

TXShare

Your Public Sector Solutions Center

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For

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

RFP # 2025-078

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM CT, **August 27, 2025**, and then publicly opened and read aloud thereafter.

Access Hose + Ladder Co. Inc.

Legal Name of Proposing Firm

George C. Jones

owner

Contact Person for This Proposal

Title

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Contact Person E-Mail Address

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Street Address of Principal Place of Business

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City/State

77429

Zip

P.O. Box 689

Mailing Address of Principal Place of Business

Cyren Tx 77410

City/State

Zip

Is your business registered with the Texas Secretary of State? ☒ Yes ☐ No

What is the business's Secretary of State filing number? 800741275

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

NOTE: Any confidential/proprietary information must be clearly labeled as "confidential/proprietary". All proposals are subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

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.

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:

- **Fire Hose Testing:** \$0.35 per foot (minimums apply)
- **Ground Ladder Testing:** \$2.25 per foot
- **Fire Pump Testing:** \$425.00 per apparatus

Discounted pricing is available for departments testing multiple apparatus groups at the same time.

6. Compliance

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. ensures compliance with:

- NFPA standards (NFPA 1911, NFPA 1932, NFPA 1962)
 - TXShare contract requirements
 - OSHA and workplace safety regulations
 - Equal Employment and Non-Discrimination policies
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7. Conclusion

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc. brings **over 50 years of combined firefighting and fire equipment service experience plus 16 years as a trusted testing provider**. Unlike many competitors, we also offer **repair and replacement services**, ensuring that out-of-service equipment can be restored quickly to operational readiness.

We are confident that our proven expertise, customer service, and commitment to NFPA compliance make us the best partner for TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the opportunity to serve TXShare members across Texas.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

George C. Jones

President

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.

PO Box 689

Cypress, Texas 77410

Phone: 281-213-4911

Email: gjones@axcesshose.com

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Jones

President

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.

5.1 Bid Technical Specifications – Questions

5.1.1 Is the Proposer accredited by the International Accreditation Services for inspection and testing system on fire apparatus in accordance with ISO/IEC 17020?

Answer: No. NFPA standards do not require ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation. Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. follows all NFPA compliance requirements.

5.1.2 Will the Proposer test all department apparatus to NFPA 1910 Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing and Retirement of In-Service Emergency Vehicles?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.3 Can you perform pump inspections, maintenance, and testing at the Customer's specified location?

Answer: Yes, all pump testing and inspections can be performed on-site.

5.1.4 Do you also offer in-house services for Customer consideration?

Answer: No. All testing is performed at the Customer's site to minimize apparatus downtime.

5.1.5 After completion of tests, will you provide a comprehensive report, either written or digital, with a digital picture of the unit on the cover page?

Answer: Yes, detailed reports with pictures are provided.

5.1.6 Can you provide a Certificate of Inspection after needed repairs are made?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.7 Can you provide nondestructive testing by certified Level II NDT technicians?

Answer: No. NFPA does not require this level of testing for hose, ladder, or pump testing.

5.1.8 Do you understand that inspections and testing will be scheduled and authorized through the Customer's Fire Department directly?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.9 Do you use any proprietary testing equipment?

Answer: Yes. We use specialized equipment designed to test 16 fire hoses simultaneously, increasing efficiency.

Hose, Nozzle & Appliance Testing

5.1.10 Describe your hose, nozzle, and appliance testing process.

Answer:

- **Hose Testing (NFPA 1962):**
 1. Document hose loads with pictures.
 2. Remove and inspect for physical defects.
 3. Perform hydrostatic leak test.
 4. Tag failed hoses (“Out of Service”) and record results.
 5. Reload hose on apparatus.
- **Nozzle & Appliance Testing (NFPA standards):**
 1. Visual inspection for defects.
 2. Pressure check for leaks and operation.
 3. Flow test nozzles.

5.1.11 Do you record all hose test results for NFPA compliance and insurance certification?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.12 Do you apply service testing labels on each hose?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.13 Do your tests include flow and pressure tests to ensure no leaks?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.14 Do you record diameter, length, manufacturer, age, and location?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.15 Do you test Hard Suction Hose per NFPA 1962 section 7.5?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.16 How do you identify failed hoses?
Answer: Red “Out of Service” tags with reason for failure.

5.1.17 Is each hose length both pressure tested and visually inspected?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.18 Do you maintain computerized testing history?
Answer: Yes.

5.1.19 Are your records accepted by ISO to help lower insurance costs?
Answer: Yes.

Pump Testing

5.1.20 Describe your fire pump testing process.
Answer:

- Visual inspection

- Collect apparatus, engine, and pump data
- Overload test
- Capacity test
- 70% and 50% flow tests
- Gauge accuracy verification (gauges certified 4 times per year)
- Relief valve operation check

5.1.21 Does your test ensure correct GPM? Can all testing be done at the station?

Answer: Yes, to both.

5.1.22 Are your pump technicians certified?

Answer: Yes. EVT-certified.

Aerial & Ground Ladder Testing

5.1.23 Do you perform annual ladder inspections per NFPA guidelines?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.24 Do you test all ladder types, including visual, operational, bend, and drift tests?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.25 Do you perform hardware, pressure, and load tests?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.26 Are you trained to test all ladders (metal, wood, fiberglass) and apply identification stickers?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.27 Do inspections include complete operational testing of aerial devices and components?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.28 Do you provide nondestructive tests for aerial welds (UT, DP, MP)?

Answer: No, only for ground ladders.

5.1.29 Can you test ground ladders on the same day as hose testing?

Answer: Yes.

Inspection Tracking

5.1.30 Do you understand NFPA testing requirements? Do you track inspection schedules?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.31 Do you offer top-to-bottom inspections, including reserve-line apparatus?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.32 Does your service meet or exceed NFPA guidelines?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.33 Are you ISO 17020 accredited?

Answer: No. Accreditation is not required by NFPA.

5.1.34 Are your technicians Level II NDE certified?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.35 Do your technicians conduct complete visual and operational tests of all devices?

Answer: Yes.

5.1.36 Do you provide fluid testing and analysis?

Answer: Not applicable.

5.2 Related Experience & Qualifications

5.2.1 How will your support team interface with the Customer?

Answer: Three staff available for calls from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Two staff members are fully trained in hose, pump, and ladder testing.

5.2.2 Describe your experience with government agencies.

Answer: 16 years serving Federal, State, Municipal, and ESD fire departments. Clients include Houston, Georgetown, Montgomery County, Cy-Fair, Bowie County, Texas A&M, San Marcos, and New Braunfels.

5.2.3 Are there any major requirements you cannot meet?

Answer: No.

5.2.4 What are your business locations?

Answer: Cypress, TX (headquarters), with service coverage in Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas/Fort Worth.

5.2.5 Provide a general overview of your company.

Answer: Over 50 years combined firefighting experience, 16 years as a business, 8 employees, serving more than 150 fire departments.

5.2.6 Describe your invoicing process and payment terms.

Answer: Reports and invoices within 3 days of job completion. Net 30 terms. Credit cards accepted.

5.2.7 List five similar contracts awarded within the last 5 years.

Answer: Bowie County, Wilson County ESD, Texas A&M, City of San Marcos, City of New Braunfels.

5.2.8 Identify contracts terminated in the last 3 years due to non-performance.

Answer: None.

5.2.9 What sets you apart from competitors?

Answer: In addition to testing, we provide **repair and replacement services**, reducing downtime.

5.2.10 Who is your sales contact?

Answer: George Jones, President.

5.2.11 How long does delivery/installation take after an order?

Answer: Varies depending on part or equipment availability.

5.2.12 Identify current issues that may affect your ability to meet demand.

Answer: None.

5.2.13 Identify subcontractors used.

Answer: Aerial testing subcontractors.

5.2.14 Provide additional information.

Answer: Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. offers over 50 years of combined firefighting and service experience, with ancillary services to keep apparatus in service.

5.2.15 Do you take exceptions to RFP terms?

Answer: No.

5.3 Other Requirements

Objectives: Axxess Hose & Ladder Co. can support the Master Agreement under TXShare for fire hose, ladder, and pump testing, as well as ancillary replacement goods and minor repairs.

5.4 Pricing

- **Fire Hose Testing:** \$0.35/ft (minimums apply)
- **Ground Ladder Testing:** \$2.25/ft
- **Fire Pump Testing:** \$425/apparatus
- Volume discounts available for multiple apparatus groups.

6. Compliance

- NFPA 1911, 1932, 1962 standards
- OSHA safety regulations
- Equal Employment and Non-Discrimination policies

7. Conclusion

Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc. has the experience, certifications, and service record to support TXShare members. Our combination of **testing, repair, and replacement services** ensures fire departments remain NFPA-compliant and operational with minimal downtime.

For questions, please contact:

George C. Jones

President, Axcess Hose & Ladder Co. Inc.

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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)

PROPOSED DISCOUNT FOR RFP #2025-078

Vendor Name: Access Hose & Ladder Co.

Signature: Geo. 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	N/A
B	Ground Ladder Testing & Inspection	
C	Fire Hose Testing & Inspection	
D	Hard Suction Hose Testing & Inspection	
E	Pump Testing & Inspection	
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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Describe Your Subcategories Below*:

A		N/A
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*:

A		N/A
B		
C		

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

**EXHIBIT 2
PRICE LIST**

- **CURRENT PUBLISHED PRICE LIST FOR ITEMS OFFERED**

Upload this completed **EXHIBIT 2 PRICE LIST** page onto Envelope 2.

For each of the bid items you wish to offer, please provide the current published list price. Please attach this information to your proposal in printed copy or via a weblink. Please match the Category item number from the Bid Price Worksheet to the matching item on your current published price list.

Check One:

☐ Printed Copy of Price List Attached to This Exhibit 2.

☐ Use This Web Link to Price List: _____

please see Bid proposal

NOTE: The current price list included in **EXHIBIT 2** will **NOT** be a part of your contractual obligation and may be modified at your discretion during the term of any contract that is awarded to you. Only the Proposed Contractual Discounts on Pricing for Categories Offered entered on the **EXHIBIT 1 – WORKSHEET** will be contractually obligated.

You are however requested to provide us with the newest version of the current price list whenever it is updated.

IMPORTANT: Make certain that you complete Exhibit 1 - Discount Worksheet (ENVELOPE #2). Exhibit 2 does not serve as a substitute for Exhibit 1. Failure to complete the Exhibit 1 and submit in Envelope #2 may result in disqualification of your proposal.

EXHIBIT 3: SERVICE DESIGNATION AREAS

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

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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
			✓
		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.	
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.			
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

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

(Name of Certifying Official)

being duly

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

George Jones for Access Home & Laundry Co.

(Name of lower tier participant)

, nor its principals

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

President
Title

8/25/25
Date of Certification

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

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.

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.

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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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