



**COLLIN COUNTY**

**Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General  
and Spay/Neuter  
RFP No. 2017-276**

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By order of the Commissioners' Court of Collin County, Texas, sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent, located at: 2300 Bloomdale Drive, Suite 3160, McKinney, TX 75071, until **2:00 P.M., August 10, 2017**, for competitive proposals for **Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General and Spay/Neuter, RFP No. No. 2017-276**. Proposers shall use unit pricing. Proposals may obtain detailed specifications and other documents at Office of the Purchasing Agent: Collin County Administration Building, Purchasing Department, 2300 Bloomdale Drive, Suite 3160, McKinney, TX 75071, 972-548-4165, or by going to: <https://collincountytx.ionwave.net>. Sealed proposals will be opened on **Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 2:00 P.M.** by the Purchasing Agent, located at the Collin County Administration Building, Purchasing Department, 2300 Bloomdale Drive, Suite 3160, McKinney, TX 75071. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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**ATTENTION: CLASSIFIEDS**  
**BILL TO: ACCOUNT NO 06100315-00**  
**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

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# Collin County, Texas

## Bid Information

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Bid Number	2017-276
Title	Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General and Spay/Neuter
Bid Type	RFP
Issue Date	07/25/2017
Close Date	8/10/2017 02:00:00 PM (CT)

## Contact Information

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Ste. 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

Contact Sara Hoglund, CPPB Buyer II

Department Purchasing

Building Admin. Building

Floor/Room Ste.3160

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## Ship to Information

Address	4750 Community Ave. McKinney, TX 75071
Contact	Misty Brown
Department	Animal Services
Building	Animal Services
Floor/Room	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

## Supplier Information

Company Name	
Contact Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

## Supplier Notes

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The undersigned hereby certifies the foregoing proposal submitted by the company listed below hereinafter called "offeror" is the duly authorized agent of said company and the person signing said proposal has been duly authorized to execute same. Offeror affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract; this company; corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this proposal in collusion with any other offeror or other person or persons engaged in the same line of business; and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms and conditions of said 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 proposal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date     /     /

## Bid Notes

## Bid Activities

Date	Name	Description
8/4/2017 05:00 PM (CT)	Intent to Propose	

## Bid Messages

## Bid Attachments

The following attachments are associated with this opportunity and will need to be retrieved separately

#	Filename	Description
Header	Legal_Notice_.doc	Legal Notice

Header	General Instructions_Proposals.docx	General Instructions_Proposals
Header	Terms of Contract_Proposals.docx	Terms of Contract - Proposals
Header	Specifications - Vet Services Final.docx	Specifications
Header	Attachment A - Professional Services Agreement.doc	Attachment A - Professional Services Agreement
Header	Information Regarding Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.pdf	Information Regarding Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
Header	CIQ_113015.pdf	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
Header	W9_2014.pdf	W-9

### Bid Attachments Requested

The following attachments are requested with this opportunity

#	Required	Specified Attachment
1	NO	W9
2	YES	Response to Section 6.0
3	YES	Upload License

### Bid Attributes

Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Proposer Acknowledgement	<p>Proposer acknowledges, understands the specifications, any and all addenda, and agrees to the proposal terms and conditions and can provide the minimum requirements stated herein. 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 Proposal submittal resulting from Proposer's failure to do so. Proposer acknowledges the prices submitted in this Proposal have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. If 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 Request for Proposal.</p> <p>Please initial.</p>	_____ (Required)
2	Delivery	<p>Delivery will be F.O.B. inside delivery at Collin County designated locations and all transportation charges are to be paid by the supplier to destination.</p> <p>Please state delivery in calendar days from date of order.</p>	_____ (Required)
3	Exceptions	<p>Do you take exceptions to the specifications. If so, by separate attachment, please state your exceptions. Valid Responses: [Please Select], Yes, No</p>	_____ (Required)

- 4 Insurance I understand that the insurance requirements of this solicitation are required and a certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Purchasing department if I am awarded all or a portion of the resulting contract. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- Please initial.
- 5 Subcontractors State the business name of all subcontractors and the type of work they will be performing under this contract. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- If you are fully qualified to self-perform the entire contract, please respond with "Not Applicable-Self Perform".
- 6 Reference No. 1 List a company or governmental agency where these same/like products /services, as stated herein, have been provided. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.
- 7 Reference No. 2 List a company or governmental agency where these same/like products /services, as stated herein, have been provided. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.
- 8 Reference No. 3 List a company or governmental agency where these same/like products /services, as stated herein, have been provided. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.
- 9 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. \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)
- Would bidder be willing to allow other local governmental entities to participate in this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions?  
Valid Responses: [Please Select], Yes, No
- 10 Preferential Treatment 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). \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)

1. Is your principal place of business in the State of Texas?
2. If your principal place of business is not in Texas, in which State is your principal place of business?
3. If your principal place of business is not in Texas, does your state favor resident bidders (bidders in your state) by some dollar increment or percentage?
4. If your state favors resident bidders, state by what dollar amount or percentage.

11 Debarment Certification

I certify that neither my company nor an owner or principal \_\_\_\_\_ (Required) of my company has been debarred, suspended or otherwise made ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension," as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations.

Please initial.

12 Immigration and Reform Act

I declare and affirm that my company is in compliance with \_\_\_\_\_ (Required) 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 by Collin County.

Please initial.

13 Disclosure of Certain Relationships

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code \_\_\_\_\_ (Required) requires that any vendor considering doing business with a local government entity disclose the vendor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Subchapter 6 of the code requires a vendor to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ) if a conflict exists. By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Collin County no later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of an event that requires the statement to be filed. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates the code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Please send completed forms to the Collin County County Clerk's Office located at 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 2104, McKinney, TX 75071.

Please initial.

14 Anti-Collusion Statement

Bidder certifies that its Bid/Proposal is made without prior \_\_\_\_\_ (Required) understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a Bid/Proposal for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

No premiums, rebates or gratuities permitted; either with, prior to, or after any delivery of material or provision of services. Any such violation may result in Agreement cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal from bidders list.

Please initial.

15 Disclosure of Interested Parties

Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)  
a business entity entering into certain contracts with a  
governmental entity to file with the governmental entity a  
disclosure of interested parties at the time the business  
entity submits the signed contract to the governmental  
entity. Section 2252.908 requires the disclosure form  
(Form 1295) to be signed by the authorized agent of the  
contracting business entity, acknowledging that the  
disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of  
perjury. Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract that  
requires an action or vote by the governing body of the  
governmental entity before the contract may be signed or  
has a value of at least \$1 million. Section 2252.908  
provides definitions of certain terms occurring in the  
section.

Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract entered into on  
or after January 1, 2016.

Please initial.

16 Notification Survey

In order to better serve our offerors, the Collin County \_\_\_\_\_ (Required)  
Purchasing Department is conducting the following survey.  
We appreciate your time and effort expended to submit  
your bid. Should you have any questions or require more  
information please call (972) 548-4165.

How did you receive notice of this request?  
Valid Responses: [Please Select], Plano Star Courier, Plan  
Room, Collin County eBid Notification, Collin County  
Website, Other

Line Items

#	Qty	UOM	Description	Response
1	1	hour	State hourly fee for General Veterinary Services	\$ _____ (Required) Price
Supplier Notes: _____				
2	1	job	State rate for Dog Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter: Male or Female under 50lb	\$ _____ (Required) Price
Supplier Notes: _____				
3	1	job	State rate for Dog Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter: Male or Female 50-80lbs	\$ _____ (Required) Price
Supplier Notes: _____				

4      1      job      State rate for Dog Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter: Male or Female over 80lbs

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)  
Price

Supplier Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5      1      job      State rate for Cat Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter: Female

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)  
Price

Supplier Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6      1      State rate for Cat Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter: Male

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)  
Price

Supplier Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7      1      State Any Additional Fees for Spay/Neuter:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)  
No Price

Supplier Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Female in heat		\$ _____ (Optional)
2	Female that is pregnant		\$ _____ (Optional)
3	Male dog or cat that only has one testicle descended		\$ _____ (Optional)
4	State any additional fees associated with Spay or Neuter completed at Veterinarian's location.		\$ _____ (Optional)



## 1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 1.0.1 Definitions

1.0.1.1 Offeror: refers to submitter.

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

1.0.1.3 Submittal: refers to those documents required to be submitted to Collin County, by an Offeror.

1.0.1.4 RFP: refers to Request for Proposal.

1.0.1.5 CSP: refers to Competitive Sealed Proposal

1.1 If Offeror does not wish to submit an offer at this time, please submit a No Bid.

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 ionWave Technologies, Inc. (Collin County eBid) 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 submittal may not be withdrawn or canceled by the offeror prior to the ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) 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 Proposals/Submittals for any or all products and/or services covered in a Request For Proposal (RFP) and Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP), 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 RFP's and CSP's submitted in hard copy paper form shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the RFP/CSP 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. RFP's and CSP's may be submitted in electronic format via Collin County eBid.

1.9 All Request for Proposals (RFP) and Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) submitted electronically via Collin County eBid shall remain locked until official date and time of opening as stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of the RFP and/or CSP.

1.10 Time/date stamp clock in Collin County Purchasing Department shall be the official time of receipt for all Request for Proposals (RFP) and Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) submitted in hard copy paper form. RFP's, and CSP's received in the Collin 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 RFP/CSP, 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 a Request for Proposal or 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 Collin County eBid.

1.13.1 Addenda will be transmitted to all that are known to have received a copy of the RFP/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. **Collin County eBid** <https://collincountytexas.ionwave.net/>, telephoning Purchasing Department directly, etc.) prior to opening/receipt date and time to insure Offeror's receipt of any addenda issued. 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 Any reference to model/make and/or manufacturer used in specifications is for descriptive purposes only. Products/materials of like quality will be considered.

1.17 Offerors taking exception to the specifications shall do so at their own risk. By offering substitutions, Offeror shall state these exceptions in the section provided in the RFP/CSP 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.

1.18 Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Offerors: A prospective Offeror must meet the following minimum requirements:

1.18.1 have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;

1.18.2 be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery/completion schedule;

1.18.3 have a satisfactory record of performance;

1.18.4 have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;

1.18.5 be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

1.20 Vendor shall bear any/all costs associated with its preparation of a RFP/CSP 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 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 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.

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 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 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 Expenses for Enforcement. In the event either Party hereto is required to employ an attorney to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or is required to commence legal proceedings to enforce the provisions hereof, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the other, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred in connection with such enforcement, including collection.

2.11 If a contract, resulting from a Collin County RFP/CSP is for the execution of a public work, the following shall apply:

2.11.1 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 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1 Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

2.11.2 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 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1959 (Article 7.19-1 Vernon's Texas Insurance Code).

2.12 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.

2.13 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.

2.14 Collin County Purchasing Department shall serve as Contract Administrator or shall supervise agents designated by Collin County.

2.15 All delivery and freight charges (FOB Inside delivery at Collin County designated locations) are to be included as part of the proposal price. All components required to render the item complete, installed and operational shall be included in the total proposal price. Collin County will pay no additional freight/delivery/installation/setup fees.

2.16 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.

2.17 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.

2.18 Invoices shall be mailed directly to the Collin County Auditor's Office, 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100, McKinney, Texas 75071. All invoices shall show:

2.18.1 Collin County Purchase Order Number;

2.18.2 Vendor's/Contractor's/Provider's Name, Address and Tax Identification Number;

2.18.3 Detailed breakdown of all charges for the product(s) and/or service(s) including applicable time frames.

- 2.19 Payment will be made in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.
- 2.20 All warranties shall be stated as required in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 2.21 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.
- 2.22 The Vendor/Contractor/Provider agree to protect Collin County from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
- 2.23 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.
- 2.24 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.
- 2.25 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.
- 2.26 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.
- 2.27 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.
- 2.28 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.
- 2.29 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.
- 2.30 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.

2.31 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.

2.32 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 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 proposal submission and time of award, the Offeror will notify the Collin County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating this contract for default.

2.33 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.

2.34 Delays and Extensions of Time when applicable:

2.34.1 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/Engineer may determine.

2.34.2 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.

2.35 Disclosure of Certain Relationships: Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor considering doing business with a local government entity disclose the vendor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Subchapter 6 of the code requires a vendor to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ) if a conflict exists. By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of Collin County no later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of an event that requires the statement to be filed. A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates the code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor. By submitting a response to this request, the vendor represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. Please send

completed forms to the Collin County County Clerk's Office located at 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 2104, McKinney, TX 75071.

2.36 Disclosure of Interested Parties: Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code requires a business entity entering into certain contracts with a governmental entity to file with the governmental entity a disclosure of interested parties at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity. Section 2252.908 requires the disclosure form (Form 1295) to be signed by the authorized agent of the contracting business entity, acknowledging that the disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury. Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract that requires an action or vote by the governing body of the governmental entity before the contract may be signed or has a value of at least \$1 million. Section 2252.908 provides definitions of certain terms occurring in the section. Section 2252.908 applies only to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

**NOTE:** All other terms and conditions (i.e. Insurance Requirements, Bond Requirements, etc.) shall be stated in the individual RFP/CSP 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: \$500,000
- Personal Injury & Adv. Injury: \$500,000
- Products/Completed Operation Aggregate: \$1,000,000
- General Aggregate: \$1,000,000

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 **Personal Automobile Liability** insurance which includes any automobile (owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles) used in connection with the contract.

- Combined Single Limit – Each Accident: \$100,000

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

- Each Occurrence/Aggregate: \$500,000/\$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 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 best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other factors set forth in the Request for Proposals in accordance with Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, Local Government 262.030.

The Evaluation Committee will review all proposals received by the Opening date and time as part of a documented evaluation process. For each decision point in the process, the County will evaluate contractors according to specific criteria and will elevate a certain number of contractors to compete against each other. The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria.

The County will use a competitive process based upon "selection levels." The County recognizes that if a contractor fails to meet expectations during any part of the process, it reserves the right to proceed with the remaining contractors or to elevate a contractor that was not elevated before. The selection levels are described in the following sections.

The first part of the elevation process is to validate the completeness of the proposal and ensure that all the RFP guidelines and submittal requirements are met. Offerors may, at the discretion of the County, be contacted to submit clarifications or additional information within two business days. Incomplete or noncompliant RFPs may be disqualified.

### **LEVEL 1 - CONFORMANCE WITH MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

4.1.1 The first part of the elevation process is to validate the completeness of the proposal and ensure that all the RFP guidelines and submittal requirements are met. Those offerors who do not meet all the requirements for the RFP may, at the discretion of the County, be contacted to submit the missing information within two business days. Incomplete or noncompliant RFPs may be disqualified.

4.1.1.1 Vendor shall have a valid, current and verified license and/or certification as required under the laws of the State of Texas. Vendor shall provide proof of such licenses and/or certifications to Collin County prior to being accepted as an approved provider.

4.1.1.2 Veterinarian with a minimum of two (2) years' experience working as an accredited veterinarian in private practice or in a state approved teaching facility.

4.1.1.3 Response to Section 6.0

### **LEVEL 2 – DETAILED PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT**

4.1.2 The Evaluation Committee will conduct a detailed assessment of all proposals elevated to this Level. Criteria evaluated in Level 2:

Points	Evaluation Criteria
30	Fit to General Requirements (Proposal Format Item (6.4))
25	Qualifications of Firm/Staff Qualifications (6.2 and 6.3)
15	Experience/References with Similar Services (6.3)
30	Cost (Proposal Format Item 6.6)

## **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 Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General and Spay/Neuter.
- 5.2 Purpose: The intended use/purpose for this Request for Proposal is to describe services required for Veterinary Services, Animal Shelter, General and Spay/Neuter.
- 5.3 Term: Provide for a term contract commencing on the date of award, and continuing through and including September 30, 2018 option of with two (2) optional one (1) year renewal periods provided there is no change in the terms, conditions, specifications, and prices provided that such renewals are mutually agreed to by both parties.
- 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.
- 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 Price Redetermination: A price redetermination may be considered by Collin County only at the twelve (12) month and twenty-four (24) month anniversary dates of the contract. The anniversary date for each year will be October 1st. All requests for price redetermination shall be received at least 90 (ninety) days before the anniversary date in written form and shall include documents supporting price redetermination such as Manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, Federal/State minimum wage law, Federal/State unemployment taxes, F.I.C.A, Insurance Coverage Rates, etc. The bidder's past experience of honoring contracts at the bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and 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.
- 5.7 Delivery/Completion/Response Time: Spay and Neuter Services will be required at a minimum of 1 full day a week. The Collin County Animal Shelter is located at 4750 Community Ave, McKinney, TX 75071.

- 5.8 Approximate Value/Usage: Currently Collin County has two (2) Veterinarians that perform spay/neuter services at the Collin County Animal Shelter. Each Veterinarian is on-site one day a week (for a total of two (2) days).

Spay/Neuter Services:

Numbers from October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Neuter Cat	71
Neuter Dog	226
Spay Cat	86
Spay Dog	213

Estimated expenditure for Spay/Neuter is \$63,000

General Veterinary Services: up to 15 hours maximum per week (shelter supervisor may allow some services to be performed at vendors practice location).

Estimated Expenditure for General Veterinary Services is \$13,500

- 5.9 Award: Collin County reserves the right to award this contract in the best interest of the County which may be one (1) vendor or multiple vendors. Each vendor will executed Attachment A – Professional Services Agreement.

- 5.10 Requirements: General Veterinary Services

5.10.1 The goal is to have zero animals leave the shelter that have not had a health assessment or been properly vaccinated. Services are for dogs, cats, livestock, birds, alligators or any type of animal that comes into the shelter. The County will provide supplies needed to perform the following services:

- 5.10.1.1 Verify animal's health
- 5.10.1.2 Perform basic first aid
- 5.10.1.3 Administer rabies vaccinations
- 5.10.1.4 Perform skin scrapings
- 5.10.1.5 Perform fecal tests
- 5.10.1.5 Perform blood tests
- 5.10.1.6 Prescribe medical treatment in connection with the Animal Shelter
- 5.10.1.7 Veterinary will supervise Animal Shelter staff in ordering and using controlled substances for use at the Animal Shelter.
- 5.10.1.8 Provide training as needed to Animal Shelter staff.

5.10.2 Services will only be performed on animals that have yet to be adopted.

- 5.11 Requirements: Spay/Neuter Services

5.11.1 The goal is to have zero animals leave the shelter that have not been properly sterilized. The Veterinary shall perform spay and neutering services in connection with the Collin County Animal Shelter and shall only perform services on those animals selected

and designated by Collin County. The County will provide supplies needed to perform the following services:

- 5.11.1.1 Dog Sterilization (spay or neuter)
- 5.11.1.2 Cat Sterilization (spay or neuter)
- 5.11.1.3 Other animals such as ferrets or rabbits (not common)

## **6.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT**

In accordance with the directions below, offeror shall provide a response for each item in Sections 5.10- 5.11 and Sections 6.2-6.6 in order and include item numbers in response. Answer all questions fully, clearly, and concisely, giving complete information. Do not skip items. Do not refer to other parts of your proposal for the answers. You may not modify either the order or language of the question. **Responses shall include a statement of “agree”, “confirmed”, “will provide”, “not applicable”, or “exception taken” along with any additional information.** If an item is “not applicable” or “exception taken”, offeror shall state that and refer to Section 7.0 Exceptions, with explanation.

Offeror shall adhere to the instructions in this request for proposals on preparing and submitting the proposal. If offeror does not follow instructions regarding proposal format, points will be deducted during the evaluation process.

- 6.1 **PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:** To achieve a uniform review process and to obtain a maximum degree of comparability, the proposal shall, at a minimum include a Table of Contents detailing sections and corresponding page numbers.

6.1.1 Proposals may be submitted online via <http://collincountytx.ionwave.net> or submitted via CD-ROM or Flash Drive. Electronic submissions are preferred.

6.1.2 If submitting manually, proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box with RFP name, number, and name of firm printed on the outside of the envelope or box. Manual submittals shall be sent/delivered to the following address and shall be received prior to the date/time for opening:

Collin County Purchasing  
2300 Bloomdale, Suite 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

Paper copies shall be printed on letter size (8 ½ x 11) paper and assembled using spiral type bindings, staples, or binder clips. Do not use metal-ring hard cover binders. Manual submittals shall include an electronic copy in a searchable format.

It shall be the responsibility of the offeror to insure that their proposal reaches Collin County Purchasing prior to the date/time for the opening no matter which submission method is used.

## **6.2 FIRM OVERVIEW/ GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Offeror shall respond to the following questions:

- 6.2.1 A descriptive background of your company's history.
- 6.2.2 State your principal business location and any other service locations.
- 6.2.3 State the hours of operation.
- 6.2.4 What is your primary line of business?
- 6.2.5 Copy of current certificate of professional liability/malpractice insurance.
- 6.2.6 If selected, state when you will be available to be onsite for the following (state day(s) of week and hours):
  - 6.2.6.1 Spay/Neuter
  - 6.2.6.2 General Veterinary Services

**6.3 STAFF QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE/CREDENTIALS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 6.3.1 Offeror is requested to provide qualifications including:
  - 6.3.1.1 Copy of Veterinary diploma
  - 6.3.1.2 Copy of current Veterinary license
  - 6.3.1.3 Copy of current resume
  - 6.3.1.4 Veterinarian will provide documentation that they have a minimum of two (2) years' experience working as an accredited veterinarian in private practice or in a state approved teaching facility.

**6.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.4.1 Offeror shall provide a response for each of the requirements in Section 5.10 – 5.11
- 6.4.2 Offeror shall follow format outlined in Section 6.0 when submitting responses.

**6.5 REFERENCES**

The offeror shall furnish the following reference information:

- 6.5.1 The name and address of the organization, as well as the name, position, email and telephone number of the contact in the referred organization, for the three clients similar to Collin County who have had services for at least one (1) year.

**6.6 PRICING/FEES**

- 6.6.1 State hourly fee for General Veterinary Services
- 6.6.2 State rate for Dog Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter:
  - 6.6.2.1 Male or Female under 50lb
  - 6.6.2.2 Male or Female 50-80lbs

6.6.3.2 Male or Female over 80lbs

6.6.3 State rate for Cat Sterilization (Spay or Neuter) – Done at Shelter:

6.6.3.1 Female

6.6.3.2 Male

6.6.4 State additional fees to services listed above:

6.6.4.1 Female in heat

6.6.4.2 Female that is pregnant

6.6.4.3 Male dog or cat that only has one testicle descended

6.6.6 State any additional fees associated with Spay or Neuter completed at Veterinarian's location.

## 7.0 EXCEPTIONS

Instructions for completing section:

The exception table shall be completed for any exception from requirements identified in this RFP. Please complete the following worksheet listing any and all exceptions from the information requested in the Request for Proposal. Attach additional pages as needed. If no exceptions are listed in Section 7.0 it is understood that the offeror has agreed to all RFP requirements, the response will be considered as confirmed even if it is listed elsewhere as an exception.

Section Number/ Question Number	Required Service You are Unable to Perform	Steps Taken to Meet Requirement



## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2017-276**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered by and between COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "County" and "\_\_\_\_\_" hereinafter referred to as "Vet", to be effective from and after the date as provided herein.

### **WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to engage the services of a Veterinarian "Vet" to provide basic first aid, testing for diagnosis, and medication treatment services to the Collin County Animal Shelter, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vet desires to render such services for the County upon the terms and conditions provided herein.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That for and in consideration of the covenants contained herein, and for the mutual benefits to be obtained hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **I. Employment of the Vet**

The County hereby agrees to retain the Vet to perform services in connection with the Project; Vet agrees to perform such services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, exercising the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by a member of the same profession, currently practicing, under similar circumstances.

#### **II. Scope of Services**

2.1 The parties agree that Vet shall perform such services as are set forth herein and described in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Work for each year shall be preceded by a Purchase Order issued by County. The parties understand and agree that deviations or modifications in the form of written amendments may be authorized from time to time by the County.

2.2 The Vet shall advise the County with regard to the necessity for subcontract work to be performed hereunder.

#### **III. Schedule of Services**

3.1 The Vet agrees to commence its services immediately upon execution of this Agreement, or as otherwise directed in writing by the County, and to proceed diligently with said services to completion as described in the Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Vet shall not be considered in default of this Agreement for delays in performance caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control. Should such circumstances occur, the Vet shall, within a reasonable time

of being prevented from performing, give written notice to the County describing the circumstances preventing continued performance and the efforts being made to resume performance of this Agreement.

#### **IV. Compensation and Method of Payment**

The parties agree that Vet shall be compensated for all services provided pursuant to this Agreement in the amount and manner described and set forth in the Payment Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Payment will be made in accordance with Texas Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.

#### **V. Information to be provided by the County**

5.1 The County agrees to furnish to Vet, prior to the Vet's commencement of its services, all that information set forth and described on Exhibit "D", which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement.

5.2 The County will make its facilities accessible to the Vet as required for the Vet's performance of its services. The Vet represents that it understands the scope of this Agreement and has reviewed and inspected the site, and can fully perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Any failure of the Vet to acquaint itself with the available information will not relieve the Vet from its responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **VI. Meetings**

Vet agrees to attend meetings with Animal Shelter and other meetings as may be required, related to the "Project" and scheduled by County.

#### **VII. Insurance**

Vet agrees to meet all insurance requirements as set forth on Exhibit "E" which is attached hereto and thereby made a part of this Agreement.

#### **VIII. Indemnity**

The Vet agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, agents and employees of and from damages, injuries (including death), claims, property damages (including loss of use), losses, demands, suits, judgments and costs, including reasonable Vet's fees and expenses, arising out of or occasioned by Vet's breach of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement, or by any other negligent act, error or omission of the Vet, its agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, licensees, invitees, or any other persons or entities for whose acts the Vet is legally liable.

#### **IX. Independent Contractor**

In the performance of services hereunder, the Vet shall be deemed an independent contractor and shall not, with respect to its acts or omissions, be deemed an agent, subcontractor or employee of the County.

## **X. Assignment and Subletting**

The Vet agrees that neither this Agreement nor the services to be performed hereunder will be assigned or sublet without the prior written consent of the County. The Vet further agrees that the assignment or subletting of any portion or feature of the services required in the performance of this Agreement shall not relieve the Vet from its full obligations to the County as provided by this Agreement.

## **XI. Audits and Records/Prohibited Interest**

11.1 The Vet agrees that at any time during normal business hours, and as often as County may deem necessary, Vet shall make available to representatives of the County for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement, and will permit such representatives of the County to audit, examine, copy and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement, all for a period of three (3) years from the date of final settlement of this Agreement or of such other or longer period, if any, as may be required by applicable statute or other lawful requirements.

11.2 The Vet acknowledges to the County that it has made full disclosure in writing of any existing conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest with the County.

## **XII. Contract Termination**

The parties agree that County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vet. In the event of such termination without cause, Vet shall deliver to County all items prepared by Vet in connection with this Agreement. Vet shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to County in the event of the County's breach of any material term of this Agreement, including but not limited to compensation and method of payment. Regardless of which party initiates termination, Vet shall be entitled to compensation for any and all services completed to the satisfaction of County in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement prior to termination.

## **XIII. Complete Contract**

13.1 This Agreement, including the exhibits hereto numbered "A" through "E", constitute the entire agreement by and between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified or canceled by a duly executed written instrument, signed by the County and the Vet.

13.2 Warranties contained in this Agreement are in addition to and not in lieu of, any and all other liability imposed upon the Vet by law with respect to the Vet's duties, obligations, and performance hereunder. The Vet's liability hereunder shall survive the County's final acceptance and payment for the Project. All representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, including without limitation, this paragraph, shall survive the final completion of the Work or earlier termination of this Agreement. The Vet acknowledges that the County is relying upon the Vet's skill and experience in performing the services pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **XIV. Mailing of Notices**

Unless instructed otherwise in writing, Vet agrees that all notices or communications to the County permitted or required under this Agreement shall be addressed to the County at the following address:

Collin County  
Attn: Purchasing Department  
2300 Bloomdale, Suite 3160  
McKinney, TX 75071

County agrees that all notices or communications to Vet permitted or required under this Agreement shall be addressed to Vet at the following address:

All notices or communications required to be given in writing by one party or the other shall be considered as having been given to the date such notice or communication is posted by the sending party.

#### **XV. Miscellaneous**

##### **A. Paragraph Headings**

The paragraph headings contained herein are for convenience only and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provision in this Agreement.

##### **B. Interpret Contract Fairly**

Although this Agreement is drafted by County, should any part be in dispute, the parties agree that the Agreement shall not be construed more favorable for either party.

##### **C. Venue/Governing Law**

The parties agree that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern this Agreement, and that it is performable in Collin County, Texas. The venue for any litigation related to this Agreement shall be in Collin County, Texas.

##### **D. Parties Bound**

County and Vet, and their partners, successors, subcontractors, executors, legal representatives, and administrators are hereby bound to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

##### **E. Severability**

In the event a term, condition, or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void, unenforceable, or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that term, condition, or provision shall be deleted and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

##### **F. Effective Date**

This Agreement shall be effective upon award on \_\_\_\_\_.

**G. Term of Agreement**

The term of this Agreement shall conform to the schedule as stipulated in Exhibit "B" attached herein. No other extension shall be authorized unless granted by written agreement between the County and Vet.

**H. Expenses for Enforcement**

In the event either Party hereto is required to employ an attorney to enforce the provisions of this Agreement or is required to commence legal proceedings to enforce the provisions hereof, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the other, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred in connection with such enforcement, including collection.

**I. Observe and Comply**

Vet shall at all times observe and comply with all federal and State laws and regulations and with all County rules and procedures which in any way affect this Agreement and the work hereunder, and shall observe and comply with all orders, laws, ordinances and regulations which may exist or may be enacted later by governing bodies having jurisdiction or authority for such enactment. No plea of misunderstanding or ignorance thereof shall be considered. Vet agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County and all of its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims or liability arising out of the violation of any such order, law, ordinance, or regulation, whether it be by itself or its employees.

**J. Financial Interest in any Contract by Owner's Officers, Employees or Agents**

No officer, employee or agent of the OWNER shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the OWNER or be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the sale to the OWNER of any land, materials, supplies or services, except on behalf of the OWNER as an officer or employee. Any willful violation of this article shall constitute malfeasance in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall thereby forfeit his office or position. Any violation of this article with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the persons, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation contracting with the OWNER shall render the contract involved voidable by the OWNER.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS** on the date indicated below.

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michalyn Rains, CPPO, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent

VENDOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**STATE OF TEXAS**            }  
  }  
**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ }

**BEFORE ME**, \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, known to me (or proved to me on the oath of \_\_\_\_\_ or through \_\_\_\_\_ (description of identity card or other document) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of the corporation, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**STATE OF TEXAS**            }  
  }  
**COUNTY OF COLLIN**        }

**BEFORE ME**, \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared Michalyn Rains, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent of COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

My Commission expires on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXHIBIT “A”**

SCOPE OF SERVICES



**EXHIBIT “B”**

SCHEDULE

Term of Contract will be through September 30, 2018. This contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, with a contract amendment executed by both parties.

**EXHIBIT “C”**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Invoices will be transmitted to the County on a monthly basis. Below is the fee schedule:

**EXHIBIT “D”**

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY

The County will make available to Vet any and all information, data, etc. as it may have in its possession relating to the project described herein.

**EXHIBIT "E"**

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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1.0 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) required by Texas Law indicating the coverage is to remain in force throughout the term of this contract. In addition to any coverage required by Texas Law, the vendor shall provide the following coverages.

1.1 Broad Form Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of (\$500,000 per-occurrence and \$1,000,000 general aggregate) for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall include products/completed operations, independent contractors, and contractual liability each at \$500,000 per occurrence. Coverage must be written on an occurrence form.

1.2 Personal Automobile Liability insurance shall be no less than \$100,000 combined single limits per accident for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicle coverage.

1.3 Professional Liability Insurance at minimum limits of \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 general aggregate. This policy must have 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.

2.0 The required limits may be satisfied by any combination of primary, excess or umbrella liability insurances, provided the primary policy complies with the above requirements and the excess umbrella is following form. The vendor may maintain reasonable and customary deductibles, subject to approval by Collin County.

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

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

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.

3.4 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.

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

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

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

5.0 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:

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

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

## **RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT**

STATE OF TEXAS                     )  
  )  
COUNTY OF COLLIN    )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

1.       That I, \_\_\_\_\_(hereinafter the "Undersigned") for and in consideration of being allowed (myself and employees) to work on-site in a Collin County facility, the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby freely, irrevocably, fully and completely waive any and all claims, debts, demands, actions, causes of action, lawsuits, sums of money, contracts, agreements, judgments and liabilities, that the Undersigned and/or their respective heirs, assigns, personal administrators, personal representatives, and next of kin, have, or which may hereafter accrue against Collin County and all their agents, attorneys, employees, officers and elected or appointed representatives and all other persons, firms, organizations, or corporations in privity therewith, whether named herein or not (hereinafter the "Released Parties"), growing out of or in any way related to or accrued as a consequence of working at or in a Collin County facility.

2.       In consideration of being allowed to work in a Collin County Facility the Undersigned identified below, acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that this can create a risk of injury, and the Undersigned knowingly and freely assumes all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, including claims arising out of the negligence of Collin County, and all their agents, attorneys, employees, officers and elected or appointed representatives and all other persons, firms, organizations, or corporations in privity therewith, whether named herein or not.

3.       The Undersigned further represents and warrants they have carefully read the foregoing RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT, know and understand the contents hereof completely, that they agree to all terms herein, and signs the same as their own free will, act and deed.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contractor**

## **INFORMATION REGARDING** **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

During the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, House Bill 914 was signed into law effective September 1, 2015, which added Chapter 176 to the Texas Local Government Code. Recent changes have been made to Chapter 176 pursuant to HB23, which passed the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Chapter 176 mandates the public disclosure of certain information concerning persons doing business or seeking to do business with Collin County, including family, business, and financial relationships such persons may have with Collin County officers or employees involved in the planning, recommending, selecting and contracting of a vendor for this procurement.

For a copy of Form CIQ and CIS:

[http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/conflict\\_forms.htm](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/conflict_forms.htm)

The vendor acknowledges by doing business or seeking to do business with Collin County that he/she has been notified of the requirements under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code and that he/she is solely responsible for complying with the terms and conditions therein. Furthermore, any individual or business entity seeking to do business with Collin County who does not comply with this practice may risk award consideration of any County contract.

For a listing of current Collin County Officers:

<http://www.collincountytexas.gov/government/Pages/officials.aspx>

The following County employees will be involved in the planning, recommending, selecting, and contracting for the attached procurement:

Department:

Clarence Daughtery, Director of Engineering  
Misty Brown, Development Services Manager  
Lisa Drummonds, Animal Control Officer

Purchasing:

Michalyn Rains – Purchasing Agent  
Sara Hoglund, CPPB – Buyer II

Commissioners' Court:

Keith Self – County Judge  
Susan Fletcher – Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
Cheryl Williams – Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
Chris Hill – Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
Duncan Webb – Commissioner Precinct No. 4

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

**This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.**

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

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

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

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

**2** ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

**6** ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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- (2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;  
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

- (1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.



## 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.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <b>Note.</b> For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b> 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 generally 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 <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3. <b>Note.</b> If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.	<b>Social security number</b> [ ][ ][ ] - [ ][ ] - [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] <b>or</b> <b>Employer identification number</b> [ ][ ] - [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]
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<b>Part II Certification</b> 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); and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct. <b>Certification instructions.</b> 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 3.	<b>Signature of U.S. person ▶</b>  <b>Date ▶</b>
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### General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.