

TXShare

Your Public Sector Solutions Center

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Consultancy Services
RFP # 2025-017

Sealed proposals will be accepted until **2:00 PM CT, Monday, February 5, 2025** and then publicly opened and read aloud thereafter.

Legal Name of Proposing Firm

Contact Person

Title

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

Street Address of Principal Place of Business

City/State

Zip

Complete Mailing Address

City/State

Zip

Acknowledgment of Addenda: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____

By signing below, you 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. You agree that failure to submit all requested information may result in rejection of your company's proposal as non-responsive. You certify that no employee, board member, or agent of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has assisted in the preparation of this proposal. You acknowledge that you have read and understand the requirements and provisions of this 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. And furthermore, that I certify 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.

Authorized Signature

SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”) seeks an experienced firm or firms to provide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Consulting Services to the NCTCOG TXShare Program. The awarded contracts would be promoted via the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is to solicit responses that result in a contract with one or more qualified Vendor(s) that are familiar with providing any or all of these products and related services.

1.0 Challenge-Based Statement for ERP Consultancy Services

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) recognizes the growing complexity and demands of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems within the public and nonprofit sectors. These systems are critical for enhancing operational efficiency, financial oversight, and data-driven decision-making. However, entities often face significant challenges, including maintaining outdated infrastructure, preparing for system implementation, and managing complex ERP deployments.

To address these challenges, the NCTCOG invites innovative proposals for ERP consultancy services through the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program. This challenge-based RFP seeks qualified vendors to deliver expert-driven solutions that:

1. Maintain, repair, or modify existing ERP infrastructures to extend their life span and enhance functionality.
2. Provide strategic guidance and resources to assist in the preparation for ERP system implementation or replacement.
3. Execute full-scale ERP implementation projects, ensuring seamless integration, user training, and post-launch support.
4. Identify and address emerging challenges not explicitly outlined in this RFP, leveraging industry expertise to deliver forward-thinking solutions.

Key Objectives:

- Reduce risks associated with software obsolescence and fragmented administrative environments.
- Enhance operational efficiency through standardized processes and integration of core ERP components such as accounting, human resources, and supply chain management.
- Enable TXShare entities to meet evolving regulatory and operational requirements while maintaining compliance with industry standards.
- Provide a scalable, accessible, and inclusive approach to ERP consulting services that align with the unique needs of diverse entities.

This RFP offers an opportunity to propose comprehensive solutions that drive innovation, support strategic planning, and foster long-term value for participating entities. Proposals should demonstrate a proven ability to address the challenges outlined and contribute to the advancement of ERP systems across the public and nonprofit sectors.

Respondents are encouraged to highlight their expertise, approach to service delivery, and commitment to addressing unanticipated challenges to ensure the success of ERP projects for TXShare participants. Respondents must submit a comprehensive rate card detailing fully loaded hourly rates for all positions and services they propose to provide under the categories outlined in this RFP.

Additionally, respondents are encouraged to include hourly rates for any roles or services not explicitly listed in this RFP but that they consider relevant to ERP consultancy services. These additional rates will allow TXShare Entities to benefit from a more comprehensive service offering. A detailed list of scope specifications is found in **Section 5.0** of this document.

NOTE: Under the TXShare program, any public entity or non-profit can use the TXShare contract and its selected vendor(s) and pricing to pursue their own projects. Vendors awarded a contract under the TXShare Program may offer their services nationwide if they desire to do so. This offers a unique advertising advantage to vendors to promote their services, as the vendor's prices are competitively bid under a cooperative contract.

SECTION 2: TXSHARE COOPERATIVE

2.0 NCTCOG OVERVIEW

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (hereafter NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of, by, and for local governments and was established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county metropolitan region surrounding the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently the Council has 236 members, including 16 counties, 168 cities, 23 independent school districts, and 29 special districts. The area of the region is approximately 12,800 square miles, which is larger than nine states, and the population of the region is over 7.0 million, which is larger than 30 states.

NCTCOG's governing structure is as follows: each member government appoints a voting representative from their governing body. These voting representatives make up the General Assembly, which annually elects a 17-member Executive Board. The Board also includes one ex-officio non-voting member of the legislature. The Executive Board is supported by policy development, technical advisory, and study committees, as well as a professional staff.

2.1 TXSHARE PROGRAM EXPLANATION

NCTCOG intends to make the contract resulting from this procurement available to other governmental entities through its TXShare cooperative purchasing program. Vendors realize substantial efficiencies through their ability to respond to a TXShare solicitation that will increase their sales opportunities and reduce the need to repeatedly respond to public agency Requests for Proposals. From these efficiencies, vendors pay an administrative fee to TXShare calculated as a percentage of sales processed through the TXShare contracts awarded and held by the vendor. This administrative fee is not an added cost to TXShare participants. This administrative fee covers the costs of contract marketing and facilitation and offsets expenses incurred by TXShare.

2.2 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

The Contractor will be required to track and report to TXSHARE on activities relating to the Master Contract. The Contractor will be required to provide management reports to NCTCOG on a quarterly basis with the submission of the administrative fee outlined herein. Examples of management reports include, but are not limited to:

- Participating Entity's name; pricing option chosen; total fee charged. NCTCOG and vendor will agree to form and content of reports after award of contract.

2.3 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

NCTCOG will utilize an administrative fee, in the form of a percent of cost that will apply to all contracts between awarded contractor and NCTCOG or participants resulting from this solicitation. The administrative fee will be remitted by the contractor to NCTCOG on a quarterly basis, along with required quarterly reporting. The remuneration fee for this program will be 2.5% of sales.

2.4 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Other governmental entities may be extended the opportunity to purchase from contracts awarded by the NCTCOG, with the consent and agreement of the successful Vendor(s) and the NCTCOG. Such consent and agreement shall be conclusively inferred from lack of exception to this clause in Respondent's Response. However, all parties indicate their understanding and all parties hereby expressly agree that the NCTCOG is not an agent of, partner to or representative of

those outside agencies or entities and that the NCTCOG is not obligated or liable for any action or debts that arise out of such independently negotiated interlocal or “piggyback” procurements.

2.5 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The NCTCOG Procurement Standard Terms and Conditions can be found at www.nctcog.org in the “Open Procurement” section, or by clicking [here](#). Proposers shall certify its compliance with these requirements as part of their proposal response by completing the certifications included with the RFP document “Attachments” section. Failure to submit the required certification statement may be grounds for finding the proposal nonresponsive.

SECTION 3: GENERAL INFORMATION

3.0 CONTRACT INTENT

NCTCOG intends to contract with one or more qualified vendor(s) based upon the qualifications of the respondent and the categories of services it is able to provide. However, NCTCOG anticipates exploring any viable alternative for providing these services and may decide, after reviewing Proposals submitted, not to enter into any agreement.

3.1 ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE

The information provided herein is intended to assist respondents in the preparation of proposals necessary to properly respond to this solicitation. The solicitation is designed to provide interested respondents with sufficient basic information to submit proposals meeting minimum requirements but is not intended to limit a submission's content or to exclude any relevant or essential data there from. Respondents are at liberty and are encouraged to expand upon the specifications to give additional evidence of their ability to provide the services requested in this solicitation.

3.2 ADDENDA

Addendums to this solicitation will be emailed only to plan holders of record. Addendums will also be posted on www.publicpurchase.com. However, it is the vendor's responsibility to check for any addenda that may be issued for this solicitation. Please acknowledge receipt of addenda by checking the appropriate spaces on the cover sheet of this RFP.

3.3 QUESTIONS AND PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Questions arising subsequent to the issuance of this solicitation will be received until **5:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2025 CST**, and must be submitted in writing to www.publicpurchase.com. Questions received after this time may not be answered in a timely manner. Vendor-specific questions about the process will often be answered directly. However, substantive questions that are not properly addressed in the solicitation information will be properly published to all vendors as an addendum or "Question & Answer" document. Pre-Proposal Conferences are not mandatory and NCTCOG reserves the right to determine whether a Pre-Bid meeting shall be held. Proposers are responsible for reviewing the website www.publicpurchase.com for any updates related to this RFP prior to the closing date.

3.4 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for the RFP process is given below. All times indicated are Central Standard Time (CST). NCTCOG may change this schedule at any time through the addenda process.

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

RFP Issued	January 6, 2025	
Pre-Proposal Conference	None	
Inquiry Period Ends	January 24, 2025	5:00 PM CT
Proposal Due Date	February 5, 2025	2:00 PM CT
Executive Board Meeting	March, 2025	
Anticipated Start Date	March 2025	

3.5 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

In order to respond to this RFP, as well as receive notifications, updates, addenda, and other information regarding this solicitation, NCTCOG requires that Respondents be registered with www.PublicPurchase.com.

Registration with Public Purchase is free and allows Respondents to view all of the NCTCOG's active procurement solicitations.

The landing page for this project is [found here](#). Otherwise, it is Public Purchase Bid Number 195169. Submission of proposals shall be made in English, in searchable PDF format, and must be uploaded via **Public Purchase** no later than 2:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) – Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

It is the responsibility of the respondent(s) to ensure that the proposals are received at the web link as described above by the designated due date and time. NCTCOG assumes no responsibility for delays caused by postage, mail courier, email, package misdirection or any other form of delivery. Late proposals will not be opened nor considered in the evaluation of the proposal. Proposals may be withdrawn at any time prior to the submittal deadline, but they may not be withdrawn after the official opening.

Proposals received will be publicly opened after the response submission deadline at NCTCOG offices. Persons wishing to attend the opening should notify the receptionist upon arrival. A staff member will escort attendees to the opening location prior to the opening. Only the names of the Contractor submitting the proposal will be read aloud. No other information will be disclosed at that time.

Proposal information is restricted and not publicly available until after award of a contract. All documents associated with the proposal submitted, unless the respondent indicates a portion of the proposal is proprietary, may be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Public Information Act. All information obtained in the course of this solicitation will become property of NCTCOG.

3.6 PUBLIC OPENING

The public opening for this RFP will be conducted at approximately 2:05 PM CT on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. The meeting will be held digitally via Microsoft Teams, and will be recorded for the RFP file. Please be advised that a large volume of proposals will result in delays in the decryption process. Access information and the meeting invite will be posted to Public Purchase prior to the date of the public opening.

SECTION 4: EVALUATION AND AWARD

4.0 TIME FOR EVALUATION

Unless stated otherwise elsewhere in this Request for Proposals, all proposals of qualification submitted shall remain valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days after the due date to allow adequate time for evaluation and award.

4.1 EVALUATION PROCESS

All submissions in response to this solicitation will be evaluated in a manner consistent with the NCTCOG and all applicable rules and policies.

A proposal review committee will be assembled to perform the evaluations. In the initial phase of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will review all proposals that have been received before the solicitation due date. Nonresponsive submissions (those not conforming to the solicitation requirements) will be eliminated. Each respondent bears sole responsibility for the items included or not included in the response submitted by that respondent. NCTCOG reserves the right to disqualify any submission that includes significant deviations or exceptions to the terms, conditions, and/or specifications in this solicitation.

4.2 BAFO AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

Once proposals have been submitted, the NCTCOG evaluates the proposals and determines which of those are determined to be reasonably qualified for award. Those so determined will be reviewed and scored. Clarification requests may be requested of firms where clarifying information is necessary to better understand meaning of any part of a bid submission. Best and final offers ("BAFO") for those reasonably qualified may be obtained by allowing the submission of a BAFO before the final decision is made to award a contract.

NCTCOG reserves the right to be the sole judge as to the overall acceptability of any submission or to judge the individual merits of specific provisions within competing offers.

4.3 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

NCTCOG reserves the right to require a presentation by the firm to supplement their written submission. These presentations will be scheduled, if required, after Proposals are received and prior to the award of the Contract.

4.4 AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

Upon completion of the evaluation process, NCTCOG may award the contracts to one or more respondent(s) whose submission is determined to be the most advantageous to NCTCOG.

4.5 PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria to be used to evaluate submissions are as follows:

Pass/Fail Criteria	Description	Percentage Points
Key Personnel	Points will be awarded on a pass/fail basis for the <u>clear inclusion</u> of the required components of Key Personnel information, as outlined in greater detail in Section 6.0 .	5%
References	Points will be awarded on a pass/fail basis for the <u>clear inclusion</u> of the required information regarding References , as outlined in greater detail in Section 6.0 .	5%
Weighted Scoring Criteria		Weighted Maximum Percentage Points
Project-Related Experience and Qualifications	Points will be awarded based on the <u>clear inclusion and quality of response</u> of response regarding the required information regarding Project-Related Experience and Qualifications , as outlined in greater detail in Sections 5.0 and 6.0 .	20%
Technical Proposal	Points will be awarded based on the <u>clear inclusion and quality of response</u> regarding the required details of the Technical Proposal , as outlined in greater detail in Sections 5.0 and 6.0 .	50%
Proposal Pricing	Points will be awarded based on responses to Exhibit B - Pricing , as outlined in greater detail in Section 5.5 .	20%
TOTAL POSSIBLE PERCENTAGE POINTS		100%
Additional Points Criteria		Additional Points
Proof of HUB Certification	Points will be awarded upon submission of <u>proof of certification</u> as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), Minority, Women-Owned or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.	5 points

SECTION 5: SPECIFICATIONS

5.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The intent of this RFP is to establish a contract/s for the purchase of consultancy services intended for the management of and/or implementation services of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software systems as part of the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Under the TXShare program, any public entity or non-profit can use the TXShare contract and its selected vendor(s) and pricing to pursue their own projects. A vendor is encouraged to market their products or services to any public sector or non-profit group in the Nation that they'd like to do business with.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals from qualified professional management firms to provide project management, consultancy, and implementation services related to organization-wide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for the Participating Entities of the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The overall vision of the ERP Consultancy Services RFP is to retain a vendor or vendors that are able to provide services that address the needs of TXShare Entities relating to the **8 Primary Components** of an ERP System, including but not limited to:

- Accounting and Financial Management
- Human Resources (HR)
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Business Intelligence (BI)
- Supply Chain Management (SCM)
- Manufacturing and Logistics Management
- Inventory Management
- Warehouse Management

Other Features components desirous of an efficient ERP System:

- Event Management
- Risk Management
- Sales
- Order
- Management
- E-commerce
- Market Management
- Advanced Planning and Forecasting

Services rendered to entities may involve scenarios where the best inherent solution may be adopted by the Entity with no customization of the underlying hardware; and those where customization of the underlying hardware is desired, as applicable.

The desired outcome of this RFP is to capture employee-rate card contracts awarded to retain a vendor or vendors to supply municipalities, counties, school districts and the like with ERP Consultancy Services. This method allows for total scalability of services across the nation, irrespective of overhead costs.

Respondents are asked to provide a narrative detailing their ability to provide services desired

under this section as well as the Challenge Questions found in **Exhibit A**.

The **primary intent** of this RFP (TXShare proposal) is to receive proposals for the selection of an individual(s) or firm(s) to provide Enterprise Resource Planning services to be hosted on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

NOTE: Under the TXShare program, any public entity or non-profit can use the TXShare contract and its selected vendor(s) and pricing to pursue their own projects. Vendors awarded a contract under the TXShare Program may offer their services nationwide if they desire to do so. This offers a unique advertising advantage to vendors to promote their services, as the vendor's prices are competitively bid under a cooperative contract.

In your bid response, please indicate which of the Product Categories your firm is able to provide.

Product Category #1: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to maintain/repair/modify existing TXShare Entity's or NCTCOG's ERP infrastructure* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #2: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to assist NCTCOG or TXShare Entity's research and preparation for ERP implementation* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #3: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to implement or replace an ERP system for NCTCOG or TXShare Entities* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #4: Provide *Standalone Review and Documentation Services of TXShare Entity's current business processes, process flows, process integration, and identification of pain points prior to their ERP implementation* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #5: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services otherwise not anticipated in this RFP*.

Vendor may propose any combination of categories. Responses are encouraged from vendors who can only provide a handful of products and services. Respondents are not expected to be able to provide the entirety of the desired goods requested in this RFP, though are welcome to if they are able!

To be under consideration for an award of a TXShare contract, you **do not** have to propose to service the entire State of Texas, nor do you have to propose to service all Fifty (50) States of the United States of America. The TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program requests that respondents specify on the service area designation forms, and in their proposal, the service areas that they are willing and able to provide goods and services to. During the evaluation process, your responses to the service area designation forms **will not** be taken into consideration when determining the quality of your proposal.

Service area designation forms are found on **Exhibit C**.

Respondents should prepare a proposal that describes the products and services that they are proposing to provide. Proposals must demonstrate the respondent's capability to provide **all or part** of the requested services. A Respondent's proposal will be evaluated only for the products and services that they propose.

NCTCOG reserves the right to select the proposal or proposals offering the most advantageous combination, with price and other evaluation criteria considered. Respondent should furnish pricing related to each item on which Respondent wishes to propose, and either leave the questions for other items unanswered (blank) or indicate "No Bid." The NCTCOG will consider items individually and make awards on each item independently.

5.2 CONTRACT TYPE

This is a "sealed proposal" based on discount off price list. All discount percentages shall remain firm for the duration of the contract. Vendor may submit updated pricelists reflecting market-wide price increase that occur during the term of contract, and shall provide upon request such supporting documentation as TXShare may require. In the event of price decreases, such price decreases shall be allowed for all products. A copy of, or link to, the vendor's pricelist must be submitted with the Proposal.

By signing this Proposal, the Respondent certifies that the proposing entity has obtained, and will continue to maintain during the entire term of this contract, all permits, approvals, or licenses, necessary for lawful performance of its obligations under this contract.

5.3 CONTRACT TERM

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be effective for **24 months** from the date of award. This Agreement will automatically renew for up to three (3) additional one-year periods, not to exceed five (5) years in total, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. The option not to renew will be considered at NCTCOG's discretion.

5.4 WARRANTY/GUARANTY

All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

5.5 PRICING

This Request for Proposals requires "employee rate card" pricing. Respondents should furnish a proposal that indicates a per-hourly rate for each sort of staff that they employ to be applied to all items in Respondent's product categories. Projects sold under a contract resultant of this RFP would be structured by the total number of hours required of each staff member to accomplish any desired task.

Respondent will not include freight, transportation and delivery charges or costs or sales tax in Proposal pricing.

Responses are encouraged from vendors who can only provide a handful of products. Respondents are not expected to be able to provide the entirety of the desired goods, though are welcome to if they are able!

5.6 NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

New products and services may be added to the resulting Contract(s) during the term of the Contract by written amendment, to the extent that those Services are within the scope of this RFP and include, but will not be limited to, new products added to the manufacturer's list offerings, and services which reflect new technology and improved functionality. All requests are subject to review and approval of the NCTCOG.

5.7 ALL OR NOTHING AWARD

"All or nothing" Proposals are not acceptable and will be rejected. Respondent must be willing to accept a partial award for any combination of the services proposed, and must be willing to share the business with any other successful Respondents.

The NCTCOG may award contracts to multiple Respondents supplying comparable services, also known as a multiple award schedule, or award the contract to a single Respondent.

The NCTCOG's decision to make multiple awards or a single award will be based upon its sole discretion regarding the type of award that provides best value.

SECTION 6: HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

6.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDENTS

Please provide a written response regarding ability to meet each requirement as outlined in the Specifications (Section 5). Include any additional pertinent information on how your proposed solution meets each requirement. Provide any pertinent additional functionality and/or services not outlined in the Scope of Work that you wish to offer.

Important Note: Your proposal must consist of your responses to the Required Response Information outlined below and completed Attachments I-X.

Required Response Information

Each section of information should be *clearly defined* using the following section or heading titles:

Certificate of Offeror and Statement of Understanding

The initial submission pages of your proposal will consist of:

1. Addenda acknowledgement and signature of authorized representative (page 1 of this solicitation document)
2. A brief statement of the respondent's understanding of the work to be done or desired deliverables requested in the solicitation.

Key Personnel

If applicable in providing services under this contract, attach statements of qualifications or resumes for all **managers, supervisors, and other team members** who will be involved in the management of the delivery of goods or services under this RFP. Please note you are not required to name every staff member who may be providing services under the rate card on Attachment B, only those key personnel overseeing the execution of a contract resultant of this RFP.

References

Include at least four (4) recent references for customers (preferably public agencies) for whom you have provided services similar to those requested in this solicitation within the last five (5) years. Please include the organization's name (if applicable), contact person, phone number, and email address for each reference. NCTCOG reserves the right to contact or visit any of the respondent's current and/or past customers to evaluate the level of performance and customer satisfaction.

Project-Related Experience and Qualifications

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of experience in performing the requested goods/services.

Provide a written response regarding **organization's and/or individual's** ability to meet each requirement as outlined in the Scope of Work (Section 5.0). Include a brief statement of the respondent's background, including years in business, for the requested services and any additional pertinent information on how your proposed solution meets each requirement. Provide any pertinent additional functionality and/or services not outlined in the Scope of Work that you wish to offer. It should also clearly indicate any major requirements that cannot be met by the organization or individual.

If applicable, identify any subcontractors or third-party services that are utilized in the performance of fulfilling this RFP. Provide a general explanation and chart which specifies project leadership and reporting responsibilities, and how the team will interface with NCTCOG and Participating Entities' project management and team personnel.

Technical Proposal

This section should constitute the major portion of the submittal. **Respondent's proposal should detail their capabilities, knowledge and skills related to the desired deliverables and expectations as outlined in Section 5.0: Specifications and Exhibit A.**

Provide a description of the services for which the Responder is able to provide. In responding, please use the categories identified in Exhibit A of this RFP. Identify each Product Category you intend to respond to in Attachment B, and provide a detailed description of your firm's capability to provide each Product Category.

Address the **Primary Components** of an ERP System in **Section 5.0**, and provide a narrative as to how your firm delivers for each component.

Should your firm be capable of addressing the **Other Features**, provide a narrative as to how your firm delivers for each other feature.

Failure to provide written response to items indicated in this section will be interpreted by NCTCOG as an *inability* by the firm to provide the requested product, service or function.

Organizational Operation:

Additional consideration may be allocated upon the following:

1. Description of the Proposer's process for responding to an order for product.
2. Description of the Proposer's process for delivering orders to respective clients.
3. Description of the Proposer's customer satisfaction services, to include any warranty and/or repair capabilities.
4. Description of the Proposer's invoicing process used by the Proposer.
5. Any assumptions made in responding to the requirements.
6. Any exceptions to the requirements. If there are no exceptions, Proposer shall explicitly state that no exceptions are taken to any part of this RFP. Offer must be in compliance with stated term and conditions unless NCTCOG accepts identified exceptions of the Proposer.
7. Any special features or services the Proposer is proposing in response to the requirements that are included within the pricing provided.

Pricing

Respondents should furnish a proposal that specifies pricing for the services they propose. For more information, please refer to **Exhibit B**.

Points will be awarded on the basis of the competitiveness of the Cost Proposal. <OR>

Points will be awarded on the basis of the overall cost effectiveness and clarity in identifying/explaining costs.

HUB Bonus – 5 additional points will be awarded upon submission of proof of certification as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), Minority, Women-Owned or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Required Attachments - Please include signed copies of all ATTACHMENTS (beginning with ATTACHMENT I) appended to the back of this solicitation document. All attachments must be submitted with the proposal, or the proposal may be disqualified as nonresponsive. If an attachment does not apply, please mark as “Not Applicable” and submit with the proposal.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

Please utilize this checklist to ensure that all required attachments are included with your proposal. IF AN ATTACHMENT DOES NOT APPLY, PLEASE MARK AS “**NOT APPLICABLE**” AND SUBMIT WITH THE PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO SUBMIT **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** MAY NEGATIVELY IMPACT YOUR EVALUATION SCORE.

- ☐ Page 1 - Cover Sheet
- ☐ Page 19 - Attachment I: Instructions for Proposals Compliance and Submittal
- ☐ Page 20 - Attachment II: Certification of Offeror
- ☐ Page 21 - Attachment III: Certification Regarding Debarment
- ☐ Page 22 - Attachment IV: Restrictions on Lobbying
- ☐ Page 24 - Attachment V: Drug-Free Workplace Certification
- ☐ Page 25 - Attachment VI: Certification Regarding Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- ☐ Page 28 - Attachment VII: Certification of Fair Business Practices
- ☐ Page 29 - Attachment VIII: Certification of Good Standing Texas Corporate Franchise Tax Certification
- ☐ Page 30 - Attachment IX: Historically Underutilized Businesses, Minority Or Women-Owned Or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- ☐ Page 31 - Attachment X: Federal and State of Texas Required Procurement Provisions
- ☐ Page 34 - Exhibit A: Description of Desired Product Categories for Proposed Pricing
- ☐ Page 36 - Exhibit B: Sample Market Basket Form
- ☐ Page 38 – Exhibit C: Service Area Designation Forms
- ☐ Respondent recognizes that all proposals must be submitted electronically through Public Purchase by the RFP due date and time. All other forms of submissions will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be opened or considered.

**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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: _____

**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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date:_____

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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date:_____

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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT V:
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

The _____ (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 _____ (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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT VI:
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.

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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date:_____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

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

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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):

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date:_____

**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:

_____ 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 Proprietorship

☐ 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.

(Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

Signature

Date: _____

**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. Representatives from HUB companies should identify themselves and submit a copy of their certification.

NCTCOG recognizes the certifications of both the State of Texas Program and the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency. Companies seeking information concerning HUB certification are urged to 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/>

Local businesses seeking M/W/DBE certification should contact:

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

Submitter must include a copy of its minority certification documentation as part of this solicitation.

If your company is already certified, attach a copy of your certification to this form and return with your proposal.

Indicate all that apply:

_____ Minority-Owned Business Enterprise

_____ Women-Owned Business Enterprise

_____ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

ATTEST TO Attachments of Certification:

Authorized Signature

Typed Name

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ (month), 20__ in

_____ (city), _____ (county), _____ (state).

SEAL

Notary Public in and for _____ (County),
State of _____ Commission expires: _____

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:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

-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:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

-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:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

-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:

EXHIBIT A

Description of Desired Product Categories for Proposed Pricing

Respondents should furnish a proposal that specifies pricing for the products and services they propose.

Responses are encouraged from vendors who can only provide a handful of products and services. Respondents are not expected to be able to provide the entirety of the desired services, though are welcome to if they are able!

Product Category #1: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to maintain/repair/modify existing TXShare Entity's or NCTCOG's ERP infrastructure* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #2: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to assist NCTCOG or TXShare Entity's research and preparation for ERP implementation* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #3: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services to implement or replace an ERP system for NCTCOG or TXShare Entities* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #4: Provide *Standalone Review and Documentation Services of TXShare Entity's current business processes, process flows, process integration, and identification of pain points prior to their ERP implementation* through a contract on the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Product Category #5: Provide *ERP Consultancy Services otherwise not anticipated in this RFP.*

Challenge Objectives

The following list of project deliverables are anticipated by TXShare Entities leveraging a contract resultant of this RFP.

In addition to the narratives desired regarding your firm's capability to provide Product Categories 1-5, and the Primary Components/Other Features of an ERP, Respondents are invited to propose solutions that address the following operational challenges, including but not limited to:

- How can your firm assist in the maintenance and efficiency improvements of or the total replacement of a public-sector entity's legacy Budget, Financial Management, Financial Reporting, Procurement, and other logistical systems?
- How can your firm reduce the sizable technology risk exposure resulting from software obsolescence, hardware/technical infrastructure obsolescence, and the increasing scarcity of technical resources?
- How can your firm resolve much of the fragmentation of existing administrative systems environment, which hinders process efficiency due to dual data entry, system reconciliations, data-synchronization adjustments, reporting from fragmented data sources, etc.?
- How would your firm incorporate functionality that meets or exceeds Federal security standards (e.g., NIST, FedRAMP Moderate), and provide security functions such as role-based segregation of duties and configurable approval rules that significantly strengthen financial controls?
- What recommend improvements for a system that would be fully integrated with the financial management, asset management, and inventory functions, thereby improving process efficiency and control would your firm suggest?
- What services can your firm provide for better tracking and management of the projects and assets?

- How can your firm achieve process standardization based on best practices through the implementation of a unified technology platform?
- What methods would you provide for the reduction of paper-based processes by leveraging electronic workflow, approval, document management, and retention capabilities where appropriate;
- What methods could your firm provide for the capturing and production of consistent, expandable set of data;
- How can your firm enable a more flexible solution to meet evolving business requirements (e.g., compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board [GASB] guidance) that is configurable by business users and does not require software developers to adjust/maintain system rules; and
- How would you provide for enhanced compliance with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding accessibility.
- How would your firm conduct Business Process Reviews for Finance, Human Resources, Academic/Student Affairs, Procurement functionalities?
- How can your firm provide efficiency enhancements to existing Time and Expense modules as desired?

EXHIBIT B
Service Questionnaire

Indicate the services you are able to provide:

SERVICE	YES	NO
Product Category #1		
Product Category #2		
Product Category #3		
Product Category #4		
Product Category #5		

Respondents should address the following items in Tab D: Technical Proposal if they are applicable for the service(s) being proposed.

- Respondents are asked to identify services that they are able to provide.
- Respondents are not required to be able to respond to all services in order to provide a proposal to this RFP.
- Those Respondents that are capable of providing more than a single service, indicate which in the table above, and provide an individual narrative relating to the needs of each Bid Item as described in Exhibit A.
- Responses should consist of detailed descriptions of what a Respondent's firm is capable of providing to the TXSHARE Public Purchasing Cooperative. The narrative for each Product Category must be addressed, but Respondents are encouraged to provide additional detail about their operation and capabilities.

Exhibit B Cont'd
Pricing Proposal (Firm/Organization)

Respondents are to provide a rate chart for the labor categories/ skill sets outlined below. All rates should be presented as fully loaded hourly rates. Include any other cost categories that should be considered within the “other” category. Attach extra sheets, as necessary. Respondents are encouraged to offer additional Public Sector Procurement Consulting functions and services as options for retainer under this solicitation.

Pricing Format Request Example		Procurement No.:	NCT 2025-017
Respondent Name:			
Notes:	1. This pricing sheet is an EXAMPLE of how pricing should be submitted for RFP 2025-017 2. Please provide hourly rates for all staff that would be involved in ERP Consultancy related projects. 3. Use as many lines as needed. 4. Detail any additional information necessary. 5. Proposers are encouraged to offer additional ERP Consulting functions or services to be offered as a catalog option. Please provide any additional options with 'list less' or 'cost plus percentages for pricing. A copy of any catalog services your firm can provide should be included with this response. If no such catalog exists, state “rates as submitted.”		
Enterprise Resource Planning Consultancy - SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program			
Item	Description	Offered Price	
1	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
2	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
3	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
4	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
5	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
6	Position Title	Specify Rate (Hourly)	
7	Other, Miscellaneous, Etc.	Specify Rate (Hourly, Daily, Weekly)	
8	Other, Miscellaneous, Etc.	Specify Rate (Hourly, Daily, Weekly)	
Contractor shall provide additional Enterprise Resource Planning goods or services at cost plus:		%	

EXHIBIT C

RFP 2025-017	Texas Service Area Designation or Identification		
Proposer 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	
	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	

RFP 2025-017	Nationwide Service Area Designation or Identification Form		
Proposer Name:			
Notes:	Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to provide service to all Fifty (50) States.		
	Will service all Fifty (50) States		Will not service Fifty (50) States
	<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>		
Item	State	Region/MSA/City	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		
17.	Kentucky		
18.	Louisiana		
19.	Maine		
20.	Maryland		
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		