

# TXShare

## Your Public Sector Solutions Center

### MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT #2025-078

#### Inspection Services for Fire Hoses, Pumps, Nozzles, Aerial & Ground Ladders

THIS MASTER GOODS SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), effective the last date of signed approval ("Effective Date"), is entered into by and between the **North Central Texas Council of Governments** ("NCTCOG"), a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation, with offices located at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, and

**Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.**  
("Contractor" or "Provider")

#### ARTICLE I RETENTION OF THE CONTRACTOR

- 1.1 This Agreement defines the terms and conditions upon which the Contractor agrees to provide Goods or Services to governmental entities participating in the TXShare program (hereinafter "Participating Entities"). The Contractor is being retained to provide Goods or Services described below to Participating Entities based on the Contractor's demonstrated competence and requisite qualifications to perform the Statement of Work (Appendix A) described herein and in the Request for Proposals #2025-078 (hereinafter, "RFP"). The Contractor demonstrated they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to provide the Goods or Services described, which is of interest to Participating Entities and was procured via the RFP. NCTCOG agrees to and hereby does retain the Contractor, as an independent contractor, and the Contractor agrees to provide Goods or Services to Participating Entities, in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement and consistent with Contractor's response to the RFP.

#### ARTICLE II SCOPE OF GOODS OR SERVICES

- 2.1 The Contractor will provide Goods or Services described in a written Purchase Order issued by NCTCOG or a TXShare Participating Entity. Any such Purchase Order is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement and shall be subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between any term or provision in this Agreement and any term or provision in a Purchase Order, the term or provision in this Agreement shall control unless the conflicting term or provision in this Agreement is referenced, and expressly stated not to apply, in such Purchase Order.
- 2.2 All Goods or Services rendered under this Agreement will be performed by the Contractor:
- 2.2.1 with due care;
  - 2.2.2 in accordance with generally prevailing industry standards;
  - 2.2.3 in accordance with Participating Entities' standard operating procedures and applicable policies, as may be amended from time to time; and

- 2.2.4 in compliance with all applicable laws, government regulatory requirements, and any other written instructions, specifications, guidelines, or requirements provided by NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities.
- 2.3 Any agreed-upon changes to a Purchase Order shall be set forth in a subsequent Purchase Order amendment. Contractor will not implement any changes or any new Goods or Services until a Purchase Order has been duly executed by Participating Entity. For the avoidance of doubt, the Contractor acknowledges that Participating Entity is under no obligation to execute a Purchase Order. Participating Entity shall not be liable for any amounts not included in a Purchase Order in the absence of a fully executed amendment of Purchase Order.
- 2.4 The Contractor may expand its designated Goods or Services area(s) beyond those identified in Appendix A.2 at any time during the term of this Agreement. Such expansion shall not require a formal amendment or change order to this Agreement, provided that the Contractor notifies NCTCOG in writing of the updated Goods or Services area(s). NCTCOG reserves the right to publish or update Goods or Services area information for public awareness and contract administration purposes.
- 2.5 **Discounts for Items in Appendix A.1.** Discounts for items in Appendix A.1 represent the minimum discount for each item offered by the Contractor. Contractor and Participating Entity may mutually agree to a greater discount, thus lower cost, for any item covered under this agreement.
- 2.6 **NCTCOG Obligations.** NCTCOG shall make available a contract page on its TXShare.org website which will include contact information for the Contractor(s).
- 2.7 **Participating Entity Obligations.** Per Texas statute, to utilize the Goods or Services under this Agreement, the Participating Entity must have executed a Master Interlocal Agreement for TXShare with NCTCOG. This agreement with the Participating Entity will define the legal relationship between NCTCOG and the Participating Entity.
- At the Participating Entity's discretion, the Participating Entity may execute a Purchase Order and/or a supplemental agreement with the Contractor which will define the specific Goods or Services and costs that the Participating Entity desires to have implemented by the Contractor.
- 2.8 **Contractor Obligations.** Contractor must be able to deliver, perform, install, and/or implement Goods or Services with the requirements and intent of RFP #2025-078.
- 2.8.1 If applicable, Contractor shall provide all necessary material, labor and management required to perform this work. The scope of Goods or Services shall include, but not be limited to, items listed in Appendix A.
- 2.8.2 Contractor agrees to market and promote the use of the TXSHARE awarded contract whenever possible among its current and solicited customer base. Contractor shall agree to follow reporting requirements in report sales made under this Master Services Agreement in accordance with Section 4.2.

### ARTICLE III TERM

- 3.1 This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and remain in effect for an initial term ending on **October 31, 2027** (the "**Term**"), unless earlier terminated as provided herein. This Agreement may be automatically renewed, at NCTCOG's sole discretion, for up to three (3) additional years through October 31, 2030. The Contractor shall be notified in writing if this agreement is not renewed.
- 3.2 **Termination.** NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities may terminate this Agreement and/or any Purchase Order to which it is a signatory at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Contractor.

Upon its receipt of notice of termination of this Agreement or Purchase Order, Contractor shall follow any instructions of NCTCOG or Participating Entity respecting work stoppage. Contractor shall cooperate with NCTCOG and/or Participating Entities to provide for an orderly conclusion of the delivery of Goods or providing of Services. Contractor shall use its best efforts to minimize the amount of any non-cancelable obligations and shall assign any contracts related thereto to NCTCOG or Participating Entity at its request. If NCTCOG or Participating Entity elects to continue any activities underlying a terminated Purchase Order after termination, Contractor shall cooperate with NCTCOG or Participating Entity to provide for an orderly transfer of Contractor's responsibilities with respect to such Purchase Order to NCTCOG or Participating Entity. Upon the effective date of any such termination, the Contractor shall submit a final invoice for payment in accordance with Article IV, and NCTCOG or Participating Entity shall pay such amounts as are due to Contractor through the effective date of termination. NCTCOG or Participating Entity shall only be liable for payment of Goods or Services rendered before the effective date of termination. If Agreement is terminated, certain reporting requirements identified in this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement.

- 3.2.1 **Termination for Convenience:** Either party may terminate the agreement for its convenience in whole or in part at any time without cause, upon 30 days written notice. Upon termination for convenience, the contractor will be entitled to payment for goods or Goods or Services satisfactorily performed or delivered.
- 3.2.2 **Termination for Cause:** Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement if the other party breaches its obligations specified within this Agreement, and, where capable of remedy, such breach has not been materially cured within thirty (30) days of the breaching party's receipt of written notice describing the breach in reasonable detail.
- 3.2.3 **Termination for Breach:** Upon any material breach of this Agreement by either party, the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) days written notice to the breaching party. The notice shall become effective at the end of the twenty (20) day period unless the breaching party cures such breach within such period.

#### **ARTICLE IV COMPENSATION**

- 4.1 **Invoices.** Contractor shall submit an invoice to the ordering Participating Entity upon receipt of an executed Purchase Order and after completion of the work, with Net 30 payment terms. Costs incurred prior to execution of this Agreement are not eligible for reimbursement. There shall be no obligation whatsoever to pay for performance of this Agreement from the monies of the NCTCOG or Participating Entities, other than from the monies designated for this Agreement and/or executed Purchase Order. Contractor expressly agrees that NCTCOG shall not be liable, financial or otherwise, for Goods or Services provided to Participating Entities.
- 4.2 **Reporting.** NCTCOG intends to make this Agreement available to other governmental entities through its TXShare cooperative purchasing program. Contractor shall provide to NCTCOG on a calendar quarterly basis a report that identifies any new client Participating Entities, the date and order number, and the total contracted value of Goods or Services that each Participating Entity has purchased and paid in full under this Master Goods or Services Agreement. Reporting and invoices should be submitted to:

Civic Marketplace, Inc.  
6502 Glen Abbey  
Abilene, TX 79606  
Email: [support@civicmarketplace.com](mailto:support@civicmarketplace.com)

## ARTICLE V SERVICE FEE

- 5.1 **Explanation.** NCTCOG will make this Master Services Agreement available to other governmental entities, Participating Entities, and non-profit agencies in Texas and the rest of the United States through its TXShare cooperative purchasing program. The Contractor is able to market the Goods or Services under this Agreement to any Participating Entity with emphasis that competitive solicitation is not required when the Participating Entity purchases off of a cooperative purchasing program such as TXShare. However, each Participating Entity will make the decision that it feels is in compliance with its own purchasing requirements. The Contractor realizes substantial efficiencies through their ability to offer pricing through the TXShare Cooperative and that will increase the sales opportunities as well as reduce the need to repeatedly respond to Participating Entities' Requests for Proposals. From these efficiencies, Contractor will pay an administrative fee to TXSHARE calculated as a percentage of sales processed through the TXSHARE Master Services Agreement. This administrative fee is not an added cost to TXSHARE participants. This administrative fee covers the costs of solicitation of the contract, marketing and facilitation, as well as offsets expenses incurred by TXSHARE.
- 5.2 **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% on sales.
- 5.3 **Setup and Implementation.** NCTCOG will provide instruction and guidance as needed to the Contractor to assist in maximizing mutual benefits from marketing these Goods or Services through the TXSHARE purchasing program.

## ARTICLE VI RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 6.1 **Contractual Relationship.** It is understood and agreed that the relationship described in this Agreement between the Parties is contractual in nature and is not to be construed to create a partnership or joint venture or agency relationship between the parties. Neither party shall have the right to act on behalf of the other except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. Contractor will be solely responsible for and will pay all taxes related to the receipt of payments hereunder and shall give reasonable proof and supporting documents, if reasonably requested, to verify the payment of such taxes. No Contractor personnel shall obtain the status of or otherwise be considered an employee of NCTCOG or Participating Entity by virtue of their activities under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VII REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

- 7.1 **Representations and Warranties.** Contractor represents and warrants that:
- 7.1.1 As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, it is not a party to any oral or written contract or understanding with any third party that is inconsistent with this Agreement and/or would affect the Contractor's performance under this Agreement; or that will in any way limit or conflict with its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor further represents that it will not enter into any such agreement during the Term of this Agreement;
- 7.1.2 NCTCOG is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from, or ineligible for, participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Contractor and its subcontractors shall include a statement of compliance with Federal and State Debarment and suspension regulations in all Third-party contracts.

- 7.1.3 Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if Contractor or any of the Contractor's sub-contractors becomes debarred or suspended during the performance of this Agreement. Debarment or suspension of the Contractor or any of Contractor's sub-contractors may result in immediate termination of this Agreement.
- 7.1.4 Contractor and its employees and sub-contractors have all necessary qualifications, licenses, permits, and/or registrations to provide the Goods or perform Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and at all times during the Term, all such qualifications, licenses, permits, and/or registrations shall be current and in good standing.
- 7.1.5 Contractor shall, and shall cause its representatives to, comply with all municipal, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VIII

### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND OWNERSHIP

- 8.1 **Confidential Information.** Contractor acknowledges that any information it or its employees, agents, or subcontractors obtain regarding the operation of NCTCOG or Participating Entities, its products, Goods or Services, policies, customer, personnel, and other aspect of its operation ("Confidential Information") is proprietary and confidential, and shall not be revealed, sold, exchanged, traded, or disclosed to any person, company, or other entity during the period of the Contractor's retention hereunder or at any time thereafter without the express written permission of NCTCOG or Participating Entity.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Contractor shall have no obligation of confidentiality with respect to information that

- 8.1.1 is or becomes part of the public domain through no act or omission of Contractor;
- 8.1.2 was in Contractor's lawful possession prior to the disclosure and had not been obtained by Contractor either directly or indirectly from the NCTCOG or Participating Entity;
- 8.1.3 is lawfully disclosed to Contractor by a third party without restriction on disclosure;
- 8.1.4 is independently developed by Contractor without use of or reference to the NCTCOG's Participating Entity's Confidential Information; or
- 8.1.5 is required to be disclosed by law or judicial, arbitral or governmental order or process, provided Contractor gives the NCTCOG or Participating Entity prompt written notice of such requirement to permit the NCTCOG or Participating Entity to seek a protective order or other appropriate relief. Contractor acknowledges that NCTCOG and Participating Entities must strictly comply with applicable public information laws, in responding to any request for public information. This obligation supersedes any conflicting provisions of this Agreement.

- 8.2 **Ownership.** No title or ownership rights to any applicable software are transferred to the NCTCOG by this agreement. The Contractor and its suppliers retain all right, title and interest, including all copyright and intellectual property rights, in and to, the software (as an independent work and as an underlying work serving as a basis for any improvements, modifications, derivative works, and applications NCTCOG may develop), and all copies thereof. All final documents, data, reports, information, or materials are and shall at all times be and remain, upon payment of Contractor's invoices therefore, the property of NCTCOG or Participating Entity and shall not be subject to any restriction or limitation on their future use by, or on behalf of, NCTCOG or Participating Entity, except otherwise provided herein. Subject to the foregoing exception, if at any time demand be made by NCTCOG or Participating Entity for any documentation related to this Agreement and/or applicable Purchase Orders for the NCTCOG and/or any Participating Entity, whether after termination of this Agreement or otherwise, the same shall be turned over to NCTCOG without delay, and in no event later than thirty (30) days after such demand is made. Contractor shall have the right to retain copies of documentation, and other items for its archives. If for any reason

the foregoing Agreement regarding the ownership of documentation is determined to be unenforceable, either in whole or in part, the Contractor hereby assigns and agrees to assign to NCTCOG all rights, title, and interest that the Contractor may have or at any time acquire in said documentation and other materials, provided that the Contractor has been paid the aforesaid.

## ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 **Notices.** All notices from one Party to another Party regarding this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered to the addresses shown below:

If to NCTCOG:

North Central Texas Council of Governments  
P.O. Box 5888  
Arlington, TX 76005-5888  
Attn: Charlie Oberrender  
(817) 695-9289  
[coberrender@nctcog.org](mailto:coberrender@nctcog.org)

If to Contractor:

Axxess Hose & Ladder Co., Inc.  
Attn: George C. Jones  
13310 Telge Road, 104  
Cypress, TX 77429  
(281) 213-4911  
[gjones@axcesshose.com](mailto:gjones@axcesshose.com)

**9.1.1 If your sales point of contact is different than the above, please provide the following information:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The above contact information may be modified without requiring an amendment to the Agreement.

- 9.2 **Tax.** NCTCOG and several participating entities are exempt from Texas limited sales, federal excise and use tax, and does not pay tax on purchase, rental, or lease of tangible personal property for the organization's use. A tax exemption certificate will be issued upon request.
- 9.3 **Indemnification.** Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NCTCOG and Participating Entities, NCTCOG's affiliates, and any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, successors, and assigns from any and all suits, actions, claims, demands, judgments, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or relating to:
- 9.3.1 Goods or Services performed and carried out pursuant to this Agreement;
  - 9.3.2 breach of any obligation, warranty, or representation in this Agreement,
  - 9.3.3 the negligence or willful misconduct of Contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors; or
  - 9.3.4 any infringement, misappropriation, or violation by Contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors of any right of a third party; provided, however, that Contractor shall have no obligation to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless to the extent any Losses are the result of NCTCOG's or Participating Entities' gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- 9.4 **Limitation of Liability.** In no event shall either party be liable for special, consequential, incidental, indirect or punitive loss, damages or expenses arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether arising from a breach of contract or warranty, or arising in tort, strict liability, by statute or otherwise, even if it has been advised of their possible existence or if such loss, damages or expenses were reasonably foreseeable.

Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, neither party's liability shall be limited by this Article with respect to claims arising from breach of any confidentiality obligation, arising from such party's infringement of the other party's intellectual property rights, covered by any express indemnity obligation of such party hereunder, arising from or with respect to injuries to persons or damages to tangible property, or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party or its employees.

- 9.5 **Insurance.** At all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall procure, pay for, and maintain, with approved insurance carriers, the minimum insurance requirements set forth below, unless otherwise agreed in a Purchase Order between Contractor and Participating Entities. Further, Contractor shall require all contractors and sub-contractors performing work for which the same liabilities may apply under this Agreement to do likewise. All subcontractors performing work for which the same liabilities may apply under this contract shall be required to do likewise. Contractor may cause the insurance to be effected in whole or in part by the contractors or sub-contractors under their contracts. NCTCOG reserves the right to waive or modify insurance requirements at its sole discretion.

9.5.1 Workers' Compensation: Statutory limits and employer's liability of \$100,000 for each accident or disease.

9.5.2 Commercial General Liability:

9.5.2.1 Required Limits:

Minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence;

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

9.5.2.2 Commercial General Liability policy shall include:

9.5.2.2.1 Coverage A: Bodily injury and property damage;

9.5.2.2.2 Coverage B: Personal and Advertising Injury liability;

9.5.2.2.3 Coverage C: Medical Payments;

9.5.2.2.4 Products: Completed Operations;

9.5.2.2.5 Fire Legal Liability;

9.5.2.3 Policy coverage must be on an "occurrence" basis using CGL forms as approved by the Texas State Board of Insurance.

9.5.2.4 Attachment of Endorsement CG 20 10- additional insured e. All other endorsements shall require prior approval by the NCTCOG.

9.5.3 Comprehensive Automobile/Truck Liability: Coverage shall be provided for all owned hired, and non-owned vehicles.

9.5.3.1 Required Limit:

\$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

9.5.4 Professional Errors and Omissions liability:

9.5.4.1 Required Limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Claim

\$1,000,000 Policy Aggregate

- 9.6 **Conflict of Interest.** During the term of this Agreement, and all extensions hereto and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, neither party, shall, without the prior written consent of the other, directly or indirectly, whether for its own account or with any other persons or entity whatsoever, employ, solicit to employ or endeavor to entice away any person who is employed by the other party.
- 9.7 **Force Majeure.** It is expressly understood and agreed by both parties to this Agreement that, if the performance of any provision of this Agreement is delayed by force majeure, defined as reason of war, civil commotion, act of God, governmental restriction, regulation or interference, fire, explosion, hurricane, flood, failure of transportation, court injunction, or any circumstances which are reasonably beyond the control of the party obligated or permitted under the terms of this Agreement to do or perform the same, regardless of whether any such circumstance is similar to any of those enumerated herein, the party so obligated or permitted shall be excused from doing or performing the same during such period of delay, so that the period of time applicable to such requirement shall be extended for a period of time equal to the period of time such party was delayed. Each party must inform the other in writing within a reasonable time of the existence of such force majeure.
- 9.8 **Ability to Perform.** Contractor agrees promptly to inform NCTCOG of any event or change in circumstances which may reasonably be expected to negatively affect the Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement in the manner contemplated by the parties.
- 9.9 **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, United States of America. The mandatory and exclusive venue for the adjudication or resolution of any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be in Tarrant County, Texas.
- 9.10 **Waiver.** Failure by either party to insist on strict adherence to any one or more of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, or on one or more occasions, will not be construed as a waiver, nor deprive that party of the right to require strict compliance with the same thereafter.
- 9.11 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and any appendices/amendments, as provided herein, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all other agreements, discussions, representations or understandings between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No amendments hereto, or waivers or releases of obligations hereunder, shall be effective unless agreed to in writing by the parties hereto.
- 9.12 **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 9.13 **Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision(s) hereof, and this Agreement shall be revised so as to cure such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision(s) to carry out as near as possible the original intents of the Parties.
- 9.14 **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written amendment executed by both Parties, except that any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Agreement, which are required by changes in Federal and State law or regulations or required by the funding source, are automatically incorporated into this Agreement without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

- 9.15 **Dispute Resolution.** The parties to this Agreement agree to the extent possible and not in contravention of any applicable State or Federal law or procedure established for dispute resolution, to attempt to resolve any dispute between them regarding this Agreement informally through voluntary mediation, arbitration or any other local dispute mediation process, including but not limited to dispute resolution policies of NCTCOG, before resorting to litigation.
- 9.16 **Publicity.** Contractor shall not issue any press release or make any statement to the media with respect to this Agreement or the Goods or Services provided hereunder without the prior written consent of NCTCOG.
- 9.17 **Survival.** Rights and obligations under this Agreement which by their nature should survive will remain in effect after termination or expiration hereof.

## ARTICLE X ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Contractor shall take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated, during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 10.2 **Davis-Bacon Act.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3141 – 3148.
- 10.3 **Contract Work Hours and Selection Standards.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3701 – 3708 to the extent this Agreement indicates any employment of mechanics or laborers.
- 10.4 **Rights to Invention Made Under Contract or Agreement.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 37 CFR Part 401.
- 10.5 **Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Energy Policy Conservation Act.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act under 42 USC § 7401 – 7671, the Energy Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 USC § 1251 – 1387, and the Energy Policy Conservation Act under 42 USC § 6201.
- 10.6 **Debarment/Suspension.** Contractor is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with the Certification Requirements for Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements Regarding Debarments and Suspensions.
- 10.7 **Restrictions on Lobbying.** CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.450. CONTRACTOR shall include a statement of compliance with the Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities in procurement solicitations exceeding \$100,000. Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities shall be completed by subcontractors and included in subcontractor contracts, as applicable. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

- 10.8 **Procurement of Recovered Materials.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.322.
- 10.9 **Drug-Free Workplace.** Contractor shall provide a drug free workplace in compliance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988.
- 10.10 **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.

10.11 **Civil Rights Compliance.**

Compliance with Regulations: Contractor will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement.

Nondiscrimination: Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 45 CFR Part 21.

Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by Contractor of obligations under this contract and the Acts and Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Information and Reports: Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and facilities as may be determined by the State or the FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations or directives. Where any information required of Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, Contractor will so certify to NCTCOG, the Texas Department of Transportation ("the State") or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of Contractor's noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, NCTCOG will impose such sanctions as it or the State or the FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: withholding of payments to the Contractor under this Agreement until the Contractor compiles and/or cancelling, terminating or suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part.

Incorporation of Provisions: Contractor will include the provisions of the paragraphs listed above, in this section 10.11, in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as NCTCOG, the State, or the FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier because of such direction, Contractor may request the State to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State. In addition, Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- 10.12 **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Requirements.** Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)-

assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26. Contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure non-discrimination in award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Each sub-award or sub-contract must include the following assurance: *The Contractor, sub-recipient, or sub-contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this agreement, which may result in the termination of this agreement or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.*

- 10.13 Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities.** During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agree to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:
- 10.13.1 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
  - 10.13.2 The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects).
  - 10.13.3 Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex).
  - 10.13.4 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.) as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27.
  - 10.13.5 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age).
  - 10.13.6 Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. Chapter 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex).
  - 10.13.7 The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not).
  - 10.13.8 Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38.
  - 10.13.9 The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex).
  - 10.13.10 Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.

- 10.13.10.1 Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Goods or Services for Persons with Limited English proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, the parties must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to the programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100).
- 10.13.10.2 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits the parties from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

**10.14 Ineligibility to Receive State Grants or Loans, or Receive Payment on State Contracts.**

In accordance with Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, a child support obligor who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least twenty-five (25) percent is not eligible to:

10.14.1 Receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials or Goods or Services; or

10.14.2 Receive a state-funded grant or loan.

By signing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies compliance with this provision.

**10.15 House Bill 89 Certification.** If contractor is required to make a certification pursuant to Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, contractor certifies that contractor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation. If contractor does not make that certification, contractor state in the space below why the certification is not required.

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**10.16 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 Goods 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 Goods or 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.

- 10.17 **Certification of Fair Business Practices.** That the submitter affirms 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.
- 10.18 **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 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.
- 10.19 **Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Goods or Services or Equipment.** Pursuant to Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, NCTCOG is prohibited from using federal funds to procure, contract with entities who use, or extend contracts with entities who use certain telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or Goods or Services provided by certain Chinese controlled entities. The Contractor agrees that it is not providing NCTCOG with or using telecommunications and video surveillance equipment and Goods or Services as prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471. Contractor has certified its compliance with the requirements of Section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) through execution of the “Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Goods or Services or Equipment Certification” included in its RFP submission (Attachment X of the NCTCOG attestations). This certification is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.
- 10.20 **Discrimination Against Firearms Entities or Firearms Trade Associations.** Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries. NCTCOG is prohibited from contracting with entities, or extend contracts with entities who have practice, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. Contractor shall certify its compliance through execution of the “Discrimination Against Firearms Entities or Firearms Trade Associations Certification,” which is included as Appendix D of this Contract. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.

- 10.21 **Boycotting of Certain Energy Companies.** Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 2274, Subtitle F, Title 10, prohibiting contracts with companies who boycott certain energy companies. NCTCOG is prohibited from contracting with entities or extend contracts with entities that boycott energy companies. Contractor has certified its compliance with applicable laws regarding the prohibition of boycotting certain energy companies through execution of the “Boycotting of Certain Energy Companies Certification” included in its RFP submission (Attachment X of the NCTCOG attestations). This certification is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Contractor shall notify NCTCOG if the Contractor cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.
- 10.22 **Domestic Preference for Procurements**  
As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Consistent with §200.322, the following items shall be defined as: “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.
- 10.23 **Termination for Convenience**  
See Section 3.2.1
- 10.24 **Trafficking in Persons**  
Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §175.15. NCTCOG, the Contractor, and its subcontractors are prohibited from (i) engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (ii) procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; (iii) use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. The Federal award agency may unilaterally terminate the award, without penalty, if the Contractor (i) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition; (ii) has an employee who is determined by the agency officially authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition of this award term. NCTCOG must notify the Federal award agency immediately if any information received from the Contractor indicates a violation of the applicable prohibitions.
- 10.25 **Whistleblower Protection.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with whistleblower rights and protections under 41 USC 4712 and 2 CFR 200.217. NCTCOG, the PROVIDER, and its subcontractors shall not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (a)(2) of 41 U.S.C. 4712 information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. NCTCOG and the PROVIDER must inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.
- 10.26 **Internal Controls.** The PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200.303 to establish, document, and maintain effective internal control over the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award, including reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

\*\*\*\*signatures to follow on next page\*\*\*\*

George C. Jones  
Printed Name

President  
Title

Todd Little  
Executive Director

**APPENDIX A**  
**Statement of Work**

# Bid Proposal

**Submitted to:** TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program

**Submitted by:** Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.

**Date:** August 18, 2025

## 1. Introduction

Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc., a Texas-based company specializing in fire service equipment testing, is pleased to submit this proposal to TXShare for the testing of fire hoses, ground ladders, and fire pumps. With over **16 years of dedicated service** to fire departments across Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas, our company has earned a reputation for delivering **accurate, NFPA-compliant testing services** that ensure the safety and readiness of fire apparatus and equipment.

Our mission is simple: keep fire departments' equipment safe, compliant, and ready for service, while minimizing downtime and delivering clear, reliable reporting.

## 2. Scope of Services

Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. proposes to provide the following services in accordance with **NFPA standards** and TXShare requirements:

- **Fire Hose Testing:** Annual pressure testing, inspection, and documentation of all hose lengths.
- **Ground Ladder Testing:** Comprehensive physical and load testing in compliance with NFPA 1932.
- **Fire Pump Testing:** Capacity, pressure, and vacuum testing with full reporting in accordance with NFPA 1911.
- **Ancillary Goods:** Replacement fire hose and ground ladders.

All testing will be performed **on-site** to minimize apparatus downtime, with **detailed written and digital reports** provided.

## 3. Qualifications

- **Experience:** 16 years in business, serving more than 400 fire departments throughout Texas and surrounding states.
- **Major Clients:** Houston Fire Department, Georgetown Fire Department, Montgomery County ESD 1, Bowie County FFA, Cy-Fair Fire Department, Texas A&M Fire Academy, City of San Marcos, and City of New Braunfels.
- **Certifications:** Testing performed in compliance with **NFPA and manufacturer requirements**.

- **Personnel:** Trained technicians specializing in fire service equipment. Our team includes **EVT-certified pump technicians** and **Level II NDE-certified technicians** for nondestructive testing.
- **Accreditation Note:** While Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. is not ISO/IEC 17020 accredited, **this accreditation is not required by NFPA standards**, and all of our testing procedures strictly follow NFPA compliance requirements.

References from multiple Texas fire departments are available upon request.

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## 4. Technical Approach

Our testing services are designed to ensure compliance, efficiency, and reliability.

### Fire Hose Testing (NFPA 1962)

- Document hose loads with photos.
- Remove, visually inspect, and hydrostatically test each hose.
- Tag and record all failed hoses (“Out of Service” with reason for failure).
- Reload hose on apparatus and provide full documentation.

### Nozzle & Appliance Testing

- Visual inspections for defects.
- Pressure and flow testing for proper operation.
- NFPA-compliant documentation.

### Fire Pump Testing (NFPA 1911)

- Visual inspections and apparatus data collection.
- Overload, capacity, 70%, and 50% flow tests.
- Gauge accuracy verified (gauges certified four times annually).
- Relief valve operation checks.

### Ground Ladder Testing (NFPA 1932)

- Visual, operational, bend, drift, hardware, and load tests.
- Testing for all ladder types: ground, roof, attic, extension, and multipurpose.
- Identification stickers applied for compliance.
- Testing can be scheduled the same day as hose testing to reduce downtime.

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## 5. Pricing

Our pricing under the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program is inclusive of labor, equipment, and reporting:

#### **APPENDIX A.1**

#### **Discounts on Pricing for TXShare Cooperative Purchase Program Participants**

## EXHIBIT 1 - WORKSHEET (For Envelope #2)

### PROPOSED DISCOUNT FOR RFP #2025-078

Vendor Name: Access Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature: Gus. Gforn

#### Category #1: Testing & Inspection Services

Item	Description	% Discount Off Your Published List Price
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1 Subcategories\*

A	Aerial Ladder Testing & Inspection	0% Discount
B	Ground Ladder Testing & Inspection	0 % Discount
C	Fire Hose Testing & Inspection	0 % Discount
D	Hard Suction Hose Testing & Inspection	0 % Discount
E	Pump Testing & Inspection	0% Discount
F	Systems Testing & Inspection	0% Discount
G	Nozzle and Appliance Testing & Inspection	0% Discount

N/A

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

**Category #2: Repair Services**

Item	Description	% Discount Off Your Published List Price
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2

Describe Your Subcategories Below\*:

A	All	N/A 0% Discount
B		
C		

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

**Category #3: Other Ancillary Goods or Services**

Item	Description	% Discount Off Your Published List Price
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5

Describe Your Subcategories Below\*:

A	All	N/A 0% discount
B		
C		

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

**APPENDIX A.2**  
**Service Area Designation Forms**

## EXHIBIT 3: SERVICE DESIGNATION AREAS

Texas Service Area Designation or Identification							
Proposing Firm Name:	Access Home & Lumber Co. Inc.						
Notes:	<p>Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to service the entire state of Texas</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Will service the entire state of Texas</td> <td>Will not service the entire state of Texas</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>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.</p>			Will service the entire state of Texas	Will not service the entire state of Texas	✓	
Will service the entire state of Texas	Will not service the entire state of Texas						
✓							
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)

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Nationwide Service Area Designation or Identification Form			
Proposing Firm Name:		Access Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.	
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 (write "ALL" if proposing to service entire state)	Designated as a Service Area
1.	Alabama		
2.	Alaska		
3.	Arizona		
4.	Arkansas		
5.	California	✓	ALL
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	✓	ALL
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		all
39.	Rhode Island		
40.	South Carolina		
41.	South Dakota		
42.	Tennessee		
43.	Texas	✓	
44.	Utah		all
45.	Vermont		
46.	Virginia		
47.	Washington		
48.	West Virginia		
49.	Wisconsin		
50.	Wyoming		

End of Exhibit 3

**APPENDIX A.3**  
**Categories Awarded**

## EXHIBIT 1

### CATEGORIES & CATALOG LINK

- **CATEGORY OFFERING:**

Please place a checkmark next to each Category that you are offering in your proposal:

- ☒ Category #1: Testing & Inspection Services
- ☒ Category #2: Repair Services
- ☒ Category #3: Other Ancillary Goods or Services

- **CATALOG LINK:**

For the items you are proposing in each category, please provide your current catalog (either a printed copy or a web link).

Please place a checkmark next to the appropriate selection:

- ☒ Printed Catalog Attached to This Exhibit 1.

☐ Use This Web Link to Catalog: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT 1  
DISCOUNTS**

● **PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL DISCOUNTS ON PRICING FOR CATEGORIES OFFERED**

For each of the categories you selected above, provide your proposed **discount** off your list price on the attached **Exhibit 1 - Discount Worksheet**. You may offer tiers of discounts based on the different bid items or the sale quantity.

Upload these pages of **EXHIBIT 1 - WORKSHEET** onto Envelope 2.

## EXHIBIT 1 - WORKSHEET (For Envelope #2)

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E	Pump Testing & Inspection	N/A
F	Systems Testing & Inspection	
G	Nozzle and Appliance Testing & Inspection	

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

**Category #2: Repair Services**

Item	Description	% Discount Off Your Published List Price
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2

Describe Your Subcategories Below\*:

A	All	N/A 0% Discount
B		
C		

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

**Category #3: Other Ancillary Goods or Services**

Item	Description	% Discount Off Your Published List Price
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Describe Your Subcategories Below\*:

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B		
C		

\*You may add additional pages if you are proposing additional subcategories.

#### **APPENDIX A.4**

##### **Attestations**

**ATTACHMENT I**

**FORM COG07-25(A1)  
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 as applicable, 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, if required, are outlined in the General Terms and Conditions.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Access Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Gus. Jones

Date:

8/26/25

## ATTACHMENT II

FORM COG07-25(B1)  
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, George Jones, (typed or printed name) certify that I am the President (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):

Access Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Geo. Jones

Date:

8/26/25

**ATTACHMENT III****FORM COG07-25(C1)  
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

2 CFR Part 180 excludes entities and individuals that the federal government has either debarred or suspended from obtaining federal assistance funds through grants, cooperative Agreements, or third-party contracts. **NCTCOG** has elected to include the requirements of the 2 CFR Part 180 in all third-party contracts for federal funds. A certification process has been established as a means to ensure that debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded persons do not participate in a federally assisted project. The inability of a person to provide the required certification will not necessarily result in a denial of participation in a covered transaction. A person that is unable to provide a positive certification as set forth in the Circular may submit a complete explanation attached to the certification. **NCTCOG** will consider the certification and any accompanying explanation in determining whether or not to provide assistance for the project. **Failure to furnish a certification or any explanation may disqualify that person from participating in the project.**

Each potential third-party contractor, subcontractor under a third-party contract, subgrantee, or subrecipient must provide to the grantee or recipient of a cooperative Agreement, as appropriate, a certification for a lower-tier participant. In general, lower-level employees or procurements of less than **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** will not be covered by the certification process procedures, except in the case of procurements with individuals that would have a critical influence on or substantive control over the project; nevertheless, a participant is not authorized to involve a lower-level employee or enter into a contract of less than **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** with a person actually known by the participant to be debarred, suspended or voluntarily excluded.

**NCTCOG requires each potential contractor subgrantee, or subrecipient for a third-party Contract to complete the certification for itself and its principals.**

If an applicant for a grant or cooperative Agreement or a potential contractor for a third-party contract knowingly enters into a lower-tier covered transaction such as a third-party contract or subcontract under a major third-party contract or subgrant with a person that is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the project, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, **NCTCOG** may terminate the grant or subcontract, the underlying grant or cooperative Agreement for cause or default.

### CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

This certification is to be used by contractors pursuant to 2 CFR Part 180 when any of the following occur:

- any transaction between the contractor and a person (other than a procurement contract for goods and services), regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; and,
- any procurement contract for goods or services when the estimated cost is **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** or more; and,
- any procurement contract for goods or services between the contractor and a person, regardless of the amount under which the person will have a critical influence on or substantive control over that covered transaction. Such persons include principal investigators and providers of federally required audit services.

A *procurement* transaction is the process of acquiring goods and services.

A *nonprocurement* transaction is the granting of financial assistance to entities to assist the grantor in meeting objectives that are mutually beneficial to the grantee and grantor.

**A COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATION IS TO BE FURNISHED TO AUTHORIZED FUNDING AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES UPON REQUEST.**

**LOWER TIER PARTICIPANT DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**George C. Jones

being duly

(Name of Certifying Official)

sworn or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, certifies that neither

George Jones for Access Home & Laundry Co.

nor its principals

(Name of lower tier participant)

are presently:

- debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment; and,
- declared ineligible; and,
- or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

Where the above identified lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall indicate below to whom the exception applies, the initiating agency, and dates of action.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award but will be considered in determining contractor responsibility. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

Geo. C. Jones  
Signature of Certifying Official

Title

President

Date of Certification

8/25/25

**ATTACHMENT IV**  
**FORM COG07-25(D1)**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 prohibits recipients of federal contracts, grants, and loans exceeding **one hundred thousand dollars (\$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 **one hundred thousand dollars (\$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 **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)**, NCTCOG requires its subcontractors of that grant to file a certification 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 if the subcontractor or its employees have made or have agreed to make any payment using non-appropriated 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 and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of 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.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Geo. E. Jones Access Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

8/25/25

## ATTACHMENT V

FORM COG07-25(E1)  
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

The Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. (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 Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. (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), and the U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR Part 90), the Federal Transit Administration (41 U.S.C 702) and the Federal Highway Administration (49 CFR Part 32). 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):

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Geo. G. Jones

Date: 8/25/25-

**ATTACHMENT VI****FORM COG07-25(F1)  
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Disclosure is to protect the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) interest when it is contemplating entering into a contractual arrangement by ensuring a fair and unbiased selection process. This disclosure helps mitigate the risk of real or perceived conflicts of interest for members of the selection committee regarding personal interests in the selection of a proposer.

**Definitions:** For the purpose of this policy the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Conflict of Interest" shall mean any situation in which a person is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity. Examples of conflict of interest include:

- Is currently employed by, or is a consultant to or under contract with NCTCOG; or,
- Is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning future employment or contracting with NCTCOG.

"Financial interest" shall mean any person who has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family relationship any of the following:

- An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which NCTCOG has a transaction or Contractual arrangement; or,
- A compensation arrangement with any entity or individual with which the NCTCOG has a transaction or Contractual arrangement; or,
- A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which NCTCOG is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

"Business Relationship" shall mean a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include connection based on:

- 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; or,
- A transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or,
- 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.

**Determining Whether a Conflict of Interests Exists:** A conflict of interest exists if an employee of the proposing firm has a real or perceived financial interest or may receive personal benefit because of their decision with regards to NCTCOG'S selection process. All proposal team members are required to disclose any conflict of interest to NCTCOG for review. As part of NCTCOG'S review, NCTCOG may request to discuss the conflict of interest with the proposal team member.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE**

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that no conflict of interest exists herein:

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

Geo. Jones  
George C. Jones  
Axcess Home & Lawn Co.  
8/25/25

**ATTACHMENT VII**

**FORM COG07-25(G1)  
CERTIFICATION OF FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES**

That the submitter has not been found liable for unfair business practices in a civil or criminal 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 liable for unfair business practices in a civil or criminal judicial or state agency administrative during the preceding year.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Geo. C. Jones

Date:

8/25/25

**ATTACHMENT VIII**

**FORM COG07-25(H1)**  
**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 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.

George C. Toner  
 (Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

Geo. C. Toner  
 Signature

Date: 8/25/25

**ATTACHMENT IX****FORM COG07-25(11)  
REQUIRED STATE CLAUSES CERTIFICATION**

This Contract is subject to the Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and Texas Government Code sections 2271-2276, for required state clauses:

- a. If required to make a certification pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2271.02, the **CONSULTANT** providing goods and services under this Contract confirms that it does not and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. The **CONSULTANT** shall incorporate required provisions in any subcontract entered into as part of this Contract.
- b. Pursuant to Chapter 2276, Government Code, as enacted by S.B. 13, 87th Legislature, **NCTCOG** is prohibited from using public funds to contract with entities who boycott energy companies. The **CONSULTANT** verifies that it does not discriminate against energy companies and will not discriminate during the term of the contract. The **CONSULTANT** shall incorporate required provisions in any subcontract entered into as part of this Contract.
- c. Pursuant to Chapter 2274, Government Code, as enacted by S.B. 19, 87th Legislature, **NCTCOG** is prohibited from using public funds to contract with entities who discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries. The **CONSULTANT** agrees that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of the contract. The **CONSULTANT** shall incorporate required provisions in any subcontract entered into as part of this Contract.

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that no funds under this Contract will be obligated or expended for any of the activities included herein:

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Geo. C. Jones*  
*George C. Jones*  
*Access Home & Land Co.*  
*8/25/25*

**ATTACHMENT X****THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FORM COG07-25(J1)****CERTIFICATION REGARDING DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT  
(only to be completed by FOR-PROFIT agencies)**

**SECTION 82. SEC. 231.006, Family Code as added by House Bill 655: INELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE STATE GRANTS OR LOANS OR RECEIVE PAYMENTS ON STATE CONTRACT:**

- (a) A child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to:
  - (1) receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services; or
  - (2) receive a state-funded grant or loan.
- (b) A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a) remains ineligible until:
  - (1) all arrearages have been paid; or
  - (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency.
- (c) A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application.
- (d) A contract, bid, or application subject to the requirements of this section must include the following statement:

*"Under Section 231.006, Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid, or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate."*
- (e) If a state agency determines that an individual or business entity holding a state contract is ineligible to receive payment under Subsection (a), the contract may be terminated.
- (f) If the certificate required under Subsection (d) is shown to be false, the vendor is liable to the state for attorney's fees, the costs necessary to complete the contract, including the cost of advertising and awarding a second contract, and any other damages provided by law or contract.
- (g) This section does not create a cause of action to contest a bid or award of a state grant, loan, or contract. This does not impose a duty on the Title IV-D agency to collect information to send to the comptroller to withhold a payment to a business entity. The Title IV-D agency may identify a business entity that is ineligible to receive a state payment under Subsection (a) and to ensure that a state payment to the entity is not made. This system should be implemented using existing funds and only if the Title IV-D agency, comptroller, and other affected agencies determine that it will be

cost effective.

- (h) This section does not apply to a contract between governmental entities.
- (i) The Title IV-D agency may adopt rules or prescribe forms to implement any provision of this section.

Agency name: Axcess Hose & Ladder Co.

Gus. Jones  
Signature of authorized representative

President  
Title of authorized representative

8/25/25-  
Date

## ATTACHMENT XI

### NCTCOG FEDERAL 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.**

#### REQUIRED 2 CFR 200 CLAUSES

#### Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles & Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Contractor)

- 1. Equal Employment Opportunity.** PROVIDER shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. PROVIDER shall take affirmative actions to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated, during their employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 2. Davis-Bacon Act.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3141 – 3148.
- 3. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3701 – 3708 to the extent this agreement indicates any employment of mechanics or laborers.
- 4. Rights to Invention Made Under Contract or Agreement.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 37 CFR Part 401.
- 5. Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Energy Policy Conservation Act.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act under 42 USC § 7401 – 7671, the Energy Federal Water Pollution Control Act 33 USC § 1251 – 1387, and the Energy Policy Conservation Act under 42 USC § 6201.
- 6. Debarment/Suspension.** PROVIDER is prohibited from making any award or permitting any award at any tier to any party which is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension. PROVIDER and its subcontractors shall comply with the special provision “Certification Requirements for Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements Regarding Debarments and Suspensions”.
- 7. Restrictions on Lobbying.** PROVIDER of these funds is prohibited from using monies for lobbying purposes; PROVIDER shall comply with the special provision “Restrictions on Lobbying”. PROVIDER shall include a statement of compliance with the Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities in applicable procurement solicitations. Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities shall be completed by subcontractors and included in subcontractor contracts, as applicable.
- 8. Procurement of Recovered Materials.** PROVIDER agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.322.
- 9. Domestic Preference for Procurements**  
As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the PROVIDER should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Consistent with §200.322, the following items shall be defined as: “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting

stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

#### 10. Trafficking in Persons

Proposer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §175.15. NCTCOG, the Contractor, and its subcontractors are prohibited from (i) engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (ii) procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; (iii) used force labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award. The Federal award agency may unilaterally terminate the award, without penalty, if the Contractor (i) is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition; (ii) has an employee who is determined by the agency officially authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition of this award term. NCTCOG must notify the Federal award agency immediately if any information received from the Contractor indicates a violation of the applicable prohibitions.

- ☒ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it does comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 as stipulated above and required by the NCTCOG.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

Geo. Jones  
George C Jones  
Axcess Hose & Ladder Co.  
8/25/25

-OR-

- ☐ The Contractor or Subrecipient hereby certifies that it cannot comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 as stipulated above and required by the NCTCOG.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

NAME OF COMPANY:

DATE:

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## ATTACHMENT XII

### 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

N/A

**ATTEST TO Attachments of Certification:**

Authorized Signature N/A

Typed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), 20\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (county), \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

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

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