

Solicitation 2013-338

IBM N-SERIES ENTERPRISE STORAGE SOLUTION

Bid designation: Public



Collin County

Bid 2013-338

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Bid Number **2013-338**
 Bid Title **IBM N-SERIES ENTERPRISE STORAGE SOLUTION**

Bid Start Date **In Held**
 Bid End Date **Nov 7, 2013 2:00:00 PM CST**
 Question & Answer End Date **Nov 5, 2013 12:00:00 PM CST**

Bid Contact **Carol Magers**
Buyer Manager
Purchasing Department
972-548-4119
cmagers@co.collin.tx.us

Contract Duration **One Time Purchase**
 Contract Renewal **Not Applicable**
 Prices Good for **180 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 Vendors shall complete all line items on Attachment A and B. Attachment C represents the Collin County hybrid diagram of the virtual infrastructure including backup, inside, outside, and DMZ zones.
 All delivery charges shall be included in the costs submitted. Delivery is to be inside the Computer Parts Warehouse just off the back dock at the Collin County Courthouse.
 All vendors must complete the W-9.

Item Response Form

Item **2013-338--01-01 - Required Base Configuration Components - Hardware**
 Quantity **1 lump sum**
 Unit Price
 Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
 Attn: Bryan Owens
 2100 Bloomdale Rd.
 Rm. 00138
 McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the grand total cost of hardware for Attachment A.

Item **2013-338--01-02 - Required Base Configuration Components - Maintenance 1st Year**
Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the grand total cost for 1st year maintenance costs as stated in Attachment A.

Item **2013-338--01-03 - Alternate Configuration Additions - Hardware**
Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the grand total cost for the alternate configuration additions for the hardware as shown on Attachment B.

Item **2013-338--01-04 - Alternate Configuration Additions - Maintenance 1st Year**
Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the grand total costs for the 1st year maintenance costs as stated in Attachment B.

Item **2013-338--01-05 - Turn-Key Services for Required Base Configuration Components**
Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the grand total costs for installation, configuration, documentation, warranties, and education/knowledge to transfer for the required base configuration as shown in Attachment A.

Item **2013-338--01-06 - Turn-Key Services for Alternate Configuration Additions**

Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

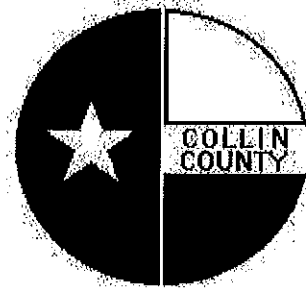
Description

Please state the grand total costs for installation, configuration, documentation, warranties, and education/knowledge to transfer for the required base configuration as shown in Attachment B

Item **2013-338--01-07 - Remote support**
Quantity **1 lump sum**
Unit Price
Delivery Location **Collin County**
Computer Parts Warehouse
Attn: Bryan Owens
2100 Bloomdale Rd.
Rm. 00138
McKinney TX 75071
Qty 1

Description

Please state the cost for one year of remote support and assistance which will allow the County storage administrators to address questions and issues with the delivered solution, as configured and installed.



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 it's 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

3.1.4 **Professional/Errors & Omissions Liability** insurance with a two (2) year extended period of coverage, (i.e. tail coverage). If you choose to have project coverage endorsed onto your base policy, this would be acceptable.

- Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$1,000,000

3.1.5 **Umbrella/Excess Liability** insurance.

- Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$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 the workers compensation coverage.

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.

4.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

4.1 The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the lowest and best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance and other factors set forth in the Request for Proposals in accordance with Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, Local Government 262.030.

4.1.2 Detailed Proposal Assessment

4.1.2.1 Qualification/Certifications of the Firm – **20%**

4.1.2.1.1 Documentation (See Section 6.4)

4.1.2.1.2 Provide list of technical Certifications

4.1.2.1.3 Resumes and/or consultant profiles must be provided for each project team member proposed to work on the project

4.1.2.2 References – **25%**

4.1.2.2.1 Provide a minimum of three (3) governmental references to include name, address, phone, email of contact person.

4.1.2.3 Prior Experience/Implementation of Projects with similar environments- **30%**

4.1.2.3.1 Provide a minimum of three (3) projects with details of implementation with similar environments as this project for Collin County

4.1.2.4 Cost – **25%**

5.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 Authorization: By order of the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, sealed proposals will be received for the IBM N-Series Enterprise Storage Solution.

5.2 Intent of Request for Proposal: Collin County's intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) and resulting contract is to provide offerors with sufficient information to prepare a proposal for a solution consisting of a fully configured turn-key proposal including the listed equipment, delivery, installation, configuration, data migration, re-cabling or transfer of selected existing storage trays to the new solution and training. Offerors are instructed to propose a base configuration set with installation and other professional services identified as a separate line item quote as identified in Attachment A. An alternative solution with additional add-on storage trays will be proposed, along with separate, itemized professional service fees, as identified in Attachment B. This storage solution shall be installed and configured by an IBM certified N-Series storage solution provider.

5.3 Term: Provide for a term contract commencing on the date of the award and continuing through project completion and enter into annual maintenance agreements with the option to renew annually.

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

5.5 Price Reduction: If during the life of the contract, the vendor'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.

5.6 Delivery Time: Vendor shall place product(s) and/or complete services at the County's designated location according to the schedule proposed by offeror in Section 6.5.

5.7 Delivery Location: Location for delivery will be noted on each purchase order issued.

5.8 Freight/Delivery charges: Shall be included in the submitted pricing. No additional fees for delivery/freight/fuel surcharge or other fees shall be invoiced or paid by Collin County.

5.9 Testing: Testing may be performed at the request of Collin County, by an agent so designated by the County, without expense to Collin County.

5.10 Samples/Demos: When requested, samples/demos shall be furnished to the County at no expense.

5.11 Pricing: Offerors shall provide pricing on the Statement of Work, Attachment A and Attachment B as specified on the attachments. Pricing shall include hardware, as well as the professional services required to install the storage solution within the County's network plus training, documentation and other services required to complete the requested services.

5.11.1 Production Support Services – The vendor proposal shall include an optional line item for one (1) year of remote support and assistance which will allow the County storage administrators to address questions and issues with the delivered solution, as configured and installed by the vendor.

5.12 Basis for Action: The basis for action is an existing IBM N-Series N6040, deployed in March 2009, approaching end of life status and the existing storage controllers are reaching peak performance levels. The County desires to migrate to a new storage solution offering faster controllers, improved caching functions and future growth capacity. The existing N6040 currently has approximately 98TB of allocated disk space with approximately 53TB of space actually consumed. The existing storage solution is a mix of fiber channel and SATA drives using NFS, CIFS, iSCSI and Fiber Channel connections.

The existing storage solution will be replaced with the equipment identified in this proposal, an IBM N-Series N6250 E26 Storage System with Flash. In conjunction with the County storage administrators, the vendor will analyze the existing SAN storage configuration, assist in data migration planning, migrate data to the new storage, re-cable existing storage trays to new

controllers based on data provided by IBM and results of the vendor's analysis and assessment. As part of the solution, the vendor will work with the County storage administrators to develop a migration plan to move data from the current storage solution to the new storage system as well as moving or re-cabling existing storage shelves from the existing N6040 controllers to the new controllers.

The County requires vendors seeking to propose solutions and to be qualified and certified by IBM to install, configure and support N-Series systems. NetApp qualification is also desired, but not required. The vendor should have a proven history of providing this type of solution. References for similar solutions must be provided with preference given to other local government entity installations. Vendors understand and acknowledge, by virtue of a proposal submission, that their project team will be required to submit to, and pass, a rigorous background check conducted by the Collin County Sheriff's Office. This background check will require the proposed team member(s) to submit personally identifiable information for the background check.

- 5.13 **PROJECT SCOPE:** The County seeks the following services be provided:
- 5.13.1 Procurement delivery and installation of an IBM N-Series N6250-E26 with Flash, model number 2858-E26 (refer to Attachment A for the base configuration and to Attachment B for additional storage trays the county desires to purchase, as the full list of items to be proposed as part of this project).
 - 5.13.1.1 The delivered solution must support the following formats and connection types:
 - 5.13.1.1.1 NFS
 - 5.13.1.1.2 IFS
 - 5.13.1.1.3 iSCSI
 - 5.13.1.1.4 Fiber channel
 - 5.13.1.1.5 NAS
 - 5.13.1.2 Support for multipath connections must be provided.
 - 5.13.1.3 The solution must provide capabilities for:
 - 5.13.1.3.1 SnapShot functions
 - 5.13.1.3.2 Monitoring Dashboard
 - 5.13.1.3.3 Help desk/Dial-Home support functions
 - 5.13.1.3.4 Flexcloning
 - 5.13.1.3.5 A-SIS (or comparable) de-duplication
 - 5.13.1.4 The proposals must include a review of the equipment listed in Attachment A.
 - 5.13.1.4.1 Vendors must identify any additional hardware and/or software, if any, required to complete the installation prior to beginning the project.
 - 5.13.1.4.2 Vendors will be responsible for providing the additional necessary hardware, cables, etc. required to connect the equipment listed in Attachment A to the county networks.
 - 5.13.1.5 Vendor must establish and configure redundant active-active 10GB connections from the IBM N-Series N6250-E26 to the County data center network and the County

- primary domain network, under direction from County network administrators.
- 5.13.1.5.1 Connection to the data center and primary domain networks will require the vendor to establish connections to existing Cisco Nexus 7000 switches
- 5.13.1.5.2 Vendor must provide any additional SFP+ modules or other required connection modules and cabling to connect the new storage solution to the county networks.
- 5.13.1.6 Network connections from the storage solution must include connections to:
- 5.13.1.6.1 10GB back-end connection to existing data center network
- 5.13.1.6.2 Front-end ether channel connection to the existing County domain network
- 5.13.1.6.3 Fiber channel connections to the existing County back-up network
- 5.13.1.6.4 County tapeless back-up solutions (*new tapeless backup solution should be installed prior to this project implementation*)
- 5.13.1.7 The solution must provide a common operating system/ management console across all components and sub-modules connected to the storage solution.
- 5.13.1.8 The solution must be easily expandable:
- 5.13.1.8.1 Vendors submitting proposals shall submit their costs based on the structure of the materials in Attachment A and show a base level configuration with optional lines for additional storage trays.
- 5.13.1.8.2 When submitting the proposals, the solution components must be separated from installation and other professional costs.
- 5.13.1.8.3 Expansion of the storage solution should not require down time for the storage system as a whole.
- 5.13.1.8.4 The step by step process to add additional storage trays to the delivered solution will be covered as a specific session in the education and training sessions conducted by the vendor.
- 5.13.1.8.5 The solution components shall be installed in an existing County standard Chatsworth server cabinet with external dimensions of 23 ½" W x 39" D x 84" H.
- 5.13.1.9 The selected vendor will be required to provide an electronic copy of an MS Visio file which will show the architected solution installed at the County.
- 5.13.1.9.1 The diagram(s) will show the network connections and communication path(s) within the County data enter and how the data is transferred between the County network(s) and servers to the storage solution.

- 5.13.1.9.2 The diagram will show how the storage allocations are structured and organized on the new solution.
- 5.13.1.10 The selected vendor will be required to provide a complete documentation set of all configuration notes, MS Visio diagrams and other installation materials.
- 5.13.1.11 The vendor shall design and configure RAID sets, aggregates and/or data volumes based on industry best practices and interview with Collin County network administration staff.
- 5.13.1.12 In conjunction with the County storage administrators, the vendor will analyze the existing San storage configuration, assist in data migration planning, migrate data to the new storage, re-cable existing storage trays to new controllers based on data provided by IBM and results of the vendors analysis and assessment.
- 5.13.1.13 As part of the solution, the vendor shall work with the County storage administrators to develop a migration plan to move data from the current storage solution to the new storage system, as well as moving or re-cabling existing storage shelves from the existing N6040 controllers to the new controllers.
- 5.13.1.14 The vendor shall configure delivered reports to meet the reporting needs identified during interviews with County storage administration staff.
- 5.13.1.15 The vendor shall develop custom reporting to remediate on any gaps identified in the delivered reports based on reporting needs identified during interviews with County storage administration staff.
- 5.13.1.16 Configure or create automated alerts to send notifications to selected County users via email, text message or other means based on the needs identified by County storage administrators.
- 5.13.1.17 Vendors shall provide a line item option for at least one (1) Year of remote support/assistance on configuration activities delivered under the statement of work.
- 5.13.1.18 The selected vendor shall deliver 40 hours of onsite training to the storage administration team
- 5.13.1.18.1 A specific section will cover the step by step process(es) to add additional storage trays to the delivered solution
- 5.13.1.18.2 A specific section shall cover the industry best practices and step by step process(es) to build and add to aggregates, NFS data stores, CIFs and iSCSI LUNs
- 5.13.1.19 The County will conduct the following testing and validation activities in conjunction with the selected vendor.

5.13.1.19.1 Create new data volumes on the new storage solution, connect existing VMware server, create new virtual machines and migrate existing virtual machines from current SAN to new volume(s).

5.14 **PLANNING AND DISCOVERY:** The vendor shall conduct necessary planning and discovery sessions with Collin County storage administrators to understand the current storage structure and to plan for the creation of new aggregates, volumes and storage pools. The planning sessions will also develop a plan to move or re-cable selected storage trays from the existing storage solution.

5.15 **PROJECT DOCUMENTATION:** The selected vendor shall be required to provide a complete documentation set of all configuration notes, MS Visio diagrams and other installation materials in an editable electronic format using common business productivity applications.

5.16 **TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW:** The Collin County architecture is a highly virtualized environment running Windows 2008 Server R2 on VMware Vsphere ESX 4 and 5i (for the virtualized servers). The servers are connected to a backend NS6040 storage area network with approximately 98TB of allocated storage capacity. As of the last update to this document the disk utilization is over 50% and data growth and disk consumption will continue to reduce the amount of available disk space. The virtual structures are augmented by physical servers implemented for specific solutions. The current physical to virtual ratio within the County is approximately 80%. Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 and Microsoft Exchange 2010 services are among the physical systems.

5.17 **EXTERNAL FACING COMPONENTS:** Sitting between Collin County and world at large area pair of Cisco 5540 Adaptive Security Appliances. The ASAs deliver high-performance, high-density security services with Active/Active high availability and Gigabit Ethernet connectivity to the DMZ environment. Internet connectivity to and from the County is provided via a primary 100MB Opti-Man Internet connection with a secondary 20MB Opti-Man connection for high availability purposes.

5.18 **DMZ ENVIRONMENT:** Situated between the Cisco ASA systems and the County internal network is the County DMZ environment. The DMZ environment houses all Internet facing County applications. A traffic to and from these servers will be routed through the ASA firewalls. Following existing county standards, any Internet facing system will reside within the DMZ Virtual Infrastructure comprised of IBM HS21 Blades installed within an IBM H Chassis Blade Center. DMZ storage requirements are accommodated through an IBM DS3300 with approximately 3.5TB of disk space.

By default, servers within the DMZ will be provisioned a dual processor system running Windows 2008 Server R2 with 4GB RAM, a 50GB C: drive and a single 100MB/s NIC interface.

5.19 INTERNAL NETWORK: The County internal network is built upon a layer three routed network utilizing dual Nexus 7000 switches to deliver a core network layer. Dual Cisco 6509E switches provide a distribution layer within the main MDF and provide connectivity to both physical and virtual servers. Virtual servers are deployed on IBM H Chassis Blade Centers containing a mix of HS21 and HS22 blades. Cisco Nexus 4000 switches, installed within the Blade Centers, provide both 1GB and 10GB connections between the servers and the storage network. The blade centers are attached to an IBM NS6040 storage area network. The NS6040 has three controller loops containing a combination of fiber channel and SATA drives with a current total storage capacity of approximately 178TB. CIF shares and NFS storage types are used within the County.

An enterprise Microsoft SQL Server implementation is deployed as a physical implementation with locally attached DS3300 and EXP 3524 disk trays and hosts the transactional databases in the County. Installed databases run within a default instance with each application being allocated separate table space controlled through service accounts assigned within Microsoft Active Directory. No vendors are allowed system administrator access to the database servers. Additionally, database instances are not created for individual applications.

5.20 DATA BACKUPS: Data backups are currently managed through the County's implementation of Commvault which runs data to an EMC NS40 SAN as a near store solution and then on to tape using either an LT03 or LT04 tape library. A mixture of daily incremental and full data backups migrate data from the near store solution to long term storage on tape. Tapes are rotated on a daily basis and stored in an off-site data vault.

5.21 TECHNOLOGY ARCHITECTURE: See attached diagram. (Attachment C)

6.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT

6.1 PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS: To achieve a uniform review process and to obtain a maximum degree of comparability, Collin County requires that proposals be submitted with a **master (marked original) and five (5) copies or proposals may be submitted online via Bid Sync**. The proposal shall, at a minimum, include a Table of Contents detailing sections and corresponding page numbers. If submitted manually, it shall be printed on letter-size (8-1/2"x 11") paper and if submitting manually, assembled with spiral-type bindings or staples. Do not use metal-ring hard cover binders. Paper copies should also be accompanied by an electronic copy of the information provided on a CD in a searchable format.

6.1.1 FIRM OVERVIEW

Offeror shall define the overall structure of the Firm to include the following:

- 6.1.1.1 A descriptive background of your company's history.
- 6.1.1.2 State your principal business location and any other service locations.
- 6.1.1.3 What is your primary line of business?

6.1.1.4 How long have you been selling product(s) and/or providing services(s)?

6.2 PROPOSED PROJECT TEAM/STAFF QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE/CREDENTIALS

- 6.2.1 Resumes and/or consultant profiles shall be provided for each project team member proposed to work on the project. Offeror shall provide qualifications, as well as experience information on Offeror's key personnel that will be assigned to this project. This shall include any technical certifications required to complete this project.
- 6.2.2 Offeror shall provide Project organization chart showing both the County and Offeror staff.

6.3 TIMELINE

- 6.3.1 Offeror shall propose a project timeline which may be followed during the implementation of the project. The vendor will coordinate the implementation timeline with the County team lead. The project timeline will need to be reviewed and approved by the County team lead. The timeline will also identify the required skill sets (i.e., network specialist, server specialist, storage specialist, etc) for each project task.

6.4 DOCUMENTATION

- 6.4.1 Offeror shall provide a detailed plan for implementation and installation of the proposed system. This information SHALL include:

- 6.4.1.1 Detailed methodology and plan for implementation. This plan shall include the following elements: the estimated implementation timeframe; an overview of project phases and major milestones; a matrix of proposed roles/responsibilities for County staff and the Offeror; and all project assumptions.

- 6.4.1.1.1 Installation
- 6.4.1.1.2 Configuration
- 6.4.1.1.3 Testing and Support
- 6.4.1.1.4 Documentation
- 6.4.1.1.5 Education and Training
- 6.4.1.1.6 Impact on current system
- 6.4.1.1.7 Warranty
- 6.4.1.1.8 Maintenance
- 6.4.1.1.9 Conversion

- 6.4.1.2 Hardware Requirements – Respond to Attachment A and Attachment B entering cost for each line item noted. Be sure to include documentation

on proposal hardware, diagrams/workflow relating to hardware and technical roadmap remap (i.e., any end of life on proposed hardware).

6.5 REFERENCES

- 6.5.1 Offeror shall include at least three (3) governmental references with names, addresses, emails and telephone numbers.
- 6.5.2 Offeror shall include a minimum of three (3) projects with details of implementation with similar environments as this project for Collin County.

6.6 PRICING/FEES

- 6.6.1 Offeror shall provide complete Attachment A and B for hardware and hardware maintenance. Offeror shall provide itemized cost for installation, configuration, documentation, warranties, and education/knowledge transfer.

6.7 PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES:

- 6.7.1 The vendor proposal shall include an option line item for one year of remote support and assistance which will allow the County storage administrators to address questions and issues with the delivered solution, as configured and installed by the vendor.

**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	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address of Representative	<input type="text"/>
Federal Identification Number	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
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	<input type="text"/>
Authorized Representative Title	<input type="text"/>
Signature (Required for paper bid submission)	<input type="text"/>

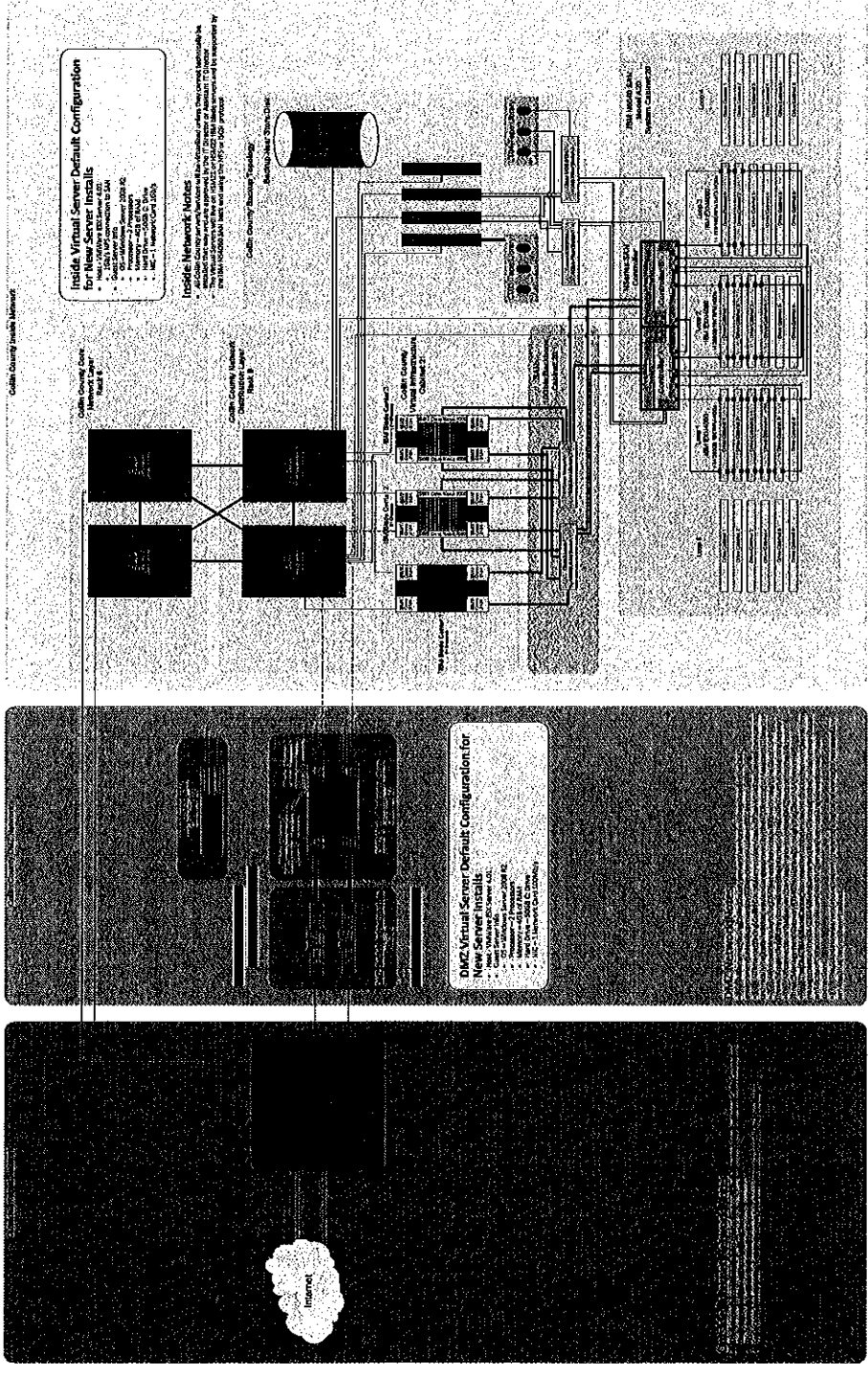
ATTACHMENT A
IBM N-SERIES N6250 STORAGE SOLUTION
Required Base Configuration Components


PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL	MAINT COST 1 ST Year	MAINT COST Addl Yrs
SECTION 1						
2858-E26	N6250-E26 w/Flash: IBM System Storage N6250 Model E26	1				
1029	4-Port 4-Gbps FC HBA - Disk	4				
1061	4-Port 6-Gbps SAS Adapter	4				
1071	Flash Cache II 512GB	2				
1078	2-Port 10-GbE NIC SFP+	2				
2014	SFP+ Optical Mod for 1078	4				
8255	OnCommand Core	1				
9000	PDU Power Cord, 42U Rack	1				
9202	Field install rack mount kit	1				
9557	Num. of FC Target Ports	4				
9560	Dual-Path FC Cabling	1				
9561	Num. of SAS Storage Stacks	2				
A8W0	Data ONTAP	1				
A8W1	Data ONTAP Essentials	1				
A8W3	CIFS Secondary	1				
A8W5	FCP Secondary	1				
A8W7	iSCSI Secondary	1				
A8W8	NFS Initial	1				
A8WC	SnapRestore	1				
A8WL	Flash Cache II	1				
	TOTAL COST OF ITEMS					
	TOTAL COST OF MONTHLY MAINT.					

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL	MAINT COST 1 st Year	MAINT COST Addl Yrs
SECTION 5						
6942-25B	Warranty Service Upgrade	1				
0050	Request Proposal for Prices	1				
0105	2857-003 24x7x4 WSU	7				
4524	WSU Same Day 24x7x4 Response	1				
7906	2858-E26 24x7x4 WSU	1				
	TOTAL COST OF ITEMS					
6942-87M	On-Site Problem Determination	1				
0050	Request Proposal for Prices	1				
8011	On-Site Problem Determination	1				
6942-CON	Contract Coverage (N/C codes)	1				
0096	ServiceElite	1				
6942-HMA	Hardware maintenance (N/C codes)	1				
0025	Hardware Maintenance Selected	1				
0050	Request Proposal for Prices	1				
6942-TCS	Terms (N/C codes)	1				
0050	Request Proposal for Prices	1				
0053	Prepay Billing 3 year term	1				
	TOTAL COST OF SERVICES					
	TOTAL COST FOR MAINTENANCE					

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL	MAINT COST 1 st Year	MAINT COST Addl Yrs
SECTION 2	SATA Disk Tray					
2857-003	N6250-E26 W/Flash: IBM System Storage EXN3000 SAS/SATA Expansion Unit	1				
2052	0.5 m SAS QSFP-QSFP Cable	1				
2063	0.5 m SAS RJ-45 ACP Cable	1				
2099	6 Gbps interface	1				
4021	2 TB SATA Drive	24				
9000	PDU Power Cord, 42U Rack	1				
9202	Field install rack mount kit	1				
9562	SAS Stack Identifier	1				
	<i>Note: Up to one additional SATA disk tray may be purchased</i>					
	TOTAL COST OF ITEMS					
	TOTAL COST OF MONTHLY MAINT					
	COSTS BASED ON COMPLETE ATTACHMENT B					
	TOTAL COST OF INSTALLATION					
	TOTAL COST OF CONFIGURATION					
	TOTAL COST OF DATA MIGRATION					
	TOTAL COST OF RECABLING					
	TOTAL COST OF TRANSFER OF SELECTED EXISTING STORAGE TRAYS TO NEW SOLUTION					
	TOTAL COST OF TRAINING					
	TOTAL COST OF ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDED IN VENDOR'S RESPONSE (Vendor shall attach a list of such services and give details)					

Collin County Hybrid Diagram Showing the Virtual Infrastructure Including Backup, Inside, Outside, and DMZ Zones



	<p>TITLE: Collin County Information Technology</p>	<p>PROJECT: Project Name LOCATION:</p>	<p>DATE: Collin County Hybrid Diagram Showing the Virtual Infrastructure Including Backup, Inside, Outside, and DMZ Zones.</p>
<p>LEGEND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inside 10GbE Connections SAN 10GbE Network Connections Peer Channel 40GbE or 10GbE Connections Inside 10GbE Connections Inside 10GbE to DMZ 10GbE Connections DMZ 10GbE Connections Outside 10GbE Connections 	<p>APPROVED: Jill Springfield</p>	<p>LAST REVISION: February 22, 2011</p>	<p>PROJECT: Collin County, DemCamp</p>

**COLLIN COUNTY**

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Fax (972) 548-4696

Dear Vendor:

In order for Collin County to comply with Internal Revenue Service Guidelines, we are required to keep a W-9 on file for each vendor to whom we have remitted payment(s). Collin County is in the process of up dating their files.

Please complete the attached/faxed W-9 form and fax to (972) 548-4696 OR mail the original to 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100, McKinney, Tx 75071. Failure to do so may result in delay(s) of future payments.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey May
Collin County Auditor

JM/pac

Form **W-9**
(Rev. October 2007)
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, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <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 Line 1 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
or
Employer identification number

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

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 ▶

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,

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local government 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 violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 **Name of person doing business 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 September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 **Name each employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the governmental entity with respect to expenditures of money AND describe the affiliation or business relationship.**

4 **Name each local government officer who appoints or employs local government officers of the governmental entity for which this questionnaire is filed AND describe the affiliation or business relationship.**

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**5 Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship.
(Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.**

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or other relationship. 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 from the filer of the questionnaire? Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local governmental entity? Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire affiliated with a corporation or other business entity that the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more? Yes No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.

Empty text box for describing affiliation or business relationship.

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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Date

Adopted 11/02/2005

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"/>

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 #2013-338 - IBM N-SERIES ENTERPRISE STORAGE SOLUTION

OVERALL BID QUESTIONS

There are no questions associated with this bid. If you would like to submit a question, please click on the "Create New Question" button below.