

REQUEST FOR BID

RFB No. 2025-08

Wastewater Treatment Plant Cleaning

Publish Date: April 30, 2025

All Questions Due: May 14, 2025, 5:00 P.M. CT

Bid Closing Date & Time: May 16, 2025, 2:00 PM CT

Bid Opening Date & Time: May 16, 2025, 2:01 PM CT

For Information Contact:

Daniel Wilson, Public Works Director, Waller 936-372-3880,

Pre-Submittal Meeting

May 8, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.

Waller Wastewater Treatment Plant

102 Walnut St., Waller, TX 77484

RFB Opening Location:

May 16th at 2:01pm CST

via Teams Video **Conferencing Only**

Meeting ID: 243 192 641 27

Password: AN2TW9Sf

City Hall 1218 Farr St Waller, Texas 77484 Telephone 936-372-3880

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Bidder Info

Company/Firm:			
Name of Contact Person(s):			
Email(s):			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Mailing Address:			

It is your responsibility to complete and return this form to the City.

Notices and addenda are posted on Civcast and on the City's website and can be accessed at: wallertexas.gov

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III. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this document and the transaction between the City and the selected submitter unless otherwise designated in the context. Terms, which are singular, may include multiple, where applicable and when in the best interests of the City:

- (1) "City" means and refers to the City of Waller, Texas.
- (2) "Company" or "Firm" means and refers to any submitter, whether such submitter be a sole proprietor, corporation, company, partnership, company, or any other entity legally defined or recognized under the laws of the State of Texas.
- (3) "Bid" or "Submission" refers to a response submitted to an RFB.
- (4) "RFB" means and refers to a Request for Bid that will be awarded based on lowest responsible bid or best value to City of Waller.
- (5) "Selected submission" means and refers to the submission sent to the City of Waller by the Selected Firm.
- (6) "Selected Firm" means the firm who is selected by the City and to whom the City Council/Mayor awards a contract for the services or commodities requested in this solicitation.
- (7) "Solicitation" means an RFB issued by the City seeking products or services described in the document.
- (8) "Submitter" or "Vendor" or "Bidder" or "Contractor" means a firm that submits a response to a solicitation.
- (9) "Contract documents" includes the RFB and all the Appendices attached to the RFB.
- (10) "Day" means a working day unless otherwise specifically defined.
- (11) "TxDOT" means Texas Department of Transportation

IV. REQUESTED SERVICES/PRODUCTS

A. Scope of Services / Specifications

- (1) The project generally consists of the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, appurtenances, and incidentals as required to properly fabricate, construct, inspect and test the items required for the removal, screening, and disposal of all accumulated sludge contents within two (2) primary racetracks and deep cleaning of each basin.
- (2) General Contractor shall self-perform 100% of this project.
- (3) TxDot Qualifications are NOT Required for this project.
- (4) Detailed specifications are attached as Appendices.
- (5) A digital version of this document can be obtained from the City of Waller's Civcast post or the City of Waller Website wallertexas.gov

B. Terms Conditions & Requirements

In addition to the specifications for the Project, the attached Appendices include the City's Contract Requirements.

C. Duration of Services

The City of Waller is seeking to have the work that is the subject of this RFB completed within **100 CALENDAR DAYS**, from the date of the Notice to Proceed. In determining the number of days for completion of the work under this Contract, it is anticipated that work will not be performed on Saturdays, Sundays, or City holidays unless specifically approved by City. Since "day" is defined as a calendar day, Saturdays, Sundays, and City holidays shall be counted as days and included in calculating the Contract time. If a Contractor wants to perform work on Saturdays, Sundays, or City holidays, the Contractor shall seek approval by making a written request to City. The contractor shall be responsible for all City staff and third-party time, costs, expenses, and overtime for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays, or City holidays, unless excused in writing by the City prior to the work.

D. Reservations by City:

The City of Waller reserves the right to reject any and all submittals. The issuance of this solicitation does not obligate the City to contract for expressed or implied services. The City of Waller will not reimburse vendors for any costs incurred during the preparation or submittal of responses to this solicitation.

(1) Furthermore, the City expressly reserves the right to:

- (a) Waive any defect, irregularity, or informality in any submittal or procedure.
- (b) Extend the solicitation closing time and date.
- (c) Reissue this solicitation in a different form or context.
- (d) Procure any item by other allowable means.
- (e) Waive minor deviations from specifications, conditions, terms, or provisions of the solicitation, if it is determined that waiver of the minor deviations improves or enhances the City's business interests under the solicitation; and/or
- (f) Extend any contract when most advantageous to the City, as set forth in this solicitation.
- (g) Retain all bids submitted and to use any ideas in a bid regardless of whether or not that bid is selected

E. Project Description:

The City of Waller is seeking a qualified contractor to remove all sludge, dirt and build up from its two (2) racetracks located at 102 Walnut St. The selected contractor will be responsible for the removal of all materials and disposal of removed material. The City is also requested the deep cleaning of each basin. Each basin is approximately 6 feet deep with an average build up of 4 feet. See attached plans for specifications of each basin.

V. REQUEST FOR BIDS – SUBMISSION AND AWARD PROCEDURES

A. Requirements

- (1) Vendors should submit their bids to the City of Waller. Paper/Physical submissions should include **one (1) electronic copy (CD or Flash Drive) and (1) original and two (2) copies of their statements of qualifications on 8 ½ x 11 paper**. These must be received by the date set out above in the Schedule of Solicitation for a submitting firm to be considered:
- (2) Pricing Forms and Submission/Bid Security
 - (a) Pricing Forms.
 1. Bids are to be submitted with a response on each item and the total extended.
 2. Pricing is to be submitted on units of quantity Specified on the Pricing Form, with extended totals. In the event of a discrepancy in any extension total, the unit price shall govern and be binding for purposes of this RFB.

B. Completeness of Submission

- (1) Vendors are responsible for examining and being familiar with all specifications, drawings, standard provisions, instructions, and terms and conditions of the solicitation and their responses.
- (2) The vendor must attach all required forms with each submission copy. Forms must be signed by a representative of the vendor authorized to bind the vendor contractually. The vendor must include a statement identifying any exceptions to this RFB or declare that there are no exceptions taken to the RFB.

C. Bid Response Date and Location

Bid submissions must be received by 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) on May 16, 2025. Paper submissions will be received at the address listed below **Via Delivery Services or Personal Delivery** to:

Attn: Daniel Wilson
1218 Farr Street
Waller, Texas 77484

If using U.S. Mail, note that U.S. Mail is frequently delayed in the Houston area and it is the bidders responsibility to ensure bid documents arrive to City Hall by the due date.

All submissions shall be sent to the attention of the Public Works Director in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked on the outside as follows:

**“RFB 2025-08, Wastewater Treatment Plant Cleaning
Bid Opening: 2:01 P.M. (Central Time) on May 16, 2025**

Vendors accept all risk of late delivery bids regardless of instance or fault. A bid received after the submission deadline will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the submitter. Vendors accept all risks of delivery.

The City will **NOT** accept a response submitted by facsimile transmission (fax) or by electronic mail (email).

All submissions and accompanying documentation will become the property of the City.

D. Modification to or Withdrawal of Submission

Submissions cannot be altered or amended after the submission deadline passes. Submissions may be modified prior to the deadline by providing a written notice to the Purchasing contact person at the address previously stated. To modify a submission prior to the submission deadline:

- (1) Submit a written notice of the modification **WITHOUT** revealing the bid price. The modification should provide the addition, subtraction, or other modifications so that the final prices or terms will not be revealed to the City until the sealed bid is opened.
- (2) The written modification may be submitted by electronic transmission (fax or email or personal delivery to Purchasing Agent identified earlier in this document). The written modification must be received by the City prior to the closing time.
- (3) If the modification is submitted through an electronic transmission (fax or email), the City must receive an original of the modification document signed by the bidder and submitted to a delivery company (UPS, FedEx, etc.) prior to the bid closing time. If the original of the modification was not submitted to a delivery company prior to the closing time or is not received within three (3) days after the closing time of the bid, consideration will not be given to the modifications provided in the electronic transmission.

A submission may also be withdrawn by providing the notice in person by a representative of the vendor who can provide proof of his authority to act for the vendor. The representative will be required to execute a receipt reflecting the submission is being withdrawn. If a submission is withdrawn before the submission deadline stated herein, the vendor may submit a new sealed bid provided the new bid is received prior to the closing date and time deadline stated on the cover page and in the Schedule for the Solicitation. This provision does not change the common law right of a submitter to withdraw a submission due to a material mistake in the submission.

E. Vendor's Cost to Develop Submission

Costs for developing and assembling submissions in response to this solicitation are entirely the responsibility and obligation of the vendor and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by the City.

F. References

The City reserves the right to request that a vendor provide references.

G. Method of Award and Evaluation of Factors [x in box shows applicable]

(1) For this solicitation, the City will award the contract to the:

Lowest responsible bidder

Bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City.

(2) Lowest Responsible Bidder:

(a) The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based on the base bid plus any selected alternatives provided the amount does not exceed the funds then estimated by the City as available to finance the contract.

(b) If the contract is bid with alternatives, the City reserves the right to select any combination of alternatives and will then compare all bids using the selected alternatives. If the amount of the bids exceeds the funds available to finance the contract, the City may (i) reject all bids or (ii) may award the contract based on the base bid with such deductions as produces a net total which is available within the available funds.

(3) Best Value:

(a) In determining best value for the City, the City may consider:

1. The purchase price.

2. The reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's goods or services.

3. The quality of the bidder's goods or services.

4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the municipality's needs.

5. The bidder's past relationship with the municipality.

6. the impact on the ability of the municipality to comply with laws and rules relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses and non-profit organizations employing persons with disabilities.

7. the total long-term cost to the municipality to acquire the bidder's good or services; and

8. any relevant criteria specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals

(b) Compliance with all bid requirements, delivery and needs of the City are considerations in evaluating bids. The City of Waller reserves the right to contact any offer or, at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to any bid.

(4) During the evaluation process, the City reserves the right, where it may serve the City's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from bidders.

H. Contract Award and Execution

The final contract must be awarded and approved by the Waller City Council.

APPENDIX A

(1) Qualification Application

QUALIFICATION APPLICATION

Company Name:

By: _____

Title: _____

Telephone (____) _____ e-Mail _____

Date: _____

A. GENERAL

1. Organization Doing Business As:

Business Address:

Telephone Number: (____) _____

e-mail: _____

- Indicate as Applicable: Corporation
 Partnership
 Sole Proprietorship

Principal Office Location:

Address:

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

e-mail: _____

2. If a CORPORATION:

Date of Incorporation: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Chief Executive Officer's Name: _____

President's Name: _____

Vice President's Name(s): _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

3. If a PARTNERSHIP:

Date of organization: _____

State whether partnership is general or limited: _____

Name and address of each partner: _____

4. If a SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP:

Name and business address:

5. Provide a brief history of the organization and attach to this form. Labeled as "Attachment A". This attachment should include, at a minimum:

- Parent company name, if applicable
- Other names Bidding Organization is currently using, or has used in the past
- Years of experience in the industry

6. Name and title of individuals from your organization who have visited the site of the work, reviewed the Prequalification package, assisted in preparation of the Prequalification package (other than typing). At a minimum, the following individuals shall be named: Authorized Signatory, Estimator, and Project Manager. If necessary, attached a separate sheet, labeled as "Attachment B."

7. Is your organization legally qualified to do business in Texas?

8. How many persons are employed full-time by your company?

B. EXPERIENCE & EQUIPMENT

1. Key Personnel Experience: Provide qualifications of the project personnel who will perform key functions. Minimum information to be contained on the resume* of each individual, if applicable, shall include: years with Bidding Organization, total years of related technical experience, managerial experience, education, position occupied on each assignment, description of duties on each assignment, professional registration and certification, professional societies and affiliations and number of years of related experience with the organization. The following positions on your project team shall be identified at this time and shall be binding throughout the duration of the project unless otherwise approved by the City of Waller.

KEY PROJECT PERSONNEL – GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Principal-in-Charge

Dedicated Project Manager (committed to, and performing, the work)

Project Director (if applicable)

Project Superintendent (Site Superintendent)

Safety Officer

(*Resumes shall include (1) where person was employed for the last ten years, (2) detailed projects and experience for the last three years, and (3) any information/experience noted in **Section V (“Prequalification Process and Review”)** of the Request for Bids)

2. Organizational Experience

a) How many years has your organization been in business as a company under your present business name?

b) List any other names your organization has, does or anticipates operating under, including the names of related companies presently doing business:

- c) How many years of experience in the proposed type and size of work has your organization had? _____
- 1) As a General Contractor: _____
 - 2) As a Joint Venture Partner: _____
 - 3) As a Subcontractor: _____

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

1.01 *Defined Terms*

- A. Wherever used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents and printed with initial capital letters, the terms listed below will have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof. In addition to terms specifically defined, terms with initial capital letters in the Contract Documents include references to identified articles and paragraphs, and the titles of other documents or forms.
1. *Addenda*—Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents.
 2. *Agreement*—The written instrument which is evidence of the agreement between Owner and Contractor covering the Work.
 3. *Application for Payment*—The form acceptable to Director which is to be used by Contractor during the course of the Work in requesting progress or final payments and which is to be accompanied by such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.
 4. *Asbestos*—Any material that contains more than one percent asbestos and is friable or is releasing asbestos fibers into the air above current action levels established by the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
 5. *Bid*—The offer or proposal of a Bidder submitted on the prescribed form setting forth the prices for the Work to be performed.
 6. *Bidder*—The individual or entity who submits a Bid directly to Owner.
 7. *Bidding Documents*—The Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda).
 8. *Bidding Requirements*—The advertisement or invitation to bid, Instructions to Bidders, Bid security of acceptable form, if any, and the Bid Form with any supplements.
 9. *Change Order*—A document recommended by Director which is signed by Contractor and Owner and authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.
 10. *Claim*—A demand or assertion by Owner or Contractor seeking an adjustment of Contract Price or Contract Times, or both, or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract. A demand for money or services by a third party is not a Claim.
 11. *Contract*—The entire and integrated written agreement between the Owner and Contractor concerning the Work. The Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral.
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12. *Contract Documents*—Those items so designated in the Agreement. Only printed or hard copies of the items listed in the Agreement are Contract Documents. Approved Shop Drawings, other Contractor submittals, and the reports and drawings of subsurface and physical conditions are not Contract Documents.
 13. *Contract Price*—The moneys payable by Owner to Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents as stated in the Agreement (subject to the provisions of Paragraph 11.03 in the case of Unit Price Work).
 14. *Contract Times*—The number of days or the dates stated in the Agreement to: (i) achieve Milestones, if any; (ii) achieve Substantial Completion; and (iii) complete the Work so that it is ready for final payment as evidenced by Director’s written recommendation of final payment.
 15. *Contractor*—The individual or entity with whom Owner has entered into the Agreement.
 16. *Cost of the Work*—See Paragraph 11.01 for definition.
 17. *Drawings*—That part of the Contract Documents prepared or approved by Director which graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by Contractor. Shop Drawings and other Contractor submittals are not Drawings as so defined.
 18. *Effective Date of the Agreement*—The date indicated in the Agreement on which it becomes effective, but if no such date is indicated, it means the date on which the Agreement is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties to sign and deliver.
 19. *Field Order*—A written order issued by Director which requires minor changes in the Work but which does not involve a change in the Contract Price or the Contract Times.
 20. *General Requirements*—Sections of Division 1 of the Specifications.
 21. *Hazardous Environmental Condition*—The presence at the Site of Asbestos, PCBs, Petroleum, Hazardous Waste, or Radioactive Material in such quantities or circumstances that may present a substantial danger to persons or property exposed thereto.
 22. *Hazardous Waste*—The term Hazardous Waste shall have the meaning provided in Section 1004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 USC Section 6903) as amended from time to time.
 23. *Laws and Regulations; Laws or Regulations*—Any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders of any and all governmental bodies, agencies, authorities, and courts having jurisdiction.
 24. *Liens*—Charges, security interests, or encumbrances upon Project funds, real property, or personal property.
 25. *Milestone*—A principal event specified in the Contract Documents relating to an intermediate completion date or time prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work.
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26. *Notice of Award*—The written notice by Owner to the Successful Bidder stating that upon timely compliance by the Successful Bidder with the conditions precedent listed therein, Owner will sign and deliver the Agreement.
 27. *Notice to Proceed*—A written notice given by Owner to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work under the Contract Documents.
 28. *Owner*—The individual or entity with whom Contractor has entered into the Agreement and for whom the Work is to be performed.
 29. *Progress Schedule*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, describing the sequence and duration of the activities comprising the Contractor’s plan to accomplish the Work within the Contract Times.
 30. *Project*—The total of which the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole, or a part.
 31. *Project Manual*—The bound documentary information prepared for bidding and constructing the Work. A listing of the contents of the Project Manual, which may be bound in one or more volumes, is contained in the table(s) of contents.
 32. *Samples*—Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and which establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.
 33. *Schedule of Submittals*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, of required submittals and the time requirements to support scheduled performance of related activities.
 34. *Schedule of Values*—A schedule, prepared and maintained by Contractor, allocating portions of the Contract Price to various portions of the Work and used as the basis for reviewing Contractor’s Applications for Payment.
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1. *Shop Drawings*—All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information which are specifically prepared or assembled by or for Contractor and submitted by Contractor to illustrate some portion of the Work.
 2. *Site*—Lands or areas indicated in the Contract Documents as being furnished by Owner upon which the Work is to be performed, including rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and such other lands furnished by Owner which are designated for the use of Contractor.
 3. *Specifications*—That part of the Contract Documents consisting of written requirements for materials, equipment, systems, standards and workmanship as applied to the Work, and certain administrative requirements and procedural matters applicable thereto.
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4. *Subcontractor*—An individual or entity having a direct contract with Contractor or with any other Subcontractor for the performance of a part of the Work at the Site.
 5. *Substantial Completion*—The time at which the Work (or a specified part thereof) has progressed to the point where, in the opinion of Director, the Work (or a specified part thereof) is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so that the Work (or a specified part thereof) can be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended. The terms “substantially complete” and “substantially completed” as applied to all or part of the Work refer to Substantial Completion thereof.
 6. *Successful Bidder*—The Bidder submitting a responsive Bid to whom Owner makes an award.
 7. *Supplementary Conditions*—That part of the Contract Documents which amends or supplements these General Conditions.
 8. *Supplier*—A manufacturer, fabricator, supplier, distributor, materialman, or vendor having a direct contract with Contractor or with any Subcontractor to furnish materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work by Contractor or Subcontractor.
 9. *Underground Facilities*—All underground pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities, including those that convey electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, water, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems.
 10. *Unit Price Work*—Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.
 11. *Work*—The entire construction or the various separately identifiable parts thereof required to be provided under the Contract Documents. Work includes and is the result of performing or providing all labor, services, and documentation necessary to produce such construction, and furnishing, installing, and incorporating all materials and equipment into such construction, all as required by the Contract Documents.
 12. *Work Change Directive*—A written statement to Contractor issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and signed by Owner and recommended by Director ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen subsurface or physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed or to emergencies. A Work Change Directive will not change the Contract Price or the Contract Times but is evidence that the parties expect that the change ordered or documented by a Work Change Directive will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or Contract Times.
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1.02 *Terminology*

A. The words and terms discussed in Paragraph 1.02.B through F are not defined but, when used in the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents, have the indicated meaning.

B. *Intent of Certain Terms or Adjectives:*

1. The Contract Documents include the terms “as allowed,” “as approved,” “as ordered,” “as directed” or terms of like effect or import to authorize an exercise of professional judgment by Director. In addition, the adjectives “reasonable,” “suitable,” “acceptable,” “proper,” “satisfactory,” or adjectives of like effect or import are used to describe an action or determination of Director as to the Work. It is intended that such exercise of professional judgment, action, or determination will be solely to evaluate, in general, the Work for compliance with the information in the Contract Documents and with the design concept of the Project as a functioning whole as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents (unless there is a specific statement indicating otherwise). The use of any such term or adjective is not intended to and shall not be effective to assign to Director any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work, or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility contrary to the provisions of Paragraph 9.09 or any other provision of the Contract Documents.

C. *Day:*

1. The word “day” means a calendar day of 24 hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

D. *Defective:*

1. The word “defective,” when modifying the word “Work,” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient in that it:
 - a. does not conform to the Contract Documents; or
 - b. does not meet the requirements of any applicable inspection, reference standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents; or
 - c. has been damaged prior to Director’s recommendation of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner at Substantial Completion in accordance with Paragraph 14.04 or 14.05).

E. *Furnish, Install, Perform, Provide:*

1. The word “furnish,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to supply and deliver said services, materials, or equipment to the Site (or some other specified location) ready for use or installation and in usable or operable condition.
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2. The word “install,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to put into use or place in final position said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 3. The words “perform” or “provide,” when used in connection with services, materials, or equipment, shall mean to furnish and install said services, materials, or equipment complete and ready for intended use.
 4. When “furnish,” “install,” “perform,” or “provide” is not used in connection with services, materials, or equipment in a context clearly requiring an obligation of Contractor, “provide” is implied.
- F. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract Documents, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or industry or trade meaning are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meaning.

ARTICLE 2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

2.01 Delivery of Bonds and Evidence of Insurance

- A. When Contractor delivers the executed counterparts of the Agreement to Owner, Contractor shall also deliver to Owner such bonds as Contractor may be required to furnish.
- B. *Evidence of Insurance:* Before any Work at the Site is started, Contractor and Owner shall each deliver to the other, with copies to each additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance which either of them or any additional insured may reasonably request) which Contractor and Owner respectively are required to purchase and maintain in accordance with Article 5.

2.02 Copies of Documents

- A. Owner shall furnish to Contractor up to ten printed or hard copies of the Drawings and Project Manual. Additional copies will be furnished upon request at the cost of reproduction.

2.03 Commencement of Contract Times; Notice to Proceed

- A. The Contract Times will commence to run on the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement or, if a Notice to Proceed is given, on the day indicated in the Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within 30 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement. In no event will the Contract Times commence to run later than the sixtieth day after the day of Bid opening or the thirtieth day after the Effective Date of the Agreement, whichever date is earlier.

2.04 Starting the Work

- A. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date when the Contract Times commence to run. No Work shall be done at the Site prior to the date on which the Contract Times commence to run.
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2.05 *Before Starting Scope of Work*

- A. *Preliminary Schedules:* Within 10 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the General Requirements), Contractor shall submit to Director for timely review:
1. a preliminary Progress Schedule indicating the times (numbers of days or dates) for starting and completing the various stages of the Work, including any Milestones specified in the Contract Documents;
 2. a preliminary Schedule of Submittals; and
 3. a preliminary Schedule of Values for all of the Work which includes quantities and prices of items which when added together equal the Contract Price and subdivides the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during performance of the Work. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work.

2.06 *Pre Work Conference; Designation of Authorized Representatives*

- A. Before any Work at the Site is started, a conference attended by Owner, Contractor, Director, and others as appropriate will be held to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work and to discuss the schedules.
- B. At this conference Owner and Contractor each shall designate, in writing, a specific individual to act as its authorized representative with respect to the services and responsibilities under the Contract. Such individuals shall have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, render decisions relative to the Contract, and otherwise act on behalf of each respective party.

ARTICLE 3 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: INTENT, AMENDING, REUSE

1.01 *Intent*

- A. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one is as binding as if required by all.
- B. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any labor, documentation, services, materials, or equipment that reasonably may be inferred from the Contract Documents or from prevailing custom or trade usage as being required to produce the indicated result will be provided whether or not specifically called for, at no additional cost to Owner.
- C. Clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents shall be issued by Director as provided in Article 9.
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1.02 *Reference Standards*

A. Standards, Specifications, Codes, Laws, and Regulations

1. Reference to standards, specifications, manuals, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to Laws or Regulations, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the standard, specification, manual, code, or Laws or Regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids), except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
2. No provision of any such standard, specification, manual, or code, or any instruction of a Supplier, shall be effective to change the duties or responsibilities of Owner, Contractor, or Director, or any of their subcontractors, consultants, agents, or employees, from those set forth in the Contract Documents. No such provision or instruction shall be effective to assign to Owner, Director, or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, any duty or authority to supervise or direct the performance of the Work or any duty or authority to undertake responsibility inconsistent with the provisions of the Contract Documents.

1.03 *Reporting and Resolving Discrepancies*

A. *Reporting Discrepancies:*

1. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents Before Starting Work:* Before undertaking each part of the Work, Contractor shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures therein and all applicable field measurements. Contractor shall promptly report in writing to Director any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy which Contractor discovers, or has actual knowledge of, and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from Director before proceeding with any Work affected thereby.
 2. *Contractor's Review of Contract Documents During Performance of Work:* If, during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy within the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and (a) any applicable Law or Regulation, (b) any standard, specification, manual, or code, or (c) any instruction of any Supplier, then Contractor shall promptly report it to Director in writing. Contractor shall not proceed with the Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as required by Paragraph 6.16.A) until an amendment or supplement to the Contract Documents has been issued by one of the methods indicated in Paragraph 3.04.
 3. Contractor shall not be liable to Owner or Director for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents unless Contractor had actual knowledge thereof.
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B. *Resolving Discrepancies:*

1. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents, the provisions of the Contract Documents shall take precedence in resolving any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy between the provisions of the Contract Documents and:
 - a. the provisions of any standard, specification, manual, or code, or the instruction of any Supplier (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents); or
 - b. the provisions of any Laws or Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work (unless such an interpretation of the provisions of the Contract Documents would result in violation of such Law or Regulation).

1.04 *Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents*

- A. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by either a Change Order or a Work Change Directive.
- B. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways:
 1. A Field Order;
 2. Directors approval of changes

1.05 *Reuse of Documents*

- A. Contractor and any Subcontractor or Supplier shall not:
 1. have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the City of Waller or its consultants, including electronic media editions; or

4.01 *Differing Subsurface or Physical Conditions*

- A. *Notice:* If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition that is uncovered or revealed either:
 1. is of such a nature as to establish that any “technical data” on which Contractor is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 4.02 is materially inaccurate; or
 2. is of such a nature as to require a change in the Contract Documents; or
 3. differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents; or
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4. is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents;

then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith notify Owner and Director in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except as aforesaid) until receipt of written order to do so.

B. Possible Price and Times Adjustments:

1. Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Times if:
 - a. Contractor knew of the existence of such conditions at the time Contractor made a final commitment to Owner with respect to Contract Price and Contract Times by the submission of a Bid or becoming bound under a negotiated contract; or
 - b. the existence of such condition could reasonably have been discovered or revealed as a result of any examination, investigation, exploration, test, or study of the Site and contiguous areas required by the Bidding Requirements or Contract Documents to be conducted by or for Contractor prior to Contractor's making such final commitment; or
 - c. Contractor failed to give the written notice.

4.02 *Underground Facilities*

- A. Shown or Indicated:* The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Site is based on information and data furnished to Owner or Director by the owners of such Underground Facilities, including Owner, or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplementary Conditions:
1. Owner and Director shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data provided by others; and
 2. the cost of all of the following will be included in the Contract Price, and Contractor shall have full responsibility for:
 - a. reviewing and checking all such information and data;
 - b. locating all Underground Facilities
 - c. the safety and protection of all such Underground Facilities and repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work.
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4.03 *Hazardous Environmental Condition at Site*

If Contractor encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition or if Contractor or anyone for whom Contractor is responsible creates a Hazardous Environmental Condition, Contractor shall immediately: (i) secure or otherwise isolate such condition; (ii) stop all Work in connection with such condition and in any area affected thereby (except in an emergency)

If after receipt of such written notice Contractor does not agree to resume such Work based on a reasonable belief it is unsafe, or does not agree to resume such Work under such special conditions, then Owner may order the portion of the Work that is in the area affected by such condition to be deleted from the Work. If Owner and Contractor cannot agree as to entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times as a result of deleting such portion of the Work, then either party may make a Claim therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05. Owner may have such deleted portion of the Work performed by Owner's own forces or others in accordance with Article 7.

ARTICLE 5 – INSURANCE

5.01 *Certificates of Insurance*

- A. Contractor shall deliver to Owner, with copies to each additional insured and loss payee identified in the Supplementary Conditions, certificates of insurance (and other evidence of insurance requested by Owner or any other additional insured) which Contractor is required to purchase and maintain.
- B. Failure of Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of Contractor's full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Owner to identify a deficiency in compliance from the evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.
- C. Owner does not represent that insurance coverage and limits established in this Contract necessarily will be adequate to protect Contractor.
- D. The insurance and insurance limits required herein shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to Owner in the Contract Documents.

5.02 *Contractor's Insurance*

- A. Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed and as will provide protection from claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from Contractor's performance of the Work and Contractor's other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed by Contractor, any Subcontractor or Supplier,
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or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

1. claims under workers' compensation, disability benefits, and other similar employee benefit acts;
2. claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of Contractor's employees;
3. claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than Contractor's employees;
4. claims for damages insured by reasonably available personal injury liability coverage which are sustained:
 - a. by any person as a result of an offense directly or indirectly related to the employment of such person by Contractor, or
 - b. by any other person for any other reason;
5. claims for damages, other than to the Work itself, because of injury to or destruction of tangible property wherever located, including loss of use resulting therefrom; and
6. claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any motor vehicle.

B. The policies of insurance required by this shall:

1. include at least the specific coverages and be written for not less than the limits of liability provided in the Supplementary Conditions or required by Laws or Regulations, whichever is greater;
 2. include contractual liability insurance covering Contractor's indemnity obligations
 3. contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled, materially changed or renewal refused until at least 30 days prior written notice has been given to Owner and Contractor and to each other additional insured identified in the Supplementary Conditions to whom a certificate of insurance has been issued;
 4. remain in effect at least until final payment and at all times thereafter when Contractor may be correcting, removing, or replacing defective; and
 5. include completed operations coverage:
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ARTICLE 6 – CONTRACTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

6.01 *Supervision and Superintendence*

- A. Contractor shall supervise, inspect, and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of project scope. Contractor shall not be responsible for the negligence of Owner or Director in the design or specification of a specific means, method, technique, sequence, or procedure of work which is shown or indicated in and expressly required by the Contract Documents.
- B. At all times during the progress of the Work, Contractor shall assign a competent resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without written notice to Owner and Director except under extraordinary circumstances.

6.02 *Labor; Working Hours*

- A. Contractor shall provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform work as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Site.
- B. Except as otherwise required for the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the Site shall be performed during regular working hours. Contractor will not permit the performance of Work on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday without Owner’s written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld) given after prior written notice to Director.

6.03 *Services, Materials, and Equipment*

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the performance, testing, start-up, and completion of the Work.
 - B. All materials and equipment incorporated into the Work shall be as specified or, if not specified, shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All special warranties and guarantees required by the Specifications shall expressly run to the benefit of Owner. If required by Director, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the source, kind, and quality of materials and equipment.
 - C. All materials and equipment shall be stored, applied, installed, connected, erected, protected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with instructions of the applicable Supplier, except as otherwise may be provided in the Contract Documents.
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6.04 *Progress Schedule*

- A. Contractor shall adhere to the Progress Schedule established in accordance with Paragraph 2.07 as it may be adjusted from time to time as provided below.

6.05 *Permits*

- A. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all required permits and licenses. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of opening of Bids, or, if there are no Bids, on the Effective Date of the Agreement. Owner shall pay all charges of utility owners for connections for providing permanent service to the Work.

6.06 *Laws and Regulations*

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, neither Owner nor Director shall be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.
- B. If Contractor performs any Work knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations, Contractor shall bear all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of Directors, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such Work. However, it shall not be Contractor's responsibility to make certain that the Specifications and Drawings are in accordance with Laws and Regulations, but this shall not relieve Contractor of Contractor's obligations under Paragraph 3.03.
- C. Changes in Laws or Regulations not known at the time of opening of Bids (or, on the Effective Date of the Agreement if there were no Bids) having an effect on the cost or time of performance of the Work shall be the subject of an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times. If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on entitlement to or on the amount or extent, if any, of any such adjustment, a Claim may be made therefor as provided in Paragraph 10.05.

6.10 *Taxes*

- A. Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes required to be paid by Contractor in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the place of the Project which are applicable during the performance of the Work.
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6.11 *Use of Site and Other Areas*

A. *Limitation on Use of Site and Other Areas:*

1. Contractor shall confine equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of workers to the Site and other areas permitted by Laws and Regulations, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Site and other areas with equipment or other materials or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or of any adjacent land or areas resulting from the performance of the Work.
2. Should any claim be made by any such owner or occupant because of the performance of the Work, Contractor shall promptly settle with such other party by negotiation or otherwise resolve the claim by arbitration or other dispute resolution proceeding or at law.
3. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Director, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of Directors, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to any claim or action, legal or equitable, brought by any such owner or occupant against Owner, Director, or any other party indemnified hereunder to the extent caused by or based upon Contractor's performance of the Work.

B. *Removal of Debris During Performance of the Work:* During the progress of the Work Contractor shall keep the Site and other areas free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish, and other debris. Removal and disposal of such waste materials, rubbish, and other debris shall conform to applicable Laws and Regulations.

C. *Cleaning:* Prior to Substantial Completion of the Work Contractor shall clean the Site and the Work and make it ready for utilization by Owner. At the completion of the Work Contractor shall remove from the Site all tools, appliances, equipment and machinery, and surplus materials and shall restore to original condition all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

D. *Loading Structures:* Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

6.12 *Record Documents*

A. Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Site one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, and written interpretations and clarifications in good order and annotated to show changes made during work. These record documents together with all approved Samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings will be available to Director for reference. Upon completion of the Work, these record documents, Samples, and Shop Drawings will be delivered to Director for Owner.

1. all persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work;
 2. all the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and
 3. other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities, and Underground Facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of the project.
- B. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Laws and Regulations relating to the safety of persons or property, or to the protection of persons or property from damage, injury, or loss; and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall notify owners of adjacent property and of Underground Facilities and other utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation, and replacement of their property.
- C. Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of Owner's safety programs, if any. The Supplementary Conditions identify any Owner's safety programs that are applicable to the Work.

6.13 *Safety Representative*

- A. Contractor shall designate a qualified and experienced safety representative at the Site whose duties and responsibilities shall be the prevention of accidents and the maintaining and supervising of safety precautions and programs.

6.14 *Emergencies*

- A. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Contractor shall give Director prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby or are required as a result thereof. If Director determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken by Contractor in response to such an emergency, a Work Change Directive or Change Order will be issued.

- A. Contractor's warranty and guarantee hereunder excludes defects or damage caused by:
1. abuse, modification, or improper maintenance or operation by persons other than Contractor, Subcontractors, Suppliers, or any other individual or entity for whom Contractor is responsible; or
 2. normal wear and tear under normal usage.

B. Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. None of the following will constitute an acceptance of Work that is not in accordance with the Contract Documents or a release of Contractor's obligation to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents:

1. observations by Director;
2. recommendation by Director or payment by Owner of any progress or final payment;
3. any inspection, test, or approval by others; or
4. any correction of defective Work by Owner.

6.15 *Indemnification*

A. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Director, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of Directors, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, cost, loss, or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable .

B. In any and all claims against Owner or Director or any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors by any employee (or the survivor or personal representative of such employee) of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Paragraph 6.15.A shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages,

compensation, or benefits payable by or for Contractor or any such Subcontractor, Supplier, or other individual or entity under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

C. The indemnification obligations of Contractor under Paragraph 6.20.A shall not extend to the liability of Director and Director's officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors arising out of:

1. the preparation or approval of, or the failure to prepare or approve maps, Drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, Change Orders, designs, or Specifications; or
 2. giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage.
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ARTICLE 7 – OTHER WORK AT THE SITE

Related Work at Site

- A. Owner may perform other work related to the Project at the Site with Owner’s employees, or through other direct contracts therefor, or have other work performed by utility owners. If such other work is not noted in the Contract Documents,
- B. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work on the Project at the Site, the following will be set forth in Supplementary Conditions:
 - 1. the individual or entity who will have authority and responsibility for coordination of the activities among the various contractors will be identified;
 - 2. the specific matters to be covered by such authority and responsibility will be itemized; and
 - 3. the extent of such authority and responsibilities will be provided.
- C. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplementary Conditions, Owner shall have sole authority and

ARTICLE 8 – OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.01 *Communications to Contractor*

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these General Conditions, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Director.

8.02 *Insurance*

- A. Owner’s responsibilities, if any, with respect to purchasing and maintaining liability and property insurance are set forth by its city code of ordinances.

8.03 *Limitations on Owner’s Responsibilities*

- A. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor’s means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor’s failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

8.10 *Evidence of Financial Arrangements*

- A. Upon request of Contractor, Owner shall furnish Contractor reasonable evidence that financial arrangements have been made to satisfy Owner’s obligations under the Contract Documents.
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ARTICLE 11 – COST OF THE WORK; ALLOWANCES; UNIT PRICE WORK

11.01 *Cost of the Work*

A. *Costs Included:* The term Cost of the Work means the sum of all costs,

1. Payroll costs for employees in the direct employ of Contractor in the performance of the Work under schedules of job classifications agreed upon by Owner and Contractor. Such employees shall include, without limitation, superintendents, foremen, and other personnel employed full time on the Work. Payroll costs for employees not employed full time on the Work shall be apportioned on the basis of their time spent on the Work. Payroll costs shall include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages plus the cost of fringe benefits, which shall include social security contributions, unemployment, excise, and payroll taxes, workers' compensation, health and retirement benefits, bonuses, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto. The expenses of performing Work outside of regular working hours, on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays, shall be included in the above to the extent authorized by Owner.
 2. Cost of all materials and equipment furnished and incorporated in the Work, including costs of transportation and storage thereof, and Suppliers' field services required in connection therewith. All cash discounts shall accrue to Contractor unless Owner deposits funds with Contractor with which to make payments, in which case the cash discounts shall accrue to Owner. All trade discounts, rebates and refunds and returns from sale of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to Owner, and Contractor shall make provisions so that they may be obtained.
 3. Payments made by Contractor to Subcontractors for Work performed by Subcontractors. If required by Owner, Contractor shall obtain competitive bids from subcontractors acceptable
 4. Costs of special consultants (including but not limited to Directors, architects, testing laboratories, surveyors, attorneys, and accountants) employed for services specifically related to the Work.
 5. Supplemental costs including the following:
 - a. The proportion of necessary transportation, travel, and subsistence expenses of Contractor's employees incurred in discharge of duties connected with the Work.
 - b. Cost, including transportation and maintenance, of all materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, appliances, office, and temporary facilities at the Site, and hand tools not owned by the workers, which are consumed in the performance of the Work, and cost, less market value, of such items used but not consumed which remain the property of Contractor.
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- c. Rentals of all equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof whether rented from Contractor or others in accordance with rental agreements approved by Owner with the advice of Director, and the costs of transportation, loading, unloading, assembly, dismantling, and removal thereof. All such costs shall be in accordance with the terms of said rental agreements. The rental of any such equipment, machinery, or parts shall cease when the use thereof is no longer necessary for the Work.
- d. Sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes related to the Work, and for which Contractor is liable, as imposed by Laws and Regulations.
- e. Deposits lost for causes other than negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, and royalty payments and fees for permits and licenses.
- f. Losses and damages (and related expenses) caused by damage to the Work, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, sustained by Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work provided such losses and damages have resulted from causes other than the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such losses shall include settlements made with the written consent and approval of Owner. No such losses, damages, and expenses shall be included in the Cost of the Work for the purpose of determining Contractor's fee.
- g. The cost of utilities, fuel, and sanitary facilities at the Site.
- h. Minor expenses such as telegrams, long distance telephone calls, telephone service at the Site, express and courier services, and similar petty cash items in connection with the Work.

B. *Costs Excluded:* The term Cost of the Work shall not include any of the following items:

1. Any part of Contractor's capital expenses, including interest on Contractor's capital employed for the Work and charges against Contractor for delinquent payments.
 2. Costs due to the negligence of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be liable, including but not limited to, the correction of defective Work, disposal of materials or equipment wrongly supplied, and making good any damage to property.
 3. Other overhead or general expense costs of any kind and the costs of any item not specifically and expressly included
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- C. *Contractor's Fee:* When all the Work is performed on the basis of cost-plus, Contractor's fee shall be determined as set forth in the Agreement. When the value of any Work covered by a Change Order or when a Claim for an adjustment in Contract Price is determined on the basis of Cost of the Work, Contractor's fee shall be determined as set forth

11.02 *Unit Price Work*

- A. Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, initially the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement.
- B. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price. Determinations of the actual quantities and classifications of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor.
- C. Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by Contractor to be adequate to cover Contractor's overhead and profit for each separately identified item.
- D. Owner or Contractor may make a Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price in if:
 - 1. the quantity of any item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs materially and significantly from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and
 - 2. there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
 - 3. Contractor believes that Contractor is entitled to an increase in Contract Price as a result of having incurred additional expense or Owner believes that Owner is entitled to a decrease in Contract Price and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount of any such increase or decrease.

ARTICLE 12 – CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE; CHANGE OF CONTRACT TIMES

12.01 *Change of Contract Price*

- A. The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price shall be based on written notice submitted by the party making the Claim to the Director and the other party to the Contract
 - B. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any Claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be determined as follows:
 - 1. where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of such unit prices to the quantities of the items involved; o
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2. where the Work involved is not covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by a mutually agreed lump sum or

12.02 *Delays*

- A. Where Contractor is prevented from completing any part of the Work within the Contract Times due to delay beyond the control of Contractor, the Contract Times will be extended in an amount equal to the time lost due to such delay if a Claim is made therefor as provided
- B. If Contractor is delayed in the performance or progress of the Work by fire, flood, epidemic, abnormal weather conditions, acts of God, acts or failures to act of utility owners not under the control of Owner, or other causes not the fault of and beyond control of Owner and Contractor, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times, if such adjustment is essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times. Such an adjustment shall be Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for the delays
- C. Owner, Director, and their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors shall not be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of Directors, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.
- D. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delays within the control of Contractor. Delays attributable to and within the control of a Subcontractor or Supplier shall be deemed to be delays within the control of Contractor.

ARTICLE 13 – TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION, REMOVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE WORK

13.01 *Notice of Defects*

- A. Prompt notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Director has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor. Defective Work may be rejected, corrected, or accepted as provided in this Article 13.

13.02 *Access to Work*

- A. Owner, Director, their consultants and other representatives and personnel of Owner, independent testing laboratories, and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access and advise them of Contractor's safety procedures and programs so that they may comply therewith as applicable.
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13.03 *Inspections*

- A. Contractor shall give Director timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests, or approvals and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections or tests.
- B. If Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction require any Work (or part thereof) specifically to be inspected, tested, or approved by an employee or other representative of such public body, Contractor shall assume full responsibility for arranging and obtaining such inspections, tests, or approvals, pay all costs in connection therewith, and furnish Director the required certificates of inspection or approval.
- C. Contractor shall be responsible for arranging and obtaining and shall pay all costs in connection with any inspections, tests, or approvals required for Owner's and Director's acceptance of materials or equipment to be incorporated in the Work; or acceptance of materials, mix designs, or equipment submitted for approval prior to Contractor's purchase thereof for incorporation in the Work. Such inspections, tests, or approvals shall be performed by organizations acceptable to Owner and Director.
- D. If any Work (or the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Director, Contractor shall, if requested by Director, uncover such Work for observation.

13.04 *Owner May Stop the Work*

- A. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor, any Subcontractor, any Supplier, any other individual or entity, or any surety for, or employee or agent of any of them.

13.05 *Correction or Removal of Defective Work*

- A. Promptly after receipt of written notice, Contractor shall correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed, or, if the Work has been rejected by Director, remove it from the Project and replace it with Work that is not defective. Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of Directors, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to such correction or removal (including but not limited to all costs of repair or replacement of work of others).
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ARTICLE 15 – SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

15.01 *Owner May Terminate for Cause*

- A. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will justify termination for cause:
1. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents
 2. Contractor's disregard of Laws or Regulations of any public body having jurisdiction;
 3. Contractor's violation in any substantial way of any provisions of the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 17 – MISCELLANEOUS

17.01 *Giving Notice*

- A. Whenever any provision of the Contract Documents requires the giving of written notice, it will be deemed to have been validly given if:
1. delivered in person to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended; or
 2. delivered at or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the last business address known to the giver of the notice.

17.02 *Computation of Times*

- A. When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

17.03 *Cumulative Remedies*

- A. The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract Documents. The provisions of this Paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right, and remedy to which they apply.
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17.04 *Survival of Obligations*

- A. All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and guarantees made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract Documents, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract Documents, will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work or termination or completion of the Contract or termination of the services of Contractor.

17.05 *Controlling Law*

- A. This Contract is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

INFORMATION ABOUT FORM 1295 DISCLOSURE

Beginning January 1, 2016, a business entity entering into a contract which is approved by the Waller City Council for services, goods or other property to be used by the City of Waller was required to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 on the Texas Ethics Commission website. A Form 1295 may also be required if a contract with the City is changed, amended, extended, or renewed.

House Bill 1295 found in Texas Government Code Chapter 2252 requires a “business entity” that:

- (1) enters into a contract which must be approved by the Waller City Council
- (2) for services, goods or other property
- (3) to be used by the City of Waller

to complete a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 on the Texas Ethics Commission website. **"Business entity" means any entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. It includes for-profit and non-profit entities. A contract with an individual is not a contract with a business entity.** A Form 1295 is not required for contracts with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity.

The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules to implement the law and adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295). The Commission states that it does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret House Bill 1295 (approved in 2015).

Form 1295 requires disclosure of interested parties (a) who have a controlling interest in a business entity with whom the government entity contracts or (b) who actively participate in facilitating a contract or negotiating the terms of a contract (such as a broker, advisor, or attorney for business entity) if the person receives compensation from the business entity (but is not an employee of the entity) and communicates directly with the governmental entity regarding the contract. A person has a controlling interest if the person: (1) has an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) has 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 (3) serves as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or serves as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.

Filing Process:

The Texas Ethics Commission has made the filing Form 1295 available on its website as an electronic form at: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

A business entity entering into a contract for services, goods or other property with the City of Waller must use that website application to enter the required information on Form 1295 and then print or download a copy of the form. The printed Form 1295 will have unique certification number assigned by the Commission in the upper right part of the Form. An authorized agent of the business entity must sign a printed copy of the Form. The executed Form 1295 must be filed with the City of Waller. The form can be scanned and emailed to the City, faxed to the City, mailed to the City, or delivered to the City. The City is then required to notify the Commission using the Commission’s website that the Form 1295 has been received by the City. The information from the completed Form 1295 will then be posted on the Commission’s website.

BUSINESS ENTITY IDENTIFICATION

Prior to completing this form, please verify that your business entity is registered with the Texas Secretary of State.

To identify the appropriate person to execute documents, please fill in this form:

Full Legal Name of Business Entity:			
Doing Business As (Assumed Name):			
Main Contact Person:			
Registered Office Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State:		Zip:	
Business Phone:		Fax #	
Email Address:			
UEI Number:			

Check the appropriate box to designate the type of business entity & complete the information below.

- Is entity: Sole Proprietorship Corporation Professional Corporation
 General Partnership Limited Partnership Limited Liability
 Partnership Limited Liability Company Professional Limited
 Liability Company Other _____

Date Business Started: _____ State Where Started: _____

If the entity was formed in another state, registration with the Texas Secretary of State may be required before transacting business in Texas. See http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/foreign_outofstate.shtml

Publicly traded company No Yes – where traded: _____

Depending on the type of business entity, the business will have owners, corporate officers, corporate directors, partners, managers, members, etc. Complete the information below.

To provide information on more than one person or entity for boxes 1 to 5, please use back of page, blank page, or another copy of this form.

1	Name of Primary Officer, Partner, Owner, Manager, Member, Director	
2	Position or title with business entity	
3	Address (if different from above)	
4	Who is authorized to execute contracts and other documents?	
5	What is the title or position of the person listed in #4?	
6	Please provide a document (resolution, bylaw, agreement, etc.) that states the person identified in #4 has authority to execute contracts or execute affidavit.	

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the above and state that the information contained therein is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Print Title: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE [Form CIQ]

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires vendors who wish to conduct business or be considered for business with a city to file a “conflict of interest questionnaire.” The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) created the conflict of interest questionnaire (Form CIQ).

Who must complete and file CIQ form?

Every vendor doing business with the City or seeking to do business with the City must complete Box 1 and sign and date in Box 7. Whether or not a conflict exists determines the other information to include on the form.

Who is a vendor?

The term “vendor” includes a partnership, corporation or other legal entities, including those performing professional services. Partnerships or corporations act through individuals, but it is the partnership or corporation that is doing business with or seeking to do business with the City.

If the vendor seeking to do business with the City is a sole proprietorship, then just the name of the person who is the vendor is needed.

What triggers the requirement to file the Form CIQ?

When a vendor (or an agent of the vendor) begins (1) contract discussions or negotiations with the city or (2) submits an application, quote, response to request for proposals or bids, or anything else that could result in an agreement (contract or purchase order) with the City, Form CIQ must be completed. Whether the vendor initiates the discussion or the City initiates the discussions, Form CIQ must be completed. The monetary amount or value of the contract/purchase does not matter. The contract or purchase may involve the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with the City of Waller.

When does a conflict requiring disclosure exist? What has to be revealed?

A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with the City of Waller and the vendor:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of the City of Waller, or a family member of an officer, that results in taxable income exceeding **\$2,500** during the 12 month period preceding the date a contract/purchase is executed or a contract/purchase is being considered; or
- (2) has given an officer of the City of Waller, or a family member of an officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value of more than **\$100** in the 12 month period preceding the date a contract/purchase is executed or a contract/purchase is being considered
- (3) has a family relationship with an officer of the City of Waller.

What family relationships create a conflict?

A “family member” is a person related to another person within the first degree by consanguinity (blood) or affinity (marriage), as described by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Texas Government Code. The ending of a marriage by divorce or the death of a spouse ends relationships by affinity created by that marriage unless a child of that marriage is living, in which case the marriage is considered to continue as long as a child of that marriage lives.

“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, Texas Government Code.

Who are officers of the City of Waller?

Officers are the members of the Waller City Council, the Mayor, and any agent or employee who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting with a vendor. An agent may include Directors and architects, as well as others, who assist the City in making a decision on some contract or purchase.

When must a vendor file the conflict of interest questionnaire?

No later than seven days after the date the vendor: (a) begins contract discussions or negotiations with the city, or (b) submits an application or response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement with a city, or (c) becomes aware of an employment or other business relationship with an officer or family member of the officer that the vendor (i) has made one or more gifts of more than \$100 or (ii) has a family relationship with.

How do I go about filling out the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire form?

Section 1: Fill in the full name of the **person or company** who is trying to do business with the City. If the “person” is a corporation, partnership, etc., then it is the name of that corporation, partnership, etc., that is required on Form CIQ. If a sole proprietorship, then just the name of the individual is needed. If the “person” is an individual acting as an agent for some other person or a company, then it is the agent’s name. **Any time an agent is involved, two FORM CIQs must be completed and submitted:** one for the agent, and one for the person or company that the agent acted for. The agent’s FORM CIQ must note the vendor that the agent acted for.

Section 2: Check box if the form is an update to a form previously completed. Updates are required by the 7th business day after an event that makes a statement in a previously filed questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate. Updates are also required by September 1 of each year in which the person submits a proposal, bid or response to the City of Waller or begins contract discussions or negotiations with the City.

Section 3: Insert the name of the City of Waller officer with whom there is an affiliation to or business relationship. If there is more than one City officer with whom there is an affiliation or business relationship, a separate form should be completed for each officer.

Section 4: Check the “Yes” or “No” box in Section 4 A or B.

4.A: State whether the officer named on the form receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor filing the questionnaire.

4.B: State whether the vendor receives or is likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the officer named on the form AND the taxable income is not received from the City.

Section 5: Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named on the form.

Section 6: Check box to acknowledge gifts made that require disclosure.

Section 7. Person completing form must date and sign the form. If the form is being completed for a corporation, partnerships, etc., the person signing should be someone who is authorized to act on behalf of the corporation, partnership, etc.

A signature is required in box #4 regardless of any other entry on the form. A copy of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government

Code can be found at:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/lg/htm/lg.176.htm>

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

This includes the vendor name even if a conflict does not exist

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

Insert name of vendor seeking to do business with the City of Waller
Waller

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.

Insert name of officer with whom there is business, employment or family relationship. If no conflict, insert N/A.

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.

Complete A-B if a conflict exist

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.

Identify and describe the relationship, if applicable

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

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Signature required -- so sign and date, even if no conflict

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

- (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
 - or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
- (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
 - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
 - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

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

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

- (1) the date that the vendor:
 - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
 - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
 - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
 - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

**DISCLOSURE OF RELATIONS WITH
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF CITY
OF Waller**

Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required by this form may result in the termination of any business the City is now doing with the entity listed below and/or could impact future dealings.

1. Name of Entity/Business/Person doing business with City: _____

Is the above entity: **(Check one)**

A corporation A partnership A sole proprietorship or an individual

Other (specify): _____

Check all applicable boxes.

2. Is any person involved as an owner, principal, or manager of name listed in #1 **related to or financially dependent** on Council member, officer, or employee of the City of Waller?

NO -- there is no such relationship between Entity/Business/Person and the City of Waller.

YES, a person who is a/an owner, principal, or manager of this entity/business/person

is: **(Check all applicable boxes below)**

related to by blood or marriage* and/or a member of the same household as

and/or financially dependent upon** and/or

and/or financially supporting**

to a City of Waller City Council member, officer or employee.

* As used here, "related to" means a spouse, child or child's spouse, and parent or parent's spouse. It also includes a former spouse if a child of that marriage is living (the marriage is considered to continue as long as a child of that marriage lives).

** As used herein, "financially dependent upon" and "financially supporting" refers to situations in which monetary assistance—including for lodging, food, education, and debt payments—is provided by owner, principal or manager of #1 to Council member, officer or employee of City of Waller, or that Council member, officer or employee of City of Waller provides to owner, principal or manager of #1.

If YES, provide (a) the name of owner, principal, or manager, **and** (b) the name of the City Council member, officer or employee (include the department the City officer or employee works for, if known), **and** (c) if a relationship by marriage or by blood/kinship exists. (Use back of sheet if more space is needed)

(a) Name of owner, principal, or manager	(b) Name of Council member, officer or employee & department	(c) What is relationship or household arrangement

3. Is a current City Council member or City employee involved with the name listed in #1 as an owner, principal, manager, or employee, or employed as a contractor for name listed in #1?

NO (no person involved/working for Entity/Business/Person is Council member, officer or employee of the City).

YES, a person is **(Check all applicable boxes)**

(a) a current City of Waller City Council member, officer or employee,

(b) and is an owner, a principal, or a manager of the entity/business/person listed in #1,

or an employee or an independent contractor of the entity/business/person listed in #1.

If YES, provide the name of owner, principal, manager, employee or independent contractor who is a City Council member, officer or employee. Include the department the City officer or employee works for, if known.

Signature: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Print Title: _____

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CITY OF WALLER
PURCHASING
MINORITY / WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

The City of Waller is committed to assuring that all businesses are given prompt, courteous, and equal opportunity to provide goods and services to the City. To achieve this goal, the City Council requests the minority women owned status of each vendor on the City vendor list.

Definition: A Disadvantaged Minority and Woman owned Business Enterprise means a business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. This means any business concern that (a) is at least 51% owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; or in the case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51% of the stock which is owned by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged individuals; and (b) whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more other socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it. The groups included in this program are Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Women, Asian Pacific Americans, Service Disabled Veterans, and Native Americans

Certification: Bidder declares a minority and/or women owned business status:

_____YES ,NO

If yes, check one of the blocks (indicate male or female):

Black M/F _____; Hispanic M/F _____ Woman _____; Asian M/F _____

Native American M/F _____; Service-Disabled Veteran of 20% or more M/F _____

HUB certified _____ YES _____NO

COMPANY NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

LITIGATION DISCLOSURE

Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required by this Litigation Disclosure form may result in the disqualification of your bid/proposal/qualifications from consideration or termination of the contract, once awarded.

1. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this engagement ever been indicted or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor greater than a Class C in the last five (5) years?

Yes

No

2. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for the City of Waller or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity?

Yes

No

3. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team been involved in any claim or litigation with the City of Waller or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or a Private Entity during the last ten (10) years?

Yes

No

If you have answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your bid/proposal/qualifications.

TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT
Steps To Assert Information Confidential or Proprietary

All proposals, data, and information submitted to the City of Waller are subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act (“Act”) unless exempt from release under the Act. You are not encouraged to submit data and/or information that you consider to be confidential or proprietary unless it is absolutely required to understand and evaluate your submission.

On each page where confidential or proprietary information appears, you must label the confidential or proprietary information. Do not label every page of your submission as confidential as there are pages (such as the certification forms and bid sheet with pricing) that are not confidential. It is recommended that each page that contains either confidential or proprietary information be printed on colored paper (such as yellow or pink paper). At a minimum the pages where the confidential information appears should be labeled and the information you consider confidential or proprietary clearly marked.

Failure to label the actual pages on which information considered confidential appears will be considered as a waiver of confidential or proprietary rights in the information.

In the event a request for public information is filed with the City which involves your submission, you will be notified by the City of the request so that you have an opportunity to present your reasons for claims of confidentiality to the Texas Attorney General.

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the above and further state:

The proposal/bid submitted to the City **contains NO confidential information** and may be released to the public if required under the Texas Public Information Act.

The proposal/bid submitted **contains confidential information** which is labeled and which may be found on the following pages: _____

and any information contained on page numbers not listed above may be released to the public if required under the Texas Public Information Act.

Vendor/Proposer Submitting: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Print Title: _____

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT CERTIFICATION

1. Contractor certifies that he/she will provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - (a) publishing a statement notifying employees that unlawfully manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using a controlled substance in Contractor's workplace is prohibited and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) any drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs that are available; and
 - (4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (c) making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - (d) notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the contract the employee will:
 - (1) abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) notify City of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such a conviction;
 - (e) notifying City within ten (10) days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
 - (f) taking one of the following actions within thirty (30) days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) with respect to any employee so convicted:
 - (1) taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
 - (2) requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
 - (g) making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of the above paragraphs.

2. Contractor's headquarters is located at the following address. The addresses of all other workplaces maintained by Contractor, if any, are provided on an accompanying list.

Name of Contractor: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

SIGNED BY: _____

Print Name & Title: _____

Date Signed: _____

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 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² 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. 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 and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to 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 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), ABL accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
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 ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
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

¹ 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.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ 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.

⁴ 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. 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 or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit 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.