

Certifications (Governmental Entities)

Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Drug-Free Workplace; and Anti-Trust.

The certifications enumerated below represent material facts upon which DFPS relies upon when accepting a bid for this solicitation. If the Department later determines that Bidder knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, DFPS may pursue all available remedies in accordance with Texas and U.S. law. Bidder further agrees that it will provide immediate written notice to DFPS if at any time Bidder learns that any of the certifications provided for below were erroneous when submitted or have since become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. **If the Bidder cannot certify the accuracy of all the statements contained in this section, Bidder must provide written notice to DFPS detailing which of the below statements it cannot certify and why.**

A. Certification Regarding Lobbying. State and Federal law place restrictions on the use of state and federal funds in regard to lobbying. The Bidder certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. §1352, no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Bidder, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.
3. The Bidder shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for subcontracts and that all subcontractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
4. Payments of appropriated or other funds to Bidder under any resulting agreement are not prohibited by Texas Government Code §556.005 or §556.008.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification. Bidder certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- 1) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- 2) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- 3) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (D)(1);
- 4) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (D)(1) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- 5) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (D)(4)(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such

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conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (D)(4)(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --

a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or

rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

C. Anti-Trust Certification. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1, et seq. and Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Sec. 15.01, et seq., Bidder certifies that neither the contractor nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the Bidder, or anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this state, federal antitrust laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business.

As the duly authorized representative of the contractor/potential contractor, I hereby certify that the contractor/potential contractor will comply with the above certifications.

Keith Self

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

County Judge

Title of Authorized Representative

Date

7/27/09