notification of assignment until crew and vehicle are released by the Medical Examiner or his authorized field agent.

4.17 After any body pick-up, successful bidder shall proceed immediately to the directed destination, unless specifically authorized by the Collin County Medical Examiner to make an additional pick-up.

4.18 Area: This contract will cover all areas in Collin County, Texas, as well as the occasional areas listed previously.

4.19 Non-Emergency Service: This will be a non-emergency, non-lifesaving function. Use of flashing lights and sirens will be prohibited in this service.

4.20 Arrival: Successful bidder's personnel shall notify Collin County Medical Examiner or authorized field agent upon arrival at the designated location.

4.21 Standby Time: Effort will be made to avoid detaining successful bidder at the scene. However, some delay in certain instances may be unavoidable; therefore, if the official at the scene indicates that a delay in pick up is necessary, successful bidder shall remain at the location unless discharged by that official. If there would be additional charges for this service, bidder shall indicate his charges for such standby time in his bid.

4.22 Medical Facility Transport: All special requests (i.e. – admission specimens, clothing/person effects, evidence, medical chart, ambulance run sheet, etc.) must be fulfilled or justification given if one or more item(s) is absent upon delivery of the body to the Collin County Medical Examiner Office. If the successful bidder is at fault for one or more item(s) missing, it is the successful bidder's responsibility to go retrieve the missing item(s) immediately at no additional cost.

4.23 Vehicles: Successful bidder shall have at least two (2) vehicles available at all times for immediate service. Vehicles shall meet the following standards:

- 4.23.1 Vehicles shall be maintained in good running condition and shall meet federal, state or local requirements for their operation.

- 4.23.2 Vehicles shall have a proper appearance suitable to the use for which they shall be used.
 - 4.23.3 Vehicles shall be so arranged as to provide privacy and large enough to accommodate a minimum of two (2) bodies.
 - 4.23.4 Vehicles shall be kept clean inside and outside the vehicle.
- 4.24 Vehicles shall be equipped, at bidder's expense, with material to cover bodies during removal and transport.
- 4.25 Vehicles shall be equipped, at Collin County's expense, with two "Crash Bags". These bags will be replaced by Collin County when used. Crash bags will be used only when authorized by the Medical Examiner or his authorized field agent.
- 4.26 Drivers: Each driver making transports for Collin County under this contract shall be a licensed Class C motor vehicle operator in the State of Texas and be covered under a policy of liability insurance as required by the State. Bidder shall provide copy(ies) of employees current driver's license and insurance policy(ies) as required by the State of Texas.
- 4.27 Personnel: Personnel assigned by the successful bidder shall be licensed as required by state and local regulations governing such operations.
- 4.27.1 A vehicle on assignment for Collin County shall be manned by two (2) persons.
 - 4.27.2 Personnel assigned by the successful bidder shall be approved by Collin County.
 - 4.27.3 Personnel of the successful bidder shall, while on assignment for Collin County, act solely under the direction of the Collin County Medical Examiner, or in his absence, his authorized field agent.
 - 4.27.4 Personnel assigned to the vehicles shall be properly dressed (uniform preferred), and shall be neat and clean in appearance. Blue jeans, shorts, tee shirts or other casual dress shall not be considered suitable attire for personnel making transport for the County.
 - 4.27.5 Personnel shall display a photo identification badge and must be prominently displayed (on shirt collar or pocket) at all times. Photo identification badge must indicate the company name, employee name and personnel data. All expenses related to the purchase of the photo identification badges will be borne by the bidder.
 - 4.27.6 No unauthorized passengers shall ride in vehicles on assignment for Collin County personnel in vehicles on assignment will be limited to only those approved by Collin County.
 - 4.27.7 Personnel of the successful bidder may not speak for the Collin County or its agents members of the Medical Examiner's Office, nor may they offer opinions, or discuss observations with members of the deceased's family, the news media, or general public. Any violation of this clause may bring an immediate request from Collin County for removal of successful bidder's employee from service to Collin County.

4.28 Forms Completion: Any forms or reports required by the Collin County Medical Examiner will be completed by successful bidder's personnel as directed by the Medical Examiner.

4.29 Equipment: Successful bidder shall supply all his own equipment such as backboards, sheets, scoop stretchers to pick up bodies, materials to cover bodies during removal and transport, etc.

4.30 Charges to Deceased's Estate: Successful bidder shall not charge the deceased's estate, survivors, insurances, etc. for any transport services made under direction of Collin County. Failure to adhere to this requirement may, at the discretion of Collin County, be just cause for immediate termination of contract.

4.31 Bidders must show a minimum of two (2) years of current experience with similar volume of Collin County Medical Examiner of transporting deceased persons in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex area. Indicated this experience in the reference section of this Bid (see 4.31). Failure to show at least two (2) years of current experience may disqualify your firm from consideration for award.

4.32 Criminal History Background Check: ALL individuals will be required without exception to a criminal history background check by Collin County prior to access being granted onto any Collin County facility or attending any scene. If an individual that has not received clearance it may be cause for termination of the contract.

4.33 Bidder will provide a minimum of two (2) customer/client references at least one (1) current (other than Collin County).

4.33.1 The customer/client reference information shall be for similar services over the past twenty-four (24) month period.

4.33.2 The customer/client reference shall include:

Company/Firm Name

Street Address, City, State and Zip Code

Contact Person Name, Email and Telephone Number

Brief description of services or products provided

Time period and duration of contract volume

Collin County reserves the right to conduct an on-site inspection of Bidders facilities and equipment for bid compliance prior to award of the contract and anytime thereafter.

**SIGNATURE FORM
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

DELIVERY

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 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?

REFERENCES

List at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies where these same/like products /services, as stated herein, have been provided.

Company/Entity:		Contact:	
Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Phone:		E-mail:	

Company/Entity:		Contact:	
Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Phone:		E-mail:	

Company/Entity:		Contact:	
Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Phone:		E-mail:	

COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS

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 inter-local 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

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Legal Company Name	
Doing Business As (DBA)	
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	
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)	
Date	

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

Title of Officer

Name of Officer

Date:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE		FORM CIQ
For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity		
<p style="text-align: center;">This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <hr/> <p>Date Received</p>	
<p>1. Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		
<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p>(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.)</p>		
<p>3. Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Name of Officer</p> </div> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>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?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		





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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

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.

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 ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
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.

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.

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.

In order to better serve our bidders, the Collin County Purchasing Department is conducting the following survey. We appreciate your time and effort expended to submit your bid. Please take a moment to complete the below. Should you have any questions or require more information please call (972) 548-4165.

HOW DID YOU RECEIVE NOTICE OF THIS REQUEST FOR BID OR PROPOSALS?

McKinney Courier-Gazette? Yes No

Plan Room? Yes No

Collin County Web-Site? Yes No

Facsimile or email from BidSync? Yes No

Other

HOW DID YOU RECEIVE THE BID DOCUMENTS?

Downloaded from Home Computer? Yes No

Downloaded from Company Computer? Yes No

Requested a Copy from Collin County? Yes No

Other

Thank You,

Collin County Purchasing Department

Question and Answers for Bid #2015-170 - SERVICES: MORGUE TRANSPORT

Overall Bid Questions

There are no questions associated with this bid.