



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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County-Wide Tree Removal Services

## **CHILD SUPPORT STATEMENT FOR NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is eligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

List below the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% of the business entity submitting the bid or application.

| NAME | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
|------|------------------------|
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Section 231.006, Family Code, specifies that a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or receive a state-funded grant or loan.

A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to receive payments described above remains ineligible until all arrearage have been paid or the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency.

Except as provided by Section 231.302(d), Family Code, a social security number is confidential and may be disclosed only for the purposes of responding to a request for information from an agency operating under the provision of Parts A and D of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 601417 and 651-669).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Type Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## **DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

Neither my company nor an owner or principal of my company has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise made ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension," as described in the Federal Register and Rules and Regulations. Neither my company nor an owner or principal of my company is currently listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under any statutory or regulatory authority. My company agrees to immediately notify Waller County if my company or an owner or principal is later listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, or is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under any statutory or regulatory authority.

By signature below, I certify that the above is true, complete, and accurate, and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

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

## **RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CERTIFICATION**

Chapter 2252, Subchapter A of the Texas Government Code establishes certain requirements applicable to proposers who are not Texas residents. Under the statute, a "resident" proposer is a person whose principal place of business is in Texas, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas. A "nonresident" proposer is a person who is not a Texas resident. Please indicate the status of your company as a "resident" proposer or a "nonresident" proposer under these definitions.

Please mark one of the following:

I certify that my company is a Resident Proposer.

I certify that my company is a Nonresident Proposer.

If your company is a Nonresident Proposer, you must provide the following information for your resident state (the state in which your company's principal place of business is located):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

A. Does your resident state require a proposer whose principal place of business in is Texas to under-price proposers whose resident state is the same as yours by a prescribed amount or percentage to receive a comparable contract?

Yes  No

B. What is the prescribed amount or percentage? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ %



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## **NO ISRAEL BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION**

Effective September 1, 2017, as amended effective May 7, 2019 (H.B. 793), a Texas governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds with a company (excluding a sole proprietorship) that has 10 or more full-time employees for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract. (Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2270). Accordingly, this certification form is included to the extent required by law.

“Boycott Israel” means 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 specifically 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. Tex. Gov't Code §808.001(1).

By signature below, I certify and verify that Vendor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of any contract awarded under this RFP, that this certification is true, complete, and accurate; and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

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

## **NO EXCLUDED NATION OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION**

Effective September 1, 2017, Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code provides that a Texas governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company engaged in active business operations with Sudan, Iran, or a foreign terrorist organization – specifically, any company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller under Texas Government Code §§806.051, 807.051, or 2252.123. (A company that the U.S. Government affirmatively declares to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan, Iran, or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization is not subject to the contract prohibition.)

By signature below, I certify and verify that Vendor is not on the Texas Comptroller's list identified above; that this certification is true, complete, and accurate; and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## **HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS CERTIFICATION**

A Proposer that has been certified as Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) is encouraged to indicate its HUB certification status when responding to this RFP.

Please mark all that apply:

- I certify that my company has been certified as a HUB in the following categories:
- Minority Owned Business
  - Women Owned Business
  - Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (veteran defined by 38 U.S.C. §101(2), who has a service-connected disability as defined by 38 U.S.C. § 101(16), and who has a disability rating of 20% or more as determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs or Department of Defense.)

Certification Number:

Name of Certifying Agency:

- My company has **NOT** been certified as a HUB.

By signature below, I certify that the above is true, complete, and accurate, and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## **DEVIATION AND COMPLIANCE**

If your company intends to deviate from the Terms and Conditions, Specifications, or any other requirements contained in the RFP, you must identify on this form where the deviations are specified in your Proposal. Complete and detailed information regarding deviations must be clearly identified in your Proposal. The County will consider any deviations in its Contract award decision, and reserves the right to accept or reject a Proposal based upon any submitted deviation.

In the absence of the identification on this form of deviations in your Proposal, your company must fully comply with the Terms and Conditions, Specifications, and all other requirements associated with this RFP if awarded a Contract under this RFP. A deviation will not be effective unless it is accepted by the County. The County may, in its sole discretion, seek clarification from and/or communicate with Proposer(s) regarding any submitted deviation, consistent with general procurement principles of fair competition. The County reserves the right to accept or reject a Proposal based upon any submitted deviation.

Please mark one of the following:

- Proposal contains NO deviations.
- Proposal CONTAINS deviations.

Specifically identify the location of any proposed deviations in your Proposal:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## PROPOSER'S BUSINESS NAME

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer is seeking to enter into a legal contract with the County. As such, a Proposer must be an individual or a legal business entity capable of entering into a binding contract. Proposers must completely and accurately provide the information requested below or your Proposal may be deemed non-responsive.

**Name of Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Business** (please check one):

- Individual/Sole Proprietor
- Corporation
- Limited Liability Company
- Partnership
- Other

If other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**State of Incorporation** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Employer Identification Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

List any other names the Company uses, or is known by (dba, aka, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

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



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## **NO ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION**

Effective September 1, 2021, a Texas governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds with a company (excluding a sole proprietorship) that has 10 or more full-time employees for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott energy companies currently; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract. (Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2274). Accordingly, this certification form is included to the extent required by law.

“Boycott Energy Companies” means without an ordinary business purpose, 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 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) above. Tex. Gov't Code §809.001(1).

“Company” means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit. (Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2274.001(2)).

By signature below, I certify and verify that Vendor does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of any contract awarded under this RFP, that this certification is true, complete, and accurate; and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## **NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARM AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES CERTIFICATION**

Effective September 1, 2021, Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code provides that a Texas governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company (excluding a sole proprietorship) for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. (Tex. Gov't Code §2274). Accordingly, this certification form is included to the extent required by law.

"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" means, 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. The phrase 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:

- (a) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or
- (b) 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.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, 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 those entities or associations that exists to make a profit.

By signature below, I certify and verify that Vendor does not discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries; that this certification is true, complete, and accurate; and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

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





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## **CERTIFICATION ON INDEBTEDNESS TO COUNTY**

Pursuant to Local Government Code 262.0276, and the Order Adopting Contracting Rules for Persons Indebted to County adopted on September 10, 2014, Waller County will not enter into any contract(s) with any person, business, or any other entity that proposes or otherwise seeks to enter into a contract or other transaction with Waller County that is indebted to the County.

Please provide the following information:

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Waller County Property Accounts:

Real Estate \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Property \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor hereby certifies that they do not owe a debt to Waller County, Texas.

By signature below, I certify that the above is true, complete, and accurate, and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

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

## **AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

I certify that certificates of insurance showing proof of coverages that meet the requirements outlined in this RFP shall be provided to Waller County within ten (10) calendar days of any Notice of Award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION** **(FORM 1295)**

Texas Government Code §2252.908 requires that a business entity submit a disclosure of interested parties at the time it submits a signed contract to Waller County. This includes new, amended, extended, or renewed contracts that:

- (1) Require an action or vote by the Commissioners Court before the contract may be signed;
- (2) Have a value of at least \$1 million; or
- (3) Are for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Texas Government Code Chapter 305.

A Proposer must:

- (1) Go to: <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/> and follow the instructions to submit an electronic filing application. If you already have an account then you may log in and proceed with the process.
- (2) Complete and print a copy of the form which will contain a unique certification number.
- (3) Have an authorized agent sign the printed copy of the form.
- (4) Include the completed Form 1295 with your Proposal when it is submitted to Waller County. (Scanning and emailing this form is sufficient for renewals & maintenance of solicitations.)

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

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

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

**7**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(2) the vendor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.