

**MASTER SERVICES CONTRACT  
BETWEEN  
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND**

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**PROJECT # 19-07-19**

THIS SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into by and between the Houston Independent School District ("HISD" or "District"), 4400 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, Texas 77092, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Provider).

**WHEREAS**, HISD desires to hire Provider to perform services as outlined in the scope section of this Contract.

**WHEREAS**, HISD has determined that such services are in support of its educational objectives;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**I. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY PROVIDER (SCOPE OF SERVICES):**

Provider agrees to provide to HISD:

Services and or materials in a timely and satisfactory manner as outlined in Request For Proposal ("RFP") # 19-07-19 Drug & Alcohol Testing, (brief description of services and materials) and Form F (Pricing Schedule) submitted by Provider. Provider's Form F will be attached to this contract and loaded into HISD's SAP System. Pricing will not exceed the rates listed in the Form F submitted by Provider.

If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the terms of this Contract and the RFP, the terms of this Contract shall control.

All work outlined herein shall be deemed "Work" under the terms of this Contract.

**II. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY HISD:**

HISD agrees to provide to Provider:

- Space for Provider services
- Other items necessary must be agreed upon between HISD and Provider and listed in an exhibit that will be attached to the purchase order

### **III. TERM OF CONTRACT**

**The term of this Contract shall be from November 9, 2018 through November 8, 2019; with up to four (4) one-year renewal options upon the execution of a renewal addendum.** However, this Contract may be terminated prior to the expiration of the term as provided in the Termination Section of this Contract.

### **IV. TERMINATION**

This Contract may be terminated prior to the expiration of the term hereof as follows:

- By HISD upon 3 days notice if the work is not provided in a satisfactory and proper manner as determined by HISD
- By mutual written agreement of the parties;
- By HISD with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Provider; or
- By HISD immediately if Provider commits a material breach of any of the terms of this Contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated because of a violation or breach of the contract terms by Provider, HISD shall be entitled to all administrative, contractual and legal remedies, including sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate.

### **V. COMPENSATION**

For and in consideration of the services to be provided by Provider under this Contract, HISD will pay Provider for the performance of services at the rates set forth in Form F (Pricing Schedule) submitted by Provider. Pricing will not exceed the rates listed in Form F of the RFP submission.

The compensation to be paid will be charged to the budget determined by the purchase order submitted. Original invoices should be sent for processing to the Controller's Office. Upon receipt by the Controller's Office, undisputed invoices will be processed for payment within 30 days of its receipt.

In the event this Contract is terminated prior to the end of the stated term, payments will only be made to the extent that work satisfactory to HISD has been performed and is undisputed prior to termination.

### **FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING AND HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD POLICY OBLIGATIONS**

To the extent that HISD's obligation hereunder for payment of compensation is limited to and expressly subject to receipt of any funds from TEA under the provision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-

297, ESEA Title I-Part A and that such funds are specifically designated for this program, Provider agrees to comply with all of the following requirements. In the event such funds are not received by HISD, or only partial funding is received from TEA, HISD may terminate this contract and not be liable for the remaining balance of the contract to the extent that the work has not been performed.

In the event HISD is ever required to refund any funds received from TEA specifically designated for this program, based upon Provider's failure to adhere to the requirements herein, then it is understood and agreed that Provider shall be liable for and shall refund such amounts received by them to HISD within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notice from HISD.

Provider agrees to comply with all rules, regulations, ordinances, statutes, and other laws, whether local, state or federal, including, but not limited to, all audit and other requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984. In the event an audit occurs and any expenditures relating to this Contract are disallowed, based upon Provider's failure to adhere to the requirements herein, Provider agrees to reimburse HISD immediately for the full amount of such disallowed expenditures.

**To the extent that Federal Funds are utilized for payment under this contract, Provider agrees to comply with the Education Department General Administrative Regulations ("EDGAR"). Provider shall complete the EDGAR Provider Certifications which are attached hereto as Exhibit "1," which certifications are incorporated by reference herein, and shall ensure that such Provider Certifications are promptly updated as necessary during the term of this Contract. Noncompliance or misrepresentation regarding the Provider Certifications may, in HISD's sole discretion, be grounds for immediate termination of this Contract. (If Federal Funds are not utilized, this attachment can be deleted from this contract.)**

Provider shall provide all services and perform all functions in accordance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200 through 200.521), and any other applicable OMB requirements, and in accordance with HISD's Procedures which HISD shall provide to Provider, regarding regulatory and financial matters so that the Grant can be carried out in accordance with the requisite federal and state requirements.

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Provider's Signature

## VI. PURCHASE ORDERS REQUIRED

**This Contract is intended to allow the District to purchase services from the Provider through the HISD Procurements Services Department by using the District's requisition and purchase order process. This Contract shall govern all conditions and service terms between the Provider and HISD. The Provider agrees that contracted personnel will not begin work at HISD until the Provider receives a valid District purchase order issued by the Procurement Services Department. In the event that the contracted personnel begin work before Provider receives a valid purchase order, the Provider agrees that the District is not liable for payment of such services rendered.**

## **VII. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

It is understood and agreed that Provider is a separate legal entity from HISD and neither it nor any of its employees, volunteers, or agents contracted by it shall be deemed for any purposes to be employees or agents of HISD. Provider assumes full responsibility for the actions of its personnel and volunteers while performing any services incident to this Contract, and shall remain solely responsible for their supervision, daily direction and control, payment of salary (including withholding of income taxes and social security), workers' compensation, disability benefits and like requirements and obligations.

Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create any third party beneficiaries or otherwise give any third party any claim or right of action against any party to this Contract.

## **VIII. NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY**

HISD does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this Contract and performance of the functions or obligations described herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any trustee, officer, director, employee or representative of HISD.

## **IX. RETURN OF MATERIAL**

Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, each Party will return to the other Party any items in its possession containing any intellectual property of HISD or Provider, as the case may be, to be used in connection with this Contract, including but not limited to: all Marks, patents, patent applications, copyrighted content, hypertext links, domain names, icons, buttons, banners, graphic files, images, technology ("Intellectual Property") and all Confidential Information pertaining to such Intellectual Property. As used herein, the term "Marks" shall mean the words, terms, characters, emblems, logos, service marks, trade names or trademarks, designs or parts thereof, in any size or dimension, presently used or hereafter acquired by any person to identify such Party, its services and/or equipment. As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" shall mean all information and ideas in whatever form, tangible or intangible, pertaining in any manner to the current or contemplated business or operations of the Parties hereto, or their respective affiliates, including

but not limited to: customer lists and documents; individual account information; business plans; business concepts; business practices; marketing strategies; ideas and theories; underwriting; origination and servicing systems practices; management processes; systems; practices and strategies; and business development methods, ideas and strategies.

Alternatively, upon request of the disclosing Party, the receiving Party shall destroy all such Intellectual Property or Confidential Information of the disclosing Party and any other materials furnished to the other Party pursuant to this Contract, and certify in writing that they have been destroyed.

**X. AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT**

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that: (i) it has the right and authority to enter into and perform all obligations under this Contract; (ii) it shall materially comply with all Applicable Laws, with respect to its performance of this Contract; (iii) no authorization or approval from any third party is or will be required in connection with such Party's execution, delivery or performance of this Contract (iv) the execution and performance of this Contract does not violate or conflict with the terms or conditions of any other agreement to which it is a party or by which it is bound; and (v) this Contract has been duly executed and delivered and constitutes a valid and binding agreement enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms.

**XI. INSURANCE**

The Provider shall carry insurance with responsible insurance carriers acceptable to HISD and with minimum limits of liability coverage, as stated below, against claims for damages caused by bodily injury, including death, to employees and third parties, and claims for property damage. The Provider must carry insurance with responsible carriers acceptable to HISD rated A or better, by A.M. Best, with minimum limits of liability coverage as stated below, against claims for damages caused by bodily injury, including death, to employees and third parties, and claims for property damage. The Provider shall furnish certificates of insurance to HISD indicating compliance with this paragraph.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Limits
1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability	Statutory \$100,000 per accident
2. Automobile Liability: Bodily Injury & Property Damage For all owned, non-owned vehicles and hired vehicles.	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
3. Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence

HISD reserves the right to require additional insurance coverage to be carried by the Provider as deemed desirable by HISD, depending on the type of project.

The Provider shall submit evidence at the time of any execution of the Contract that it has in full force and effect all insurance requirements listed above. The Provider shall maintain such insurance in full force and effect throughout the duration of the Contract. In the event that it is not commercially feasible to maintain insurance during the period required by the Contract, Provider shall supply HISD with equivalent assurance to the required insurance, acceptable to HISD.

HISD shall be listed as certificate holder. HISD shall be named as an additional insured on the automobile and commercial general liability policy. HISD shall be named as an alternate employer on the workers' compensation policy. A waiver of subrogation shall be issued in favor of HISD in the workers' compensation, automobile and commercial general liability policies.

The Provider shall provide HISD with certificates of insurance after the bid has been awarded and before the beginning of the project when requested by the owner contact. Such certificates shall indicate an agreement by each carrier not to cancel or significantly diminish coverage without a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to HISD.

## **XII. NO WAIVER**

No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Contract shall be construed to be a waiver of any breach of any other provision. No delay in acting with regard to any breach of any provision shall be construed to be a waiver of such breach.

## **XIII. NOTICE**

Any notice required to be given under the provisions of this Contract shall be in writing and shall be duly served when it shall be hand-delivered to the addressees set out below, or shall have been deposited, duly registered or certified, return receipt requested, in a United States Post Office addressed to the other party at the following addresses:

To: Provider, as shown on the attached signature page

To: Houston Independent School District  
Attn: Grenita Lathan, Ph.D. Interim Superintendent of Schools  
4400 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Houston, Texas 77092

Any party may designate a different address by giving the other party ten (10) days prior written notice in the manner provided above.

**XIV. NO ASSIGNMENT OR CHANGES**

No change, amendment or modification of any provision of this Contract will be accepted. This Contract, including its Exhibits, sets forth the entire Contract and supersedes any and all prior agreements, written or oral, of the Parties with respect to the transactions set forth herein. Neither Party may assign or otherwise transfer this Contract or any rights or obligations hereunder, in whole or in part, without the other Party's prior written consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign or otherwise transfer this Contract or any rights or obligations hereunder, upon notice to the other Party, to an affiliate, or other person or corporate entity resulting from a sale, merger or other transaction involving the transfer of Provider's assets, stock and/or business.

**XV. LIMITATION ON MARKETING AND SALES ACTIVITIES**

Neither Party intends under this Contract to be a marketing or sales agent for the other, nor shall either Party have any obligation to recommend the products or services of the other to any potential clients; provided, however, that HISD may, pursuant to this Contract, advise its clients, and prospective clients, of the availability of the Provider Services and materials.

**XVI. SECTION HEADINGS**

The headings of sections contained in this Contract are for convenience only, and they shall not, expressly or by implication, limit, define, extend, or construe the terms or provisions of the sections of this Contract.

**XVII. GOVERNING LAW**

This Contract is made in Texas and shall be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of such state. The parties irrevocably consent to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of Harris County, Texas, for any action under this Contract.

In connection with HISD's defense of any suit against it and/or HISD's prosecution of any claim, counterclaim or action to enforce any of its rights and/or claims hereunder, in which HISD prevails as to all or any portion of its defense(s), claims, counterclaims or actions, HISD shall be entitled to recover its actual attorneys fees and expenses incurred in defending such suit and/or in prosecuting such claim or action.

Provider shall comply with Executive Order No. 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

Provider shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7606), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order No. 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 51), which prohibit the use under non-exempt federal contracts, grants, or loans of facilities included on the EPA list of violating facilities. Violations shall be reported to the Texas Education Agency and to the USEPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement (EN-329).

Provider shall recognize mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).

Provider agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of all federal laws, executive orders, regulations, applicable guidelines, and policies governing this program, particularly relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (i) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; (ii) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; as amended; (iii) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and (iv) the American with Disabilities Act, as amended.

**Provider hereby certifies that it is not a company identified on the Texas comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. Provider further certifies and verifies that neither Provider, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of Provider, if any (the "Provider Companies"), boycotts Israel, and Provider agrees that Provider and Provider Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, the term "boycott" shall mean and include terminating business activities or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory.**

#### **XVIII. ORIGINALS**

This Contract is executed in one single original copy, the original of which shall be maintained by HISD.

#### **XIX. REPORTS**

To the extent applicable, HISD and Provider shall furnish operating reports to designated representatives on a schedule to be mutually agreed upon. No written reports of any kind shall be released to any third parties without prior written approval of HISD.

#### **XX. INDEMNITY**



Provider shall hold HISD and its past and present and future trustees, officers and employees harmless and shall indemnify all such parties against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party, occurring or in any way incident to, arising out of, or in connection with any acts of Provider and its agents, employees, and subcontractors done in connection with this Contract.

Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create a claim or cause of action against the District for which it is not otherwise liable, nor to waive any immunity or defense to which the District may be entitled nor to create an impermissible deficiency debt of the District.

## **XXI. CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK**

Pursuant to Sections 22.0834, 22.0835 and 22.085 of the Texas Education Code, Provider hereby certifies that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of the Provider who are hired by Provider on or after January 1, 2008, who have or will have continuing duties related to the contracted services, and have or will have direct contact with students, have passed a national criminal history background record information review as required by those sections. Provider must provide a list of the names and dates of birth of all employees who have passed the background check to District's Office of Ethics & Compliance in person or via email at [ethics@houstonisd.org](mailto:ethics@houstonisd.org). If Provider's employees, subcontractors or volunteers have no contact with HISD students, Provider shall so certify on a prescribed form to the Office of Ethics & Compliance, and will be considered to be in compliance with the requirements of this contract.

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Provider's Signature

Provider shall send or ensure that the employee or applicant sends to the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") information that is required by the DPS for obtaining national criminal history record information, which may include fingerprints and photographs. DPS shall obtain the person's national criminal history record information and report the results through the criminal history clearinghouse as provided by Section 411.0845, Government Code.

Providers that have more than 4 employees must set up an account with the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") in order to obtain criminal histories on their covered employees. To set up an account with DPS, a Provider should contact the crime records service bureau at 512-424-2365.

Providers with up to 4 employees must obtain a FAST PASS from the District in order to obtain their criminal history. Appointments must be made with IdentoGo, in accordance with the instructions included with the FAST Pass, who will then notify HISD electronically that the background checks have been done. Providers should contact the District's Human Resources Department to obtain the FAST PASS and scheduling instructions at 713 556-7491.

Providers must present a list of all employees who may have direct contact with students to HISD.

Provider must also obtain certifications from all subcontractors that their employees to whom Section 22.0834 applies have also passed a national criminal history background record information review.

Provider must also provide assurances that all of its employees, subcontractors and volunteers, including those hired before January 1, 2008, who have contact with students have passed a criminal history background check current within the last year. If an employee, subcontractor or volunteer of the Provider has a criminal conviction or has received deferred adjudication for a felony offense or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, the District may elect not to enter into this Contract, or cancel the Contract.

**WARNING:** Section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code requires that a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.

The District may terminate this Contract if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to comply with any of these provisions, failed to give notice as required by Section 44.034 (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The District will compensate the person or business entity for undisputed services performed before the termination of the contract.

## **XXII. RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Unless required by law, the existence and terms of this Contract may not be disclosed by Provider to any third party without the prior written consent of HISD. Provider may not publish or use any publicity materials relating to this Contract or use HISD's name without the written consent of HISD.

## **XXIII. RECORDS RETENTION AND AUDITS**

HISD or its authorized representative, shall be afforded unrestricted access to and permitted to inspect and copy all the Provider's records, which shall include but not be limited to accounting records (hard copy as well as computer readable data), correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers, memoranda and similar data relating to this Contract. The Provider shall preserve all such records for a period of five (5) years, or for such longer period as may be required by law, after

final payment under this Contract. If this Contract is funded from contract/grant funds provided by the U. S. Government or the State of Texas, the Contract, books, and records shall be available for review and audit by the Comptroller General of the U.S. and/or the Inspector General of the federal sponsoring agency, or the State of Texas and its duly authorized representatives.

#### **XXIV. STUDENT RECORDS**

To the extent that Provider will come into possession of student records and information, and to the extent that Provider will be involved in the survey, analysis, or evaluation of students, incidental to this Contract, Provider agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

#### **XXV. TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT**

In the event that HISD is required to furnish information or records pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Provider shall furnish all such information and records to HISD and HISD shall have the right to release such information and records.

#### **XXVI. BUSINESS ETHICS**

During the course of pursuing contracts, and the course of contract performance, Provider will maintain business ethics standards aimed at avoiding real or apparent impropriety or conflicts of interest. No substantial gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations beyond that which would be collectively categorized as incidental shall be made to any employees or officials of HISD, its authorized agents and representatives, or to family members of any of them. At any time Provider believes there may have been a violation of this obligation, Provider shall notify HISD of the possible violation. HISD is entitled to request a representation letter from Provider, its subcontractors or vendors at any time to disclose all things of value passing from Provider, its subcontractors or vendors to HISD's personnel or its authorized agents and representatives.

#### **REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

- a. **For all contracts in excess of \$50,000.00, or which require Board approval, Provider must execute and electronically file Form 1295, which is available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/1295.pdf> listing all interested parties, including a person who has a controlling interest in Provider's business, or who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business, to HISD at the time it executes the contract in compliance with Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government**

Code. Instructions for filing Form 1295 are attached hereto as Exhibit “2”.

- b. Provider must also file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire, in compliance with Section 176.006 of the Texas Local Government Code, attached hereto as Exhibit “3”, or available at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf> with the HISD records administrator, if the Provider has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of HISD, or a family member of the officer; has given a local government officer of HISD, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date of the contract; or has a family relationship with a local government officer of HISD. The questionnaire must be filed not later than the seventh business day after the later of: (1) the date that the vendor: (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with HISD; or (B) submits an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with HISD; or (2) the date the vendor becomes aware: (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer of HISD; (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts to a local government officer of HISD of more than \$100 in the aggregate; (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer of HISD.

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Provider's Signature

## XXVII. BUSINESS CERTIFICATES / TAXES

All Provider or Professional Services Providers entering into a contract with HISD must adhere to the following applicable Texas laws as they pertain to their individual type of ownership.

**Corporations** (domestic or foreign \*) shall be properly registered with the Texas Secretary of State and the Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by TITLE 34, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter V, Rule 3.546 of the Texas Administrative Code. A current "Certificate of Good Standing" from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts shall be made available upon request stating that the corporation charter is current and all Texas Franchise Reports and Taxes are paid.

**Partnerships and Joint Stock Companies, and Limited Liability Partnerships**

(domestic or foreign\*) shall be properly registered with the Texas Secretary of State in accordance with TITLE 105--PARTNERSHIPS AND JOINT STOCK COMPANIES, CHAPTER ONE --- PARTNERSHIPS, LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, TEXAS REVISED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT, Article 6132a-1. "Texas Revised Limited Partnership Act." All partners in a partnership must file a "Certificate of Limited Partnership" with the secretary of state, which shall be made available for inspection upon request.

**The Provider whether corporate, partnership or sole owner must be current on HISD Property Taxes.** If commercial personal property is located in the jurisdiction, current renditions of these properties must be filed with the Chief Appraiser, as required by Chapter 22, Section 22.01, of the Texas "PROPERTY TAX CODE".

**\*Note:** Foreign means formed under laws of another state; Domestic means formed under Texas laws.

**Assumed Names**

An assumed name certificate (or DBA) shall be properly registered with the Harris County Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to do business under another name. This applies to corporate entities as well as individuals. The contract should be in the name of the individual or entity d/b/a the assumed name, rather than just the assumed name. Chapter 71, Texas Business and Commerce Code.

**XXVIII. CONFIDENTIAL & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

The parties may provide technical information, documentation and expertise to each other that is either (1) marked as being confidential or, (2) if delivered in oral form is summarized in writing within 10 working days and identified as being confidential ("Confidential Information"). The receiving party shall for a period of five (5) years from the date of disclosure (i) hold the disclosing party's Confidential Information in strict confidence, and (ii), except as previously authorized in writing by the disclosing party, not publish or disclose the disclosing party's Confidential Information to anyone other than the receiving party's employees on a need-to-know basis, and (iii) use the disclosing party's Confidential Information solely for performance of this Contract. The foregoing requirement shall not apply to any portion of a party's Confidential Information which (a) becomes publicly known through no wrongful act or omission on the part of the receiving party; (b) is already known to the receiving party at the time of the disclosure without similar nondisclosure obligations; (c) is rightfully received by the receiving party from a third party without similar nondisclosure obligations; (d) is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing party; (e) is clearly demonstrated by the receiving party to have been independently developed by the receiving party without access to the disclosing party's Confidential Information; or (f) is required to be disclosed by order of a court or governmental body or by applicable law, provided that the party intending to make

such required disclosure shall promptly notify the other party of such intended disclosure in order to allow such party to seek a protective order or other remedy.

#### **XXIV. DATA AND PROPRIETARY RIGHTS**

All Work, as defined under this Contract, shall be deemed "Work Made For Hire" as defined by the United States Copyright Law, and HISD retains for itself sole ownership of all proprietary rights in and to all designs, engineering details and other data pertaining to any discoveries, inventions, patent rights, software, improvements and the like made by Provider personnel in the course of performing the Work.

HISD acknowledges and agrees that (i) as between Provider and HISD, Provider owns all right, title and interest in and to Provider's Intellectual Property, (ii) nothing in this Contract shall confer in HISD or any of its affiliates any right of ownership in any of Provider's Intellectual Property, and (iii) HISD shall not now or in the future contest the validity of any of Provider's Marks.

#### **XXX. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSIONS**

Provider certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it is not presently debarred, suspended for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

#### **XXXI. COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING**

This Contract shall constitute the complete understanding of Provider and HISD, and may not be modified in any manner. No changes, amendments, or modifications of any provision of this Contract will be accepted.

The terms of this Contract shall control over any conflicting terms contained in any attached Exhibit, Addendum, Purchase Order, website, software pop-up agreement, or other document of any kind.

By signing the Contract, the Provider affirms that there is no personal or financial conflict of interest between the Provider or the Provider's family and the District.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, HISD and Provider have executed this Contract effective on the date of the last signature to this Contract.



# EXHIBIT 1

## EDGAR CERTIFICATIONS

The following certifications and provisions are required and apply when HISD expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process. Accordingly, the parties agree that the following terms and conditions apply to the Contract between the District and [name of vendor] ("Vendor") in all situations where Vendor has been paid or will be paid with federal funds:

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### REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200

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**(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when HISD expends federal funds, HISD reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

**(B) Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when HISD expends federal funds, HISD reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Vendor in the event Vendor fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation. HISD also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to vendor, for convenience, if HISD believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of HISD to do so. Vendor will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by HISD as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of HISD. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and HISD reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in HISD's best interest.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

**(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when HISD expends federal funds on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

Does Vendor agree to abide by the above? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

**(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each**



**contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when HISD expends federal funds during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).** Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when HISD expends federal funds, Vendor certifies that Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award for all contracts by HISD resulting from this procurement process.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.** If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by HISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by HISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F) above.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—**Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by HISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by HISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G) above.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**(H) 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 government wide 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.

Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by HISD, Vendor certifies that during the term of an

award for all contracts by HISD resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

**(l) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.**

Pursuant to Federal Rule (l) above, when federal funds are expended by HISD, Vendor certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by HISD resulting from this procurement process, the vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The undersigned further certifies that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for on behalf of the undersigned, 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 the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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#### **RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL FUNDS**

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When federal funds are expended by HISD for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.333. Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.333 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT**

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When HISD expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.; 49 C.F.R. Part 18).

Does Vendor agree? **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT**

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It is the policy of HISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, limited English proficiency or handicapping conditions in its programs. Vendor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Contract, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions and privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of age (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification), sex (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification) or race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry. Vendor further agrees that every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Contract shall contain a provision requiring non-discrimination in employment herein specified, binding upon each subcontractor. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the Contract.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS**

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HISD has a preference for domestic end products for supplies acquired for use in the United States when spending federal funds (purchases that are made with non-federal funds or grants are excluded from the Buy America Act). Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF ACCESS TO RECORDS – 2 C.F.R. § 200.336**

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Vendor agrees that the District's Inspector General or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor's discharge of its obligations under the Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SUBCONTRACTS**

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Vendor agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

Does Vendor agree? YES \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Authorized Representative of Vendor

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**VENDOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDINANCES. IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT VENDOR CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PROVISIONS, LAWS, ACTS, REGULATIONS, ETC. AS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ABOVE.**

Vendor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## EXHIBIT 2

### **HISD CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295**

**Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295 – must be filled out electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission’s online filing application, printed out, signed, notarized, and attached to vendor’s response to this solicitation.**

Houston ISD (“HISD”) is required to comply with House Bill 1295, which amended the Texas Government Code by adding Section 2252.908, Disclosure of Interested Parties. Section 2252.908 prohibits HISD from entering into a contract resulting from this RFP with a business entity unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295) to HISD at the time business entity submits the signed contract. The Texas Ethics Commission has adopted rules requiring the business entity to file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

**“Interested Party”** means a person:

- a) who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom HISD contracts; or
- b) who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.

**“Business Entity”** means an entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

**“Controlling Interest”** means (1) an ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent; (2) membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or (3) service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers.

**As a “business entity,” all vendors must electronically complete, print, sign, notarize, and submit Form 1295 with their proposals even if no interested parties exist.**

Proposers must file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application, which can be found at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). Proposers must use the filing application on the Texas Ethics Commission’s website to enter the required information on Form 1295. Proposers must print a copy of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing containing a unique certification number. The Form 1295 must be signed by an authorized agent of the business entity, and the form must be notarized.

The completed Form 1295 with the certification of filing must be filed with HISD by attaching the completed form to the vendor’s solicitation response.



HISD must acknowledge the receipt of the filed Form 1295 by notifying the Texas Ethics Commission of the receipt of the filed Form 1295 no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the contract binds all parties to the contract. After HISD acknowledges the Form 1295, the Texas Ethics Commission will post the completed Form 1295 to its website with seven business days after receiving notice from HISD.

# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

# FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<b>1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.</b>			
<b>2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.</b>			
<b>3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.</b>			
4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary
<b>5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.</b>			

**6 AFFIDAVIT**

I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said \_\_\_\_\_, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer administering oath

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Printed name of officer administering oath

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Title of officer administering oath

**ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY**

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

[www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us)  
Adopted 10/5/2015

EXHIBIT 3

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
<p><b>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</b></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received	
<p><b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>		
<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)</p>		
<p><b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p>		
<p><b>4</b> 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.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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?</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p>		
<p><b>5</b> 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.</p>		
<p><b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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).</p>		
<p><b>7</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Date</p>		