

**Texas**  
**SHARE**  
Your Public Sector Solutions Center

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
For  
**FIRST RESPONDER UNIFORMS**  
RFP # 2021-073

AUGUST 31, 2021

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Sealed proposals will be accepted until **2:00 PM CT, Thursday, September 30, 2021**, and then publicly opened and read aloud thereafter.

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Legal Name of Proposing Firm

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Contact Person Title

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Telephone Number E-Mail Address

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Street Address of Principal Place of Business City/State Zip

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Complete Mailing Address City/State Zip

Acknowledgment of Addenda: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_ #5 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, you hereby certify that the information contained in this proposal and any attachments is true and correct, and may be viewed as an accurate representation of proposed services to be provided by this organization. You agree that failure to submit all requested information may result in rejection of your company's proposal as non-responsive. You certify that no employee, board member, or agent of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has assisted in the preparation of this proposal. You acknowledge that you have read and understand the requirements and provisions of this solicitation and that the organization will comply with the regulations and other applicable local, state, and federal regulations and directives in the implementation of this contract. And furthermore that I certify that I am legally authorized to sign this offer and to submit it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments, on behalf of said offeror by authority of its governing body.

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Authorized Signature

## **SECTION 1: OVERVIEW**

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”) seeks an experienced firm or firms to provide police and first responder uniforms and accessories to the NCTCOG SHARE Program. The awarded contracts would be promoted via the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is to solicit responses that result in a contract with one or more qualified Vendor(s) that are familiar with providing any or all of these services.

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

The desired deliverable of this RFP involves the submittal of proposals detailing how the proposer would deliver police and first responder uniforms and accessories used by public-sector Entities.

**Bid Item #1:** The **primary intent** of this RFP (SHARE proposal) is to receive proposals for the selection of a vendor(s) to provide catalog contracts offering police and first responder uniforms and accessories to be hosted on the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program. Under the SHARE program, any public entity or non-profit can use the SHARE contract and its selected vendor(s) and pricing to pursue their own projects. Vendors awarded a contract under the SHARE Program may offer their products and services nationwide if they desire to do so. This offers a unique advertising advantage to vendors to promote their services, as the vendor’s prices are competitively bid under a cooperative contract.

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## **SECTION 2: SHARE COOPERATIVE**

### **2.0 NCTCOG OVERVIEW**

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

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

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

### **2.1 SHARE PROGRAM EXPLANATION**

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

### **2.2 CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING**

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

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

### **2.3 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**

NCTCOG will utilize an administrative fee, in the form of a percent of cost that will apply to all contracts between awarded contractor and NCTCOG or participants resulting from this solicitation. The administrative fee will be remitted by the contractor to NCTCOG on a quarterly basis, along with required quarterly reporting. The remuneration fee for this program will be 2% of sales.

### **2.4 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Other governmental entities may be extended the opportunity to purchase from contracts awarded by the NCTCOG, with the consent and agreement of the successful Vendor(s) and the NCTCOG. Such consent and agreement shall be conclusively inferred from lack of exception to this clause in Respondent's Response. However, all parties indicate their understanding and all parties hereby expressly agree that the NCTCOG is not an agent of, partner to or representative of those outside agencies or entities and that the NCTCOG is not obligated or liable for any action or debts that arise out of such independently negotiated interlocal or "piggyback" procurements.

## SECTION 3: GENERAL INFORMATION

### 3.0 CONTRACT INTENT

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

### 3.1 ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE

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

### 3.2 ADDENDA

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

### 3.3 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. CT, on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. Use the following Conference ID and Phone Number to join. Phone Number: (903) 508-4574 Conference ID: 409 532 042#.** The Pre-Proposal Conference will assist proposers in responding to this RFP. Responses to questions identified during the Pre-Proposal Conference will be posted on Public Purchase as soon as available after the Conference. Proposers are responsible for reviewing the website [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) for any updates related to this RFP prior to the closing date.

### 3.4 QUESTIONS

Questions arising subsequent to the issuance of this solicitation should be submitted through [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) prior to 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 23, 2021. Questions received after this time may not be answered in a timely manner. Do not submit your questions in any other manner.

### 3.5 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

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

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

<b>RFP Issued</b>	<b>August 31, 2021</b>	
<b>Pre-Proposal Conference</b>	<b>September 14, 2021</b>	<b>2:00 PM CT</b>
<b>Inquiry Period Ends</b>	<b>September 23, 2021</b>	<b>5:00 PM CT</b>
<b>Proposal Due Date</b>	<b>September 30, 2021</b>	<b>2:00 PM CT</b>
<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>October 28, 2021</b>	
<b>Anticipated Start Date</b>	<b>November 1, 2021</b>	

### 3.6 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

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

The landing page for this project is [found here](#). Otherwise, it is Public Purchase Bid Number 146889. Submission of proposals shall be made in English, in searchable PDF format, and must be uploaded via **Public Purchase** no later than 2:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) – Thursday, September 30, 2021.

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

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

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

### **3.7 PUBLIC OPENING**

The public opening for this RFP will be conducted at approximately 2:05 PM CT on Thursday, September 30, 2021. The meeting will be held digitally via Microsoft Teams, and will be recorded for the RFP file. Please be advised that a large volume of proposals will result in delays in the decryption process. Access information and the meeting invite will be posted to Public Purchase on the week of September 27, 2021.

## **SECTION 4: EVALUATION AND AWARD**

### **4.0 TIME FOR EVALUATION**

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

### **4.1 EVALUATION PROCESS**

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

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

### **4.2 BAFO AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS**

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

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

### **4.3 ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

### **4.4 AWARD OF THE CONTRACT**

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



#### 4.5 PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

<b>Criteria Factors</b>	<b>Proposal Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Executive Summary</b>	<b>Tab B and Consideration of Tab A</b>	Points will be awarded for required components of response for the sections identified, with 5% as a maximum total possible percentage points.	5%
<b>Experience, References, Key Personnel</b>	<b>Tabs C and E</b>	Points will be awarded for required components of response for the Respondent's past performance history, detailed experience, and reference sections identified, with 25% as a maximum total possible percentage points.	25%
<b>Technical Proposal</b>	<b>Tab D</b>	Points will be awarded for description of required components of project deliverables, and overall project plan in the Scope of Services, with 40% as the maximum total possible percentage points.	40%
<b>Cost Proposal</b>	<b>Tab F</b>	Points will be awarded based upon responses to the Example Market Basket and other requirements of Tab F, with 30% as a maximum total possible percentage points. Cost Proposals will be reviewed after consideration of all other requirements.	30%
<b>HUB Status</b>	<b>Attachment IX</b>	Additional score will be awarded in this section to Historically Underutilized Businesses, Minority, or Women-Owned or Disadvantages Business Enterprises (HUB).	5 points

## SECTION 5: SPECIFICATIONS

### 5.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The primary intent of this RFP (SHARE proposal) is to receive proposals for the selection of a vendor(s) to provide catalog contracts offering police and first responder uniforms and accessories to be hosted on the SHARE Cooperative Purchasing Program. Under the SHARE program, any public entity or non-profit can use the SHARE contract and its selected vendor(s) and pricing to pursue their own projects. Vendors awarded a contract under the SHARE Program may offer their products and services nationwide if they desire to do so. This offers a unique advertising advantage to vendors to promote their services, as the vendor's prices are competitively bid under a cooperative contract.

The desired outcome of this RFP is to capture category discount pricing contracts awarded to retain a vendor or vendors to supply municipalities, counties, school districts and the like with police and first responder uniforms and accessories. NCTCOG is seeking responses from respondents who provide these products and related services and ask that they propose a percent discount from list price for the services they are able to provide.

#### **Vendor may propose any combination of categories and are not required to bid all services requested in this RFP.**

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

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

Respondents should prepare a proposal that describes the services that they are proposing to provide. Proposals must demonstrate the respondent's capability to provide **all or part** of the requested services. A Respondent's proposal will be evaluated only for the services that they propose. For example, a respondent that proposes only to provide uniforms and accessories may be awarded a contract solely for those services

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

### 5.1 CONTRACT TYPE

This is a "sealed proposal" based on discount off price list and may contain a not-to-exceed hourly labor rate. All discount percentages shall remain firm for the duration of the contract. Vendor may submit updated pricelists reflecting market-wide price increase that occur during the term of contract, and shall provide upon request such supporting documentation as SHARE may require. In the event of price decreases, such price decreases shall be allowed for all products. A copy of, or link to, the vendor's pricelist must be submitted with the Proposal.

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

### 5.2 CONTRACT TERM

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be effective for **12 months** from the date of award with an option to renew for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms, not to exceed (5) years in total. To exercise this option, the NCTCOG shall serve notice prior to contract maturation.

### 5.3 WARRANTY/GUARANTY

**5.3.1** All work under this agreement shall be free from improper workmanship. Vendor agrees to correct, without cost to the Entity, such work as may be found improper, and to repair all damage caused to the other materials.

**5.3.2** Warranty shall be made to cover a period of sixty (60) days from the date of completion, as evidenced by final payment and acceptance by the Entity.

**5.3.3** All repair work under this warranty shall be done within 30 (30) business days after written notice is given by the Entity. Should the vendor fail to repair or correct such defective work within thirty (30) days of notification, Entity may have necessary repairs made and charge the vendor actual cost of labor and materials.

### 5.4 PRICING

**Pricing is to be submitted in two methods. (RFP 2021-073 Pricing Spreadsheet and the RFP 2021-073 Market Basket**

Respondents should furnish a proposal that specifies pricing for the services they propose, noting any discounts or exceptions from their standard pricelist.

For ease of review, PDF format is the preferred format for all documents submitted.

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

**FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY:** Respondents are asked to fill out and return a copy of the Sample Market Basket Pricing Form, included in this RFP package. This item is used to evaluate a Respondent's 'best value' as opposed to raw percentage discounts. This item will not be considered or used beyond evaluation purposes. This item is used to evaluate actual value of a Respondent's proposal beyond a percentage discount. Respondents are not required to fill out the entirety of the form – e.g., if a Respondent does not offer all of the items listed, they are asked to only fill out those that they do provide.

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

### 5.5 NEW SERVICES

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

### 5.6 ALL OR NOTHING AWARD

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

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

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

## **SECTION 6: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **6.0 TERMS**

- 6.01 **Sales Tax.** NCTCOG is 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.
- 6.02 **Conditions.** NCTCOG reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions or to cancel this notice at any time.
- 6.02.1 A response to this solicitation does not commit NCTCOG to a purchase contract, or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of such response.
- 6.02.2 Unless the respondent specifies in the proposals, NCTCOG may award the contract for any items/services or group of items/services in the solicitation and may increase or decrease the quantity specified.
- 6.02.3 NCTCOG reserves the right to hold and accept any proposals received by the submission deadline for a period of ninety (90) days after the deadline if a determination has not been made for an award.
- 6.02.4 NCTCOG reserves the right to negotiate the final terms of any and all purchase contracts with respondent(s) selected and such contracts negotiated as a result of this solicitation may be re-negotiated and/or amended in order to successfully meet the agency needs.
- 6.02.5 NCTCOG reserves the right to waive any defect in this procurement process or to make changes to this solicitation, as it deems necessary. NCTCOG will provide notifications of such changes to all respondents recorded in the official record (Distribution Log/Receipts Record) as having received or requested solicitation.
- 6.02.6 NCTCOG reserves the right to contact any individual, agencies, or employers listed in a submission, to contact others who may have experience and/or knowledge of the respondent's relevant performance and/or qualifications; and to request additional information from any and all respondents.
- 6.02.7 NCTCOG reserves the right to conduct a review of records, systems, procedures, etc., of any entity selected for funding. This may occur prior to, or subsequent to, the award of a purchase contract. Misrepresentation of the respondent's ability to perform as stated in the qualification submittals may result in cancellation of the purchase contract award.
- 6.02.8 NCTCOG reserves the right to withdraw or reduce the amount of an award, or to cancel any contract resulting from this procurement if adequate funding is not available.
- 6.02.9 Respondent shall not, under penalty of law, offer or provide any gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value to any officer, member, employee, or agent of NCTCOG for the purpose of, or having the effect of, influencing favorable disposition toward their own submission or any other submitted hereunder.
- 6.02.10 No employee, officer, or agent of NCTCOG shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists.
- 6.02.11 Respondent shall not engage in any activity that will restrict or eliminate competition. Violation of this provision may cause the respondent's bid to be rejected. This does not preclude joint ventures or subcontracts.

- 6.02.12 All proposals submitted must be an original work product of the respondent. The copying, paraphrasing, or other use of substantial portions of the work product of others and submitted hereunder, as original work of the respondent is not permitted. Failure to adhere to this instruction may cause the proposal submission(s) to be rejected.
- 6.02.13 The only purpose of this solicitation is to ensure uniform information in the selection of proposals and procurement of services. This solicitation is not to be construed as a purchase contract, or as a commitment of any kind, nor does it commit NCTCOG to pay for costs incurred prior to the execution of a formal contract unless such costs are specifically authorized in writing by NCTCOG.
- 6.02.14 The contents of a successful proposal submission may become a contractual obligation, if selected for award of a contract. Failure of the respondent to accept this obligation may result in cancellation of the award. No plea of error or mistake shall be available to the successful respondent as a basis for release of proposed services at stated price/cost. Any damages accruing to NCTCOG as a result of the Respondent's failure to contract may be recovered from the respondent.
- 6.02.15 A contract with the selected respondent may be withheld at the sole discretion of NCTCOG if issues of contract compliance or questioned/disallowed costs exist, until such issues are satisfactorily resolved. Award of contract may be withdrawn by NCTCOG if resolution is not satisfactory to NCTCOG.
- 6.02.16 NCTCOG is the responsible authority for handling complaints or protests regarding the selection process. This includes, but is not limited to, disputes, claims, protest of award, source evaluation or other matters of a contractual nature. Respondent agrees, 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 process 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.

### 6.03 **House Bill 89 Certification**

If Respondent is required to make a certification pursuant to Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, Respondent certifies that Respondent does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation. If Respondent does not make that certification, Respondent must indicate that in its Response and state why the certification is not required.

6.04 **Insurance Requirements.** At all times during the term of a contract resulting from this procurement, the contractor shall procure, pay for, and maintain, with approved insurance carriers, the minimum insurance coverage and limits required to do business in the state of Texas.

6.05 **Indemnification.** Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless NCTCOG, 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: (i) Services performed and carried out pursuant to the contract; (ii) breach of any obligation, warranty, or representation in the contract, (iii) the negligence or willful misconduct of contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors; or (iv) 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 gross negligence or willful misconduct.

6.06 **Force Majeure.** It is expressly understood and agreed by both parties that, if the performance of any provision of a contract resulting from this procurement 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 the contract 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.

- 6.07 **Form 1295.** The Texas Legislature has adopted House Bill 1295. In summary, the law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties (Form 1295) to our agency prior to the award of certain contracts. The disclosure of interested parties must be completed electronically and submitted through the Texas Ethics Commission website. If the requirement applies to the contract resulting from this RFP, NCTCOG will notify the vendor that the disclosure is required and will provide a specific contract number for inclusion in the submittal. For more information about the process, please visit the following website: [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ\\_Form1295.html](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/FAQ_Form1295.html).
- 6.08 **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.
- 6.09 **Davis-Bacon Act.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 40 USC § 3141 – 3148.
- 6.10 **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.
- 6.11 **Rights to Invention Made Under Contract or Agreement.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 37 CFR Part 401.
- 6.12 **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.
- 6.13 **Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689).** A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
- 6.14 **Procurement of Recovered Materials.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of 2 CFR §200.322.
- 6.15 **Restrictions on Lobbying.** Contractor is prohibited from using monies for lobbying purposes; Contractor shall comply with the special provision “Restrictions on Lobbying,” which is included as Attachment V of the RFP. Contractor 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.
- 6.16 **Drug-Free Workplace.** Contractor shall provide a drug free workplace in compliance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988.

6.17 **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.

6.18 **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, Contractor will impose such sanctions as it 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 9.13, 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.

6.19 **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.*

#### **6.20 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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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).
- c. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex).
- d. 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.
- e. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age).
- f. 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).
- g. 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).
- h. 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.
- i. The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex).
- j. 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.
- k. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to 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).
- i. 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.).

#### **6.21 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:

- a. Receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials or services; or
- b. Receive a state-funded grant or loan

#### **6.22 Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance 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 services provided by certain Chinese controlled entities.



Proposers shall certify its compliance with these requirements as part of their proposal response by completing the certifications included with the RFP document "Attachments" section. Failure to submit the required certification statement may be grounds for finding the proposal nonresponsive.

## SECTION 7: HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

### 7.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDENTS

Please provide a written response regarding ability to meet each requirement as outlined in the Scope of Work (Section 5.0). Include any additional pertinent information on how your proposed solution meets each requirement. Provide any pertinent additional functionality and/or services not outlined in the Scope of Work that you wish to offer.

**Important Note: Your proposal must consist of your responses to Tabs A-G and completed Attachments I-IX**

#### Tabs

**Tab A COVER SHEET.** The cover to your proposal will consist of:

1. The completed page 1 of this solicitation document.
2. A brief statement of the respondent's understanding of the work to be done and a summary of its qualifications.

**Tab B EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.** An executive summary will briefly describe the firm's approach and clearly indicate any options or alternatives being proposed. It should also indicate any major requirements that cannot be met by the firm.

**Tab C KEY PERSONNEL.** If applicable in providing services under this contract, identify all **managers, supervisors, and other team members** who will be involved in the management of the delivery of goods or services under this RFP. Identify any subcontractors or third-party services that are utilized in the performance of fulfilling this RFP. In addition to email and phone contact information for each, provide a general explanation of how the team will interface with NCTCOG and Participating Entities' project management and team personnel.

**Tab D TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.** This section should constitute the major portion of the submittal and must contain a narrative in specific response to items identified below and to all to the specifications outlined in **Section 5.0 –Scope of Work and Exhibits B, C, and D.**

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

Failure to provide written response to items indicated in this section will be interpreted by NCTCOG as an *inability* by the firm to provide the requested product, service or function. NCTCOG encourages vendors to be creative when developing their proposals for the requested goods and or service(s). Designate specific contact person(s) for the following phases: (1) bid process (2) contracting process (3) contract administration (primary point of contact for receiving orders from Participating Entities).

**Tab E REFERENCES.** Include at least three recent references for customers (preferably public agencies) for whom you have provided similar services. Please include the organization's name, address, contact person, phone number, and email address for each reference. NCTCOG reserves the right to contact or

visit any of the Respondent's current and/or past customers to evaluate the level of performance and customer satisfaction.

**Tab F PROPOSAL PRICING.** Respondents should furnish a proposal that specifies a pricing model(s) that will apply to all orders placed under this contract. The pricing models(s) can be based on quantity or a flat rate across the board. Please provide a current suggested list pricing (rate card) for the services that you intend to provide in your proposal.

**Tab G REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS.** Please include signed copies of ALL ATTACHMENTS (beginning with ATTACHMENT I) appended to the back of this solicitation document. All attachments must be submitted with the proposal, or the proposal may be disqualified as nonresponsive. IF AN ATTACHMENT DOES NOT APPLY, PLEASE MARK AS "NOT APPLICABLE" AND SUBMIT WITH THE PROPOSAL.

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

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

- Page 1 - Cover Sheet
- Page 19 - Attachment I: Instructions for Proposals Compliance and Submittal
- Page 20 - Attachment II: Certification of Offeror
- Page 21 - Attachment III: Certification Regarding Debarment
- Page 22 - Attachment IV: Restrictions on Lobbying
- Page 24 - Attachment V: Drug-Free Workplace Certification
- Page 25 - Attachment VI: Certification Regarding Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- Page 27 - Attachment VII: Certification of Fair Business Practices
- Page 28 - Attachment VIII: Certification of Good Standing Texas Corporate Franchise Tax Certification
- Page 29 - Attachment IX: Historically Underutilized Businesses, Minority Or Women-Owned Or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- Page 30 - Attachment X: Prohibited Telecommunications And Video Surveillance Services Or Equipment Certification
- Page 31 - Exhibit A: Service Area Designation Forms
- Page 34 - Exhibit B: Description of Desired Services for Proposed Pricing
- Page 36 – Exhibit C: Service Questionnaire
- Page 37 - Exhibit D: Sample Market Basket Form
  
- Respondent recognizes that all proposals must be submitted electronically through Public Purchase by the RFP due date and time. All other forms of submissions will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be opened or considered.

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

**Compliance with the Solicitation**

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

**Acknowledgment of Insurance Requirements**

By signing its submission, Offeror acknowledges that it has read and understands the insurance requirements for the submission. Offeror also understands that the evidence of required insurance may be requested to be submitted within ten (10) working days following notification of its offer being accepted; otherwise, NCTCOG may rescind its acceptance of the Offeror's proposals. The insurance requirements are outlined in Section 6.04.

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT II:  
CERTIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR**

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT IV: RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FORM CIQ**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.  
 This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).  
 By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.  
 A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

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

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

**3** Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Officer

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

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

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

**7**  
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 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**ATTACHMENT VII:  
CERTIFICATION OF FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES**

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

Name of Organization/Contractor(s):

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Signature of Authorized Representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Indicate the certification that applies to your corporation:

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

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

- Type of Business (if not corporation):
- Sole 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

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Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), minority or women-owned or disadvantaged businesses enterprises (M/W/DBE) are encouraged to participate in the solicitation process. Representatives from HUB companies should identify themselves and submit a copy of their certification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Indicate all that apply:**

- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise
- Women-Owned Business Enterprise
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

**ATTEST TO Attachments of Certification:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

**SEAL**

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

**ATTACHMENT X:  
PROHIBITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT  
CERTIFICATION**

This RFP and any resulting Contract is subject to the Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, for prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance or equipment.

Public Law 115-232, Section 889, identifies that restricted telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services (e.g. phones, internet, video surveillance, cloud servers) include the following:

- A) Telecommunications equipment that is produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- B) Video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporations, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliates of such entities).
- C) Telecommunications or video surveillance services used by such entities or using such equipment.
- D) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, Director of the National Intelligence, or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by the government of a covered foreign country.

The entity identified below, through its authorized representative, hereby certifies that no funds under this RFP or any resulting Contract will be obligated or expended to procure or obtain telecommunication or video surveillance services or equipment or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471, or applicable provisions in Public Law 115-232 Section 889.

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

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

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NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPANY:

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

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**-OR-**

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

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

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NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON:

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NAME OF COMPANY:

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DATE:

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## EXHIBIT A

RFP 2021-073	Texas Service Area Designation or Identification		
<b>Proposer Name:</b>			
<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to service the entire State of Texas</b>		
	Will service the entire State of Texas	Will not service the entire State of Texas	
	<b>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.</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b>	<b>Designated Service Area</b>
1.	North Central Texas	16 counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area	
2.	High Plains	Amarillo Lubbock	
3.	Northwest	Abilene Wichita Falls	
4.	Upper East	Longview Texarkana, TX-AR Metro Area Tyler	
5.	Southeast	Beaumont-Port Arthur	
6.	Gulf Coast	Houston-The Woodlands- Sugar Land	
7.	Central Texas	College Station-Bryan Killeen-Temple Waco	
8.	Capital Texas	Austin-Round Rock	
9.	Alamo	San Antonio-New Braunfels Victoria	
10.	South Texas	Brownsville-Harlingen Corpus Christi Laredo McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	
11.	West Texas	Midland Odessa San Angelo	
12.	Upper Rio Grande	El Paso	

RFP 2021-073	Nationwide Service Area Designation or Identification Form						
<b>Proposer Name:</b>							
<b>Notes:</b>	<p><b>Indicate in the appropriate box whether you are proposing to provide service to all Fifty (50) States.</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Will service all Fifty (50) States</td> <td>Will not service Fifty (50) States</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>			Will service all Fifty (50) States	Will not service Fifty (50) States		
Will service all Fifty (50) States	Will not service Fifty (50) States						
Item	State	Region/MSA/City	Designated as a Service Area				
1.	Alabama						
2.	Alaska						
3.	Arizona						
4.	Arkansas						
5.	California						
6.	Colorado						
7.	Connecticut						
8.	Delaware						
9.	Florida						
10.	Georgia						
11.	Hawaii						
12.	Idaho						
13.	Illinois						
14.	Indiana						
15.	Iowa						
16.	Kansas						
17.	Kentucky						
18.	Louisiana						
19.	Maine						
20.	Maryland						
21.	Massachusetts						

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

**EXHIBIT B**  
**Description of Desired Uniform Products and Services for Proposed Pricing**

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

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

**OVERVIEW**

SHARE desires to retain a vendor or vendors for the purpose of providing Law Enforcement / First Responder Uniforms and associated accessories to interested SHARE cities and counties. This initiative has been initiated on behalf of the city of Frisco and other North Texas SHARE Entities.

Other municipal entities are anticipated to utilize the services, and any awarded vendor would be permitted to utilize any contract resultant of this RFP to provide services to *any* public agency that they desire to do business with.

Respondents are not required to bid all items contained in this RFP, but are encouraged to bid all in a similar grouping. SHARE reserves the right to award by line item, as a group, or as a whole. Prices quoted should be inclusive of all charges for freight, F.O.B. inside delivery.

A packing list shall accompany each order, and at a minimum should contain the customer purchase order number, date, name and address of vendor, and detailed description of items shipped.

**Product Quality/Brand Specific / No Substitutions**

Only first quality fabrics and other components are to be used in the manufacture of all items in this Request for Bid. No "Seconds," "Irregulars" "job lots", etc. will be tolerated. All loose threads shall be removed prior to delivery. Garments should be manufactured to ISO 9001 Standards. Items not meeting these requirements shall be replaced at no cost to the customer upon notice of deficiency.

The successful bidder must guarantee their product against any defect in workmanship or materials. Failure to comply shall result in return of merchandise within thirty (30) days at the expense of the bidder for prompt replacement with merchandise that meets the specifications of this bid.

Bidder shall submit letter from manufacturer (on the manufacturer's letterhead) stating bidder is in good standing and is a distributor of their product.

Brand name items listed, or their market equivalent, on the RFP 2012-073 Pricing Spreadsheet are required.

The following selection of categories is not **all-encompassing**, and additional categories are desired.

**Uniform Product Category #1: Uniform Shirts**

**Uniform Product Category #2: Uniform Pants**

**Uniform Product Category #3: Gloves and Helmets**

**Uniform Product Category #4: Tactical Gear**

**Uniform Product Category #5: Overgarments**

**Uniform Product Category #6: Miscellaneous Uniform Items**

**Uniform Product Category #7: Uniform Boots and Shoes**

## **Uniform Product Category #8: Alternate Items**

### **Service Category #9: Uniform Alteration Services**

- Vendor shall furnish all labor, equipment and supplies needed to provide the services offered. All equipment and supplies used must be capable of performing all operations in accordance with the specification.
- Alterations shall be performed in a professional manner including: hems straight, length even on both legs, color of thread matching color of material, and garments pressed after alterations are completed.
- Vendor shall keep detailed records of size specifications for all uniforms altered.
- Hemming of trousers/slacks
- Hemming of shirt sleeves
- Take in/Let out of pant waist
- Shorten/Lengthen jackets and coats
- Take in/Let our sides of jackets and coats
- Move buttons on pants, shirts, jackets and coats
- Repair of clothing items
- All other types of alteration services
- State any other fees associated with this service
- List any exceptions to discounted pricing

### **Service Category #10: Embroidery Services and Screen Printing**

- Vendor shall furnish all labor, equipment and supplies needed to provide the services offered. All equipment and supplies used must be capable of performing all operations in accordance with the specification.
- Embroidery set up fee shall be a one-time fee per new logo design.
- Embroidered designs may have a variety of thread color options.
- The stitch count must be appropriate for the graphic to be embroidered.
- All artwork/embroidery proofs will be provided by the individual department/division on an as needed basis.
- T-shirts, polo shirts, button down dress shirts, ball caps, and the like may be provided by the public-sector entity.
- Set-up fee per new design
- Entity logo, one color
- Entity logo, multiple colors
- Embroidered entity name, department name or individual staff member name
- All other types of embroidery services
- All types of screen-printing services
- State any other fees associated with this service/s
- List any exceptions to discounted pricing

## **MINIMUM ORDER**

There are no minimum order requirements associated with this contract.

## **ORDERING PROCEDURES**

The successful bidder should understand that any request for purchase of items specified in this bid shall be accompanied by a valid Purchase Order prior to processing the request. All orders for uniforms shall be placed on an "as needed" basis, without regard to any specified quantity or order date. The successful bidder will not accept orders from, release orders to, sell any uniforms items, and/or accessory, to any person without official

authorization. The successful vendor should work with each agency represented in this bid to comply with each agency's ordering procedures and requirements.

## **DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

Initial Order: All items shall be delivered within 45 days.

With bid submittal, vendor shall state delivery times for in-stock inventory items and for special made-to-order and non-stock items after receipt of initial order request by the requesting department/division. This delivery time schedule shall include any alteration required (if any) by the ordering department/division and/or officer.

All shipments shall be made direct to each ordering department/division, or as indicated on Purchase Order.

Shipping charges must be included in the pricing provided. Other than rush delivery, no shipping charges will be paid with orders under this bid. Any rush charges must be approved by the requestor prior to delivery. All deliveries must be packaged individually and must clearly identify the customer/employee name, quantity and sizes enclosed, and Purchase Order number.

## **INVOICING**

The proper invoice(s) shall accompany all items purchased by the Entity, whether picked up or delivered. All invoices shall include the following information:

1. Agency Purchase Order number
2. Quantity shipped
3. Requesting department/division name
4. First and last name and employee number of person to receive uniform
5. Quantity ordered
6. Quantity shipped/backordered
7. Date ordered and date delivered
8. Description and product number for each line item, as shown in the bid
9. Unit price
10. Extended dollar amount

## **PRODUCT LINE CHANGES**

In the event a product and/or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, SHARE, at its sole discretion may allow the successful bidder to provide a substitute for the discontinued item. The successful bidder shall request permission to substitute a new product and provide the following:

1. Documentation from the manufacturer that the product or model has been discontinued
2. Documentation that names the replacement product or model
3. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement meets or exceeds all specifications required by the original request for bid
4. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement will be compatible with all the functions or uses of the discontinued product or model

## **RETURNS**

Each ordering agency may return non-conforming or defective products to the successful bidder at no charge to the department/division. Immediate pick up and replacement is expected, if required by the department/division. No restocking charges are authorized for items returned to successful bidder under non-

conforming or defective product conditions. If the non-conforming or defective product is not picked up within fifteen (15) calendar days after notification by the agency, the item(s) will become the property of that agency, at no cost.

If returns need to be made via UPS or Fedex, the vendor should issue RMA's and call tags to the appropriate agency.

## **MEASUREMENTS**

The cost for measurements must be included in the price quoted for each item. It is highly desirous that the Respondent will agree to provide a monthly time and location to take measurements. The vendor will be notified by the agency should these services not be utilized.

It is desirous that the Respondent will travel to the requesting department/division to accomplish this requirement, if no local distribution facility is within the SHARE Entity's area. The successful bidder shall maintain a current log of measurements for future orders.

Even if the vendor has a local distribution facility within the SHARE Entity's area, SHARE prefers, and may award additional points to vendors that will schedule and measure on site for the agencies and coordinate with local academies to fit new recruits.

## **TAILORING**

It is highly beneficial to a Respondent if they have in their employment, a minimum of one (1) full-time tailor and one (1) full-time seamstress (for female customers), on duty that can visit each department/division/academy to measure a customer for alterations on his/her uniform. Respondents that do not employ alteration staff may be afforded the opportunity to partner with third-party tailoring and embroidering companies.

## **INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS**

A successful Respondent is expected to maintain a level of sufficient inventory adequate to satisfactorily service the agencies included in RFP at the distribution facility within forty-five (45) calendar days after notification of award. The successful Respondent is expected to provide size runs of commonly ordered items to assist department/division employees in ordering.

## **MANDATORY USAGE REPORT**

The successful bidder must furnish a report at the end of each quarter (every three [3] months) detailing the purchasing of items on this contract. Reports must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each reporting period. Failure to provide the report with the minimum required information might also negate any contract extension or renewal clauses. The report shall disclose the quantity and dollar value of each contract item for each agency by individual department/division. Additional reports should be generated as needed, giving agencies an accurate spending record by department/division, by location, by shift, by employee, etc. These reports may be required on an as needed basis. Requested reports of this nature should be provided within 3 business days of the request. For more information, please see **Section 2.2**

## **PRICE INCREASES**

**Prices must remain firm for the first twenty-four (24) month contract period. Thereafter, price increase requests should only be made at the time of annual renewals. Submission of dated manufacturer's increased price sheet or catalog, or additional documentation regarding the price increase must be provided to SHARE.** Determination to accept or reject a price increase is solely the discretion of SHARE.

## **SAMPLES**

Samples may be requested, at no charge to the agency, for evaluation purposes. Samples will be returned to the vendor.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**Uniform Alteration and Embroidery Services Questionnaire**

Indicate the services you are able to provide:

SERVICE	YES	NO
Uniform Alterations		
Embroidery Services		
Emblem Application/Sewing		

How many trained personnel do you employ? \_\_\_\_\_

If you intend to offer alterations:

- Number of full time tailors: \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of full time seamstresses: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your web address (if you have one)? \_\_\_\_\_

List days and hours of operation. \_\_\_\_\_

List your location(s), street address(es) where work will be performed. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you offer tiered pricing? If so, please list quantities required for each tier. \_\_\_\_\_

Outline your product ordering (**online, phone, storefront**), processing and billing procedures

Outline your shipping, local delivery and/or pickup options. \_\_\_\_\_

Outline your quality control procedures. \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Respondent is not required to complete any questions that are not applicable to the services you are bidding.

If more space is needed, please add additional pages as necessary.



**EXHIBIT D**  
**Market Basket**

Please see the corresponding Excel file in Public Purchase and the information below to complete this task **for evaluation purposes only.**

**Market Basket Item 1: Class A Long Sleeve Zippered Polyester**

Brand	Blauer Manufacturing Co., Inc.
SKU#	8600-Z
Measurements	Size: 17 Length: 33
Color	Navy
Quantity:	1



**Market Basket Item 2: Four Pocket Trouser, Polyester**

Brand	Blauer Manufacturing Co., Inc.
SKU#	8650
Measurements	Waist: 36 Length: 33
Color	Navy
Quantity:	1



**Market Basket Item 3: Softshell Jacket**

Brand	Flying Cross
SKU#	54100A
Measurements	Size: Large Length: Regular
Color	Navy
Quantity:	1



**Market Basket Item 4: T-Shirt**

Brand	Gildan
SKU#	Performance 42000
Measurements	Size: Large
Color	Navy
Quantity:	1



**Market Basket Item 5: Duty Jacket**

Brand	Elbeco, Inc.
SKU#	SH3204
Measurements	Size: Large
Color	Midnight Navy
Quantity:	1



**Market Basket Item 6:**

Brand	Bates Footwear
SKU#	BATE 00941
Measurements	Size: 10.5 D
Color	Black
Quantity:	1

