



Collin County, TX

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

2024-369

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES TO  
COLLIN COUNTY

RELEASE DATE: September 17, 2024

RESPONSE DEADLINE: October 17, 2024, 2:00 pm

Please refer to the project timeline in this document for all important deadlines.

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### Attachments:

A - LEGAL\_NOTICE\_2024-369

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. SUMMARY

The purpose of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to provide Collin County with information necessary to determine the qualifications of firms interested in providing engineering consulting services to Collin County. The response will be in the form of a “Statement of Qualifications” (SOQ).

## 1.2. TIMELINE

Release Project Date:	September 17, 2024
Pre-Submittal Meeting (Non-Mandatory):	September 30, 2024, 9:00am Commissioners Courtroom located at the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Rd., 4th Floor, McKinney, TX 75071
Question Submission Deadline:	October 3, 2024, 5:00pm
Response Submission Deadline:	October 17, 2024, 2:00pm

## 2. GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIREMENT

### 2.1. PUBLIC INFORMATION

All information, documentation, and other materials submitted in response to this solicitation are considered non-confidential and/or non-proprietary and are subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (*Texas Government Code*, Chapter 552.001, *et seq.*) after a contract is awarded. The Owner strictly complies with all statutes, court decisions, and opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of RFQ information.

### 2.2. PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING

Pre-Submittal Meeting: A pre-submittal meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at the Jack Hatchell Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Rd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, McKinney, TX 75071. All prospective offerors are requested to have a representative present. It is the offeror's responsibility to review the documents to gain a full understanding of the requirements of the RFQ.

### 2.3. TYPE OF CONTRACT

Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be in the form of the Engineering Services Agreement.

### 2.4. EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

The evaluation of the Qualifications shall be based on the requirements described in this RFQ. All properly submitted Qualifications will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by the Owner. Qualifications shall not include any information regarding respondent's fees, pricing, or other compensation.

### 2.5. OWNER'S RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Owner may evaluate the Qualifications based on the anticipated completion of all or any portion of the Project. The Owner reserves the right to divide the Project into multiple parts, to reject any and all Qualifications and re-solicit for new Qualifications, or to reject any and all proposals and temporarily or permanently abandon the Project. Owner makes no representations, written or oral, that it will enter into any form of agreement with any respondent to this RFQ for any project and no such representation is intended or should be construed by the issuance of this RFQ.

### 2.6. ACCEPTANCE OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

By submitting its Qualifications in response to this RFQ, the respondent accepts the evaluation process and acknowledges and accepts that the determination of the "most qualified" firm(s) will require subjective judgments by the Owner.

### 2.7. NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS



Respondent acknowledges and accepts that any costs incurred from the respondent's participation in this RFQ shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the respondent. The Owner will not compensate respondents for any expenses incurred in Qualifications preparation or for any presentations that may be made, unless agreed to in writing in advance or required by law.

## **2.8. PREPARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT**

Qualifications shall be prepared SIMPLY AND ECONOMICALLY, providing a straightforward, CONCISE description of the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of this RFQ. Emphasis shall be on the QUALITY, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of Owner's needs.

## **2.9. CONDITIONAL CLAUSES**

Qualifications that are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, items not called for in the RFQ documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to rejection by the Owner, at its option.

## **2.10. COMPLETION OF RESPONSE**

Respondents shall carefully read the information contained in this RFQ and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed. Incomplete qualifications will be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection.

## **2.11. FAILURE TO COMPLY**

Failure to comply with all requirements contained in this Request for Qualifications may result in the rejection of the Qualifications.

### 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### 3.1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Collin County is seeking engineering firms qualified to provide preliminary engineering services for a pool of projects for the development of various freeways listed in this RFQ.

All work under this RFQ is preliminary to Construction plans, specifications and construction estimates (PS&E). PS&E will NOT be included in this RFQ.

The County's pool of projects are similar in nature and described below. Each proposer will be ranked independently for each project and will only be eligible for award of one (1) project under this RFQ.

**A new freeway from the intersection of the Collin County Outer Loop with SH 121 to the future US 380 Freeway on the north side of the City of Princeton**, approximately 8.5 miles: The determination of a feasible alignment for a freeway with a 500-foot wide right-of-way will be required. The process to make this determination will include an abbreviated environmental analysis, the development of a schematic layout of a full freeway with ramps and service roads and a public involvement program. The environmental analysis, including the schematic are to be approved locally by the Collin County Commissioners Court. Right-of-way plans and documents necessary to preserve and acquire right-of-way for future project development will also be required.

**Collin County Outer Loop, Segment 5, from SH 121 to US 380**, approximately 21 miles: An alignment of a freeway with a 500-foot wide right-of-way has been identified on the Collin County Thoroughfare Plan since 2001. This alignment will be used to the greatest extent possible. However, the development and the analysis of the feasibility of one or more alternative routes that shorten the length of this segment will be required. The process for the determination of a final alignment will include an abbreviated environmental analysis and a public involvement program. The environmental analysis including the final recommended route is to be approved locally by the Collin County Commissioners Court. Right-of-way plans and documents necessary to preserve and acquire right-of-way for future project development will also be required. A schematic of the full freeway will NOT be part of the process of determining a recommended final alignment.

**Collin County Outer Loop, Segment 1, US 75 to SH 121, plus a short portion of Segment 3 just west of US 75**, approximately 5 miles: an initial environmental analysis was already performed, the alignment has been set, all of the 500-foot wide right-of-way has been acquired and the future westbound two-lane, two-way service road has been built. The project will consist of the development of the full freeway schematic showing main lanes, ramps and existing and future service roads.

The pool projects are in various stages of development. The County is focused on preserving the right-of-way for the two projects that do not already have the ROW acquired. Those two projects will require the preparation of right-of-way plans, parcel descriptions and any other documents necessary to begin acquisition as soon as possible.

Proposers will not indicate any preferences of projects.

The tasks required for the pool of projects could possibly include:

- Feasibility and alignment studies for existing and new alignment multi-lane freeway with service roads, by identifying the most balanced route when comparing efficient traffic movement that satisfies AASHTO geometric criteria to any impacts to properties on the route.
- Development of a schematic (similar to TxDOT) for a full freeway depicting future main lanes, ramps, existing and future service roads and taking into account topographic features of the land,
- Identification of the locations of grade separations for crossing major thoroughfares, railroads and creeks,
- Identification of design constraints such as existing or proposed drainage structures, topography, utilities, structures, existing and future developments or other factors that could impact the final alignment,
- Preparation of locally approved environmental analysis that is modified from NEPA guidelines
- Utilization of existing traffic projections and the development of any additional projections necessary to identify the geometric requirements of the freeway,
- Public involvement to assure adequate exposure of the project to the public and land owners in the area, as well as thorough response to input received from public and stakeholders,
- Development of ROW maps and parcel descriptions with exhibits for acquisition,
- Coordination with multiple public and private entities, private property owners, utility companies, Corp of Engineers, North Texas Municipal Water District, TxDOT and other stakeholders,
- Other tasks necessary for the development of a freeway in each of these corridors.

The deliverables may include an environmental analysis report, a map of a recommended alignment, a schematic drawing, a report on the findings from the public and stakeholder input, and survey documents for ROW acquisition.

## 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. 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.

A. **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

B. **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

iii. **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
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iv. **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	\$1,000,000
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v. **Umbrella/Excess Liability** insurance

Each Occurrence/Aggregate	\$1,000,000
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B. With reference to the foregoing insurance requirement, the vendor shall endorse applicable insurance policies as follows:

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

3. All insurance policies shall be endorsed to require the insurer to immediately notify Collin County of any decrease in the insurance coverage limits.
  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.
  5. All copies of Certificates of Insurance shall reference the project/contract number.
- C. All insurance shall be purchased from an insurance company that meets the following requirements:
1. A financial rating of A-VII or higher as assigned by the BEST Rating Company or equivalent.
- D. 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:
1. Sets forth all endorsements and insurance coverages according to requirements and instructions contained herein.
  2. Sets forth the notice of cancellation or termination to Collin County.

## 5. EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The evaluation of professional qualifications of the Proposers will be based on the following criteria:

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Scoring Method	Weight (Points)
1.	<b>Statement of Qualifications and Ability to Undertake The Project – Proposed Knowledge, Experience and Personnel</b>	Points Based	55 <i>(55% of Total)</i>
2.	<b>Respondent’s Proposed Approach</b>	Points Based	35 <i>(35% of Total)</i>
3.	<b>Prime Firm’s Ability to Provide Services</b>	Points Based	10 <i>(10% of Total)</i>

## 6. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 6.1. Definitions

- A. Offeror: refers to submitter.
- B. Provider: refers to a Successful Service Provider.
- C. Statement: refers to those documents required to be submitted to Collin County, by an Offeror.
- D. SOQ: refers to Statement of Qualifications
- E. RFQ: refers to Request for Qualifications

### 6.2. General Instructions

- A. If Offeror does not wish to submit a Statement at this time, please submit a No Bid/Response.
- B. Awards shall be made not more than ninety (90) days after the time set for opening of submittals.
- C. Collin County is always conscious and extremely appreciative of your time and effort in preparing your Statement.
- D. Collin County exclusively uses the OpenGov eProcurement Portal for the notification and dissemination of all solicitations. The receipt of solicitations through any other company may result in the receipt of incomplete specifications and/or addenda which could ultimately render your Statement non-compliant. Collin County accepts no responsibility for the receipt and/or notification of solicitations through any other company.
- E. A Statement may not be withdrawn or canceled by the Offeror prior to the ninety-first (91st) day following the public opening of submittals and only prior to award.
- F. It is understood that Collin County, Texas reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Statements for any or all services covered in a SOQ and to waive informalities or defects in Statements or to accept such Statements as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Collin County.
- G. Statements submitted via email, oral, telegraphic or telephonic will not be accepted. SOQs may be submitted in electronic format via Collin County eProcurement.
- H. All SOQs submitted electronically via [Collin County eProcurement Portal](#) shall remain locked until the official date and time of opening as stated in the Special Terms and Conditions of the RFQ.
- I. SOQs received in the Collin County Purchasing Department after the 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.
- J. Statements cannot be altered or amended after the submission deadline.

- K. Collin County is by statute exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.
- L. Any interpretations, corrections and/or changes to an RFQ 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 eProcurement Portal](#).
- M. Addenda will be transmitted to all that are known to have received a copy of the RFQ and related Specifications. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Offeror to verify issuance/non-issuance of addenda and to check all avenues of document availability (i.e. <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/collincountytx>, telephoning Purchasing Department directly, etc.) prior to opening/receipt date and time to ensure Offeror's receipt of any addenda issued. Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda.
- N. All materials and services shall be subject to Collin County approval.
- O. Collin County reserves the right to make awards as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.
- P. The Offeror shall comply with Commissioners Court Order No. 96-680-10-28, Establishment of Guidelines & Restrictions Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts by County Officials & County Employees.
- Q. 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 RFQ or by attachment. Exception/substitution, if accepted, must meet or exceed the 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.
- R. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Offerors: A prospective Offeror must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - S. have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
  - T. be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery/completion schedule;
  - U. have a satisfactory record of performance;
  - V. have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- W. 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.



- X. Offeror shall bear any/all costs associated with its preparation of an SOQ submittal.
- Y. 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.
- Z. The Offeror shall comply with Commissioners Court Order No. 2004-167-03-11, County Logo Policy.
- AA. Openings: All Statements submitted (Offeror's name) 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 Statements submitted based upon compliance with all applicable laws, Collin County Purchasing Guidelines, and project documents, including but not limited to the specifications and contract documents. The County will notify the successful Offeror upon award of the contract and, according to state law; all Statements received will be available for inspection at that time.
- BB. Offeror 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.

## 7. TERMS OF CONTRACT

- A. Any resulting contract resulting from an accepted Statement of Qualifications shall be in the form of Collin County's standard Architects/Engineers agreement. No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of an Amendment.
- B. 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.
- C. No public official shall have interest in the contract, in accordance with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.
- D. The 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.
- E. Design, strength, quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practice.
- F. Statements 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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 ensure that Collin County maintains a drug-free work place.
- I. 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 Provider's breach of the contract arising from an award, and/or any negligent act, error, omission or fault of the Provider, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of Provider in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from an award. 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.

Providers must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code. Providers/Respondent shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.

- J. 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.
- K. 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 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 Provider.
- L. Collin County Purchasing Department shall serve as Contract Administrator or shall supervise agents designated by Collin County.
- M. Provider shall notify the Purchasing Department immediately if delivery/completion schedule cannot be met. If a delay is foreseen, the Provider shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent. The County has the right to extend delivery/completion time if the reason appears valid.
- N. Collin County shall generate a purchase order(s) to the Provider and the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices. Collin County will not be responsible for any services rendered without a valid purchase order number.
- O. Invoices shall be mailed directly to the Collin County Auditor's Office, 2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 3100, McKinney, Texas 75071. All invoices shall show:
  - P. Collin County Purchase Order Number;
  - Q. Provider's Name, Address and Tax Identification Number;
  - R. Detailed breakdown of all charges for the product(s) and/or service(s) including applicable time frames.
  - S. Payment will be made in accordance with Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251.
  - T. All warranties shall be stated as required in the Uniform Commercial Code.

- U. The Provider and Collin County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.
- V. The Provider agrees to protect Collin County from any claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.
- W. 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.
- X. The Provider shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey the contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval from Collin County.
- Y. 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.
- Z. Provider shall not fraudulently advertise, publish or otherwise make reference to the existence of a contract between Collin County and Provider for purposes of solicitation. As exception, Provider may refer to Collin County as an evaluating reference for purposes of establishing a contract with other entities.
- AA. The Provider understands, acknowledges and agrees that if the Provider subcontracts with a third party for services and/or material, the primary Provider (awardee) accepts responsibility for full and prompt payment to the third party. Any dispute between the primary Provider and the third party, including any payment dispute, will be promptly remedied by the primary Provider. Failure to promptly render a remedy or to make prompt payment to the third party (sub-contractor) may result in the withholding of funds from the primary Provider by Collin County for any payments owed to the third party.
- BB. 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 a list of individuals to the Collin County Purchasing Department within five (5) working days.
- CC. Non-Disclosure Agreement: When applicable, Provider 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 Provider, except as provided in the contract/agreement, may cause serious harm or damage to Collin County. Therefore, Provider agrees that Provider will not use the information

furnished for any purpose other than that stated in contract/agreement, and agrees that Provider 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 Provider, and upon the directors, officers, employees and agents of each.

DD. 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.

EE. 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 statement in response to this solicitation, the Provider 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 statement submission and time of award, the Provider will notify the Collin County Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so may result in terminating this contract for default.

FF. Notice to 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.

GG. Delays and Extensions of Time when applicable:

HH. If the 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 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 Amendment for such reasonable time as the Owner/Architect/Engineer may determine.

- II. 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.
- JJ. 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.
- KK. 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.
- LL. 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.
- MM. 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 Solicitation documents as Special Terms, Conditions and Specifications.

## 8. QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTAL AND VENDOR RESPONSE

### 1. Qualification Format\*

Qualifications shall be prepared SIMPLY AND ECONOMICALLY, providing a straightforward, CONCISE description of the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of this RFQ. Emphasis shall be on the QUALITY, completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of Owner's needs.

The County desires to evaluate Qualifications that are as few pages as possible. The proposers are expected to use the number of pages necessary to clearly describe the company's qualifications for the type of projects described in this RFQ, being as concise as possible. The Qualifications shall be a MAXIMUM of twelve (12) PRINTED PAGES, but a proposer will not receive a lower evaluation if the Qualifications is submitted with fewer pages. The cover, table of contents, divider sheets, Collin County RFQ document, resumes and signature page do not count as printed pages. Resumes are limited to one page each. Minimum font size will 12 point.

Qualifications may be submitted online via <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/collincountytx>  
Qualifications submitted online are preferred.

Qualifications submitted via email, CD-ROM, or Flash Drive will not be accepted.

If submitting manually, qualifications shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box with RFQ 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 firm to insure that their submittal reaches Collin County Purchasing prior to the date/time for the opening no matter which submission method is used.

Offerors shall carefully read the information contained in this RFQ and submit a complete response to all requirements and questions as directed. Incomplete qualifications will be considered non-responsive and subject to rejection.

Qualifications and any other information submitted by Offerors in response to this RFQ shall become the property of the Owner.

The Owner will not compensate Offerors for any expenses incurred in Qualifications preparation or for any presentations that may be made, unless agreed to in writing in advance or required by law. Offerors submit Qualifications at their own risk and expense.



Qualifications that are qualified with conditional clauses, alterations, items not called for in the RFQ documents, or irregularities of any kind are subject to rejection by the Owner, at its option.

Owner makes no representations of any kind that an award will be made as a result of this RFQ. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Qualifications, waive any formalities or minor technical inconsistencies, or delete any item/requirements from this RFQ when deemed to be in Owner's best interest.

Qualifications shall consist of answers to questions identified in Section 2, 3, 4 of the RFQ. It is not necessary to repeat the question in the Qualifications; however, it is essential to reference the question number with the corresponding answer.

Failure to comply with all requirements contained in this Request for Qualifications may result in the rejection of the Qualifications.

Additional attachments shall NOT be included with the Qualifications. Only the responses provided by the Offeror to the questions identified in this RFQ will be used by Collin County for evaluation.

Separate and identify each criteria response to Section 2, 3, 4 of this RFQ by use of a divider sheet with an integral tab for ready reference.

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS:

Submittals shall include a "Table of Contents" and give page numbers for each part of the Qualifications.

#### PAGINATION:

Number all pages of the submittal sequentially using Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.)

Please confirm

\*Response required

## 2. OFFEROR'S KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND PERSONNEL

### 2.1. *The personnel proposed for this project must demonstrate knowledge in the following areas: \**

The personnel proposed for this project must demonstrate knowledge in the following areas:

- 1) Tasks listed in 4.0
- 2) Experience with both TxDOT and municipal roadway design practices and the differences between them
- 3) Experience in getting permits or clearance from the Corps of Engineers on roadway or other municipal projects
- 4) Experience with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

\*Response required

**2.2. *Identify the key team members who will be responsible for accomplishing a freeway project, listing the number of years of related experience (including EIT and early PE general civil experience). \****

Identify for each person the projects he or she has completed that are identical to or are very similar to that described in the scope of this RFQ, using action verbs to describe what they actually did in the projects and which illustrate knowledge of areas listed in 2.1. It is understood that the key team members may have gained their experience either together or from separate projects and possibly other companies (mentioning names of other firms is acceptable). It is the purpose of this section to provide proof that the key team members have experience that can be combined to make a freeway project successful. Describe as many projects as necessary to accomplish this purpose.

\*Response required

**3. RESPONDENT’S PROPOSED APPROACH**

**3.1. *Based on information in the scope, describe the approach and steps that the proposed team would take to accomplish a new freeway project (that does not have a set alignment) from feasibility and alignment studies through the point of ROW acquisition. \****

Please be general; proposers should not attempt to use the three projects listed in the scope when explaining how the team would approach freeway projects. Describe the manner in which projects will be accomplished using action words, maps, charts or whatever is necessary to clearly communicate to the County how projects will be completed.

The purpose of asking proposers to submit an “approach” is to learn how much experience a team has in controlled access freeway projects that have similar tasks listed in the scope. There will be no credit given for pre-submittal work for the specific projects. Instead, the explanation of an approach should illustrate the team’s knowledge and experience with “best practices” in the successful development of new freeways. At the same time, this would be an opportunity to describe any new, innovative or expeditious methods to accomplish such projects, enabling the County to move forward effectively in the development of Collin County’s mobility.

The proposers are warned to not use the amount of funding shown in the 2023 Bond Program information as a guide as to the amount of effort expected in the pool of projects. Proposers are expected to develop an approach based solely on what the proposer sees as necessary to accomplish the objectives described in this RFQ.

\*Response required

**4. PRIME FIRM’S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

**4.1. *Is your company currently for sale or involved in any transaction to expand or to become acquired by another business entity?\****

Yes

No

\*Response required

When equals "Yes"

*4.1.1. Please explain the impact both in organizational and directional terms.\**

\*Response required

*4.2. Provide any details of all past or pending litigation or claims filed against your company that would affect your company's performance under a Contract with the Owner.\**

\*Response required

*4.3. Is your company currently in default on any loan agreement or financing agreement with any bank, financial institution, or other entity?\**

Yes

No

\*Response required

When equals "Yes"

*4.3.1. Specify date(s), details, circumstances, and prospects for resolution\**

\*Response required

*4.4. Does any relationship exist by relative, business associate, capital funding agreement, or any other such kinship between your firm and any Owner employee or elected official?\**

Yes

No

\*Response required

When equals "Yes"

*4.4.1. Please explain\**

\*Response required

*4.5. Provide a claims history under professional malpractice insurance for the past five (5) years for the Prime Firm and any team members proposed to provide professional engineering services.\**

\*Response required

## 5. VENDOR RESPONSES

**5.1. Notice\***

Collin County exclusively uses OpenGov eProcurement Portal for the notification and dissemination of all solicitations. The receipt of solicitations through any other means may result in your receipt of incomplete specifications and/or addendums which could ultimately render your bid/proposal non-compliant. Collin County accepts no responsibility for the receipt and/or notification of solicitations through any other means.

Please confirm

\*Response required

**5.2. Contact Information\***

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. List authorized by the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual to respond to any questions, clarification, and/or offers in response to this solicitation.

\*Response required

**5.3. Exceptions\***

Do you take exception to the specifications?

Yes

No

\*Response required

When equals "Yes"

**5.3.1. Please state your exceptions\***

\*Response required

**5.4. 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 confirm

\*Response required

**5.5. 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".

\*Response required

**5.6. 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 are preferred.

Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to ensure submitted references will be responsive to the County's requests. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those listed, and to consider any information acquired from all references during the evaluation process.

\*Response required

**5.7. 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 are preferred.

Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to ensure submitted references will be responsive to the County's requests. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those listed, and to consider any information acquired from all references during the evaluation process.

\*Response required

**5.8. 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 are preferred.

Include the following: Company/Entity, Contact, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and E-Mail.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to ensure submitted references will be responsive to the County's requests. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those listed, and to consider any information acquired from all references during the evaluation process.

\*Response required

**5.9. Debarment Certifications\***

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 confirm

\*Response required

**5.10. 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 confirm

\*Response required

#### **5.11. 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 confirm

\*Response required

#### **5.12. 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 confirm

\*Response required

#### **5.13. 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 confirm

\*Response required

#### 5.14. *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?

\*Response required

#### 5.15. *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 confirm

\*Response required

#### 5.16. *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 confirm

\*Response required

#### 5.17. *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:

- A. 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 confirm

\*Response required

#### 5.18. *W-9\**

Please upload your W-9 Form

\*Response required

### *5.19. Information Regarding Conflict of Interest\**

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: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/conflict/>

The vendor acknowledges by doing business or seeking to do business with Collin County that they have been notified of the requirements under Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code and that they are 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: <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Contact/county-officials>

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

Department:

Clarence Daugherty – Director of Engineering

Tracy Homfeld – Assistant Director III of Engineering

Bridell Miers – Engineering Project Manager

Purchasing:

Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB – Purchasing Agent

Marci Chrismon, CPPB – Assistant Purchasing Agent

Ruyue Ding – Senior Buyer

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

\*Response required

Complete the CIQ attachment and upload.

\*Response required

#### **5.20. Confirmation of Submittal - Please Initial\***

This execution of offer must be completed (initialed) and returned (if submitting manually) with the respondent's qualifications. Failure to complete this execution of offer with the qualifications may result in rejection of the qualifications. Submitting a false statement may void the submitted qualifications or any agreements or other contractual arrangements, which may result from the submission of respondent's qualifications. A false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract and, at owner's option, may result in termination of any resulting contract or purchase order.

REPRESENTATIONS By confirming below, Respondent represents and warrants that:

1. the Qualifications and all statements and information prepared and submitted in response to this RFQ are current, complete, true and correct;
2. it is not given, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Qualifications or any subsequent proposal. Failure to sign below, or signing a false statement, may void the Response or any resulting contracts at the Owner's option, and the Respondent may be removed from all future proposal lists at this County;
3. the individual signing this document and the documents made part of the RFQ is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the Respondent and to bind the Respondent under any contract which may result from the submission of the Response;
4. no relationship, whether as a relative, business associate, by capital funding agreement or by any other such kinship exists between Respondent and an employee of Collin County, Texas
5. no compensation has been received for participation in the preparation of this RFQ (ref. Section 2155.004 Texas Government Code);
6. Respondent complies with all federal laws and regulations pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action;
7. to the best of its knowledge, no member Collin County Commissioners Court or Elected official has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the Project; and
8. each individual or business entity proposed by Respondent as a member of its team that will engage in the practice of engineering will be selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications only.

*Maximum response length: 5 characters*

\*Response required

**5.21. Offeror Acknowledgment\***

Offeror acknowledges that they understand the specifications, any and all addenda, agrees to the terms and conditions, and can provide the minimum requirements stated herein. Offeror acknowledges they have read the document in its entirety and is familiar with local conditions under which work is to be performed and will be responsible for any and all errors in the statement submitted resulting from Offeror's failure to do so. If statement is accepted, offeror further certifies and agrees to furnish any and all services upon conditions in the specifications of the Statement of Qualifications.

Please confirm

\*Response required

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

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.



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-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- 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), and 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.

**Caution:** If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

**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; and
4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
5. 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*, later, for further information.

**Note:** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding.** Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the disregarded entity.
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the grantor trust.
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(l)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a saving clause. Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if their stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first Protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on their scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include, but are not limited to, interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester;
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details);
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN;
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only); or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding, as described in item 4 under "*By signing the filled-out form*" above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier.

## What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you are no longer tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

• **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note for ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040 you filed with your application.

• **Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

• **Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

• **Disregarded entity.** In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For

example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

### Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, enter it on line 2.

### Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation.
• Individual or • Sole proprietorship	Individual/sole proprietor.
• LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification: P = Partnership, C = C corporation, or S = S corporation.
• Partnership	Partnership.
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate.

### Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

**Note:** A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

### Line 4 Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

#### Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space on line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2).

- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities.
- 5—A corporation.
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory.
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- 8—A real estate investment trust.
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a).
- 11—A financial institution as defined under section 581.
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian.
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
• Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7.
• Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
• Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4.
• Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5. <sup>2</sup>
• Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) entered on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37).

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or territory, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities.

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i).

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state.

G—A real estate investment trust.

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a).

J—A bank as defined in section 581.

K—A broker.

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1).

M—A tax-exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan.

**Note:** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, enter "NEW" at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have, and are not eligible to get, an SSN, your TIN is your IRS ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note:** See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov). You may also get this form by calling 800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/EIN](http://www.irs.gov/EIN). Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://www.irs.gov/Forms) to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to [www.irs.gov/OrderForms](http://www.irs.gov/OrderForms) to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, you will generally have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note:** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon. See also *Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding*, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.



## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABL accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))**	The grantor*

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))**	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

\* **Note:** The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.

\*\* For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

**Note:** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

## Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax return preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity, or a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.**

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Go to [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

## ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

**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, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Engineer", to be effective from and after the date as provided herein.

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to engage the services of the Engineer for \_\_\_\_\_ "Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer desires to render such engineering 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:

#### 1. Retention of the Engineer

The County hereby agrees to retain the Engineer to perform professional engineering services in connection with the Project; Engineer 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 Engineer 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 phase shall be preceded by a Notice to Proceed issued by County. The parties understand and agree that deviations or modifications in the form of written change orders may be authorized from time to time by the County.

2.2 The Engineer will serve as County's professional engineering representative under this Agreement, providing professional engineering, consultation, advice and furnishing customary services incidental thereto. The Engineer agrees to cooperate and coordinate with other design professionals, the County and its contractors to help facilitate efficient construction of the Project and maintain the Project schedule.

2.3 The Engineer shall advise the County with regard to the necessity for subcontract work such as special surveys, tests, test borings, or other subsurface investigations in connection with design and engineering work to be performed hereunder. The Engineer shall also advise the County concerning the results of same. Such survey, test, and investigations shall be furnished to the County.

2.4 The presence or duties of the Engineer's personnel at a construction site, whether as on-site representatives or otherwise, do not make the Engineer or its personnel in any way

responsible for those duties that belong to County's construction contractors or other entities, and do not relieve the construction contractors or any other entity of their obligations, duties, and responsibilities, including but not limited to, all construction methods, means, techniques, sequences and procedures necessary for completing all portions of the construction work in accordance with the Contract Documents and any health or safety precautions required by such construction work. The Engineer and its personnel have no authority to exercise any control over any construction contractor or other entity or their employees in connection with their work or any health or safety precautions.

2.5 The Engineer will make periodic recommendations for periodic construction progress payments to the construction contractor. Recommendations by the Engineer to the County for periodic construction progress payments to the construction contractor will be based on the Engineer's knowledge, information, and belief from sampling and observation that the work has progressed to the point indicated. Such recommendations do not represent that there are not other matters at issue between the County and the construction contractor that affect the amount that should be paid.

2.6 The Engineer agrees to provide a complete and coordinated set of drawings and specifications for the construction of the Project, 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. Construction drawings, specifications, and other construction documents prepared by the Engineer or its consultants and submitted to the County for approval or contractors for bidding or negotiation purposes shall be complete and capable of construction "as is". While the utility of communications between design professionals and construction contractors for the purpose of clarifying design intent is recognized, the Project should be capable of construction without the necessity of formal revisions or contract modifications to provide missing design information after construction contracts are awarded. Said documents shall comply with all applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, and regulations governing the design of the Project.

2.7 The Engineer shall assist the County in the preparation and filing of documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

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

3.1 The Engineer 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 Completion Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and thereby made a part of this Agreement. Engineer 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 Engineer 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.

3.2 In the event that the Engineer is delayed in the progress of the work on the Project by an act or neglect of the County, County's employees, or separate contractors employed by the County, or by changes ordered in the Project, fire, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, unavoidable casualties or other causes beyond the Engineer's control, or delay authorized by the County pending arbitration, or by other causes which the County and Engineer agree may justify delay, then the Contract Time shall be reasonably extended by Contract Amendment. The County shall have the right at any time to delay or

suspend the work or any part thereof for any reasonable time and if this happens, the Engineer's sole remedy for any delays or suspension shall be any extension of time. However, should the delay continue for more than one year past the original completion date in the completion

schedule, the Engineer may request to renegotiate their professional fee provided that the fee is reasonable and substantiated by documents showing the need for the requested increase. Any request for a fee increase shall be submitted to County for final approval. The County shall not be independently liable to the Engineer for any delay or interference caused by circumstances beyond the County's control or any delay caused by any other person or entity.

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

The parties agree that Engineer 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. Engineer further agrees that it will prepare and present such monthly progress reports and itemized statements as are described in said Exhibit "C". Payment will be made in accordance with The Texas Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2251. Engineer further agrees to the following terms prior to payment being due by County:

##### **A. Invoice and Payment**

- (1) The Engineer shall provide the County sufficient documentation to reasonably substantiate the invoices.
- (2) The Engineer will issue monthly invoices for all work performed under the Agreement.
- (3) In the event of disputed or contested billing, only that portion so contested will be withheld from payment, and the undisputed portion will be paid. The County will exercise reasonableness in contesting any portion thereof. NO interest will accrue on any contested portion of the billing until mutually resolved.
- (4) In the event of any conflict between Paragraph IV and Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, The Texas Government Code shall prevail.

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

5.1 The County agrees to furnish to Engineer, prior to the Engineer'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 Engineer as required for the Engineer's performance of its services. The Engineer represents that it understands the scope of this Agreement and has reviewed and inspected the Project sites, and can fully perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Any failure of the Engineer to acquaint itself with the available information will not relieve the Engineer from its responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

5.3 The County shall disclose, to the extent known to the County, the results of prior tests, inspections or investigations conducted for the Project upon request by the Engineer.

#### **VI. Progress Meetings**

In addition to providing the monthly progress reports as required under Paragraph IV herein above, Engineer agrees to attend all monthly progress meetings scheduled by County,

and at such meetings to outline work accomplished and special problem or delays encountered in connection with the Project during the previous report period, as well as planned work activities and special problems and delays anticipated for the next report period. The Engineer agrees to

cooperate and coordinate with other design professionals, the County and its contractors to help facilitate efficient construction of the Project and maintain the Project schedule.

### **VII. Insurance**

Engineer 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**

Engineer agrees to indemnify the County to the fullest extent allowed by section 271.904 of the Texas Local Government Code, including payment of the County's reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent such is allowed under 271.904(b).

The Engineer must be in compliance with the provisions of Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code. The Engineer shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent Engineers practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent Engineer.

### **IX. Independent Contractor**

In the performance of services hereunder, the Engineer 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 Engineer 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 Engineer further agrees that the assignment or subletting or any portion or feature of the services required in the performance of this Agreement shall not relieve the Engineer from its full obligations to the County as provided by this Agreement.

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

11.1 The Engineer agrees that at any time during normal business hours, and as often as County may deem necessary, Engineer 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 Engineer agrees that it is aware of the conflict of interest requirements of the state law which are applicable to persons entering into contracts with the County and will abide by the same. Further, a lawful representative of Engineer shall execute the Affidavit shown in Exhibit "F". Engineer understands and agrees that the existence of a conflict of interest during the term of this Agreement will render the agreement voidable.

11.3 The Engineer acknowledges to the County that it has made full disclosure in writing of any existing conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest, including personal

financial interest, direct or indirect, in property abutting the proposed Project and business relationships with persons or entities with interest in abutting properties.

## **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 Engineer. In the event of such termination without cause, Engineer shall deliver to County all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, reports, photographs or other items prepared by Engineer in connection with this Agreement. Engineer 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, Engineer 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. Cost Estimates**

The parties recognize and agree that any and all Engineer's estimates of probable construction costs (estimates) prepared by Engineer in connection with the Project represent the best judgment of Engineer as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but that the Engineer has no control over costs or the price of labor, equipment or materials or over the Contractor's methods of pricing and does not guarantee that any bids solicited or received in connection with the Project will not vary from estimates prepared by Engineer.

## **XIV. Ownership of Documents**

Original drawings and specifications (Instruments of Service) created by Engineer are the property of the Engineer; however, the Project is the property of the County, and Engineer may not use the drawings and specifications for any purpose not relating to the Project without County's consent. County shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as County may reasonably require. Upon completion of the services or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article XII, and payment in full of all monies due Engineer, Engineer will revise drawings to reflect significant changes made during construction as per the marked-up prints, drawings, and other data furnished to the Engineer by or through the County or Contractor. Engineer will promptly furnish the County with one (1) complete set of reproducible record prints. All such reproductions shall be the property of the County who may use them without the Engineer's permission for any proper purpose relating to the Project, including but not limited to, maintenance of the Project, additions to the Project, or completion of the Project. The aforementioned revisions will be based upon information supplied by the County's construction contractor and will be assumed by Engineer to be complete and accurate. As such, Engineer shall not be responsible for errors or omissions resulting therefrom. Prints shall be furnished, as an additional service, at any other time requested by County. The County may use such drawings in any manner it desires; provided, however, that the Engineer shall not be liable for the use of such drawings for any project other than the Project described herein.

## **XV. Complete Contract**

15.1 This Agreement, including the exhibits hereto numbered "A" through "F", 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 Engineer.

15.2 Warranties contained in this Agreement are in addition to and not in lieu of, any and all other liability imposed upon the Engineer by law with respect to the Engineer's duties, obligations, and performance hereunder. The Engineer'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 Engineer acknowledges that the County is relying upon the Engineer's skill and experience in performing the services pursuant to this Agreement.

### **XVI. Mailing of Notices**

Unless instructed otherwise in writing, Engineer 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County agrees that all notices or communications to Engineer permitted or required under this Agreement shall be addressed to Engineer 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.

### **XVII. 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 Engineer, 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 from and after execution by both parties hereto.

#### **G. Term of Agreement**

The term of 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 Engineer.

#### **H. Observe and Comply**

Engineer shall at all times observe and comply with all federal and State laws and regulations and with all City ordinances and regulations 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. Engineer 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 or any such order, law, ordinance, or regulation, whether it be by itself or its employees.

#### **I. 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.

#### **J. 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.

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

COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Charnoski, NIGP-CPP, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent

Court Order No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

SAMPLE

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

**BEFORE ME,** \_\_\_\_\_ on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, known to me (or proved to me on the oath of \_\_\_\_\_ or through Texas Drivers License (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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Michelle Charnoski, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT "A"**

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SAMPLE

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

### FINAL DESIGN COMPLETION SCHEDULE

Refer to the attached schedule for deliverable/milestone dates. Actual deliverable/milestone dates may be subject to change based on delayed critical path task items that are outside of the control of the Engineer and/or the County. A revised project design schedule will be provided by the Engineer in the event that an adjustment is necessary.

SAMPLE

## **EXHIBIT "C"**

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Invoices will be transmitted to the County on a monthly basis based on a percentage of completion up to that time, and payments to the Engineer will be made as follows:

A derivation of the total contract fee amount is attached.

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT "D"**

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY

SAMPLE

## EXHIBIT "E"

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1.1 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.

1.1.1 Commercial General Liability insurance at minimum combined single limits of (\$1,000,000 per-occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate) for bodily injury and property damage, which coverage shall include products/completed operations at \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage must be written on an occurrence form.

1.1.2 Workers Compensation insurance at statutory limits, including employers liability coverage at \$500,000. In addition to these, the contractor must meet each stipulation below as required by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation. (Note: If you have questions concerning these requirements, you are instructed to contact the DWC at (512)440-3789).

1.1.2.1 Definitions: Certificate of coverage ("certificate"); A copy of a certificate of authority of self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (DWC-81, DWC-82, DWC-83, OR DWC-84), showing statutory workers compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in 406.096) includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

1.1.2.2 The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

1.1.2.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.

1.1.2.4 If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must,



prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

1.1.2.5 The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:

1.1.2.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

1.1.2.5.2 no later than seven (7) days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

1.1.2.6 The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

1.1.2.7 The contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

1.1.2.8 The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

1.1.2.9 The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

1.1.2.9.1 provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.2 provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.3 provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.4 obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:

1.1.2.9.4.1 a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

1.1.2.9.4.2 a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage

period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

1.1.2.9.5 retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;

1.1.2.9.6 notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

1.1.2.9.7 contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs 1.1.2.1 through 1.1.2.7, with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

1.1.2.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

1.1.2.11 The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

1.1.3 Commercial Automobile Liability insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits per accident for bodily injury and property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicle coverage.

1.1.4 Professional Liability Insurance at minimum limits of \$1,000,000. 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.

1.2 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 County.

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

1.3.1 A waiver of subrogation in favor of County, its officials, employees, volunteers and officers shall be contained in all policies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.5.2 Sets forth the notice of cancellation or termination to County.

**EXHIBIT "F"**

**AFFIDAVIT OF REGULATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The undersigned declares and affirms that during the term of this contract they will maintain compliance as defined in Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Section C, Chapter 171.

I further understand and acknowledge that the existence of a conflict of interest at any time during the term of this contract will render the contract voidable.

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**STATE OF TEXAS** }

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**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_ }

**BEFORE ME**, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, 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 for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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

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

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