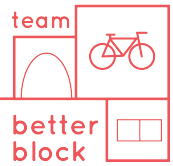


Bicycle Safety Infrastructure RFP

Certificate of Offeror



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS For Bicycle Safety Infrastructure RFP # 2025-091

Team Better Block LLC

Legal Name of Proposing Firm

Andrew Howard, Owner

Contact Person for This Proposal Title

580 -916-2444 Andrew@teambetterblock.com

Contact Person Telephone Number Contact Person E-Mail Address

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Street Address of Principal Place of Business City/State Zip

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Andrew Howard, Owner

Point of Contact for Contract Negotiations Title

580 -916-2444 Andrew@teambetterblock.com

Point of Contact Telephone Number Point of Contact Person E-Mail Address

Acknowledgment of Addenda (initial): #1 as #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____

Statement of Understanding

Team Better Block is pleased to propose to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), through its TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program, to provide **bicycle safety infrastructure products and services**. We understand the goal is to establish Master Services Agreements with one or more vendors to supply municipalities, school districts, counties, and other public or nonprofit entities with pre-approved, competitively priced bicycle infrastructure solutions on an as-needed basis.

Sincerely,

Andrew Howard

Andrew C. Howard

Co-Founder / Principal
andrew@teambetterblock.com



Action-oriented urban planner with 25 years of public and private sector success in building active parks, public spaces and streets. Adept at harnessing community support and collaborating with stakeholders to bring plans to construction. Able to translate plans into designs that can be built on-time and in-budget.

Andrew started his career in government working for three metropolitan planning organizations. For 7 years he built a practice with cities across Texas consulting on transportation, public space and parks. Over the past 14 years he has aided hundred of communities in meeting placemaking, complete streets and active parks projects as the co-founder and principal of Team Better Block.

Relevant Experience

2010 to Present

Team Better Block, LLC

After the success of a community led project to revitalize a blighted block in Dallas, Texas; Andrew co-founded a consulting firm aimed at changing the citizen, city and consultant relationship from a top down to bottom up approach. The firm has been retained with the largest member and professional organizations in the country:

- AARP Washington, D.C. (largest member organization)
- National Association of Realtors Washington D.C.(largest professional organization)
- Crescent Communities Charlotte, NC
- MassDevelopment Boston, MA
- Saskatoon, CAN Better Block
- Melbourne and Sydney Better Block
- Kazakhstan Placemaking, Astana

August 2014 – Present

Harvard Graduate School of Design- Loeb Fellow

At Harvard University, Andrew undertook a year of self-directed mix of studying, researching, writing, reflecting, discussing, learning, exploring, sharing, and generally seeking out what is next for the Better Block. While at Harvard, Andrew was a resource for the students and faculty wishing to agitate community and quicken the pace of urban planning and design with tactical urbanism techniques.

2003 to 2010

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.,
Dallas, TX—Associate and Project
Manager.

Over six years, Andrew progressed from analyst to project manager at this award winning engineering firm. As project manager he led a variety of multi-disciplinary projects.

2001 to 2003

Houston-Galveston Area Council,
Houston, TX — Transportation
Planner.

Working for one of the largest metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in the country, Andrew led several air quality and commute alternative initiatives, this included: the Greater Houston's Best Workplaces for Commuters, Clean Cities' Expanding the Choice Conference, and the Woodlands Express transit service.

Education

Texas A&M University

Bachelors of Science Geography and Environmental
Studies, 1999

Accreditation and Memberships

American Institute of Certified Planners
#019543
Member of the Form Based Codes Institute
Member of the Congress for New Urbanism

Keynote Speaking

2019 AARP Placemaking Conference - Denver, CO
2018 AARP Livable Communities National Conference - Charlotte, NC
2018 Smart Growth America Complete Streets Conference - Nashville, TN
2017 AARP Livable Communities National Conference - Dallas, TX
2015 Housing Conference - Istanbul, TR
2013 Sustainable Living Festival – Melbourne, AUS
AUS Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
2013 Livable Cities Conference – Melbourne, AUS
AUS Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
2013 Livable Cities Challenge – Indianapolis, IA
CEOs for Cities
2013 American Planning Association Ohio Chapter Annual Conference– Cleveland, OH
2013 Mayor's Sustainability Summit – Saint Louis, MO
Panel Presentations
2012 NACTO Designing Cities – New York City, NY
2013 NACTO Designing Cities – Phoenix, AZ
2013 National Association of REALTORS® – San Francisco, CA
2013 American Planning Association Texas Chapter – Galveston, TX

Awards and Achievements

American Society of Landscape Architects,
Honor Award for Communications 2011
Venice Biennale 13th Annual International
Architecture Exhibition
Texas Bicycle Coalition Advocate of the Year
2013

JAKE MORRIS

Director of Design

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture, University of Maryland, 2018

Bachelors of Architecture, University of Maryland, 2016



Jake as Director of Design for Team Better Block works on a variety of scales from public space planning to furniture design. Jake also appreciates landscapes from bustling metro areas to pristine forest and has a unique ability to fit the human footprint on the land without overwhelming it. When not designing you can find Jake surfing, whitewater rafting or rowing. As a lecturer, he guides students in CAD and the fundamentals of architecture. He holds a Master and Bachelors in Architecture from the University of Maryland.

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Team Better Block LLC – Statement of Qualifications

Team Better Block LLC is uniquely positioned to support the goals of RFP #2025-091 through our proven expertise in designing, fabricating, and delivering innovative bicycle safety infrastructure tailored to diverse municipal needs. As a nationally recognized leader in rapid implementation of active transportation improvements, we offer a turnkey approach that includes public engagement, concept design, permitting support, custom fabrication, and installation services—all grounded in a commitment to safety, flexibility, and community relevance.

Since 2011, Team Better Block has partnered with cities, MPOs, and DOTs across the United States to plan and implement protected bike lanes, intersection enhancements, custom signage, and pavement markings that enhance safety for all users. Our projects emphasize quick-build and modular components—such as precast concrete barriers, flexible bollards, and thermoplastic markings—that can be rapidly deployed, adjusted, and scaled to meet evolving community needs. These capabilities align directly with RFP Categories #1 through #8.

We have established contracts with fabrication companies capable of producing custom precast and cast in place concrete lane separation elements. Our work is deeply rooted in place-based design and equity, often incorporating local identity and input into safety infrastructure to ensure not only compliance, but community embrace.

Team Better Block has executed work for public entities including the City of Dallas, City of San Antonio, City of Richardson, Waco MPO and numerous smaller jurisdictions—demonstrating our ability to navigate procurement, compliance, and stakeholder coordination across contexts. Our experience also includes developing projects that have evolved from temporary interventions to capital-funded permanent infrastructure, evidencing long-term impact.

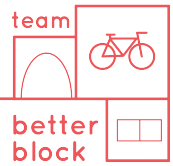
Team Better Block provides **end-to-end services**—from public engagement, conceptual design, and permitting support to fabrication and on-the-ground installation. This matches the RFP’s desire for vendors that can:

- Provide products **and** install them (Category #6),
- Manage **project delivery from start to finish**,
- Offer solutions for multiple street contexts and agency types.

Team Better Block has designed and built **custom pre-cast concrete barriers** (Categories #1 and #2), **Modular plastic treatments** (Category #3), **Artful signage and sharrows** that align with branding or tactical safety goals (Categories #5 and #7), Plus, bespoke infrastructure elements not anticipated in the RFP (Category #8). This flexibility directly supports the RFP’s call for creative, context-sensitive bicycle safety products.

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Project-Related Experience and Qualifications



Just a few of the suppliers we have relationships with include All Star Concrete{Macon Pre-cast and Dallas Lite and Barricade. Our approach to receiving an order is to determine with the client the best product and installation process for the context in-which the product is to be installed. A typical client intake form includes:

Location	Paving Surface	Desired Duration	Other
Sample Street - Example, TX	New Concrete	Permanent	Must be reflective

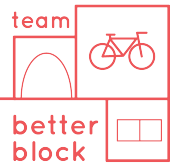
Based on this input, we recommend a product, installation hardware and step-by-step guide for installation. If client chooses to self-install, the product is guaranteed to be void of defects upon delivery and unloading. No warranty is implied after installation. If we install a 90 day warranty is provided for defects due to negligence.

With projects delivered across the U.S., and a reputation for remote collaboration, quick build and rapid response, Team Better Block can meet the **multi-jurisdictional and potentially nationwide** service areas outlined in the RFP (Exhibit 3).

Team Better Block LLC is a uniquely qualified vendor for this RFP due to its unmatched experience in quick-build bicycle infrastructure, full-scope delivery capacity, proven public-sector track record, and innovative product offerings. The firm can meet or exceed the specifications in multiple service categories, while also contributing to TXShare’s mission of efficient, scalable procurement across jurisdictions.

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Technical Proposal

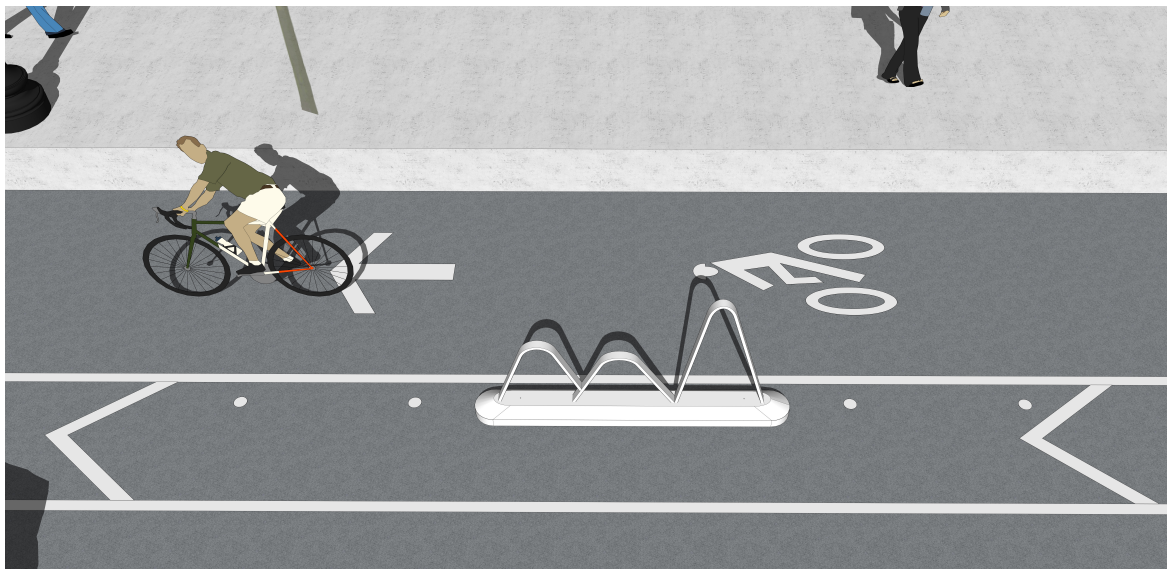


Team Better Block's catalogue of bicycle safety infrastructure that meets **Desired Product/Service Category #1** include:

Product	Dimensions	Weight	Composition
Bike Block	8' long x 1' wide x 6" tall	Approx 500LBS	8000 PSI compressive strength concrete Fiber reinforcement: FiberLock TM Steel reinforcement: Qty 2, #4 rebar
Low Wall	9' 10 1/8" long x 1' 5" 3/4 wide x 1' 5" 3/4 tall	Approx 900LBS	8000 PSI compressive strength concrete Fiber reinforcement: FiberLock TM Steel reinforcement: Qty 2, #4 rebar

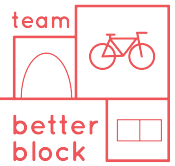
Desired Product/Service Category #2:

Custom casting begins with a free consultation to understand the application desired for the product. Limitations do exist in the casting process and these will be considered when recommending a product to meet the client's desired outcome. Custom colors, inserts and mounting can be accomplished.



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Technical Proposal



Desired Product/Service Category #3:

Arch Block is a lighter duty separator used by Team Better Block for over a decade. This testing reveals that lighter duty products are best for streets with speed limits under 40mph. Using plastic, is considerably less expensive and cheaper to install, but maintenance is increased due to replacement needs.

Product	Dimensions	Testing	Composition
Arch Block	70.5" long x 5.75" wide x 4" tall	10 Years of demonstration use.	Injection-molded, 100 percent recycled HDPE plastic

EXHIBIT 1: CATEGORIES OFFERED AND PRICING PROPOSAL

Place a "X" next to each category you are offering in your proposal:

☒ Product/Service Category #1: Customizable Precast Concrete Traffic Lane Barriers

☒ Product/Service Category #2: Custom Casting Options for Concrete Lane Barriers

☒ Product/Service Category #3: Non-Concrete Lane Barriers and Traffic Control/Safety Products for Bicycle Safety

☐ Product/Service Category #4: Bicycle Signal Improvements (Including Furnish/Install Controller and Cabinet, Bicycle Detection Confirmation Indication, Bicycle Facility Regulatory Blank-Out Signs and Warning Beacons, Illumination, and Active and Passive Detection of Bicyclists at Intersections)

☐ Product/Service Category #5: Signage Services

☒ Product/Service Category #6: Installation Services for any of the products/services listed on this page

☐ Product/Service Category #7: Shared Lane Markings (also known as sharrows)

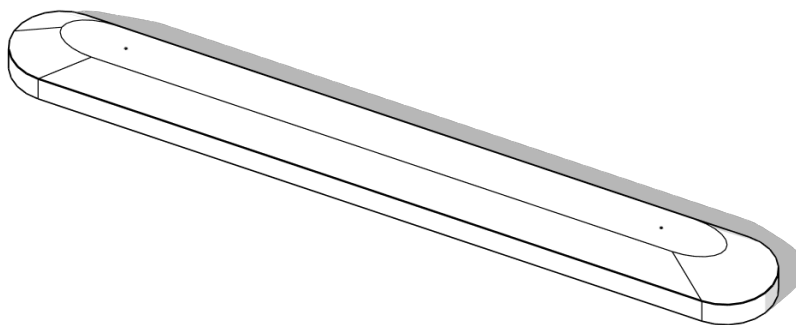
☒ Product/Service Category #8: Provide any additional ancillary services or Bicycle Safety Infrastructure Products/Services otherwise not explicitly anticipated in this RFP.

Price lists:

Category #	Quantity	Unit Price / % Discount	Installation	Shipping
Bike Block	Minimum 60	\$345 / 15% = \$287.50	Not included, but can be negotiated based on roadway needs.	Free in North Central Texas. Additional Charge other Region
Low Wall	Minimum 60	\$645 / 15% = \$548.25	Not included, but can be negotiated based on roadway needs.	Ships from San Antonio, estimated per mile to destination
Arch Block	Minimum 60	\$105 / 15% = \$89.25	Not included, but can be negotiated based on roadway needs.	Free in North Central Texas. Additional Charge other Region
Reflective Buttons		Estimated based on needs	Not included, but can be negotiated based on roadway needs.	Not included
Delineation Posts		Estimated based on needs	Not included, but can be negotiated based on roadway needs.	Not included

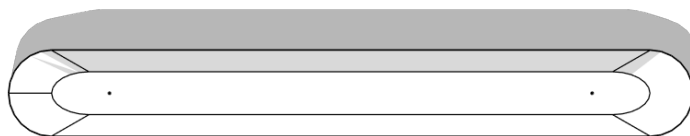
Description:

Team Better Block LLC collaborated with the City of Richardson Texas to develop a local option for cycle lane separation.



Key Advantage:

The product weighs less than 400 pounds each and can be moved with basic equipment and installed with minimal training.



Top View



Front View

Dimensions:

Length: 8' 0"

Height: 6"

Width: 1' 0"

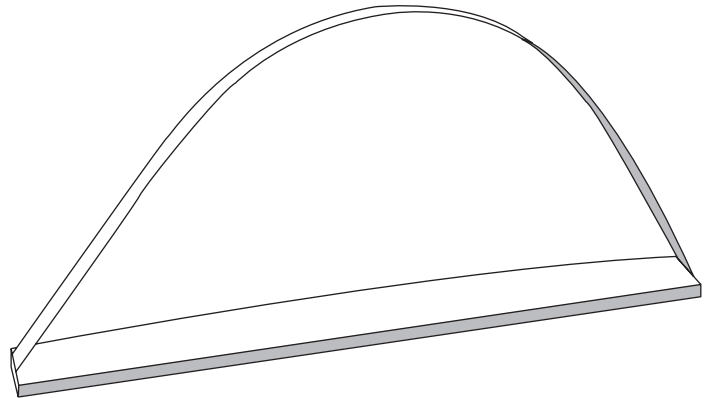


Side View

Description:

Taking the place of a product designed for highways, the delineator posts, the main street and neighborhood friendly arch block, provides a safe and sleek buffer between cars and people. Recycled plastic, DOT reflective and strong flexible materials are weaved together.

These do require mounting curb stop to the driving surface. Upon removal tar tape can be used to seal installation hole as illustrated aside. Dozens of communities have used this method without damaging the roadways.



Dimensions:

Length: 6'

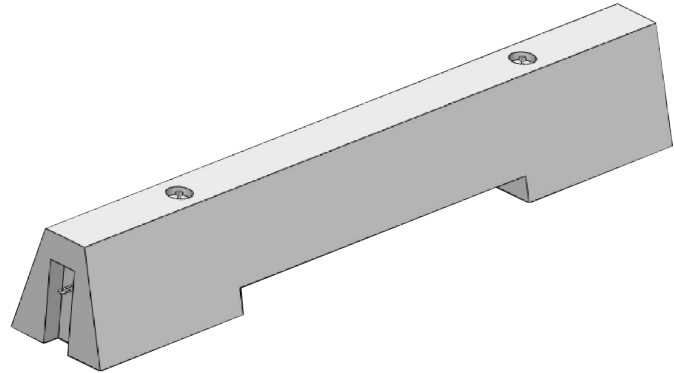
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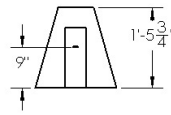
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For roadways greater than 40 mph, a taller than curb height barrier may be needed.

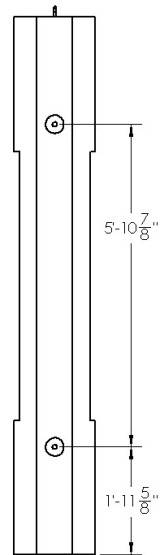


Key Advantage:

The low wall can be installed with tensile strength between the segments, thus reducing the need for penetration into roadway surface.



Front View



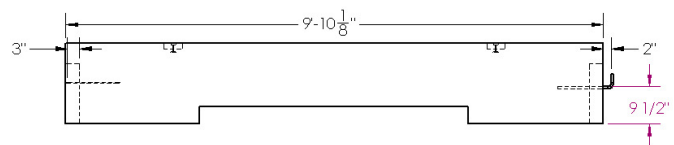
Top View

Dimensions:

Length: 9' 10 1/8"

Height: 1' 5 3/4"

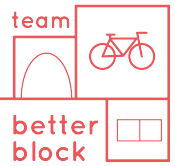
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Side View

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Low Wall - Sloped

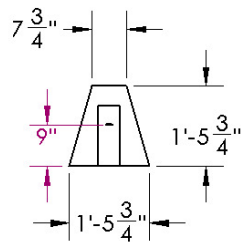
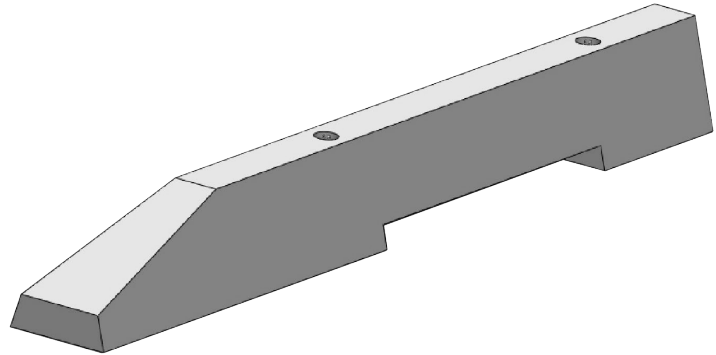


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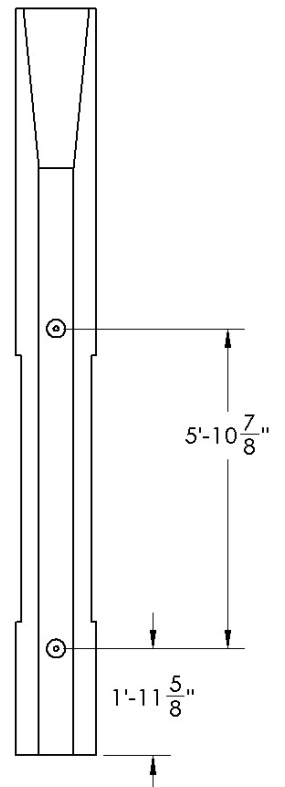
Length: 13' 9 3/8"

Height: 1' 5 3/4"

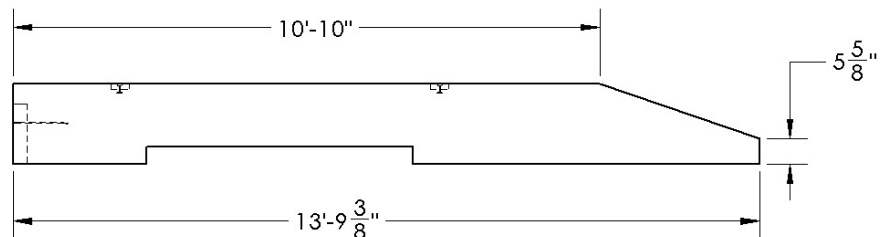
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Front View



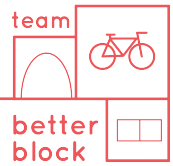
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Side View

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Exhibit 3: Service Designation Areas



Texas Service Area Designation or Identification			
Proposing Firm Name:			
Notes:	Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to service the entire state of Texas		
	Will service the entire state of Texas	Will not service the entire state of Texas	
	X		
	If you are not proposing to service the entire state of Texas, designate on the form below the regions that you are proposing to provide goods and/or services to. By designating a region or regions, you are certifying that you are willing and able to provide the proposed goods and services.		
Item	Region	Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Designated Service Area
1.	North Central Texas	16 counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area	
2.	High Plains	Amarillo Lubbock	
3.	Northwest	Abilene Wichita Falls	
4.	Upper East	Longview Texarkana, TX-AR Metro Area Tyler	
5.	Southeast	Beaumont-Port Arthur	
6.	Gulf Coast	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	
7.	Central Texas	College Station-Bryan Killeen-Temple Waco	
8.	Capital Texas	Austin-Round Rock	
9.	Alamo	San Antonio-New Braunfels Victoria	
10.	South Texas	Brownsville-Harlingen Corpus Christi Laredo McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	
11.	West Texas	Midland Odessa San Angelo	
12.	Upper Rio Grande	El Paso	

(Exhibit 3 continued on next page)

Nationwide Service Area Designation or Identification Form							
Proposing Firm Name:							
Notes:	<p>Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to provide service to all Fifty (50) States.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Will service all fifty (50) states</td> <td>Will not service fifty (50) states</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>If you are not proposing to service to all fifty (50) states, then designate on the form below the states that you will provide service to. By designating a state or states, you are certifying that you are willing and able to provide the proposed goods and services in those states.</p> <p>If you are only proposing to service a specific region, metropolitan statistical area (MSA), or City in a State, then indicate as such in the appropriate column box.</p>			Will service all fifty (50) states	Will not service fifty (50) states	X	
Will service all fifty (50) states	Will not service fifty (50) states						
X							
Item	State	Region/MSA/City (write "ALL" if proposing to service entire state)	Designated as a Service Area				
1.	Alabama						
2.	Alaska						
3.	Arizona						
4.	Arkansas						
5.	California						
6.	Colorado						
7.	Connecticut						
8.	Delaware						
9.	Florida						
10.	Georgia						
11.	Hawaii						
12.	Idaho						
13.	Illinois						
14.	Indiana						
15.	Iowa						
16.	Kansas						
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18.	Louisiana						
19.	Maine						
20.	Maryland						

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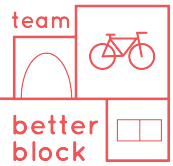


Exhibit 3: Service Designation Areas

21.	Massachusetts		
22.	Michigan		
23.	Minnesota		
24.	Mississippi		
25.	Missouri		
26.	Montana		
27.	Nebraska		
28.	Nevada		
29.	New Hampshire		
30.	New Jersey		
31.	New Mexico		
32.	New York		
33.	North Carolina		
34.	North Dakota		
35.	Ohio		
36.	Oregon		
37.	Oklahoma		
38.	Pennsylvania		
39.	Rhode Island		
40.	South Carolina		
41.	South Dakota		
42.	Tennessee		
43.	Texas		
44.	Utah		
45.	Vermont		
46.	Virginia		
47.	Washington		
48.	West Virginia		
49.	Wisconsin		
50.	Wyoming		

End of Exhibit 3

**ATTACHMENT I: INSTRUCTIONS
FOR PROPOSALS COMPLIANCE AND SUBMITTAL**

Compliance with the Solicitation

Submissions must be in strict compliance with this solicitation. Failure to comply with all provisions of the solicitation may result in disqualification.

Compliance with the NCTCOG Standard Terms and Conditions

By signing its submission, Offeror acknowledges that it has read, understands and agrees to comply with the NCTCOG standard terms and conditions.

Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirements

By signing its submission, Offeror acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for the submission. Offeror also understands that the evidence of required insurance must be submitted within ten (10) working days following notification of its offer being accepted; otherwise, NCTCOG may rescind its acceptance of the Offeror's proposals. The insurance requirements are outlined in Section 2.2 - General Terms and Conditions.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/25

ATTACHMENT II: CERTIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR

I hereby certify that the information contained in this proposal and any attachments is true and correct and may be viewed as an accurate representation of proposed services to be provided by this organization. I certify that no employee, board member, or agent of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has assisted in the preparation of this proposal. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements and provisions of the solicitation and that the organization will comply with the regulations and other applicable local, state, and federal regulations and directives in the implementation of this contract.

I also certify that I have read and understood all sections of this solicitation and will comply with all the terms and conditions as stated; and furthermore that I, _____ (typed or printed name) certify that I am the _____ (title) of the corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, or other eligible entity named as offeror and respondent herein and that I am legally authorized to sign this offer and to submit it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments, on behalf of said offeror by authority of its governing body.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/25

**ATTACHMENT III: CERTIFICATION
REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 93, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668, 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false Proposals, or receiving stolen property;
3. Are not presently indicated for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offense enumerated in Paragraph (2) of this certification; and,
4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this contract had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective recipient of federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the qualifications in this certification, such prospective recipient shall attach an explanation to this certification form.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/25

ATTACHMENT IV: RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 prohibits recipients of federal contracts, grants, and loans exceeding \$100,000 at any tier under a federal contract from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the federal government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan. Section 319 also requires each person who requests or receives a federal contract or grant in excess of \$100,000 to disclose lobbying.

No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal executive department or agency as well as any independent regulatory commission or government corporation, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered federal actions: the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan the entering into of any cooperative agreement and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

As a recipient of a federal grant exceeding \$100,000, NCTCOG requires its subcontractors of that grant to file a certification, set forth in Appendix B.1, that neither the agency nor its employees have made, or will make, any payment prohibited by the preceding paragraph.

Subcontractors are also required to file with NCTCOG a disclosure form, set forth in Appendix B.2, if the subcontractor or its employees have made or have agreed to make any payment using nonappropriated funds (to include profits from any federal action), which would be prohibited if paid for with appropriated funds.

**LOBBYING CERTIFICATION
FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that:

1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an officer or employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative Contract, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative contract; and
2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, and or cooperative contract, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with the instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify accordingly.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/2025

ATTACHMENT V: DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

The Team Better Block llc (company name) will provide a Drug Free Work Place in compliance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on the premises of the Team Better Block llc (company name) or any of its facilities. Any employee who violates this prohibition will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. All employees, as a condition of employment, will comply with this policy.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

This certification is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, 41 U.S.C. 701, for the Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 3017), Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 98), Department of Education (34 CFR Parts 85, 668 and 682), Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 76).

The undersigned subcontractor certifies it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

Publishing a policy Proposal notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the consequences of any such action by an employee;

Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the subcontractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, the availability of counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug violations in the workplace;

Providing each employee with a copy of the subcontractor's policy Proposal;

Notifying the employees in the subcontractor's policy Proposal that as a condition of employment under this subcontract, employees shall abide by the terms of the policy Proposal and notifying the subcontractor in writing within five days after any conviction for a violation by the employee of a criminal drug abuse statute in the workplace;


Notifying the Board within ten (10) days of the subcontractor's receipt of a notice of a conviction of any employee; and,

Taking appropriate personnel action against an employee convicted of violating a criminal drug statute or requires such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/2025

ATTACHMENT VI: DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The undersigned certifies that, to the best of his or her knowledge or belief, that:

“No employee of the contractor, no member of the contractor’s governing board or body, and no person who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this contract shall participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his/her personal pecuniary interest.

Executives and employees of contractor shall be particularly aware of the varying degrees of influence that can be exerted by personal friends and associates and, in administering the contract, shall exercise due diligence to avoid situations which give rise to an assertion that favorable treatment is being granted to friends and associates. When it is in the public interest for the contractor to conduct business with a friend or associate of an executive or employee of the contractor, an elected official in the area or a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, a permanent record of the transaction shall be retained.

Any executive or employee of the contractor, an elected official in the area or a member of the NCTCOG, shall not solicit or accept money or any other consideration from a third person, for the performance of an act reimbursed in whole or part by contractor or Department. Supplies, tools, materials, equipment or services purchased with contract funds shall be used solely for purposes allowed under this contract. No member of the NCTCOG shall cast a vote on the provision of services by that member (or any organization which that member represents) or vote on any matter which would provide a direct or indirect financial benefit to the member or any business or organization which the member directly represents”.

No officer, employee or paid consultant of the contractor is a member of the NCTCOG.

No officer, manager or paid consultant of the contractor is married to a member of the NCTCOG.

No member of NCTCOG directly owns, controls or has interest in the contractor.

The contractor has disclosed any interest, fact, or circumstance that does or may present a potential conflict of interest.

Team Better Block llc

No member of the NCTCOG receives compensation from the contractor for lobbying activities as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code.

Should the contractor fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, the contractor shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relation to the contract and shall immediately refund to the North Central Texas Council of Governments any fees or expenses that may have been paid under this contract and shall further be liable for any other costs incurred or damages sustained by the NCTCOG as it relates to this contract.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: _____

8/5/2025

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

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

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

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

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

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

ATTACHMENT VII: CERTIFICATION OF FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES

That the submitter has not been found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding during the preceding year. The submitter further affirms that no officer of the submitter has served as an officer of any company found guilty of unfair business practices in a judicial or state agency administrative during the preceding year.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Team Better Block llc

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date: 8/5/2025

**ATTACHMENT VIII: CERTIFICATION OF GOOD STANDING
TEXAS CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Article 2.45, Texas Business Corporation Act, state agencies may not contract with for profit corporations that are delinquent in making state franchise tax payments. The following certification that the corporation entering into this offer is current in its franchise taxes must be signed by the individual authorized on Form 2031, Corporate Board of Directors Resolution, to sign the contract for the corporation.

The undersigned authorized representative of the corporation making the offer herein certified that the following indicated Proposal is true and correct and that the undersigned understands that making a false Proposal is a material breach of contract and is grounds for contract cancellation.

Indicate the certification that applies to your corporation:

X The Corporation is a for-profit corporation and certifies that it is not delinquent in its franchise tax payments to the State of Texas.

 The Corporation is a non-profit corporation or is otherwise not subject to payment of franchise taxes to the State of Texas.

Type of Business (if not corporation): ☐ Sole Proprietor

☐ Partnership

☐ Other

Pursuant to Article 2.45, Texas Business Corporation Act, the North Central Texas Council of Governments reserves the right to request information regarding state franchise tax payments.

Andrew Howard, Owner

(Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

Signature

Date: 8/5/2025

**ATTACHMENT IX: HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES,
MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), minority or women-owned or disadvantaged businesses enterprises (M/W/DBE) are encouraged to participate in the solicitation process.

NCTCOG recognizes the certifications of most agencies. HUB vendors must submit a copy of their certification for consideration during the evaluation of their proposal. Please attach the copy to this form. This applies only to the Offeror and not a subcontractor.

Texas vendors who are not currently certified are encouraged to contact either the Texas United Certification Program, State of Texas HUB Program, or the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency, among others. Contact:

State of Texas HUB Program
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Building
111 East 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774
(512) 463-6958
<http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/>

North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency
624 Six Flags Drive, Suite 100
Arlington, TX 76011
(817) 640-0606
<http://www.nctrca.org/certification.html>

Texas United Certification Program
USDOT website at
<https://www.transportation.gov/DBE>

You must include a copy of your certification document as part of this solicitation to receive points in the evaluation.

Vendor to Sign Below to Attest to Validity of Certification:

Vendor Name

Authorized Signature

Typed Name

Date

**ATTACHMENT X: NCTCOG FEDERAL AND STATE OF TEXAS
REQUIRED PROCUREMENT PROVISIONS**

The following provisions are mandated by Federal and/or State of Texas law. Failure to certify to the following will result in disqualification of consideration for contract. Entities or agencies that are not able to comply with the following will be ineligible for consideration of contract award.

**PROHIBITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT
CERTIFICATION**

This Contract is subject to the Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, for prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance or equipment. Public Law 115-232, Section 889, identifies that restricted telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services (e.g., phones, internet, video surveillance, cloud servers) include the following:

- A) Telecommunications equipment that is produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- B) Video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporations, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- C) Telecommunications or video surveillance services used by such entities or using such equipment.
- D) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, Director of the National Intelligence, or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by the government of a covered foreign country. The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that no funds under this Contract will be obligated or expended to procure or obtain telecommunication or video surveillance services or equipment or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable provisions in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

☒ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable regulations in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.



SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

Andrew Howard

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

Team Better Block LLC

DATE: _____

8/5/2025

-OR-

☐ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable regulations in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

DATE: _____


DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS ENTITIES OR FIREARMS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

This contract is subject to the Texas Local Government Code chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries. TLGC chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, identifies that “discrimination against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” includes the following:

- A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to:
- I. refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and
 - II. refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or
 - III. terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.
- B) An exception to this provision excludes the following:
- I. contracts with a sole-source provider; or
 - II. the government entity does not receive bids from companies who can provide written verification.

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that they have no practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and that they will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association as prohibited by Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10 of the Texas Local Government Code.

☒ **The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10.**

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: 
NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: Andrew Howard
NAME OF COMPANY: Team Better Block llc
DATE: 8/5/2025

-OR-

☐ **The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10.**

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____
NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____
NAME OF COMPANY: _____
DATE: _____

BOYCOTTING OF CERTAIN ENERGY COMPANIES

This contract is subject to the Texas Local Government Code chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8, prohibiting contracts with companies who boycott certain energy companies.

TLGC chapter Code chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8, identifies that “boycott energy company” means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company:

- I. engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; and
- II. does business with a company described by paragraph (I).

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that they do not boycott energy companies, and that they will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract as prohibited by Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8 of the Texas Local Government Code.

☒ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:



NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

Andrew Howard

NAME OF COMPANY:

Team Better Block llc

DATE:

8/5/2025

-OR-

☐ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of Chapter 809, Subtitle A, Title 8.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE: