



Collin County Purchasing

2021-356

**On-site Grinding, Mulching, Tree Trimming and Cutting,
including Removal of Debris**

Issue Date: 1/11/2022

Questions Deadline: 1/27/2022 05:00 PM (CT)

Response Deadline: 2/3/2022 02:00 PM (CT)

Collin County Purchasing

Contact Information

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Event Information

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Notes: Turnkey service for on-site grinding, mulching, tree trimming and cutting, including removal of debris. Must have equipment required to perform services.

Ship To Information

Address: See Purchase Order
McKinney, TX 75071

Billing Information

Contact: Accounts Payable
Address: Auditor
Jack Hatchell Admin. Bldg
Ste. 3100
2300 Bloomdale Rd
Ste. 3100
McKinney, TX 75071
Phone: 1 (972) 548-4733
Email: accountspayable@co.collin.tx.us

Bid Attachments

General_Instructions_Bid 09.03.21.docx

General Instructions - Bid - update 09.03.21

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Terms of Contract - Bid

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Insurance Requirements

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Special Conditions and Specifications 12.9.docx

Special Conditions and Specifications

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Attachment A-Sample Photos.pdf

Attachment A - Sample Photos

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HB 23-CIQ.docx

HB 23-CIQ

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Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

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W-9 Form

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Legal notice

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Equipment List

Per specification Item 4.19, Bidder shall provide a full list of equipment/vehicles to be used on this project for Collin County. List shall include items used for tree trimming, large branch cutting or cutting trees down, grinding, mulching, and haul off.

Conflict of Interest (CIQ)

Bid Attributes

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List the contact name, email address and phone number of the main person(s) Collin County should contact in reference to this solicitation. Contact(s) shall be duly authorized by the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual to respond to any questions, clarification, and or offers in response to this solicitation.

Do you take exception to the specifications? If so, by separate attachment, please state your exceptions.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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4 Equipment

Per specification Item 4.19, Bidder shall provide a full list of equipment/vehicles to be used on this project for Collin County. List shall include items used for tree trimming, cutting, grinding, mulching, and haul off. Attach list in "Response Attachments".

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

5 Equipment

Bidder confirms equipment furnished is capable of processing/grinding tree root balls up to ten (10) feet in diameter, and tree trunks up to sixty (60) inches in diameter. Please Initial.

(Required: Maximum 100 characters allowed)

6 Equipment

Bidder confirms equipment is able to trim trees, cut large branches, or cut down as needed on various roads 18 feet above the driving surface, up to 14 feet above the right-of-way, and 5 feet to 20 feet from the edge of the driving surface. Please Initial.

(Required: Maximum 100 characters allowed)

7 Mobilization

Per specification item 4.16 state how many locations can be mobilized at one time and number of staff provided at each site.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

8 Response Time

Mobilization shall commence within the calendar days listed in 4.16 after receiving a purchase order with priority listing. (See Special Conditions and Specifications 4.16) Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

9 Insurance Acknowledgement

I understand that the insurance requirements of this solicitation are required and are included in the submitted pricing. A certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Purchasing department if I am awarded all or a portion of the resulting contract. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

10 Subcontractors

State the business name of all subcontractors and the type of work they will be performing under this contract. If you are fully qualified to self-perform the entire contract, please respond with "Not Applicable-Self Perform".

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

11 Reference No. 1

List a company or governmental agency, other than Collin County, where these same/like products/services, as stated herein, have been provided. Texas references preferred. Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

12 Reference No. 2

List a company or governmental agency, other than Collin County, where these same/like products/services, as stated herein, have been provided. Texas references preferred. Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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3**Reference No. 3**

List a company or governmental agency, other than Collin County, where these same/like products/services, as stated herein, have been provided. Texas references preferred. Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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4**Cooperative Contracts**

As permitted under Title 8, Chapter 271, Subchapter F, Section 271.101 and 271.102 V.T.C.A. and Title 7, Chapter 791, Subchapter C, Section 791.025, V.T.C.A., other local governmental entities may wish to also participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract. Each entity wishing to participate must enter into an inter-local agreement with Collin County and have prior authorization from vendor. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the local governmental entity requiring supplies/services. Collin County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract. Would bidder be willing to allow other local governmental entities to participate in this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Required: Check only one)

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5**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).

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.

(Required: Maximum 4000 characters allowed)

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6**Debarment Certification**

I certify that neither my company nor an owner or principal 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.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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7**Immigration and Reform Act**

I 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 by Collin County. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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8**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. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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9**Anti-Collusion Statement**

Bidder certifies that its Bid/Proposal is made without prior 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.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

2
0**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. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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1**Notification Survey**

In order to better serve our offerors, the Collin County 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?

- ☐ Plano Star Courier ☐ Plan Room ☐ Collin County eBid Notification ☐ Collin County Website
☐ Other

(Required: Check only one)

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2**Bidder Acknowledgement**

Bidder acknowledges, understands the specifications, any and all addenda, and agrees to the bid terms and conditions and can provide the minimum requirements stated herein. Bidder 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 submittal resulting from Bidder's failure to do so. Bidder acknowledges the prices submitted in this Bid have been carefully reviewed and are submitted as correct and final. If Bid is accepted, vendor further certifies and agrees to furnish any and all products upon which prices are extended at the price submitted, and upon conditions in the specifications of the Invitation for Bid. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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3**Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders**

The respondent acknowledges that FEMA financial assistance or other State and Federal Assistance may be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Respondent will comply with all applicable Federal and state law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives, as detailed in the document attached titled: "SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTS FUNDED BY U.S. FEDERAL GRANT". Further, by initialing this attribute, the Respondent is verifying that during the performance of this Contract, should federal assistance be utilized, compliance with the certifications and provisions contained herein is mandatory and shall not be excluded and are not subject to changes, modifications and / or negotiation, unless explicitly indicated in writing by COLLIN COUNTY. Please Initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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4**Critical Infrastructure Affirmation**

Pursuant to section 2274.0102 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Respondent or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2274.0103, or (2) headquartered in any of those countries. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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Energy Company Boycotts

Pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, should the contract have a value of \$100,000 or more and the company employs 10 or more full-time employees, Respondent represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy companies, and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

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Firearm Entities and Trade Associations Discrimination

Pursuant to section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, should the contract have a value of \$100,000 or more and the company employs 10 or more full-time employees, Respondent verifies that: (1) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency. Please initial.

(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)

Bid Lines

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Mobilization and Demobilization

(Response required)

Quantity: 1 UOM: each Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: State the cost of mobilization and demobilization per project to each designated location throughout Collin County. Each mobilization will include debris within a one (1) mile radius.

Supplier Notes:

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
 (Attach separate sheet)

2

On Site Grinding and Mulching

(Response required)

Quantity: 10000 UOM: cubic yard Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: State the cost per cubic yard for on site grinding and mulching. Volume calculation of debris will be measured by Collin County hand held GPS device and multiplied by height before grinding. Estimated quantity 50,000 cubic yards. County representative shall provide an estimated quantity per job. Price shall be inclusive of labor and equipment. Grinding and mulching shall result in 4 inch to 6 inch pieces.

Supplier Notes:

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
 (Attach separate sheet)

3 Remove Natural Material Debris from Site.*(Response required)*Quantity: 1 UOM: cubic yard Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: State the cost per cubic yard for the proper removal of natural material debris. Estimated quantity will be 50,000 cubic yards x multiplier stated below. Price shall be inclusive of labor and equipment.

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
(Attach separate sheet)Supplier Notes: _____
_____**Item Attributes****1. State multiplier to be used**

State multiplier to be used against the cubic yards of on site grinding and mulching. This number will be multiplied against the amount of cubic yards for the on site grinding to calculate the cubic yards actually hauled from the site (shrinkage). An example would be 30% or .3. If the calculation was 5,000 cubic yards for grinding and mulching and your multiplier is 30 or .3 then 5,000 x .30 = 1500 cubic yards of natural material debris to be hauled off site.

_____*(Required: Maximum 1000 characters allowed)***4 Removal of Foreign Material Debris***(Response required)*Quantity: 500 UOM: cubic yard Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: State cost per cubic yard to remove foreign material debris, if required. Foreign material debris is estimated at 1%. Estimated quantity 500 cubic yards. Cost shall be inclusive of labor and equipment.

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
(Attach separate sheet)Supplier Notes: _____
_____**5 Tree Trimming, large branch cutting, or cutting trees down - State cost per hour for turnkey service***(Response required)*Quantity: 1 UOM: hour Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Tree trimming, large branch cutting, or cutting trees down as needed, on various roads 18 feet above the driving surface and up to 14 feet above the right-of way, and 5 feet to 20 feet from the edge of the driving surface Contractor shall be responsible for removal of all debris and shall maintain and provide the required signage and flagmen for proper control of traffic. Cost shall be inclusive of labor and equipment.

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
(Attach separate sheet)Supplier Notes: _____
_____**6 Stump Removal (up to 18-inches in diameter) - State cost per stump for turnkey service***(Response required)*Quantity: 1 UOM: each Unit Price: \$ Total: \$

Item Notes: Stump removal will consist of physical removal of the tree stump or stump grinding. Stump grinding will be to the depth of ten (10) inches below grade. Any depression left after stump removal must be filled with compacted top soil.

☐ No bid
☐ Additional notes
(Attach separate sheet)Supplier Notes: _____

Item Attributes

1. Additional 2-inches diameter

State price for each additional 2-inches of diameter above 18-inches. (Do not include the "up to 18-inches" price)

\$

(Required: Numbers only)

Supplier Information

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Supplier Notes

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

Print Name

Signature

1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.0.1 Definitions

1.0.1.1 Bidder: refers to submitter.

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

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

1.0.1.4 IFB: refers to Invitation For Bid.

1.1 If Bidder 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 addenda 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 may not be withdrawn or canceled by the bidder 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 for any or all products and/or services covered in an Invitation For Bid (IFB), 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 IFBs submitted in hard copy paper form shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the IFB 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. IFBs may be submitted in electronic format via Collin County eBid.

1.9 All IFBs 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 IFB.

1.10 Time/date stamp clock in Collin County Purchasing Department shall be the official time of receipt for all IFBs submitted in hard copy paper form. IFB'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 IFB 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 IFB, 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 the date specified in the solicitation. 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 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. **Collin County eBid** <https://collincountytexas.com>, telephoning Purchasing Department directly, etc.) prior to opening/receipt date and time to insure Bidder's/Quoter's/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 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 Bidders taking exception to the specifications shall do so at their own risk. By offering substitutions, Bidder shall state these exceptions in the section provided in the IFB 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: A prospective Bidder 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 ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

1.20 Vendor shall bear any/all costs associated with its preparation of an IFB.

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 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. Delivery to governmental entities located within Collin County will be at no additional charge or as otherwise provided for in the award

document. Delivery charges, if any, for governmental entities located outside of Collin County shall be negotiated between the Vendor and each governmental entity.

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.

1.25 Bidder shall comply with all local, state and federal employment and discrimination laws and shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or any other class protected by law.

2.0 TERMS OF CONTRACT

2.1 A bid, 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 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 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 IFB 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 56th 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 56th 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 bid price. All components required to render the item complete, installed and operational shall be included in the total bid 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 Collin County prior to access being granted to Collin County facilities. Upon request, Vendor/Contractor/Provider shall provide list of individuals to the 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 Bidder 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 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 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.

2.37 Vendors/Contractors/Providers must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code which states, in part, contracts with companies engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or Foreign Terrorist Organizations are prohibited. A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company that is listed on the Comptroller of the State of Texas website identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.253 which do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization. This Act is effective September 1, 2017.

2.38 Force Majeure: No party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Agreement, when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond the affected party's reasonable control, including, without limitation: acts of God; flood, fire or explosion; war, invasion, riot or other civil unrest; actions, embargoes or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Agreement; or national or regional emergency (each of the foregoing, a "Force Majeure Event"). A party whose performance is affected by a Force Majeure Event shall give notice to the other party, stating the period of time the occurrence is expected to continue and shall use diligent efforts to end the failure or delay and minimize the effects of such Force Majeure Event.

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

3.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

Employers' Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Authorization: By order of the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas sealed bids will be received for **IFB 2021-356 On-Site Grinding, Mulching, Tree Trimming and Cutting, including Removal of Debris.**
- 4.2 Purpose: It is the intent of the following specifications to describe the immediate need for on-site grinding, mulching, tree trimming and cutting, and removal of debris services. Debris is routinely collected and pushed by Collin County personnel as a result of storm damage and land clearing for future roadway expansion and community development throughout the Collin County area. Contractor shall provide all labor supervision, materials and equipment, with operators, and support for equipment (fuel, maintenance and repair) necessary for on-site grinding/mulching of natural (trees, brush, wood, and vegetation) brush piles to include removal and disposal of all roots or plant material and dirt to the natural ground level. Contractor will be required to separate all foreign material (wire, metal fence/posts, concrete etc.) located within the brush piles from the natural materials prior to grinding, and dispose of all foreign materials as required. The amount of brush to be ground will be determined by utilizing a handheld GPS device to determine width and length and multiple by the height of the pile to calculate the cubic yards. Contractor shall be responsible, if required, for **tree trimming and cutting** services on various roads in accordance with Section 4.25 of these specifications. **For the purpose of this bid, 'debris' shall be defined as resulting loose material after grinding and mulching.** See Attachment A for photos of **examples** of piles for Grinding and Mulching, piles after Grinding and Mulching, and area after all debris has been removed.
- 4.3 Term: Provide for a one (1) year term contract commencing the date of award and with the option to renew for an additional four (4) one (1) year terms upon agreement by both parties.
- 4.4 Funding: Funds for payment have been provided through the Collin County budget approved by the Commissioners Court for this fiscal year only. State of Texas statutes prohibit the County from any obligation of public funds beyond the fiscal year for which a budget has been approved. Therefore, anticipated orders or other obligations that may arise past the end of the current Collin County fiscal year shall be subject to budget approval.
- 4.5 Price Reduction: If during the life of the contract, the Contractor's net prices to its customers for the same product(s) and/or services shall be reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the County shall receive such price reduction.
- 4.6 Price Redetermination: The bidder is to submit a bid that will be fixed for one (1) year. A price redetermination may be considered by Collin County only at the anniversary date of the contract. On each anniversary date of the contract, the Contractor may request a price redetermination in their bid. Documented price adjustment of labor, materials, and/or delivery costs may be considered. Supporting

documentation may include 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 Contractor has the sole responsibility to request, in letter form, an adjusted rate and shall provide supporting documentation necessary to support the redetermination with the request. This request and documentation must be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent no later than ninety (90) days before the anniversary date. To ensure timely delivery, certified mail is recommended. If the request is submitted and received within the required timeframe, the adjustment will be submitted for processing. Contractor will be notified in writing upon approval. 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.

Should a Contractor fail to submit the request and supporting documentation to the proper location ninety (90) days before the anniversary date, Contractor shall be deemed to have waived its right to any redetermination in price.

- 4.7 Certificate of Insurance: The Contractor shall post with Owner, not later than ten (10) consecutive calendar days of Collin County Commissioners Court award of Contract, a Certificate of Insurance in accordance with Section 3.0.
- 4.8 Approximate Usage/Value: The approximate annual value of this contract is \$60,000. Approximate usage does not constitute an order, but only implies the probable quantity the County will use. Services will be ordered on an as-needed basis.

It is estimated that Collin County crews will generate approximately 50,000 cubic yards of debris per year. It is estimated that 1% of total estimated cubic yards will be foreign material. Your multiplier stated in line item 3 will be utilized to calculate the removal of natural material debris from site.

- 4.8.1 The County shall request and authorize services based on departmental need. The amount of brush to be ground will be determined by utilizing a handheld GPS device to determine width, length, and height of the pile multiplied together to calculate the cubic yards. No minimum or maximum amount of work is guaranteed under the resulting contract.
- 4.8.2 A separate quote and subsequent Purchase Order will be required for each job site. No work shall begin on any job site until a Purchase Order is issued. County representative will verify quote measurements with contractor prior to issuing purchase order.
- 4.8.3 Collin County reserves the right to solicit separate bids for all individual projects which exceed \$50,000.00.

- 4.9 Evaluation: Collin County reserves the right to award or reject by line item or as a whole as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. Collin County further reserves the right to make a primary and secondary award on this contract.
- 4.10 Inclement Weather Conditions: Collin County will allow five (5) additional days for every day that there is a delay due to the weather for completion of services. Requests for additional days should be in writing to Collin County designated representative.
- 4.11 Permits, Safety, and Governing Law: Contractor shall be responsible for the following:
- 4.11.1 Determining if permits are necessary to perform under the contract. If so, the Contractor shall obtain all permits necessary to complete the work.
 - 4.11.2 Instructing its employees in appropriate safety measures. The Contractor and its personnel shall adhere to the applicable safety requirements. The Contractor shall comply with local, State and Federal Safety and Health Requirements.
 - 4.11.3 Strictly complying with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Copies of any licenses, certifications, registrations and other requirements shall be provided with the bid submission; and, the successful bidder shall provide follow-up evidence that as the successful bidder they maintain such credentials throughout the period of agreement.
 - 4.11.3 Comply with EPA and OSHA cleanup and containment regulations for all equipment fluid spills, etc.
- 4.12 All foremen and workers shall have sufficient skill, proper license, and experience to perform work in an acceptable manner. Bidders shall have prior grinding/mulching experience, similar in size to that being requested by Collin County. Bidder shall submit three (3) acceptable references, listing current/prior contracts. The references shall state the agency, e-mail address, phone number, contact person and contract size. Failure to submit the references with bid submittal may result in rejection of bid. Please do not list Collin County as a reference.
- 4.13 Subcontractors: Contractor shall state names of all subcontractors and the type of work they will be performing. If a Contractor fails to specify a subcontractor, then it shall be deemed to have agreed that it is fully qualified to perform the contract itself, and that Contractor will fully perform the contract itself.

No Contractor whose bid is accepted shall (a) substitute any subcontractor, or (b) permit a subcontract to be voluntarily assigned or transferred or allow it to be performed by anyone other than the original subcontractor listed in the

original bid without approval in writing from the Collin County Purchasing Department.

The successful Contractor further agrees that Collin County and its agents, servants and employees shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from personal injury, physical loss, harassment of or discrimination against employee or other violations of the provisions of this contract occasioned by the acts or omissions of the successful Contractor's sub-contractors, their agents or employees. The indemnification provisions of this contract shall apply to all sub-contractors.

- 4.14 The County will furnish no disposal or storage site. All debris shall be removed from the project site and disposed at a location other than County or adjoining property owner. The Contractor shall dispose of materials in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations.

Successful bidder shall be required to leave the premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition with the site re-graded to remove all wheel ruts as required. When leaving the property, the successful bidder shall make sure that the truck is covered with a tarp so as not to lose material along the way to the disposal site.

- 4.15 Inspection: Upon completion of each job, Collin County shall inspect the service(s) performed before accepting them. Contractor shall call and make inspection appointments with Collin County's designated representative and furnish a written plan of action as to how and when corrections of any discrepancies will be accomplished. Collin County reserves the right to make periodic unannounced inspections without the Contractor being present.

4.16 Mobilization Requirements:

- 4.16.1 Commence mobilization and remove debris upon notification from the County. No work shall be started, at any time, without the Contractor having a Purchase Order for each specific job or project.

4.16.1.1 Low Priority, where debris collected in no way inhibits the roadway or interferes with property owner's livestock or access to their property. Contractor shall commence mobilization in up to ten (10) calendar days after notification by the County. Contractor will provide County with firm quote for intended work prior to beginning work on job site.

4.16.1.2 High Priority, where debris collected does inhibit the roadway in some manner or interferes with the property's owner's access to their property or livestock, as deemed so by the County. Contractor shall commence mobilization within 24 hours after notification by the County. Contractor

will provide County with firm quote for intended work prior to beginning work on job site.

- 4.16.2 Contractor shall not begin work on any project without a Purchase Order. A quote from the Contractor will be requested for each project and the quantity will depend upon the County's need at the time of request. County representative will verify quote measurements with contractor prior to issuing purchase order.
- 4.16.3 Contractor may be required to mobilize to multiple locations based upon Collin County needs. All bidders shall provide information with their bid response as to how many locations and to what staffing level and equipment they are equipped to mobilize at any one given time.
- 4.16.4 Each mobilization will include debris within a one (1) mile radius.
- 4.17 Work Hours: Work hours for grinding and mulching will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contractor may work past these hours, on weekends or holidays upon written approval by the Collin County Public Works department with copy of approval attached to the corresponding invoice.
- 4.18 Under the general oversight of the County, the Contractor shall supervise and direct all work, and workers related to the services. The Contractor shall maintain one qualified and accessible supervisor, which shall be responsible for the coordination of the field crews with Collin County. The name(s) of the supervisor, assistant or backup personnel or liaison officer's phone number shall be provided to the County prior to execution of work.
- 4.19 Equipment Requirements: For evaluation purposes the bidder shall submit with his/her bid a listing of all equipment to be used on this project under "Response Attachments." Bidder shall submit a list of this equipment giving year, make and model of machines to be used.

All equipment submitted for use on this project shall be maintained in satisfactory working condition to guard against injury to the grounds, county property, third-party property, persons or animals. Bidders are to own or currently lease and have operational ready all related equipment to perform these services.

Bidder must also have equipment that is able to access trees to trim, cut large branches or cut down as needed on various roads 18 feet above the driving surface, up to 14 feet above the right-of-way, and 5 feet to 20 feet from the edge of the driving surface. Bidder's equipment that operates from public roads shall have a permanent rotating amber caution light mounted to the top of each piece of equipment.

Prior to recommendation of award of the contract, Collin County representatives may conduct an inspection of the bidder's equipment to determine if bidder at time of inspection owns or leases the operational equipment needed to complete the work described in these specifications, the bidder may be rendered non-compliant and the respective bid disqualified as determined by Collin County.

After award, the successful bidder's equipment and personnel must be at all times readily available, mechanically sound and operationally ready to satisfactorily perform the volume of work required under this contract. Failure by the Contractor to maintain adequate, mechanically sound and operational equipment and/or staffing may result in termination of the contract due to non-performance.

- 4.20 Contractor shall be responsible for any property damage caused by the use of chemicals, vehicles, or other equipment while engaged in this contract.
- 4.21 Contractor shall furnish all required equipment, e.g. tub-grinders, horizontal grinders, front loaders, cranes with grapplers, dolly to mobilize grinding/mulching equipment, etc., within, or to and from each separate job site.
- 4.22 Equipment furnished shall be capable of processing/grinding tree root balls up to ten (10) feet in diameter, and tree trunks up to sixty (60) inches in diameter.
- 4.23 Contractor shall be required to haul off and properly dispose of mulched material as well as waste materials extracted from desirable mulch e.g. concrete, wire, steel fence posts, etc. Collin County reserves the right to haul off and dispose of either material, as determined to be in the best interest of the County.
- 4.24 Contractor shall be responsible for securing/handling all livestock while working on private property where livestock is present.
- 4.25 Other Tree Services: Tree trimming, large branch cutting, or cutting trees down as needed, on various roads 18 feet above the driving surface and up to 14 feet above the right-of way, and 5 feet to 20 feet from the edge of the driving surface, to keep roadway clear for emergency vehicles, farm equipment, school buses and other high profile vehicles or cargo.

Branches and limbs to be removed average 5-inches in diameter but can exceed 10-inches in diameter. Trees to be cut down average 6-inches in diameter but can exceed 18-inches in diameter.

- 4.25.1 If a tree is removed, the County representative will determine how the stump is to be addressed based on the location of the stump in the right-of-way.
- 4.25.2 Contractor shall be responsible for proper removal of all debris and vendor shall maintain and provide the required signage and flagmen for proper control of traffic.

- 4.25.3 If a tree is cut down, stumps over 6-inches in diameter must be cut down to not more than six (6) inches above the surface and rounded off, and stumps under 6-inches in diameter must be cut smooth to the ground.
- 4.25.4 Stump removal: The contractor shall furnish all necessary supervision, labor, vehicles and equipment, capable of effective and efficient removal of the specified stumps. Stump removal will consist of physical removal of the tree stump or stump grinding. Stump grinding will be to the depth of ten (10) inches below grade. Any depressions left after the stump removal must be filled with compacted top soil.
- 4.27 Payment for the work specified herein will be made on the pertinent Purchase Order, after completion and acceptance of required paperwork, at the unit prices specified in the pricing schedule. All signed paperwork should be attached to the Purchase Order upon which payment is being requested. Invoices must be fully documented as to labor, materials, and equipment provided and must reference the Collin County Purchase Order Number in order to be processed.

Attachment A

Photo Examples

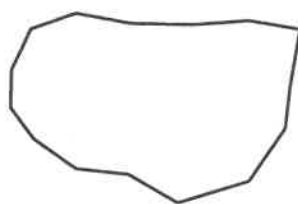
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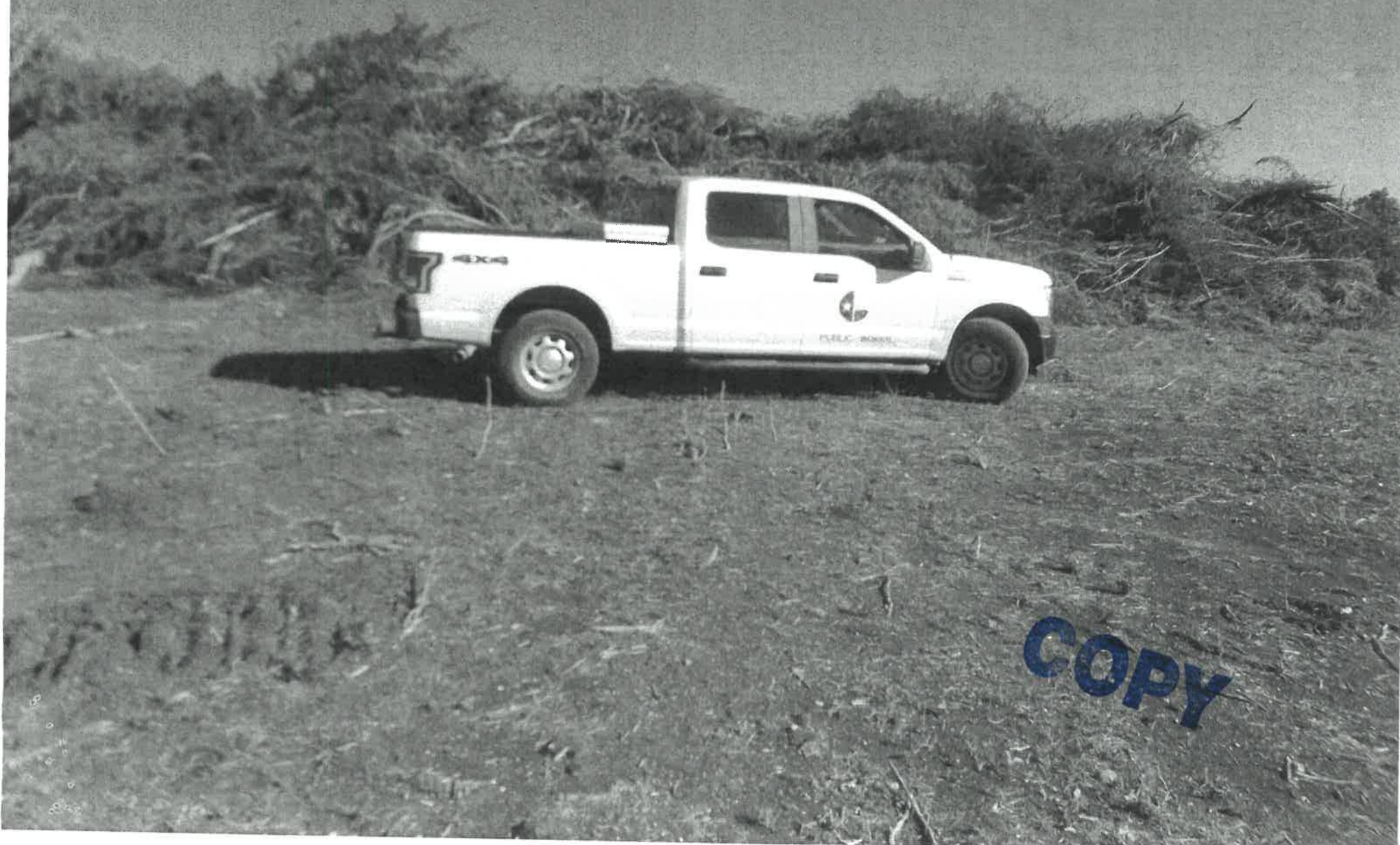
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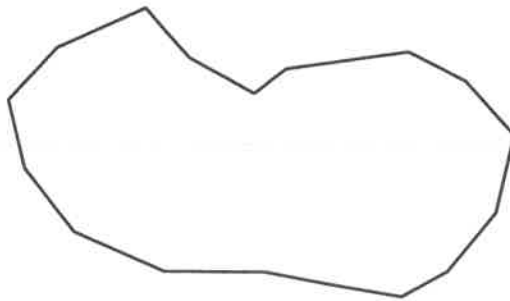
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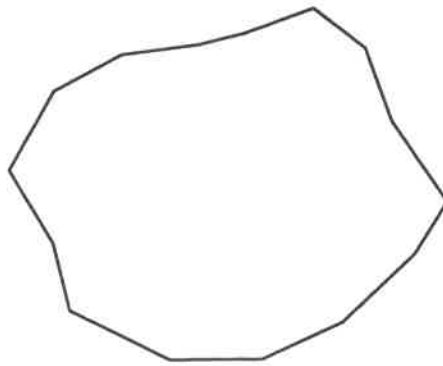
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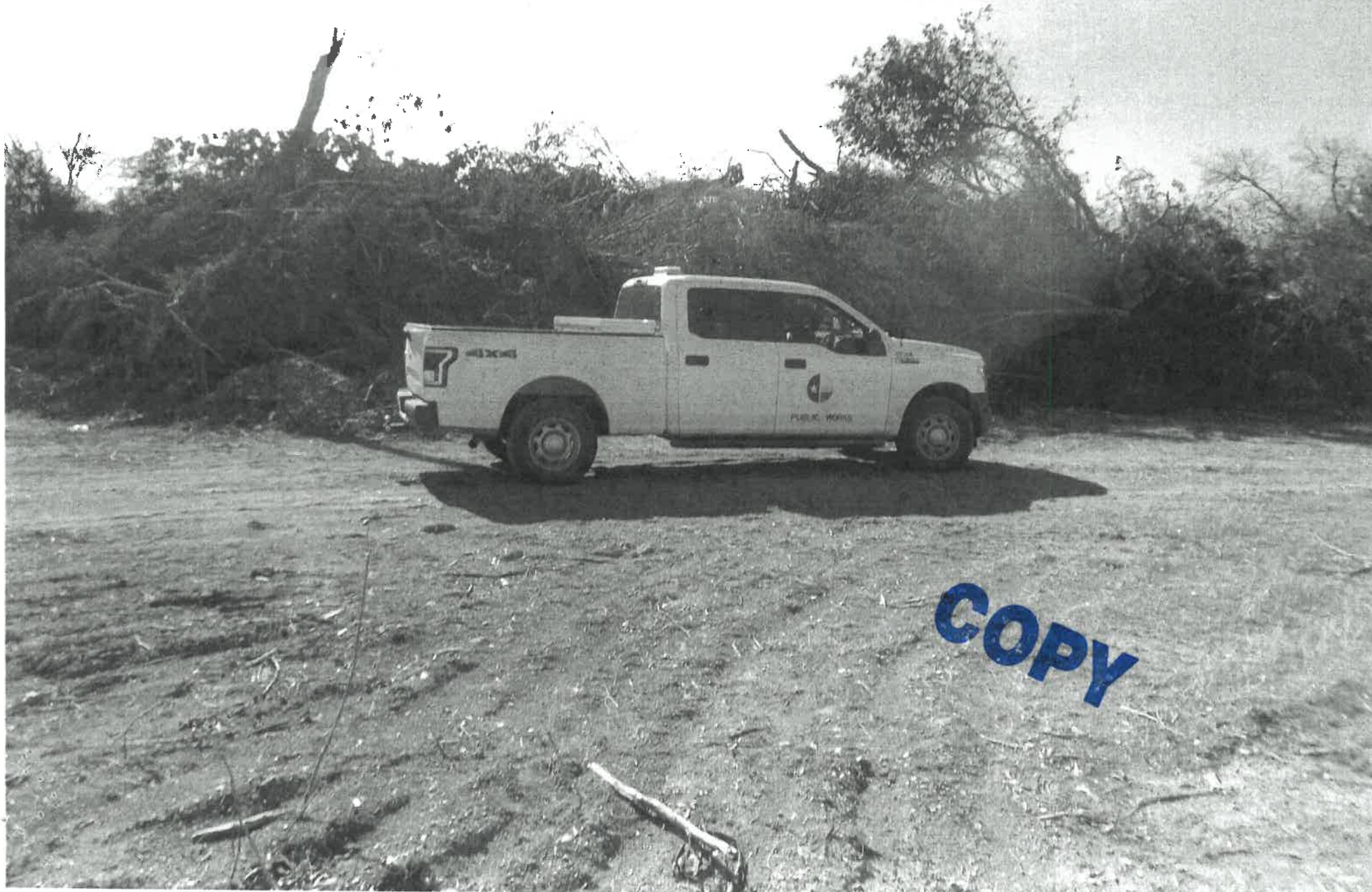


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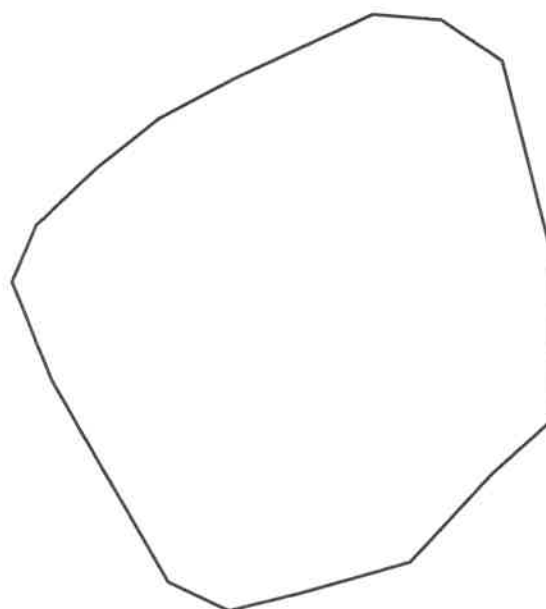
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INFORMATION REGARDING **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

During the 79th 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 84th 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

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>

At the time of this solicitation being released, the following are known to be involved in the planning, recommending, selecting, and contracting for the attached procurement:

Department:

Jon Kleinheksel – Director of Public Works
Mark Hines – Assistant Director of Public Works
Wayne Anderson – Road & Bridge Superintendent
Dayne Shepherd – Road & Bridge Superintendent

Purchasing:

Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Purchasing Agent
Marci Chrismon – Assistant Purchasing Agent
Gina Zimmer, CPPB – Buyer II

Commissioners Court:

Chris Hill – County Judge
Susan Fletcher – Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Cheryl Williams – Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Darrell Hale – 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).

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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:

- (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.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	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 of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one 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) ► _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its 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) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
				-				-			
or											
Employer identification number											
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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); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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 for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ►	Date ►

General Instructions

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

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

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, later.