

**RFP # 26-3**

**Request for Proposals**

**Food Service Equipment  
ResponsiveEd Texas**

**Submittal Deadline and Proposal Opening Deadline:**

**Issued May 7, 2025, by:**

ResponsiveEd Texas

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**Submittal Deadline: Monday, June 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM, Central Time**

**Proposal Opening: Friday, June 2, 2025, at 2:10 PM, Central Time**

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## 1.0 NOTICE OF INTENT

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Contracts awarded pursuant to this RFP comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 2 C.F.R. Subpart D, § 200.317-327, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Administrator Reference Manual (ARM), rules and regulations per the school nutrition programs. It is the intent of the Purchaser to comply with the most restrictive rules and regulations as required by the State of Texas and the School Nutrition Programs (SNP's).

It is the intent of ResponsiveEd Texas to award one or more contract(s) because of this RFP. Product(s) and/or services considered for award shall equal or exceed a minimum quality level of industry standard(s) as defined within this RFP, including **Section 5.0 Scope of Proposal**, and shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local technical, environmental, and performance standards and specifications.

- 1.1 **The initial base term of the prospective contract is a period of one calendar year, and ResponsiveEd Texas may elect to extend any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP for up to two (2) additional one-year renewal terms.**
- 1.2 In this RFP and in the Contract, the following terms shall mean as follows:
  - 1.2.1 **“RES”** and **“District”** mean the ResponsiveEd Texas, a public charter school district established under the laws of the State of Texas, with central administrative offices located at 1301 Waters Ridge Dr., Lewisville, TX 75057.
  - 1.2.2 **“Vendor(s)”** means the proposer(s) responding to this RFP and Vendor(s) to whom a contract has been awarded because of this RFP by RES. A responsible Vendor is a Vendor who has adequate financial resources (or the ability to obtain such resources), can comply with the delivery requirements, and is a qualified and established firm regularly engaged in the type of business that provides the product(s) /service(s) listed herein.
  - 1.2.3 **“Contract”** means the contract terms and conditions in **Section 4.0 Contract Terms and Conditions**, as further defined in the Entire Agreement provision of Section 4.43. A contract is exclusively between RES and Vendor.
  - 1.2.4 **“Best Value”** means the method by which a contract, if any, is awarded, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Best Value includes multiple parameters, including experience, references, quality of the Vendor's product(s)/service(s), and price, as detailed in **Section 3.0 Evaluation and Award**.
  - 1.2.5 **“Purchase Order” or “PO”** means the agreed-upon purchase order between RES and the Vendor. Special terms and conditions agreed to by the Vendor and RES may be added as addendums to the PO, including such items as requirements concerning certificates of insurance, bonding, and small or disadvantaged business goals.
  - 1.2.6 **“Premium Hours”** means those hours not included in Regular Hours or federal holidays. Premium Hours must be approved by RES for each Purchase Order.
  - 1.2.7 **“Regular Hours”** means the hours between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, excluding the following holidays: Presidents' Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

### 1.3 Time Table

RES anticipates following the timetable listed below for this job. The table below is only an estimate and may vary.

Time Table		
Item	Activity	Date
1	RFP Released	May 7, 2025
2	RFP Advertised – 1 <sup>st</sup> run	May 7, 2025
3	RFP Advertised – 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	May 14, 2025
4	<b>Proposals Due</b>	June 2, 2025, 2:00PM
5	Proposals Opened	June 2, 2025 2:15 PM
6	Award Date	June 6, 2025

## 2.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

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### 2.1 Proposal Response Format

To qualify for evaluation, a proposal must have been submitted on time and must materially satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this RFP. Vendors must follow the format instructions detailed below in preparing and submitting their proposals.

#### 2.1.1 Required Format

Vendors shall submit proposals in person or mailed to the address below. The Proposal must be **received** on or before the deadline for the Bid Opening Date. Submit Proposals to:

ResponsiveEd Texas  
Child Nutrition Department  
Attn. Melissa Summarsell  
1301 Waters Ridge Drive  
Lewisville, TX 75057

The sealed envelope shall be labeled in the following manner:

Your company name here	
Your return address info	
	ResponsiveEd Texas Child Nutrition Department Attn. Melissa Summarsell 1301 Waters Ridge Drive Lewisville, TX 75057
RFP # _____	
Bid Opening Date/Time: _____	

If the District opens an improperly labeled bid response prior to the date and time of sealed bid opening, the package will be returned as is, and rejected. The package must be labeled per the instructions in this section.

2.1.2 The following items must be included in the **Proposal**. Failure to include these items may result in non-award.

- 1) Completed 8.0 Vendor Questionnaire
- 2) Completed 9.0 Vendor Packet
- 3) Pricing; Electronic Catalog/Price Lists
- 4) Insurance Coverage Certification
- 5) Address of Vendor's website
- 6) Any applicable certificates (i.e., HUB, SWBE, licenses, etc.)

#### 2.1.3 Proposal Response Location

Proposals shall be received no later than the submittal day and time deadline.

## 2.2 **RES Reservations**

RES reserves the right to:

- a) Cancel this solicitation in whole or in part, at the sole discretion of RES.
- b) Accept, reject, or negotiate modifications in any terms of the Vendor's proposal or any parts thereof.
- c) Conduct oral interviews/discussions or presentations necessary to select the best value Vendor and/or to obtain competitive pricing.
- d) Reject and/or disqualify any or all proposals received, to award contracts for individual products or services as may appear advantageous, and to negotiate separately in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of RES
- e) Waive any formalities, technicalities, or other defects if deemed in the best interest of RES; Request clarification and/or correction of Vendor(s) for the purpose of eliminating minor errors, clerical errors, and/or non-substantive irregularities.
- f) Be the sole judge of quality and equality.
- g) Award one or more contracts, in part or in whole, to a single or to multiple Vendors, in RES sole discretion.
- h) Make all decisions regarding this RFP, including, without limitation, the right to decide whether a proposal substantially complies with the requirements of this RFP.

## 2.3 **Financial Responsibility**

RES assumes no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by Vendors in developing and submitting a proposal or any amendments or addenda, participating in pre-proposal meetings, participating in any negotiation sessions or discussions, or any other costs incurred by Vendors pursuant to this RFP.

## 2.4 **Contracts Involving Federal Funds**

Contracts awarded pursuant to this RFP comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 2 C.F.R. Subpart D, § 200.317-327, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Administrator Reference Manual (ARM), rules and regulations per the school nutrition programs. It is the intent of the Purchaser to comply with the most restrictive rules and regulations as required by the State of Texas and the School Nutrition Programs (SNP's).

## 2.5 **Compliance with Specifications and Contract**

Proposals shall be deemed responsive if they comply with all material and administrative aspects of this RFP. Vendors are required to respond to all requests identified in this RFP and indicate their acceptance or objection to the terms of the RFP and the Contract terms in **Section 4.0 Contract Terms and Conditions**. Any exceptions to the terms and conditions in the RFP or the Contract must be clearly indicated in the Vendor's submitted proposal. Deviations or exceptions stipulated in a Vendor's response may result in disqualification. Any language to the effect that the Vendor does not consider this RFP to be part of a contractual obligation may result in the Vendor's proposal being disqualified. Each Vendor, by making its proposal, represents that the Vendor has read and understands the RFP and the Contract.

## 2.6 **Procurement Method**

The Purchaser is utilizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) formal procurement method in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 44.0313 Purchasing Contracts, Request for Proposals for services other than construction services and the Texas Department of Agriculture's Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM) Section 17.

**2.7 Commitment to Purchase**

RES relies on Federal Funding of the School Nutrition Programs for child nutrition department purchases. Federal Funding is not guaranteed; therefore, the Purchaser cannot guarantee that any commitment to purchase will withstand if Federal Funding is discontinued or lost.

**2.8 Estimated Quantities**

RES determines estimated quantities for each product and/or service solicited. The good(s) and/or service(s) to be purchased are common to foodservice operations and pricing proposals along with other evaluation criteria as listed in this solicitation will be used to determine best value. RES makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind concerning quantities or services that will be purchased. RES makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind regarding usage of any contracts resulting from this solicitation.

**2.9 Agreement Terms**

The terms of this Agreement shall govern all procurements conducted hereunder. No pre-established terms on the Vendor's order acknowledgments, invoices, or other forms shall have any force or effect. Further, no amendment of this Agreement shall be permitted unless first approved in writing from the RES, and no such amendments shall have any effect unless and until a written amendment to this Agreement is executed by the RES.

**2.10 Addendum**

Any interpretations, corrections, additions, or changes to this RFP will be communicated to proposers by the issuance of an addendum. It is the responsibility of the proposer, prior to submitting the proposal, to determine whether an addendum was issued. RES will indicate all Addendums by listing edits/updates/changes as "footnotes" in the solicitation and "versions" noted in the title of the solicitation document. All proposers shall comply with the requirements specified in any addendum issued by RES.

**2.11 Assignment Delegation**

Vendor may not assign this Agreement or any of its rights, duties, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of RES. Any attempted assignment of this Agreement by Vendor shall be null and void. Any purchase or work order made because of this Agreement may not be transferred, assigned, subcontracted, mortgaged, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or encumbered in any way by Vendor without the prior written approval of RES. Vendor is required to notify the Purchaser when any material change in operations occurs, including but not limited to, changes in distribution rights for awarded products, bankruptcy, material changes in financial condition, change of ownership, and the like, within three (3) business days of such change.

## 3.0 EVALUATION AND AWARD OF PROPOSAL(S)

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### 3.1 Award if Contract

In accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations for public procurement, RES award(s) the most responsive and responsible Vendor(s) whose proposal(s) is/are determined after evaluation by RES to be the best value. To qualify for evaluation, vendors must submit all required documents and pricing no later than the submission deadline identified in this document. Proposals that are "copyrighted" are unacceptable. RES may utilize separate ways to determine "best value:" 1.) Analyzes the total/aggregate cost, 2.) Analyzes by line-item totals, 3.) Analyzes a representative sample, market-basket method, (highest volume purchases planned) of specified products.

### 3.2 Market Basket Survey

RES reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to use a "Market Basket Analysis" method. If federal Child Nutrition funds are used, the market basket analysis sample will be established to represent 75% of the total estimated value of the contract to be awarded. The most recent velocity/sales report for our current supplier(s) will be used to project the balance of the year and adjusted for any estimated change in menu and participation for the following year. As a result, this list of goods to be purchased under this solicitation will include the goods purchased by dollar volume representing the 75% threshold. Prices for the remaining goods listed in the solicitation should also be included, though they will not be part of the market basket analysis. The market basket analysis shall not be used for service or equipment contracts, nor for Fee-For-Service Processing contracts.

### 3.3 Competitive Range

It may be necessary for RES to establish a competitive range of acceptable proposals as part of the evaluation process. Proposals not in the competitive range are unacceptable and will not receive further award consideration.

### 3.4 Conflict of Interest

No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the planning, advertising, selecting, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest, see 2 CFR § 200.318(c)(1). Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm consideration for a contract.

### 3.5 Deviations and Exceptions to Requirements

Deviations or exceptions stipulated in a Vendor's response may result in disqualification. Any language to the effect that the Vendor does not consider this RFP to be part of a contractual obligation may result in the Vendor's proposal being disqualified.

### 3.6 Clarification and/or Discussions

RES may request clarification from Vendor(s) for the purpose of eliminating minor errors, clerical errors, and/or non-substantive irregularities. Clarification does not give a Vendor the opportunity to revise, change, or modify its proposal in any way except to the extent of correction of the error. Discussion between RES and Vendor can also take place after the initial receipt of proposals. RES reserves the right to conduct discussions with all, some, or none of the Vendors submitting proposals. RES will not



assist the Vendor in the revision or modification of its proposal, nor will RES assist the Vendor in bringing its proposal to the same level of other proposals received by RES.

Questions related to this RFP can be directed to RES's Director of Child Nutrition, Melissa Summarsell at [childnutrition@responsived.com](mailto:childnutrition@responsived.com) no later than five (5) business days prior to the submittal deadline date. All questions and answers will be listed online in the form of an addendum.

**3.7 No Guarantee of Quantities**

RES makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind concerning quantities that will actually be purchased under this RFP and the resulting contract, if any. However, Vendors are expected to carry sufficient inventories to service the needs of RES and shall furnish all required foods and/or services to RES at the stated price, when and if required. RES makes every effort to be as accurate as possible when providing estimated quantities; however, quantities for purchases paid for with Child Nutrition funds are subject to change for various reasons, which include, but are not limited to the following: USDA commodity allocation(s), variations in student population, RES production item substitution(s) changes in consumer taste or expectations, pricing, and nutrition regulatory changes.

**3.8 Formation of Contract (Execution of Offer)**

A response to this RFP is an offer to contract with RES based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this RFP. An RFP does not become a contract unless and until it is accepted by RES. A contract is formed when RES's Superintendent signs the Signature Form. The Vendor must submit a signed Signature Form, thus eliminating the need for the formal signing of a separate contract.

**3.9 Multiple Awards**

RES reserves the right to award contracts to multiple Vendors. The decision to award multiple contracts, award only one contract, or to make no awards rests solely with RES. RES may make multiple awards; this fact should be taken into consideration by each Vendor.

**3.10 Non-Exclusive Contract**

Any contract resulting from this RFP is non-exclusive and shall be awarded with the understanding that it is for the sole convenience of RES. RES is free to have multiple contracts for the awarded products and/or services and may initiate other procurement solicitations or procurement activity with other suppliers at any time, at RES's sole discretion.

**3.11 Disqualification**

A Vendor may be disqualified before or after the proposals are opened upon evidence of collusion with the intent to defraud or evidence of intent to perform other illegal activities for the purpose of obtaining an unfair competitive advantage. A Vendor may also be disqualified before or after the proposals are opened in the event Vendor is out of compliance with an existing contract with RES.

**3.12 Environmental Initiatives**

RES is committed to reducing waste and promoting energy conservation. Toward that end, Vendors responding to the solicitation are encouraged to provide their company's environmental policy and green initiative.

**3.13 Interpretation**

This solicitation represents the basis for any award and supersedes all prior offers,

negotiations, exceptions and understandings (whether orally or in writing). Submitted proposals should be self-explanatory and should not require any clarification or additional information.

**3.14 Return of Proposals**

Vendors may request the return of a proposal within five (5) business days of the proposal deadline. After that time, RES will not return proposals to Vendor. Vendors should be aware that RES will retain a copy of all materials submitted, and the information will remain subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

**3.15 Non-Collusion Statement**

Vendors are required to certify a **Non-Collusion Statement**. (See **Section 9.0 Attachments**) Vendors are required to state the party submitting a proposal or bid, that such proposal or bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that Vendor has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with an entity or person, to put in a sham proposal or bid or to refrain from proposing , and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by Contract or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the proposed price or of any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said proposed price, or of that of any other Vendor, or to secure any advantage against RES or any person interested in the proposed contract, and that all statements in said proposal are true.

**3.16 Open Records Policy**

RES is a governmental body subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Proposals submitted to RES as a result of this RFP may be subject to release as public information after contracts are executed or the procurement is terminated. If a Vendor believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure under Texas law, the Vendor must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes are exempt. In addition, the Vendor must specify which exception(s) to the Texas Public Information Act are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s). Vague or general claims to confidentiality will not be accepted. RES assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by Vendors.

**3.17 Preferences**

RES may apply applicable preferences for Texas resident Vendors in the event of a tie bid. Preferences must be explicitly claimed by Vendor and may not be applicable in procurements and/or contracts involving federal funds unless the procurement and/or contract involves unprocessed locally grown or locally raised agriculture products for use by RES in a Child Nutrition Program. See TEXAS GOV'T. CODE §2252.001-.004; 2 C.F.R. § 200.319.

**3.18 Responsible Vendor**

RES may only award contracts to Responsible Vendor(s) who possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement contract. A Responsible Vendor is a Vendor who has adequate financial resources (or the ability to obtain such resources), can comply with the delivery requirements, and is a qualified and established firm regularly engaged in the type of business that provides the items listed herein. When determining if a Vendor is responsible, RES will consider the proposer's integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

**3.19 Responsive Proposal**

Proposals shall be deemed responsive if they comply with all material and administrative

aspects of this RFP.

### 3.20 **Similar Products of Materials**

Whenever product(s) and/or material(s) are referred by RES in this solicitation by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a manufacturer or brand name, the term “or equal” if not inserted shall be implied, as applicable. The specified product(s) and/or material(s) shall be understood as indicating type, function, minimum standard of design, efficiency and quality desired and shall not be construed as to exclude other manufactured products or comparable quality, design and efficiency, as applicable.

### 3.21 **Material Changes**

In the event federal child nutrition funds are used, if a material change (as that term is defined by TDA rules and regulations) to a contract entered into between RES and Vendor occurs, then the contract will not be renewed upon the conclusion of its term. Upon the expiration of the term, RES may issue a new procurement solicitation for the goods or services procured under the previously existing contract. “Material change” for purposes of this Section 3.22 means a modification that substantially exceeds the terms of the original contract between RES and Vendor.

### 3.22 **Product Recall**

If a product recall is instituted on an item that has been furnished and delivered to RES, Vendor must immediately notify the Director of Child Nutrition, Melissa Summarsell, at [msummarsell@bluelearning.com](mailto:msummarsell@bluelearning.com) with all pertinent information regarding the recall.

### 3.23 **Appeal/Protest Process**

An interested party may protest any of the following situations:

- Solicitation or other request for offers for a contract for the procurement of property or services
- Cancellation of a solicitation or other request
- Award or proposed award of a contract
- Termination of a contract, if the protest alleges that the termination was based on improprieties in the administration of the contract.

RES will do the following:

1. Include clear instructions in each solicitation document about questions and protest procedures.
2. Follow all written procedures to resolve protests.
3. Ensure that all protests are resolved.
4. Retain all documentation related to a protest.
5. Notify TDA when a protest is received.

RES will address all respondent protests within 24 hours of the bid award. RES will provide evaluation scores and pricing at the request of the respondent. Violations of law should be referred to the local, state or Federal authority.(2 CFR, Section 200.318[k])

### 3.24 Evaluation of Proposals

RES will base a recommendation for contract award on the following factors:

<b>Evaluation Factors</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Price <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall Cost of Products/Services/Installation</li></ul>	30
Vendor's experience and reputation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The demonstrated ability of the vendor to provide the services, including references</li></ul>	15
Vendor's compliance with RFP specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivery schedules, product or service specifications</li></ul>	15
Quality of Vendor's products/services and extent to which the products/services meet RES needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrated Ability to Perform</li><li>• Timeliness</li><li>• product guarantees</li></ul>	20
Qualifies as HUB, Minority, Woman-Owned, Small or Veteran-Owned Business	5
Whether Vendor's financial capability is appropriate to the size and scope of the project and the total long-term cost to RES to acquire the products/services	10
% of American Made	5
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS:</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

## 4.0 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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These Contract Terms and Conditions are part of the final contract in each product and/or service contract awarded as a result of this RFP and are part of the terms and conditions of each Purchase Order or proposal forms issued in connection with this RFP. Vendors are responsible for identifying any exceptions to these terms and conditions. **ANY EXCEPTIONS MUST BE NOTED DIRECTLY BELOW EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** Proposals that are qualified with conditional clauses, items not called for, or other irregularities may be considered non-responsive by RES and eliminated from further consideration.

### **CONTRACT BETWEEN ResponsiveEd Texas AND (“VENDOR”) FOR Food Service Equipment – ResponsiveEd Texas**

This Contract is entered into between RES and Vendor, having submitted a proposal in response to this RFP issued by RES and whose proposal has been accepted and awarded by RES. In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Contract and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, RES and Vendor, intending to be legally bound, and subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Contract, agree as follows:

#### **4.1 Definitions**

The terms used in this Contract shall have the meanings assigned to them in **Section 1.0 Notice of Intent** of the RFP.

#### **4.2 Contract Terms; Amendment**

The terms and conditions of this Contract shall govern all procurements conducted hereunder. No pre-published terms on Vendor's Purchase Order, acknowledgments, invoices, or other forms shall have any force or effect unless expressly agreed to by RES and Vendor. No amendment of this Contract shall be permitted unless and until first approved in writing by RES, and no such amendment shall have any effect unless and until a written amendment to this Contract is executed by the RES Superintendent or their designee after any necessary approvals have been obtained. In the event that a Vendor has an existing RES contract in the same contract title, upon award the new contract will immediately supersede the older contract.

#### **4.3 Term of Contract; Renewal of Contract**

The initial term of this Contract is for a period of one (1) year with RES having the option to renew the Contract for two (2) additional one-year terms, at RES's sole discretion, unless otherwise specified in **Section 5.0 Scope of Proposal**. Consequently, the total term of the Contract may be for a period of **three (3)** years. The phrase “Term” in this Contract shall mean the then-current Term of the Contract, whether an initial term or a renewal term.

#### **4.4 Termination for Convenience**

Either party may terminate this Agreement for convenience by providing the other party with [30/60/90] days' prior written notice. Such termination shall be effective upon the expiration of the notice period, and neither party shall be liable to the other for any costs, damages, or compensation resulting from such termination, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. All rights and obligations accrued prior to the effective date of termination shall remain in force, including but not limited to payment obligations for services rendered or goods delivered.

#### **4.5 Buy America Act; Prevailing Wage Rates**

### **Buy America**

The Buy American Act, set forth in 7 C.F.R. Part 210.21(d), requires that participants in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program use the federal nonprofit food service funds, to the maximum extent practical, to buy domestic commodities or products. 7 C.F.R. Part 210.21(d) defines a “domestic commodity or product” as one that is either produced in the U.S. or is processed in the U.S. substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the U.S. “Substantially” means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

If applicable, RES requires Vendor to certify whether its products are “domestic commodities or products”, as defined by 7 C.F.R. Part 210.21(d). Accordingly, Vendor agrees to provide certification of the domestic content of the parts, components, and other elements contained in the product, including specific information about the percentage of U.S. content from the supplier (i.e., manufacturer or distributor).

Exceptions to the Buy American provision should be used as a last resort; however, an alternative or exception may be approved by RES, upon request. To be considered for an exception to the Buy American provision, Vendor must submit a good faith request for an exception, certifying that the Vendor reasonably believes that:

- a) the product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality; and/or
- b) the costs of a U.S. product are significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

In the event Vendor or Vendor’s supplier(s) are unable or unwilling to certify compliance with the Buy American Provision, or the applicability of an exception to the Buy American provision, RES may decide not to purchase from Vendor.

Additionally, RES may require country of origin on all products and invoices submitted for payment by Vendor, and Vendor agrees to comply with any such requirements.

### **Prevailing Wage Rates**

Vendor and all subcontractors of Vendor shall comply with all laws regarding prevailing wage rates, including, but not limited to, TEX. GOV'T. CODE Chapter 2258, applicable to the construction of a public work, and any related federal requirements, including the DAVIS-BACON ACT. In the event TEX. GOV'T. CODE Chapter 2258 applies to a product or service provided by Vendor to RES, Vendor and any subcontractor(s) shall comply with the prevailing wage rates set by RES.

#### **4.6 Change Orders**

Pursuant to TEX. EDUC. CODE § 44.0411(a), if a change in plans or specifications is necessary after the performance of a Purchase Order has begun or if it is necessary to decrease or increase the quantity of work to be performed or of materials, equipment, or supplies to be furnished, RES may approve change orders making the changes. The total Purchase Order price may not be increased because of the changes unless additional money for increased costs is approved for that purpose from available money or is provided for by the authorization of the issuance of time warrants. A Purchase Order with an original contract price of \$1 million or more may not be increased under TEX. EDUC. CODE § 44.0411(a) by more than 25 percent. If a change order for a Purchase Order with an original contract price of less than \$1 million increases the contract amount to \$1 million or more, the total of the subsequent change orders may not increase the revised contract amount by more than 25 percent of the original contract price.

#### **4.7 Compliance with Laws**

Vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, standards, orders, rules, and regulations, including, as applicable, workers' compensation laws; minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations; prompt payment and licensing laws and regulations; anti-discrimination statutes and regulations (Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Title 7 C.F.R. Parts 15, 15a, and 15b; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement—Nutrition Programs and Activities); the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 276a / 29 CFR Part 5); the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 / 29 CFR Part 5); the Equal Opportunity Employment requirements (Executive Orders 11246 and 11375 / 41 CFR Chapter 60); the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (41 U.S.C. 351); Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 1857h); Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368); Executive Order 11738, Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15); the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708; 29 C.F.R. Part 5); the Solid Waste Disposal Act (Section 6002 as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery when contract amount is in excess of \$10,000); the Education Department General Administrative Regulations ("EDGAR") (2 C.F.R. Part 200); mandatory standards and policies contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871); and all applicable

requirements and regulations, including those related to reporting, patent rights, copyrights, data rights, and those mandated by federal agencies making awards of federal funds to RES. Vendor understands that Vendor is ineligible to receive a contract award with RES if Vendor or its principal(s) is listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (Debarment and Suspension Orders Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) or is 30 days or more delinquent in paying child support (Tex. Fam. Code § 231.006). For the entire duration of this Contract, Vendor and all subcontractors shall maintain all required licenses, certifications, permits, and any other documentation necessary to perform this Contract. All permits will be acquired by Vendor and invoiced to RES at cost as part of the Purchase Order, unless the permits are provided by RES. For the entire duration of this Contract, Vendor and all subcontractors shall also comply with all requirements pertaining to local, state, or federal health and safety certifications, licensing, or regulations. Vendor must comply with all state and local building code requirements unless otherwise specifically provided in RES's Purchase Order, and Vendor must pay all fees and charges for connections to outside services and for use of property outside the project site. Vendor is responsible for being acquainted with and complying with Texas's requirements. When required or requested by RES, Vendor shall furnish RES with satisfactory proof of Vendor's compliance with this provision.

#### **4.8 Confidentiality**

Vendor and RES agree to secure the confidentiality of all information and records in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Vendor and RES understand that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, governs the privacy and security of educational records and information and agree to abide by FERPA rules and regulations, as applicable. Vendor also acknowledges that RES is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, and Vendor waives any claim against and releases from liability RES, its respective officers, employees, agents, and attorneys with respect to disclosure of information provided under or in this Contract or otherwise created, assembled, maintained, or held by Vendor or RES and determined by RES, the Attorney General of Texas, or a court of law to be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

#### **4.9 Performance and Payment Bonds**

Vendor agrees to provide performance bonds and/or payment bonds as required by law, based on the amount or estimated amount of any Purchase Order for a public work contract, which is defined as a contract for constructing, altering, or repairing a public building or carrying out or completing any public work. TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 2253.001(4). Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 2253.021, a performance bond is required if a Purchase Order is in excess of \$100,000 for governmental entities subject to Chapter 2253; a payment bond is required if a Purchase Order is in excess of \$25,000 governmental entities subject to Chapter 2253 and are not municipalities or a joint board created under Subchapter D, Chapter 22 of the Tex. Transp. Code, and a payment bond is required if a Purchase Order is in excess of \$50,000 for governmental entities subject to Chapter 2253 and are municipalities or a joint board created under Subchapter D, Chapter 22 of the TEX. TRANSP. CODE. Additionally, Vendor shall provide all bonds, including bid guarantee, performance bond, and payment bond, as



applicable under U.S. Department of Agriculture and/or Texas Department of Agriculture rules.

**4.10 Title and Risk of Loss**

Whenever RES is purchasing (and not leasing) a product under this Contract, title and risk of loss shall pass upon the later of RES's acceptance of the product or payment of the applicable invoice.

**4.11 Warranty Conditions**

All product(s) and/or service(s) provided by the Vendor under this Contract must be warranted to be free from defects in material, workmanship, and free from such defects in design for a period of one (1) year upon the later of RES's acceptance of the product and/or service or payment of the applicable invoice. Vendor warrants that all products and/or services furnished under this Contract shall conform in all respects to the terms of this Contract, including any drawings, specifications, and/or standards incorporated herein, including, without limitation, those detailed in the RFP and Purchase Order. In addition, Vendor warrants that products and/or services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the purposes for which they are intended. Vendor shall assume all liabilities incurred within the scope of consequential damages and incidental expenses, as set forth in the Vendor or manufacturer's warranty, which result from either delivery or use of product, which does not meet the specifications within this Contract, the RFP, or Purchase Order.

**4.12 Criminal History Review**

**Section 9.0 Attachment Packet–SB 9 Contractor Certification: Contractor Employees (Required) and Attachment–SB 9 Contractor Certification: Subcontractor Form (If Applicable) must be submitted with packet, if applicable.**

As described in greater detail below, Contractor shall comply with all Texas requirements regarding the criminal history requirements for contractors and subcontractors under Texas law. Pursuant to Sections 22.0834, 22.0835 and 22.085 of the Texas Education Code, Contractor hereby certifies that all employees, contractors, and subcontractors of Contractor who (i) have or will have continuing duties related to this Agreement or the Program and (ii) have or will have direct contact with students, have passed a national criminal history background record information review as required by those sections. Contractor must also obtain certifications from all subcontractors that their employees to whom Section 22.0834 applies have also passed a national criminal history background record information review. As a public charter school, ResponsiveEd Texas is required to certify to the state that all contractors that provide continuing services and have direct contact with students have obtained a Texas and FBI fingerprint based national criminal history background check.

Under Texas law, ResponsiveEd Texas has the right under Texas law to (i) accept a qualified school contractor (determined by the Texas DPS) certification of completion of the requisite background checks; or (ii) require the contractor's employees or subcontractors to be fingerprinted through the ResponsiveEd Texas LEE Fast Pass System through the Texas DPS Clearinghouse. Contractor agrees to provide written consent for ResponsiveEd Texas to have any individual providing Services to be subjected to a national (Texas and FBI fingerprint) criminal history background review through the ResponsiveEd Texas LEE Fast Past System if deemed necessary by ResponsiveEd Texas and Contractor

agrees to reimburse ResponsiveEd Texas for the cost of such reviews.

**Contractor/Subcontractor is responsible for the payment of all fingerprinting costs. Should RES pay any costs of fingerprinting Contractor/Subcontractor employees, Contractor agrees to reimburse RES for such costs; in the event Contractor fails to reimburse RES for the costs of fingerprinting Contractor/Subcontractor employees, Contractor agrees that RES may deduct such costs from any payment due and owing by RES to Contractor. "**

**4.13 Customer Support**

Vendor shall provide timely and accurate technical advice and sales support to RES staff. Vendor shall respond to requests for customer support within one (1) business day after receipt of the request. Vendor shall provide training to RES staff regarding products and/or services supplied by Vendor, at no additional charge, if requested by RES.

**4.14 RES Property**

In the event of loss, damage, or destruction of any property owned by or loaned by RES that is caused by Vendor or Vendor's representative, agent, employee, or contractor, Vendor shall indemnify RES and pay to RES the full value of or the full cost of repair or replacement of such property, whichever is greater, within thirty (30) days of Vendor's receipt of written notice of RES's determination of the amount due. If Vendor fails to make timely payment, RES may obtain such money from Vendor by any means permitted by law, including, without limitation, offset or counterclaim against any money otherwise due to Vendor by RES.

**4.15 Tax Exempt Status**

RES is a Texas governmental entity that is exempt from payment of Texas State Sales Taxes under TEXAS TAX CODE§ 151.310 for the purchase of tangible personal property. Vendor represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from this Contract, including, without limitation, any federal, state, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Vendor or its employees. RES shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from this Contract, except where otherwise required by law.

**4.16 State of Texas Franchise Tax**

By submitting a proposal in response to the RFP, Vendor certifies that Vendor is not currently delinquent in Vendor's payment of any franchise taxes or other taxes owed to the State of Texas.

**4.17 Tax Responsibilities of Vendor and Indemnification for Taxes**

Vendor is responsible for complying with the tax laws of states and the federal government. Vendor and all subcontractor(s) of Vendor shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes applicable to Vendor's operation, any persons employed by Vendor, and all subcontractors of Vendor.

**4.18 IRS W-9**

To receive payment under this Contract, Vendor shall have a current I.R.S. W-9 Form on file with RES.

**4.19 Assignment of Contract**

Vendor may not assign this Contract or any of its rights, duties or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of RES. Any attempted assignment of this Contract by Vendor shall be null and void. Any Purchase Order made as

a result of this Contract may not be transferred, assigned, subcontracted, mortgaged, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or encumbered in any way by Vendor without prior written approval of RES.

#### **4.20 Notification of Material Change**

By submitting a proposal in response to the RFP, Vendor certifies that Vendor is not currently delinquent in Vendor's payment of any franchise taxes or other taxes owed to the State of Texas.

#### **4.21 Performance**

Vendor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to provide the product(s) and/or service(s) subject to this Contract. Vendor shall furnish all supervision, labor, tools, equipment, permits, licenses, transportation, insurance, material, and supplies necessary to complete any scope of work, Purchase Order under this Contract. Vendor shall use skilled, trained personnel, who shall be supervised by Vendor.

#### **4.22 Subcontractors**

If Vendor uses subcontractors in the performance of any part of this Contract, Vendor shall be fully responsible to RES for all acts and omissions of the subcontractors. Nothing in this contract shall create for the benefit of any such subcontractor any contractual relationship between RES and any such subcontractor, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of RES to pay or to see to the payment of any monies due any such subcontractor except as may otherwise be required by law. Vendor represents and warrants that it is willing, able and capable of obtaining, supervising, and being responsible for any subcontractors who perform and/or provide products and services related to this Contract.

#### **4.23 Non-Appropriation**

Renewal of this contract, if any, will be in accordance with TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 271.903 concerning non-appropriation of funds for multi-year contracts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract or obligation imposed on RES by this Contract, RES shall have the right to terminate this Contract or Purchase Order without default or liability to Vendor resulting from such termination, effective as of the expiration of each budget period of RES, at its sole discretion, that there are insufficient funds to extend this Contract, or any Purchase Order. The parties agree that this Contract and/or any Purchase Order are commitments of the current revenue of RES only.

#### **4.24 Ordering Procedures**

Purchase Orders are issued by RES to the Vendor according to this Contract. A purchase order will not be executed until the District wishes to purchase the specified product and/or services. The purchase order cannot be re-used. RES shall not be responsible or liable for any payment to the Vendor for any goods and/or services unless a purchase order is issued and signed by an appropriate and authorized individual from RES and delivered to the Vendor. Each RES purchase order shall indicate "formal bid."

#### **4.25 Invoices; Payments**

4.25.1 Vendor shall submit invoices directly to RES at the address indicated below or via email to Melissa Summasell. Each invoice shall include RES's Purchase Order number. All invoices shall be itemized to include the type of

product(s) and or service(s) rendered. Vendor shall submit invoices within a timely manner during RES's fiscal year in which the product(s) and/or service(s) are purchased. The shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of RES's receipt shall be made available upon request RES.

Each invoice shall be itemized and submitted to:

ResponsiveEd Texas  
Attention: Accounts Payable  
1301 Waters Ridge Drive  
Lewisville, TX 75057  
Or via email to: [accountspayable@responsived.com](mailto:accountspayable@responsived.com)

4.25.2 TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 2251.021 shall govern when payments are due to the Vendor. Payments are due to Vendor by RES, whose governing body meets only once a month or less frequently, **within forty-five (45) days** after the later of the following: (1) the date RES receives the products and services under the Contract; (2) the date the performance of the service under the Contract is completed; or (3) the date RES receives an invoice for the products or service. Vendor agrees to pay any subcontractors the appropriate share of the payment received from RES not later than the **tenth (10th) day** after the date the Vendor receives the payment from RES.

The exceptions to payments made by RES and/or Vendor listed in TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 2251.002 shall apply to this Contract.

#### 4.26 **Pricing Changes**

All prices and discount percentages in Vendor's proposal shall be firm for the Term of this Contract. Pricing may be negotiated during the Contract renewal period. Vendor agrees to promptly lower the proportionate price of any product purchased through this Contract following a reduction in the price the Vendor is paying suppliers. All price changes shall be presented to RES for acceptance or rejection by RES, in its sole discretion, using the same format as was accepted in Vendor's original proposal; all price changes for products and/or services provided under this Contract must be approved, in writing, by RES prior to taking effect.

The following documentation shall be provided to support a request for a price change:

- justification for change/increase
- terms and conditions
- market conditions
- manufacturers'/distributors' impact, if any

All price decreases shall be allowed for all products and/or services.

#### 4.27 **Records Retention**

Vendor shall maintain its records and accounts in a manner that shall assure a full accounting for all product(s) and/or service(s) provided by the Vendor to RES under this Contract. These records and accounts shall be retained by Vendor and made available for review and copying by RES for a period of **not less than three (5) years** from the date of completion of the service(s), receipt of product(s), the date of the receipt by RES of Vendor's final invoice or claim for payment in connection with this Contract, or the date RES makes final payments and closes pending matters in connection with a federal grant, whichever is later. If an audit or a compliance review has been announced, the Vendor shall retain its records

and accounts until such audit or compliance review has been completed.

When federal funds are expended by RES pursuant to this Contract, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.333. Vendor further certifies that Vendor will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.333 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

#### **4.28 Right to Review, Audit and Inspect**

RES, any federal agency that has awarded federal funds/grant(s) to RES, and the Comptroller General of the United States, and/or any of their authorized representatives, shall, upon written notice, have the right to audit and examine all of Vendor's records and accounts relating to this Contract and inspect any project performed by the Vendor relating to this Contract. Records subject to audit/review shall include, but are not limited to, all Purchase Orders resulting from this Contract and records which may have a bearing on matters in connection with the Vendor's work for RES, and shall be open to inspection and subject to audit/review and/or reproduction by RES, and/or their authorized representative(s) to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of:

- Vendor's compliance with this Contract and the requirements of the RFP.
- Compliance with procurement laws, policies, and procedures, including, without limitation, reviewing/comparing pricing on invoices for RES.
- Compliance with provisions for computing billings RES.
- Any other matter related to this Contract.

#### **4.29 Indemnification**

The Vendor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless RES its board of directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all claims, demands or liability for damages, losses, or other relief, including, without limitation attorneys' fees and costs which RES may incur arising from the Vendor's performance of its obligations under this agreement. The foregoing shall include, without limitation: (i) injuries to or death of person; (ii) damage to property; or (iii) theft or loss of property, resulting from, in whole or part, any acts omissions or other conduct of Vendor and/or of any of Vendor's agents, servants, or employees, or any other person or entity employed directly or indirectly by Vendor in connection with performance of the Vendor's obligations and their respective agents, officers or employees. If any action or proceeding, whether judicial, administrative, or otherwise, shall be commenced against RES on account of any claim, demand, or liability subject of this indemnification agreement the Vendor shall, at its sole cost and expense, defend RES in such action or proceeding with counsel reasonably satisfactory to RES. In the event that there shall be any judgment, award, ruling, settlement, or other relief arising out of any such action or proceeding to which RES is bound by, Vendor shall pay, satisfy or otherwise discharge any such judgment, award, ruling, settlement or relief; Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless RES, from any and all liability or responsibility arising out of any such judgment, award, ruling, settlement or relief. The Vendor's obligations hereunder shall survive notwithstanding Vendor's completion of the services or the termination of the Contract.

#### **4.30 Governing Law and Exclusive Venue**

The laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its provisions on conflicts of laws, govern this Contract. Any dispute under this Contract involving RES must

be brought exclusively in the state and federal courts located in Denton County, Texas.

**4.31 Multiple Contract Awards; Non-Exclusivity**

RES reserves the right to award multiple contracts under the RFP, including multiple contracts for each product/service category. Product/Service categories are established at the sole discretion of RES. Nothing in this Contract may be construed to imply that Vendor has the exclusive right to provide products and/or services to RES. During the Term of this Contract, RES reserves the right to use all available resources to procure other products and/or services as needed and doing so will not violate any rights of Vendor. In the event that a Vendor has an existing RES contract in the same contract title, upon award the new contract will immediately supersede the older contract.

**4.32 New Products**

During the term(s) of the Contract awarded under this solicitation, additional purchases not included in this solicitation list and resulting awarded contract may become necessary and benefit RES. New products that meet the specifications detailed in the RFP may be added to this Contract, with prior written approval from RES. Pricing of any new products shall be equivalent to the percentage discount or proposed prices for other similar products. Vendor may replace or add products to the contract if: the replacing products are equal to or superior to the original products offered or discounted in a similar degree or to a greater degree and the products meet the requirements of the RFP. No products may be added to avoid competitive procurement procedures. RES may reject any proposed additions, without cause, in its sole discretion.

In the event this Contract uses federal Child Nutrition Funds, Vendor and RES agree that the aggregate value of added new product purchases during each year of the contract, if renewable, shall not exceed 10% of the estimated total value of the contract. The total value of the contract must be agreed upon and the dollar value listed in every contract and contract renewal. Such additions may be included in the awarded contract list during the contract renewal through a contract amendment, and the total contract value adjusted accordingly. For each Contract renewal, the total actual value of the contract in the preceding year and the additions made during the Term, will be the basis for determining the maximum dollar amount (not to exceed 10%) of the additional goods that will be allowed during the next contract renewal year.

**4.33. No Substitution**

Any Purchase Order issued pursuant to this Contract shall conform to the specifications and descriptions identified in this Contract and the RFP. Vendor shall not deliver substitutes without prior written authorization from RES.

**4.34 Penalties**

If the Vendor is unable to provide the product(s) or services at the prices quoted in Vendor's proposal or if Vendor fails to fulfill or abide by the terms and conditions of the Contract or the RFP, RES may take the following action(s), in the sole discretion of RES, and Vendor agrees to comply with the chosen action(s):

- Insist that the Vendor honor the quoted price(s) specified in Vendor's proposal, as applicable;
- Have the Vendor pay the difference between the Vendor's price and the price of the next acceptable proposal, as determined by RES;

- Have the Vendor pay the difference between Vendor's price and the actual purchase price of the product or service on the open market; and/or Recommend to RES Board of Trustees that the Vendor no longer be given the opportunity to submit a proposal to RES and/or that this Contract be terminated.

#### 4.35 **Safety**

Vendor, its subcontractor(s), and their respective employees shall comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local safety and health laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations in the performance of services under this Contract, including, without limitation, those promulgated by RES and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA"). In case of conflict, the most stringent safety requirements shall govern. Vendor shall comply with RES harmless from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, fines, penalties, and liability of every kind arising from the breach of Vendor's obligations under this provision.

#### 4.36 **Workforce**

Vendor shall employ only orderly and competent workers, skilled in the performance of the services, if any, which shall be performed under this Contract. Vendor, its employees, subcontractors, and subcontractor's employees may not use or possess any firearms, alcoholic or other intoxicating beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances while on the job or on RES's property, nor may such workers be intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or drugs on RES's property.

#### 4.37 **Insurance**

Vendor is required to provide RES with copies of certificates of insurance, naming RES as additional insured's for Texas Workers Compensation and General Liability Insurance, **within 14 business days of contract award and prior to the commencement of any work under this Contract.** Certificates of Insurance, name and address of Vendor, the limits of liability, the effective dates of each policy, and policy number shall be delivered to RES prior to commencement of any work under this Contract. The insurance company insuring Vendor shall be licensed in the State of Texas, and shall be acceptable to RES. Vendor shall give RES a **minimum of ten (10) days'** notice prior to any modifications or cancellation of said policies of insurance. Vendor shall require all subcontractors performing any work under or relating to this Contract to maintain coverage as specified below. Vendor shall, at all times during the Term of this Contract, maintain insurance coverage with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the Vendor. These requirements do not establish limits of Vendor's liability.

- All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against RES, and RES's officers, employees and agents.
- Upon request, certified copies of original insurance policies shall be furnished to RES.
- RES, as requested, shall be named as an "additional insured" on insurance policies.
- RES reserves the right to require additional insurance should RES deem additional insurance necessary, in its sole discretion.
- Workers Compensation (with waiver of subrogation to RES) Employer's Liability, including all states, U.S. Longshoremen, Harbor Workers and other endorsements.
- Statutory, and Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000 each employee.  
Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000, policy limit \$100,000 each

employee.

- Commercial General Liability Occurrence Form including, but not limited to, Premises and Operations, Products Liability Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual Liability, Personal and Advertising Injury Liability and where the exposure exists, coverage for watercraft, blasting collapse, and explosions, blowout, cratering and underground damage. \$300,000 each occurrence Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined. \$300,000 Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit \$500,000 per Job Aggregate. \$300,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit.
- Automobile Liability Coverage: \$300,000 Combined Liability Limits Bodily Injury and Property Damage Combined.

#### **4.38 No Agency or Endorsements**

It is the intention of the parties to this Contract that Vendor is independent of RES, is an independent contractor, and is not an employee, agent, joint venturer, or partner of RES. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee, agent, joint venturer or partner, between RES and Vendor, or RES and any of Vendor's agents. Vendor has no power or authority to assume or create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of Vendor. This Contract shall not be construed to create or imply any partnership, agency, or joint venture, nor shall it be construed or deemed an endorsement of a specific company or product. Vendor agrees that RES has no responsibility for any conduct of any of Vendor's employees, agents, representatives Contractors, or subcontractors.

#### **4.39 Equal Opportunity**

It is the policy of RES not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, limited English proficiency or handicapping conditions in its programs. Vendor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Contract, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of age (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification), sex (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification) or race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry. Vendor further agrees that every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Contract shall contain a provision requiring non-discrimination in employment herein specified, binding upon each subcontractor. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the Contract.

#### **4.40 Force Majeure**

Neither RES nor Vendor shall be deemed to have breached any provision of this Contract as a result of any delay, failure in performance, or interruption of service resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, network failures, acts of civil or military authorities, civil disturbances, wars, energy crises, fires, transportation contingencies, interruptions in third - party telecommunications or Internet equipment or service, other catastrophes, or any other occurrences which are reasonably beyond RES or Vendor's control.

RES and Vendor are required to use due caution and preventive measures to protect against the effects of force majeure, and the burden of proving that a force majeure event has occurred shall rest on the party seeking relief under this provision. The party seeking relief due to force majeure is required to promptly notify the other parties in writing, citing the details of the force majeure event and relief sought, and shall resume performance immediately after the obstacles to performance caused by a force majeure event have been removed,



provided the Contract has not been terminated. Delay or failure of performance, by either party to this Contract, caused solely by a force majeure event, shall be excused for the period of delay caused solely by the force majeure event. RES and Vendor shall not have any claim for damages against any other party resulting from delays caused solely by force majeure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, in the event the Vendor's performance of its obligations under this Contract is delayed or stopped by a force majeure event, RES shall have the option to terminate this Contract. This section shall not be interpreted as to limit or otherwise modify any of RES's contractual, legal, or equitable rights.

#### **4.41 Severability**

In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions, and the Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

#### **4.42 Waiver**

No failure on the part of either party at any time to require the performance by the other party of any term hereof shall be taken or held to be a waiver of such term or in any way affect such party's right to enforce such term, and no waiver on the part of either party of any term hereof shall be taken or held to be a waiver of any other term hereof or the breach thereof. No waiver, alteration, or modification of any of the provisions of this Contract shall be binding unless in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

#### **4.43 Entire Agreement**

The Contract, the RFP, Vendor's proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the attached and incorporated attachments, addendum, and/or exhibits, if any, contain the entire agreement of the parties relative to the purpose(s) of the Contract and supersede any other representations, agreements, arrangements, negotiations, or understandings, oral or written, between the parties to this Contract. In the event of a conflict between this Contract and the RFP or Vendor's proposal submitted in response to the RFP, this Contract shall control. In the event of a conflict between the RFP and Vendor's proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the RFP shall control. This Contract supersedes any conflicting terms and conditions on any Purchase Order, invoices, checks, order acknowledgements, forms, purchase orders, or similar commercial documents relating hereto and which may be issued by Vendor after the Effective Date of this Contract.

#### **4.44 Interpretation**

Vendor agrees that the normal rules of construction that requires that any ambiguities in this Contract are to be construed against the drafter shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Contract.

#### **4.45 Notice**

Any notice provided under the terms of this Contract by the parties to any other shall be in writing and shall be given by hand-delivery or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be sufficient if made or addressed to the party at the address listed in the signature line of this Contract. Notice shall be deemed effective upon receipt. Each party may change the address at which notice may be sent to that party by giving notice of such change to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**4.46 Captions**

The captions herein are for convenience and identification purposes only, are not an integral part hereof, and are not to be considered in the interpretation of any part hereof.

**4.47 Use by other governmental entities**

Tex. Educ. Code Section 44.031(a)(4) and Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 791 allow for government entities, i.e. state agencies, local governments and school districts, to enter into cooperative agreements to allow the procurement process to be performed by a single entity on behalf of all those electing to participate. RES may allow other governmental entities to "piggyback" onto any existing contract between RES and Vendor entered into pursuant to this RFP, as contemplated in United States Department of Agriculture Memorandum SP35-2012, Procuring Services of Purchasing Cooperatives, Group Purchasing Organizations, Group Buying Organizations, etc., June 12, 2012 ("SP 35-2012"). Should the "piggybacking" result in a material change to the Contract, RES will proceed under Section 5.45 of this RFP. Accordingly, other governmental entities are authorized to enter into separate and independent contracts with Vendor that employ the same negotiated terms and conditions contained in an existing contract(s) between RES and Vendor. In the event RES allows another governmental entity to join, it is expressly understood that RES shall in no way be liable for the obligations of the joining governmental entity.

## 5.0 SCOPE OF PROPOSAL

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- 5.1 It is the intention of RES to establish one or more contracts to furnish and/or deliver **Food Service Equipment for ResponsiveEd Texas**.
- 5.2 Vendors are encouraged to offer any applicable terms and conditions should be included for any additional product or service. RES reserves the right to accept or reject any items included by Vendor in this section. **Include installation fees for each piece of equipment.**
- 5.3 Awards will be made to the successful Vendor(s) for the total line of products and services submitted. Proposals can be made for any or all services and products described herein. The terms and conditions listed below apply to all categories and lots within **the necessary equipment**. Each category and lot contains additional terms, conditions, and specifications. If there is a conflict between category or lot terms and conditions and those listed below, the category or lot terms and conditions shall take precedence.
- 5.4 **Vendor is required to ensure that the Purchase Order includes the following, as applicable:**
- The contract number, lump sum price, start date, schedule, and notice to proceed. The schedule will include the mobilization, materials purchase, installation and delivery, design, weather, and site cleanup and inspection. No additional claims may be made for delays as a result of these items.
  - The date for commencing services and/or delivery of products (“work”). Upon commencing work, the Vendor will proceed diligently toward contract completion. Any delay in the work beyond the Vendor’s control must be reported to the RES’s authorized representative immediately.
  - Compensation for received products, terms of progress payments, and a schedule of payments. RES retains the right to extend the schedule of work/delivery time or to suspend the work and to direct the Vendor to resume work when appropriate. The Purchase Order must describe an equitable adjustment for added costs caused by any suspension. Any increases will be invoiced through RES as allowed in the Contract or RFP.
  - A schedule for performance of work that can be met without planned overtime, which shall be Vendor’s responsibility.
  - Terms for acceptance by RES and title to work must be clearly agreed upon and described. If any part of the work requires RES to assume control prior to the completion, this must be defined. Vendor and RES must agree on the definition of what constitutes final acceptance before payment of any retained compensation.
- 5.5 **For each Purchase Order, the following shall apply:**
- After the Purchase Order is signed, a copy of the Purchase Order shall be sent to the awarded Vendor.
  - Each individual Vendor may be limited to work at a single facility and will describe the Scope of Work to be performed. Descriptions may be written, by sketch, and/or by drawing and should include the location where work is to be performed, whether work may be performed during Regular Hours, the project completion time, and the price to be paid for the work.
  - The Vendor shall perform the scope of work within the project completion time and for the fixed price of the Purchase Order.

- No work shall be performed until a written Purchase Order has been issued by RES. Any work performed under a Purchase Order before the Vendor's receipt of the written Purchase Order is at the Vendor's risk.
- The Vendor is required to perform all work under a Purchase Order which has been issued and received before the expiration date of this Contract. If the Purchase Order is not received by the Vendor before the expiration date of this Contract, the Purchase Order will be considered cancelled. Purchase Orders sent in the last 30 days of a Term should be sent "Return Receipt Requested". Any Purchase Order issued during the Term of the Contract and not completed before the expiration date of the Contract must be completed within the completion/delivery time stated in the Purchase Order, and the rights and obligations of the Vendor and RES with respect to the Purchase Order will be the same as if the Purchase Order were completed during the Term of the Contract.
- The Vendor may not refuse to perform any project requested by RES unless such project is unlawful.
- RES also reserves the right not to issue a Purchase Order if in its best interest. The Vendor shall not recover any costs arising out of or related to the development of the Purchase Order.

## 6.0 SPECIFICATIONS

- 6.1 It is the intention of RES to establish one or more contract(s) with highly qualified Vendor(s) to purchase **Food Service Equipment for ResponsiveEd Texas**. Vendor(s) shall, at the request of RES, provide these products and/or covered services under the terms of this RFP and the Contract set forth in Section **4.0 Contract Terms and Conditions**. Vendor shall assist RES with making a determination of its individual needs, as stated below.

FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – CARROLLTON					
Quantity	Equipment	Brand	Model	Volts	Gas/Electric
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	Double Stack Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-DBL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – CORINTH UPPER					
Quantity	Equipment	Brand	Model	Volts	Gas/Electric
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7746-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – CORINTH LOWER					
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – FALLBROOK					
Quantity	Equipment	Brand	Model	Volts	Gas/Electric
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Double Stack Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-DBL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric

<b>IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – MAINLAND</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Double Stack Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-DBL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>WESTCHASE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL</b>					
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Volts</b>	<b>Gas/Electric</b>
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	Double Stack Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-DBL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
<b>EL PASO CLASSICAL ACADEMY</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – FLOWER MOUND</b>					
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Volts</b>	<b>Gas/Electric</b>
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7746-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – FRISCO</b>					

1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric

1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7746-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
2	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE4-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – LEWISVILLE (HIGH SCHOOL)</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7746-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE4-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – LEWISVILLE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7746-C or Equivalent	208v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE4-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – LEWISVILLE (GRAMMAR SCHOOL)</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115V/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE4-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – MESQUITE</b>					
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KOD7746-C or Equivalent	HP, 208-230v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – TYLER (GRAMMAR SCHOOL)</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE4-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>FOUNDERS CLASSICAL ACADEMY – TYLER (UPPER SCHOOL)</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric

1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – GARLAND</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KOD7746-C or Equivalent	HP, 208-230v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
<b>IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – HUNTSVILLE</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric
<b>IGNITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – PASADENA</b>					
1	Milk Cooler	True or Equivalent	TMC-58-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 2.7 amps	Electric
1	2 Door Reach-In Cooler	True or Equivalent	T-49-HC or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph, 5.4 amps	Electric
1	Walk-In Freezer	Norlake or Equivalent	KLF7766-C or Equivalent	115v/60/1-ph	Electric
1	Convection Oven	Blodgett or Equivalent	ZEPH-100-E-SGL or Equivalent	208v/60/3-ph, 11.0 kW, 31.0 amps, direct, ½ ph (per deck), standard	Electric
1	Steam Table	Atosa USA or Equivalent	CSTE-4C or Equivalent	120v/60/1-ph	Electric



## 7.0 PRICING AND DELIVERY INFORMATION

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### 7.1 Pricing

Vendors must provide pricing to RES in their proposals, including any additional pricing examples and pricing discount schedules that need to be submitted to provide RES with a comprehensive catalog. RES may request the Vendor to provide discounts or other adjustments, on a per-Purchase Order basis. If discounts or quantity prices are offered by the Vendor, the Vendor must also offer the same reductions in pricing for orders of similar size to RES. **Catalog/price lists must be included in the Vendor's proposal if applicable.**

### 7.2 Discounts provided on price lists and catalogs – Detail the average discount provided by the Vendor on stated prices.

7.2.1 Provide discount schedules for all products Vendor intends to offer, shown either by category or code. Use separate discount for any net items with description of these net items.

7.2.2 Provide labor notes for each category shown that Vendor is proposing. These notes must include Vendor's overhead, and profit. Provide Vendor's miscellaneous material markups. If Vendor does not provide this labor classification, mark "NA" (Not Available).

7.2.3 Provide a description on how Vendor intends to guarantee the performance of Vendor's labor, and what benchmark will be used to determine the labor hours for each project.

7.2.4 Indicate any list price adjustment Vendor intends on providing during the contract period and on what it is based. For example: CPI.

**7.2.5 All pricing shall be flat fee and if federal child nutrition funds are used, may not be cost plus percentage of cost as defined by the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

### 7.3 Freight, Delivery, Inspection & Acceptance

All deliveries shall be **Freight Prepaid, F.O.B. Destination, Full Freight Allowed, and Inside Delivery**. Deliveries shall be made during RES's Regular Hours.

The conforming product(s) shall be delivered within **ten (10) business days** of Vendor's receipt of a Purchase Order. If delivery is not or cannot be made within this time period, Vendor must receive authorization from RES for the delayed delivery.

If defective or incorrect products are delivered, RES may make the determination, at its sole discretion, to return the products to Vendor at no cost to RES. Vendor agrees to pay all shipping and handling costs for any such return shipment. Vendor also shall be responsible for arranging the return of the defective or incorrect products.

RES may request emergency delivery. Vendor must use its best efforts to comply with rush or emergency delivery. However, if Vendor is unable to fulfill the emergency delivery request, RES may procure its needs from alternative sources without penalty.

## 8.0 VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

8.1 Please complete the Vendor Questionnaire and return with the Vendor proposal.

LEGAL NAME OF VENDOR:

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DATA UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM (DUNS) NUMBER:

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TYPE OF BUSINESS/DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES PROVIDED:

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VENDOR MAILING ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR STREET ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

☐ PUBLICLY TRADED CORPORATION ☐ PRIVATE ORPORATION ☐ LIMITED  
PARTNERSHIP

☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ NOT FOR PROFIT ENTITY

2. NUMBER OF FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PART TIME  
EMPLOYEES: \_\_\_\_

3. NUMBER OF YEARS VENDOR HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION: \_\_\_\_

4. NUMBER OF YEARS VENDOR HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS UNDER ITS PRESENT  
BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

5. HAS VENDOR CONDUCTED BUSINESS WITH THE DISTRICT UNDER ANOTHER NAME?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*IF YES, PROVIDE OTHER NAME(S):*

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6. NUMBER OF YEARS DOING BUSINESS WITH RES: \_\_\_\_\_

7. DOES VENDOR HAVE A PARENT COMPANY OR SUBSIDIARY THAT CURRENTLY CONDUCTS OR THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED BUSINESS WITH THE DISTRICT?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*IF YES, NAME OF PARENT COMPANY AND/OR SUBSIDIARY:*

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8. DOES VENDOR HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*IF YES, NAMES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS:*

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9. DOES VENDOR HAVE ANY OWNERS, PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS OR STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, SALESPeOPLE OR KEY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE RES BOARD OF EDUCATION DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS?

☐ YES

☐ NO

*IF YES, NAME(S) AND TITLE(S):*

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10. DOES ANY OFFICER, PARTNER, OWNER, SALES REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR SPOUSE WORK FOR RES?

☐ YES ☐ NO

11. DOES VENDOR HAVE ANY OWNERS, PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS OR STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, SALESPeOPLE OR KEY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISTRICT

EMPLOYEES OR WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHO EITHER WORK OR WHO MAY POTENTIALLY WORK ON THIS CONTRACT

WITH THE DISTRICT?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*IF YES, NAME(S) AND TITLE(S):*

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12. NAMES OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS, INCLUDING ANY PERSON OR ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO 'ACT WITH' OR 'ACT ON YOUR BEHALF,' SUCH AS CONSULTANTS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, RE-SELLERS, LOBBYISTS, CONFIDANTS, ETC., WHETHER COMPENSATED OR NOT COMPENSATED:

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13. HAS VENDOR (INCLUDING ANY OWNER, PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER OR STOCKHOLDER, OFFICER, AGENT, SALESPERSON, OR EMPLOYEE) BEEN INVOLVED IN PAST, PENDING, OR PRESENT LITIGATION INVOLVING THE DISTRICT OR ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE STYLE AND STATUS OF THE CASE AS WELL AS THE TYPE OF LITIGATION:*

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14. NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANIES:

INSURANCE COMPANY	INSURANCE COMPANY

15. CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ VENDOR WILL PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES WITH OWN WORK FORCE

☐ VENDOR WILL PURCHASE GOODS DIRECTLY FROM THE MANUFACTURER OR OTHER SUPPLIER

16. CAN VENDOR PROVIDE RES WITH PERIODIC PREFORMATTED FLAT FILE UPDATES OF YOUR CATALOG? ☐ YES ☐ NO

17. DOES VENDOR HAVE E-COMMERCE CAPABILITY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

18. DOES VENDOR HAVE PUNCH-OUT CATALOGS IN PLACE TODAY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

19. DOES VENDOR HAVE ANY INTERNAL ELECTRONIC CATALOGS WITH ANY CUSTOMERS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

I ATTEST THAT I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

## **9.0 VENDOR PACKET**

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Please complete the enclosed Vendor Packet and  
return all completed and executed forms with the proposal

## **VENDOR PACKET**

**RFP # 26-3**

### **Food Service Equipment – ResponsiveEd Texas**

Name of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

All Vendors doing business with ResponsiveEd Texas (RES) must complete and submit a Vendor Packet that consists of the attachments listed below. Items below are components which comprise this bid/proposal/contract package. Respondents are asked to review the Vendor Packet and attachments to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, please notify RES immediately.

This attachment package must be completed, executed, and dated by the authorized proposer/Vendor and must be included with your proposal/contract at the time of submission.

### **Attachments:**

- Execution of Offer
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
- Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295
- IRS Form W-9
- Proposer/Vendor Certification Forms
- Felony Conviction Notice Form
- Antitrust Certification Statement
- Ch. 22 Criminal History Records Contractor Certification
- Confidentiality Declaration Form

### **EXECUTION OF OFFER**

The undersigned Proposer has carefully examined all instructions, requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP and the Agreement and certifies:

1. It is a reputable company regularly engaged in providing goods and/or services necessary to meet the requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP and the Agreement.
2. It has the necessary experience, knowledge, abilities, skills, and resources to satisfactorily perform the requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP and the Agreement. Further, if awarded, the Proposer agrees to perform the requirements, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFP and the Agreement.
3. All statements, information, and representations prepared and submitted in response to this RFP are current, complete, true, and accurate. Proposer acknowledges that RES will rely on such statements, information, and representations in selecting the successful Proposer(s).
4. It is not currently barred or suspended from doing business with the Federal government, any of the members represented, or any of their respective agencies.
5. It shall be bound by all statements, representations, warranties, and guarantees made in its proposal.
6. Submission of a proposal indicates the Proposer's acceptance of the evaluation technique and the Proposer's recognition that some subjective judgments may be made by RES as part of the evaluation.
7. That all of the requirements of this RFP and the Agreement have been read and understood. In addition, compliance with all requirements, terms and conditions will be assumed by RES if not otherwise noted in the proposal.
8. The individual signing below has authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Proposer.
9. Proposer acknowledges that the Agreement may be canceled if any conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest is discovered by RES.
10. This Agreement is subject to purchase orders duly authorized and executed by RES.

<b>CORPORATE NAME:</b>			
<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:</b>			
<b>PRINT NAME:</b>			
<b>TITLE:</b>			
<b>DATE:</b>			
<b>ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:</b>			
<b>PHONE:</b>		<b>FAX:</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>WEBSITE URL:</b>			

## THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY RES

Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Term of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by ResponsiveEd Texas:

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3/2023



## **RES CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

ResponsiveEd Texas (RES) is required to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176, Disclosure of Certain Relationships with Local Government Officers. House Bill 23 significantly changed Chapter 176 as well as the required disclosures and the corresponding forms. As of September 1, 2015, any Vendor who does business with RES or who seeks to do business with RES must fill out the new Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ) whether or not a conflict of interest exists. A conflict of interest exists in the following situations:

- 1) If the Vendor has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of RES or a family member of the officer, as described by section 176.003(a)(2)(A) of the Texas Local Government Code; or
- 2) If the Vendor has given a local government officer of RES, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value of \$100, excluding any gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is: (a) a political contribution as defined by Title 15 of the Election Code; or (b) a gift of food accepted as a guest; or
- 3) If the Vendor has a family relationship with a local government officer of RES.

**“Vendor”** means a person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local governmental entity. The term includes an agent of a Vendor. The term includes an officer or employee of a state agency when that individual is acting in a private capacity to enter into a contract. The term does not include a state agency except for Texas Correctional Industries. *Texas Local Government Code 176.001(7).*

**“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. *Texas Local Government Code 176.001(3).*

**“Family relationship”** means a relationship between a person and another person within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code. *Texas Local Government Code 176.001(2-a).*

**“Local government officer”** means: (A) a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; (B) a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or (C) an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a Vendor. *Texas Local Government Code 176.001(4).*

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

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

**7**

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

## **RES CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

RES is required to comply with HB 1295, which amended the Texas Government Code by adding Section 2252.908, Disclosure of Interested Parties. Section 2252.908 applies to a contract of RES that (1) requires an action or vote by the RES Board of Trustees before the contract may be signed; (2) has a value of at least \$1 million; or (3) is for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 305. If applicable, the business entity must submit a Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295) to RES at the time business entity submits the signed contract. The Form 1295 requirement does not apply to: (1) a contract with a publicly traded business entity or wholly owned subsidiary of the same; (2) an electric utility; or (3) a gas utility. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission. The following **definitions** apply:

- 1) ***“Business Entity”*** means an entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2252.908(1).
- 2) ***“Interested Party”*** means a person:
  - a) who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom RES contracts; or
  - b) who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2252.908(3).
- 3) ***“Controlling interest”*** means:
  - a) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent;
  - b) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or
  - c) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers. *Subsection (c) does not apply to an officer of a publicly held business entity or its wholly owned subsidiaries.* TEX. ETHICS COMM. RULE 46.3(c).
- 4) ***“Intermediary”*** means a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:
  - a) receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;
  - b) communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
  - c) is not an employee of the business entity. TEX. ETHICS COMM. RULE 46.3(e).

### **As a “business entity,” Vendors must:**

- 1) **complete Form 1295 electronically** with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application, which can be found at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)
  - **All Vendors must complete Form 1295, even if no interested parties exist**
  - In Section 2, insert “ResponsiveEd Texas”
  - In Section 3, insert the RES RFQ/RFP # for this proposal
- 2) **print a copy of the completed form** (make sure that it has a computer-generated certification number in the “Office Use Only” box)
- 3) have an authorized agent of the business entity **sign the form**
- 4) **submit** the completed Form 1295 by **attaching the form to your statement of qualifications/proposal.**

RES must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 by notifying the Texas Ethics Commission of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after receipt. After RES acknowledges the Form 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website with seven business days after receiving notice from RES.

<b>Form W-9</b> (Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<b>Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification</b> ▶ Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/FormW9">www.irs.gov/FormW9</a> for instructions and the latest information.	Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.
Print or type. See Specific instructions on page 3.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.           <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC   <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____   <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____               </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation    <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation    <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership    <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate   <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.               </div> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):            Exempt payee code (if any) _____             Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small> </div> <div style="display: flex; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.         </div> <div style="flex: 1; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;"> <b>Requester's name and address (optional)</b> </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)         </div>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>            Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i>, later.   <b>Note:</b> If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.         </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <b>Social security number</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">             or           </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <b>Employer identification number</b> </div> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">             Social security number           </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Employer identification number           </div> </div> </div>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Part II Certification</b>            Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and</li> <li>I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and</li> <li>I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and</li> <li>The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.</li> </ol> <b>Certification instructions.</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.         </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 40%;"> <b>Sign Here</b>            Signature of U.S. person ▶         </div> <div style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">           Date ▶         </div> <div style="width: 40%;"></div> </div>		

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type.  
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ►

☐ **Note:** Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

## Part I

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Social security number

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### Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

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

or

Employer identification number

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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign  
Here

Signature of  
U.S. person ►

Date ►

## General Instructions

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

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

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

## Purpose of Form

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

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

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)

- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)

- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

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

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



By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, 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).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

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

**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, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**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 his or her 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 his or her 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 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 under 4 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.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

## What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States 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 no longer are 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.

**a. 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: 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 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

**b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

**c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** 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.

**d. 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. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

**e. Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity 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, "Business name/disregarded entity name." 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, you may enter it on line 2.

### Line 3

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

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	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 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 in 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 possession, 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 possession

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

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 Income, 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) written or printed 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 possession, 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, write 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 individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. 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). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. 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 1-800-772-1213. 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/Businesses](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. 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 SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "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, generally you will 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.

**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), ABLE 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) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup> 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 Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>4</sup>
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

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
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 under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (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 and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. 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.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

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

**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 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 credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 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 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

### 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 1-800-366-4484. 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.

Visit [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 possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may 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, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

**RESPONSIVEED TEXAS PROPOSER/VENDOR  
CERTIFICATION FORMS**

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**CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCY**

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The State of Texas has a law concerning nonresident Vendors. This law can be found in Texas Government Code under Chapter 2252, Subchapter A. This law makes it necessary for RES to determine the residency of its Vendors. In part, this law reads as follows:

Section: 2252.001: "'Nonresident bidder' refers to a person who is not a resident." "'Resident bidder' refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state."

Section: 2252.002: "A governmental entity may not award a governmental contract to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident underbids the lowest bid submitted by a responsible resident bidder by an amount that is not less than the greater of the following: (1) the amount by which a resident bidder would be required to underbid the nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located; or (2) the amount by which a resident bidder would be required to underbid the nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which a majority of the manufacturing relating to the contract will be performed."

Company submitting bid is a resident bidder: ☐ YES    ☐ NO

City and state of Vendor's principal place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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Vendor hereby certifies that it is not a company identified on the Texas Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State.

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Initials of Authorized Representative of  
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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING OF ISRAEL

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If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, the Vendor hereby certifies and verifies that neither the Vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of the Vendor, if any (the "Vendor Companies"), boycotts Israel, and the Vendor agrees that the Vendor and Vendor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "boycott" shall mean and include refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

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Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor, if applicable

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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONTRACTING INFORMATION

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If Vendor is not a governmental body and (a) this Agreement has a stated expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by RES; or (b) this Agreement results in the expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by RES in a fiscal year of RES, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. As required by Tex. Gov't Code § 552.374(b), the following statement is included in the RFP and the Agreement (unless the Agreement is (1) related to the purchase or underwriting of a public security; (2) is or may be used as collateral on a loan; or (3) proceeds from which are used to pay debt service of a public security of loan): "The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this RFP and Agreement and the contractor or Vendor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the contractor or Vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter." Pursuant to Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, the Vendor hereby certifies and agrees to (1) preserve all contracting information related to this Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to RES for the duration of the Agreement; (2) promptly provide to RES any contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of the Vendor on request of RES; and (3) on completion of the Agreement, either (a) provide at no cost to RES all contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of Vendor, or (b) preserve the contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to RES.

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Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor, if applicable

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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING BOYCOTTING CERTAIN ENERGY COMPANIES

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If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE Ch. 2274 of SB 13 (87<sup>th</sup> session), Vendor hereby certifies and verifies that Vendor, or any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of these entities or business associations, if any, does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "company" shall mean an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, that exists to make a profit. The term "boycott energy company" shall mean "without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company (a) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law, or (b) does business with a company described by paragraph (a)." See TEX. GOV'T CODE § 809.001(1).

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## CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES

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If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has at least ten (10) full-time employees; (c) this Agreement has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds; (d) the Agreement is not excepted under TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2274.003 of SB 19 (87<sup>th</sup> leg.); and (e) RES has determined that Vendor is not a sole-source provider or RES has not received any bids from a company that is able to provide this written verification, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE Ch. 2274 of SB 19 (87<sup>th</sup> session), Vendor hereby certifies and verifies that Vendor, or association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary parent company, or affiliate of these entities or associations, that exists to make a profit, does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of this contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. For purposes of this Agreement, "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" shall mean, with respect to the entity or association, to: "(1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association." See TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2274.001(3) of SB 19. "Discrimination against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" does not include: "(1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (2) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency, or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association." See TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2274.001(3) of SB 19.

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES  
IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

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RES is prohibited from entering into a contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure that would grant to Vendor direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in this state, excluding access specifically allowed by RES for product warranty and support purposes. Vendor certifies that neither it nor its parent company nor any affiliate of Vendor or its parent company, is (1) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; (2) a company or other entity, including governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; or (3) headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country. For purposes of this Agreement, "critical infrastructure" means "a communication infrastructure system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system, or water treatment facility." See TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2274.0101(2) of SB 1226 (87<sup>th</sup> leg.). Vendor verifies and certifies that Vendor will not grant direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, except for product warranty and support purposes, to prohibited individuals, companies, or entities, including governmental entities, owned, controlled, or headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country, as determined by the Governor.

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**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS  
UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS – APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200**

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The following provisions are required and apply when federal funds are expended by RES for any contract resulting from this procurement process. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the following terms and conditions and any provision of any contract, agreement, or Purchase Order, the following terms and conditions shall control. Accordingly, the parties agree that the following terms and conditions apply to the Contract/PO between RES and Vendor in all situations where Vendor has been paid or will be paid with federal funds:

- A. Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000 (2 CFR §200.320), which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, RES reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of  
Vendor

- B. Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)



Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, RES reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Vendor, in the event Vendor fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation; (4) to the greatest extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or priorities of the Federal awarding agency or RES. RES also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to Vendor, for convenience, if RES believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of RES to do so. The Vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by RES as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of RES. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and RES reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other Vendors when it is in the best interest of RES.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- C. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when federal funds are expended by RES on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

Does Vendor agree to abide by the above?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- D. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be

prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, the Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- E. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, the Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by RES resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- F. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or sub recipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, the Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by RES resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F) above.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- G. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and sub grants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean

Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, the Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by RES resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G) above.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- H. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, the Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by RES resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency or by the State of Texas. Vendor shall immediately provide written notice to RES if at any time the Vendor learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. RES may rely upon a certification of a Vendor that the Vendor is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered contract, unless RES knows the certification is erroneous.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- I. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (I) above, when federal funds are expended by RES, the Vendor certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by RES resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti- Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The undersigned further certifies that:

- 1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the

making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- 2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- 3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certificate is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

- J. Procurement of Recovered Materials – When federal funds are expended by RES, RES and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include: (1) procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; (2) procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and (3) establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (J) above, when federal funds are expended RES, as required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. § 6962(c) (3) (A) (i)), the Vendor certifies, by signing this document, that the percentage of recovered materials content for EPA-designated items to be delivered or used in the performance of the contract will be at least the amount required by the applicable contract specifications or other contractual requirements.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**REQUIRED AFFIRMATIVE STEPS FOR SMALL, MINORITY, AND  
WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS FOR CONTRACTS PAID FOR  
WITH FEDERAL FUNDS – 2 CFR § 200.321**

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When federal funds are expended by RES, Vendor is required to take all affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321 to solicit and reach out to small, minority and women owned firms for any subcontracting opportunities on the project, including:

- 1) *Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;*
- 2) *Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;*
- 3) *Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;*
- 4) *Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and*
- 5) *Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.*

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
NEVER CONTRACT WITH THE ENEMY - 2 C.F.R. § 200.215**

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When federal funds are expended by RES for grant and cooperative agreements, or any contract resulting from this procurement process, that are expected to exceed \$50,000 within the period of performance, and are performed outside of the United States, including U.S. territories, to a person or entity that is actively opposing United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, RES will terminate any grant or cooperative agreement or contract resulting from this procurement process as a violation of Never Contract with the Enemy detailed in 2 CFR Part 183. The Vendor certifies that it is neither an excluded entity under the System for Award Management (SAM) nor Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) for any grant or cooperative agreement terminated due to Never Contract with the Enemy as a Termination for Material Failure to Comply.

RES has a responsibility to ensure no Federal award funds are provided directly or indirectly to the enemy, to terminate subawards in violation of Never Contract with the Enemy, and to allow the Federal Government access to records to ensure that no Federal award funds are provided to the enemy.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES  
OR EQUIPMENT – 2 C.F.R. § 200.216**

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RES, as a non-federal entity, is prohibited from obligating or expending Federal financial assistance, to include loan or grant funds, to: (1) procure or obtain, (2) extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or (3) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain, equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system. Covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities) and physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure and other national security purposes, and video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities) for the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes detailed in 2 CFR § 200.216. The Vendor certifies that Vendor will not purchase equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications, as defined herein, as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS PAID FOR  
WITH FEDERAL FUNDS – 2 C.F.R. § 200.334**

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When federal funds are expended by RES for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.334. The Vendor further certifies that Vendor will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.334 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH EPA REGULATIONS APPLICABLE  
TO GRANTS, SUBGRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND  
CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 OF FEDERAL FUNDS**

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When federal funds are expended by RES for any contract resulting from this procurement process in excess of \$100,000, the Vendor certifies that the Vendor is in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, regulations, and/or requirements issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT**

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When federal funds are expended by RES for any contract resulting from this procurement process, the Vendor certifies that the Vendor will be in compliance with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT**

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It is the policy of RES not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, limited English proficiency or handicapping conditions in its programs. Vendor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Contract, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of age (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification), sex (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification) or race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry. Vendor further agrees that every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Agreement shall contain a provision requiring non-discrimination in employment herein specified binding upon each subcontractor. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the Contract.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS AND  
COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS – 2 C.F.R. § 200.322**

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As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, RES has a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products) when spending federal funds. Vendor agrees that the requirements of this section will be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award. (Purchases that are made with non-federal funds or grants are excluded from the Buy America Act.) Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy America Act must still follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

“Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

“Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF ACCESS TO RECORDS - 2 C.F.R. § 200.337**

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Vendor agrees that RES, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor, and its successors, transferees, assignees, and subcontractors that are directly pertinent to the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents. Vendor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed. Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the Contract.

Does Vendor agree? YES\_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SUBCONTRACTORS**

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Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Agreement shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does Vendor agree? YES\_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT**

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Vendor certifies under penalty of perjury that its response to this procurement solicitation is in all respects bona fide, fair, and made without collusion or fraud with any person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

Does Vendor agree? YES\_\_\_\_\_Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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*Vendor agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as applicable. It is further acknowledged that Vendor certifies compliance with all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted above.*

Vendor's Name/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Tax ID # \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT B

### FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE

State of Texas 74<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session of 1995, Chapter 260, Section 76, added Education Code, Section 44.034, **Notification of Criminal History of Contractor:**

Subsection (a) states *“a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony”*.

Subsection (b) states *“a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract”*.

Subsection (c) states *“ This section does not apply to a Publicly-Held Corporation.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Vendor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Company Official's Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**A.** My firm is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.

**Signature of Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who **has / have** been convicted of a felony (also indicate details of conviction(s) if any):

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

**C.** My firm is a publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

**Signature of Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Ch. 22 Criminal History Records Contractor Certification: Contractor/Subcontractor Employees**

**Background:** Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires that criminal history records be obtained regarding covered employees of entities that contract with school districts (“Contractors”) and entities that contract with school district contractors (“Subcontractors”). Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at a school district. Contractors shall

- 1) complete this form certifying compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code Chapter 22 to RES; and
- 2) provide a copy of this form to each subcontractor for completion certifying compliance with the requirements of Texas Education Code Chapter 22 to RES and Contractor.

**Criminal history records will be obtained by either the Contractor/Subcontractor or RES, as follows:**

- 1) **Contractor/Subcontractor:** Pursuant to guidance from the Texas Education Agency, the only contractors/subcontractors who will be granted access to fingerprint criminal history are those who qualify for access under the National Child Protection Act (NCPA), specifically, those contractors/subcontractors who provide “care or care placement services” and are based in Texas. All entities qualifying for access under the NCPA are required to obtain their covered employees’ criminal histories, certify compliance to RES (and, in the case of a Subcontractor, certify compliance to Contractor and RES), and obtain similar certifications from their subcontractors. For more information or to set up an account, a contractor/subcontractor should contact the Texas Department of Public Safety’s Crime Records Service at 512.424.2474.
- 2) **RES:** All entities who do not qualify for access to fingerprint criminal history under the NCPA (in other words, all contractors/subcontractors who do not provide “care or care placement services” or are not based in Texas) are required to follow the instructions listed below, so that RES may obtain their covered employees’ criminal histories, as applicable.

**Contractor/Subcontractor is responsible for the payment of all fingerprinting costs. Should RES pay any costs of fingerprinting Contractor/Subcontractor employees, Contractor agrees to reimburse RES for such costs; in the event Contractor fails to reimburse RES for the costs of fingerprinting Contractor/Subcontractor employees, Contractor agrees that RES may deduct such costs from any payment due and owing by RES to Contractor.**

### **Definitions:**

**Covered employees:** Employees of a contractor/subcontractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed at a school district and have or will have direct contact with students. RES will be the final arbiter of what constitutes *continuing duties* and *direct contact* with students.

**Continuing duties related to contracted services:** Work duties that are performed pursuant to a contract to provide services to a school entity on a regular, repeated basis rather than infrequently or one-time only. See 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §153.1101(2).

**Direct contact with students:** The contact that results from activities that provide substantial opportunity for verbal or physical interaction with students that is not supervised by a certified educator or other professional district employee. Contact with students that results from

services that do not provide substantial opportunity for unsupervised interaction with a student or students, such as addressing an assembly, officiating a sports contest, or judging an extracurricular event, is not, by itself, direct contact with students. However, direct contact with students does result from any activity that provides substantial opportunity for unsupervised contact with students, which might include, without limitation, the provision of coaching, tutoring, or other services to students. See 19 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §153.1101(7).

Public Works Exception to Covered Employees: Covered employees do not include employees of a contracting or subcontracting entity that is providing engineering, architectural, or construction services on a project to design, construct, alter, or repair a public work if: (1) the public work does not involve the construction, alteration, or repair of an instructional facility as defined by Texas Education Code Section 46.001; (2) the employee's duties will be completed more than seven (7) days before a new instructional facility will be used for instruction; or (3) for an existing instructional facility, the work area contains sanitary facilities separated from all areas used by students by a fence at least six (6) feet high, and the Contractor adopts, informs employees of, and enforces a policy prohibiting employees and any subcontractor's employees from interacting with students or entering areas used by students.

Disqualifying criminal history:

- For employees of a contracting or subcontracting entity that is providing engineering, architectural, or construction services on a project to design, construct, alter, or repair a public work:
  - 1) a conviction or other criminal history information designated by RES;
  - 2) a felony or misdemeanor offense that would prevent a person from being employed under Texas Education Code § 22.08341(d), that is: conviction during the preceding 30 years (if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or was enrolled in a public school) of:
    - (a) a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code;
    - (b) an offense on conviction of which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; or
    - (c) an offense under federal law or the laws of another state that is equivalent to (a) or (b).
- For employees of all other contracting or subcontracting entities: (1) a conviction or other criminal history information designated by RES; (2) a felony or misdemeanor offense that would prevent a person from being employed under Texas Education Code § 22.085(a), that is: (a) conviction of a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18; (b) conviction of or placement on deferred adjudication community supervision for an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; or (c) conviction of an offense under federal law or the laws of another state that is equivalent to (a) or (b).

Types of Criminal History Record Information:

- For employees hired by Contractor/Subcontractor before January 1, 2008—Any law enforcement or criminal justice agency.
- For employees hired by Contractor/Subcontractor on or after January 1, 2008—National criminal history information from the Texas Department of Public Safety criminal history clearinghouse.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor/Subcontractor), I, the undersigned authorized signatory for Contractor/Subcontractor, certify to ResponsiveEd Texas (RES) (and, in the case of a Subcontractor, certify to Contractor and RES) that [check one]:

- ☐ None of the employees of Contractor/Subcontractor are *covered employees*, as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contractor/Subcontractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that its employees will not become *covered employees*. Contractor/Subcontractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided. If RES, in its sole discretion, determines that employees of Contractor/Subcontractor are *covered employees*, as defined above, Contractor/Subcontractor will provide RES with the name, date of birth, and any other requested information of such covered employees so that RES may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees, upon request of RES.

OR

- ☐ Some or all of the employees of Contractor/Subcontractor are *covered employees*, and Contractor/ Subcontractor qualifies for access to fingerprint criminal history under the National Child Protection Act. If this box is checked, I further certify that:
- (1) Contractor/Subcontractor has obtained all required criminal history record information regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history.
  - (2) If Contractor/Subcontractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor/Subcontractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify RES in writing within 3 business days.
  - (3) Upon request, Contractor/Subcontractor will provide RES with the name, date of birth, and any other requested information of covered employees so that RES may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.

OR

- ☐ Some or all of the employees of Contractor/Subcontractor are *covered employees*, and Contractor/Subcontractor does not qualify for access to fingerprint criminal history under the National Child Protection Act. If this box is checked, I further certify that:
- (1) For all covered employees hired by Contractor/Subcontractor before January 1, 2008, Contractor/Subcontractor has obtained all required criminal history record information. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history. If Contractor/Subcontractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor/Subcontractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify RES in writing within 3 business days. Upon request, Contractor/Subcontractor will provide RES with the name, date of birth, and any other requested information of covered employees so that RES may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.
  - (2) For each covered employee hired by Contractor/Subcontractor on or after January 1, 2008, Contractor/Subcontractor has attached a separate page(s) listing the following

information regarding each covered employee, so that RES may obtain the covered employees' criminal history record information: (a) Full name (first, middle, and last); and (b) Date of birth.

- (3) Contractor/Subcontractor shall provide the attached "Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form" document to all covered employees and ensure that they schedule fingerprinting appointments in a timely manner. Any covered employee whose criminal history record information is not received by RES at least ten (10) RES business days prior to the start of the services to be performed by Contractor/Subcontractor at RES is subject to exclusion from service, in RES's sole discretion, until his or her criminal history record information can be obtained and reviewed by RES. **Contractor/Subcontractor is responsible for the payment of all fingerprinting costs.** In accordance with the Texas Education Agency guidance, because Contractor/Subcontractor does not qualify for access to fingerprint criminal history under the NCPA, it will not be permitted to view the criminal history record information from DPS.
- (4) Contractor/Subcontractor agrees that RES will review each covered employee's criminal history record information, together with the employee's qualifications, background, and experience, based on information gathered by RES through the procurement and/or contracting processes, to determine, in RES's sole discretion, whether any covered employee(s) should be prohibited from serving at RES. RES will notify Contractor/Subcontractor of its determination.
- (5) If RES at any time receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported disqualifying criminal history or should be prohibited from serving at RES, in RES's sole discretion, for any other reason, including, but not limited to, the employee's qualifications, background, and experience, based on information gathered by RES through the procurement and/or contracting processes, RES will notify Contractor/Subcontractor of its determination. Contractor/Subcontractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties.

If RES, in its sole discretion, objects to the assignment of a covered employee for any reason, including, but not limited to, on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information and/or insufficient qualifications, lack of experience, and the like, based on information gathered by RES through the procurement and/or contracting processes, Contractor/Subcontractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at RES.

I also certify to RES (and, in the case of a Subcontractor, certify to Contractor and RES) on behalf of Contractor/Subcontractor that Contractor/Subcontractor has required its subcontractors to comply with Texas Education Code, Chapter 22 and obtained certifications from its subcontractors of such compliance. Noncompliance or misrepresentation regarding this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

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Signature

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Title

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Date

**\*\*\* Upon contract award, the awarded proposer(s) will be provided RES's fingerprint service code form to have its and subcontractors' covered employees fingerprinted.\*\*\***

## **CONFIDENTIALITY DECLARATION FORM**

### **INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO RES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROCUREMENT SOLICITATION OR THE AGREEMENT IS GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 552**

As a governmental body, RES is subject to the Texas Public Information Act found in Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Proposals and other information submitted to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement may be subject to release as public information. If a Vendor believes that part(s) of its proposal or any other information submitted by Vendor to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement contain confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret information or otherwise may be excepted from disclosure under Texas law, the Vendor must clearly and conspicuously mark the applicable information as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

Marking information as “CONFIDENTIAL” does not guarantee that the information will be withheld from disclosure. If RES receives a request for public information involving information that Vendor has clearly and conspicuously marked as “CONFIDENTIAL,” RES will respond pursuant to Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, which may or may not require that RES provide notice of the request to Vendor. Vendor understands and agrees that it is solely responsible for submitting to the Attorney General of Texas each reason why the requested information should be withheld and a letter, memorandum, or brief in support of that reason. Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.02222, “contracting information”<sup>2</sup> is public and must be released unless excepted from disclosure under Chapter 552. The exceptions provided by Chapter 552 for disclosure for proprietary information (552.1101), commercial or financial information that would cause substantial competitive harm if released (552.110(c)), or trade secrets (552.110(b)) may not be asserted for the following types of contracting information:

- (1) the following contract or offer terms or their functional equivalent: (A) any term describing the overall or total price the governmental body will or could potentially pay, including overall or total value, maximum liability, and final price; (B) a description of the items or services to be delivered with the total price for each if a total price is identified for the item or service in the contract; (C) the delivery and service deadlines; (D) the remedies for breach of contract; (E) the identity of all parties to the contract; (F) the identity of all subcontractors in a contract; (G) the affiliate overall or total pricing for a Vendor, contractor, potential Vendor, or potential contractor; (H) the execution dates; (I) the effective dates; and (J) the contract duration terms, including any extension options; or
- (2) information indicating whether a Vendor, contractor, potential Vendor, or potential contractor performed its duties under a contract, including information regarding: (A) a breach of contract; (B) a contract variance or exception; (C) a remedial action; (D) an amendment to a contract; (E) any assessed or paid liquidated

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<sup>2</sup>“Contracting information” is defined by Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.003(7) as “the following information maintained by a governmental body or sent between a governmental body and a Vendor, contractor, potential Vendor, or potential contractor: (A) information in a voucher or contract relating to the receipt or expenditure of public funds by a governmental body; (B) solicitation or bid documents relating to a contract with a governmental body; (C) communications sent between a governmental body and a Vendor, contractor, potential Vendor, or potential contractor during the solicitation, evaluation, or negotiation of a contract; (D) documents, including bid tabulations, showing the criteria by which a governmental body evaluates each Vendor, contractor, potential Vendor, or potential contractor responding to a solicitation and, if applicable, an explanation of why the Vendor or contractor was selected; and (E) communications and other information sent between a governmental body and a Vendor or contractor related to the performance of a final contract with the governmental body or work performed on behalf of the governmental body.” damages; (F) a key measures report; (G) a progress report; and (H) a final payment checklist.

RES assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by Vendors, and **Vendor hereby waives any claim against and releases from liability RES, its respective officers, employees, agents, and attorneys with respect to disclosure of information provided under or in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement or otherwise created, assembled, maintained, or held by Vendor or RES and determined by RES, the Attorney General of Texas, or a court of law to be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.** Further, even if Vendor marks information as “CONFIDENTIAL,” **Vendor expressly agrees that RES may disclose Vendor’s proposal, including, but not limited to, pricing information, to other governmental entities.**

Please check **ONLY ONE** of the following options:

- ☐ Declaration of Confidentiality – Vendor HAS clearly and conspicuously marked information contained in its proposal and/or other information submitted by Vendor to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Vendor declares that the information marked by Vendor as “CONFIDENTIAL” contains confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret information and is excepted from disclosure under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.
- ☐ Waiver of Confidentiality – Vendor HAS NOT marked any information contained in its proposal and/or other information submitted by Vendor to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Vendor certifies that it has not submitted any confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret information to RES and that its proposal and all other information—including any pricing information—submitted by Vendor to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. Vendor hereby expressly waives any claim of confidentiality with respect to its proposal and/or any other information submitted by Vendor to RES in connection with this procurement solicitation or the Agreement.

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Vendor Name

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Printed Name of Authorized Officer/Representative of Vendor

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Title

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Signature

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Date