

# TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT

**Between** Shoppa's Farm Supply, Inc. **and**  
(Company Name)

**THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS),**  
a Department of Texas Education Service Center Region 8  
for  
**RFP 180802 Utility and Golf Vehicles**

## General Information

The Vendor Agreement (“Agreement”) made and entered into by and between The Interlocal Purchasing System (hereinafter referred to as “TIPS” respectfully) a government cooperative purchasing program authorized by the Region 8 Education Service Center, having its principal place of business at 4845 US Hwy 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. This Agreement consists of the provisions set forth below, including provisions of all Attachments referenced herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions set forth below and those contained in any Attachment, the provisions set forth shall control.

The vendor Agreement shall include and incorporate by reference this Agreement, the terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, any agreed upon amendments, as well as all of the sections of the solicitation as posted, including any addenda and the awarded vendor’s proposal. Once signed, if an awarded vendor’s proposal varies or is unclear in any way from the TIPS Agreement, TIPS, at its sole discretion, will decide which provision will prevail. Other documents to be included are the awarded vendor’s proposals, task orders, purchase orders and any adjustments which have been issued. If deviations are submitted to TIPS by the proposing vendor as provided by and within the solicitation process, this Agreement may be amended to incorporate any agreed deviations.

The following pages will constitute the Agreement between the successful vendors(s) and TIPS. Bidders shall state, in a separate writing, and include with their proposal response, any required exceptions or deviations from these terms, conditions, and specifications. If agreed to by TIPS, they will be incorporated into the final Agreement.

A Purchase Order, Agreement or Contract is the TIPS Member’s approval providing the authority to proceed with the negotiated delivery order under the Agreement. Special terms and conditions as agreed to between the vendor and TIPS Member should be added as addendums to the Purchase Order, Agreement or Contract. Items such as certificate of insurance, bonding requirements, small or disadvantaged business goals are some of the addendums possible.

# Terms and Conditions

## Freight

All quotes to members shall provide a line item for cost for freight or shipping regardless if there is a charge or not. If no charge for freight or shipping, indicate by stating "No Charge" or "\$0" or other similar indication. Otherwise, all shipping, freight or delivery charges shall be passed through to the TIPS Member at cost with no markup and said charges shall be agreed by the TIPS Member.

## Warranty Conditions

All new supplies equipment and services shall include manufacturer's minimum standard warranty unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Vendor shall be legally permitted to sell, or an authorized dealer, distributor or manufacturer for all products offered for sale to TIPS Members. All equipment proposed shall be new unless clearly stated in writing.

## Customer Support

The Vendor shall provide timely and accurate customer support to TIPS Members. Vendors shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request. Vendor shall provide training regarding products and services supplied by the Vendor **unless** otherwise clearly stated in writing at the time of purchase. (Unless training is a line item sold or packaged and must be purchased with product.)

## Agreements

**Agreements for purchase** will normally be put into effect by means of a purchase order(s) executed by authorized agents of the participating government entities.

## Tax exempt status

A taxable item sold, leased, rented to, stored, used, or consumed by any of the following governmental entities is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter:(1) the United States; (2) an unincorporated instrumentality of the United States; (3) a corporation that is an agency or instrumentality of the United States and is wholly owned by the United States or by another corporation wholly owned by the United States;(4) the State of Texas; (5) a Texas county, city, special district, or other political subdivision; or (6) a state, or a governmental unit of a state that borders Texas, but only to the extent that the other state or governmental unit exempts or does not impose a tax on similar sales of items to this state or a political subdivision of this state. Texas Tax Code § 151.309. Most TIPS Members are tax exempt and the related laws of the jurisdiction of the TIPS Member shall apply.

### **Assignments of Agreements**

No assignment of Agreement may be made without the prior notification of TIPS. Written approval of TIPS shall not be unreasonably withheld. Payment for delivered goods and services can only be made to the awarded Vendor or vendor assigned company.

### **Disclosures**

1. Vendor affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this Agreement.
2. Vendor shall attach, in writing, a complete description of any and all relationships that might be considered a conflict of interest in doing business with Members in the TIPS program.
3. The vendor affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this Agreement.

### **Renewal of Agreements**

The Agreement with TIPS is for three (3) years with an option for renewal for an additional one (1) consecutive year. The scheduled Agreement termination date shall be the last date of the month of the last month of the agreement's legal effect. **Example:** *If the agreement is scheduled for to end on May 23, the anniversary date of the award, it would actually be extended to May 31 in the last month of the last year the contract is active.*

### **Automatic Renewal Clauses Incorporated in Awarded Vendor Agreements with TIPS Members Resulting from the Solicitation and with the Vendor Named in this Agreement.**

No Agreement for goods or services with a TIPS Member by the awarded vendor named in this Agreement that results from the solicitation award named in this Agreement, may incorporate an automatic renewal clause with which the TIPS Member must comply. All renewal terms incorporated in an Agreement by the vendor with the TIPS Member shall only be valid and enforceable when the vendor receives written confirmation by purchase order or executed Agreement issued by the TIPS Member for any renewal period. The purpose of this clause is to avoid a TIPS Member inadvertently renewing an Agreement during a period in which the governing body of the TIPS Member has not properly appropriated and budgeted the funds to satisfy the Agreement renewal. This term is not negotiable and any Agreement between a TIPS Member and a TIPS awarded vendor with an automatic renewal clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

## **Shipments**

The Vendor shall ship ordered products within a commercially reasonable time after the receipt of the order. If a product cannot be shipped within that time, the Vendor shall notify TIPS and the requesting entity as to why the product has not shipped and shall provide an estimated shipping date, if applicable. TIPS or the requesting entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

## **Invoices**

The awarded vendor shall submit invoices or payment requests to the TIPS Member participating entity clearly stating "Per TIPS Agreement # xxxxxxxx. Each invoice or pay request shall include the TIPS Member's purchase order number or other identifying designation as provided in the order by the TIPS Member. If applicable, the shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of TIPS Member receipt shall be made available upon request.

## **Payments**

The TIPS Member will make payments directly to the Vendor or vendor assigned dealer at net 30 days after receiving invoice or in compliance with applicable statute, whichever is the greater time or as otherwise provided by an agreement of the parties.

## **Pricing**

Price increases will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation. All pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as provided in the solicitation, to be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor. Vendor will not show adding the fee to the invoice presented to TIPS Member customer. Failure to render the participation fee to TIPS shall constitute a breach of this agreement and shall be grounds for termination of this agreement and any other agreement held with TIPS.

## **Participation Fees**

The Participation Fee that was published as part of the Solicitation and the fee published is the legally effective fee, along with any Fee conditions stated in the RFP. Vendor or vendor assigned dealer Agreements to pay the participation fee for all Agreement sales to TIPS on a monthly scheduled report unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Vendor must login to the TIPS database and use the "Submission Report" section to report sales. The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement.

Failure to pay the participation fee will result in termination of Agreement. Please contact TIPS at [tips@tips-usa.com](mailto:tips@tips-usa.com) or call (866) 839-8477 if you have questions about paying fees.

## **Indemnity**

The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers and employees from and against all claims and suits by third parties for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's work under this Agreement, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part, upon allegations of negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees. Parties found liable shall pay their proportionate share of damages as agreed by the parties or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction over the case. Per Texas Education Code §44.032(f), reasonable Attorney's fees are recoverable by the prevailing party in any dispute resulting in litigation.

## **State of Texas Franchise Tax**

By signature hereon, the bidder hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171, Tax Code.

## **Miscellaneous**

The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that continued participation in TIPS is subject to TIPS sole discretion and that any Vendor may be removed from the participation in the Program at any time with or without cause. Nothing in the Agreement or in any other communication between TIPS and the Vendor may be construed as a guarantee that TIPS or TIPS Members will submit any orders at any time. TIPS reserves the right to request additional proposals for items or services already on Agreement at any time.

## **Purchase Order Pricing/Product Deviation**

If a deviation of pricing/product on a purchase order or contract modification occurs, TIPS is to be notified within 48 hours of receipt of order.

## **Termination for Convenience**

TIPS reserves the right to terminate this agreement for cause or no cause for convenience with a thirty-day written notice. Termination for convenience is required under Federal Regulations 2 CFR part 200. All purchase orders presented to the Vendor by a TIPS Member prior to the actual termination of this agreement shall be honored at the option of the TIPS Member. The awarded vendor may terminate the agreement with ninety (90) days written notice to TIPS 4845 US Hwy North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. The vendor will be paid for goods and services delivered prior to the termination for convenience provided that the goods and services were delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the terminated agreement.

## **TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures**

Purchase orders or their equal are issued by participating TIPS Member to the awarded vendor indicating on the PO "Agreement Number". Order is emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com.

- Awarded vendor delivers goods/services directly to the participating member.
- Awarded vendor invoices the participating TIPS Member directly.
- Awarded vendor receives payment directly from the participating member.
- Awarded vendor reports sales monthly to TIPS (unless prior arrangements have been made with TIPS to report monthly).

## **Form of Agreement**

If a vendor submitting a Proposal requires TIPS and/or TIPS Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.

In response to submitted supplemental Vendor Agreement documents, TIPS will review proposed vendor Agreement documents. Supplemental Vendor's Agreement documents may not become part of TIPS's Agreement with vendor unless and until an authorized representative of TIPS reviews and approves it.

## **Licenses**

Awarded vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by awarded vendor. Awarded vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the Agreement. TIPS reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel Agreement of any awarded vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.

## **Novation**

If awarded vendor sells or transfers all assets or the entire portion of the assets used to perform this Agreement, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this Agreement. A simple change of name agreement will not change the Agreement obligations of awarded vendor.

## **Site Requirements (when applicable to service or job)**

Cleanup: Awarded vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by TIPS Member. Upon completion of work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition.

Preparation: Awarded vendor shall not begin a project for which TIPS Member has not prepared the site, unless awarded vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until TIPS Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order.

Site preparation includes, but is not limited to: moving furniture, installing wiring for networks or power, and similar pre-installation requirements.

Registered sex offender restrictions: For work to be performed at schools, awarded vendor agrees that no employee of a sub-contractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are, or reasonably expected to be,

present. Awarded vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the TIPS Member's discretion. Awarded vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. Safety measures: Awarded vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Awarded vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by the operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

### **Smoking**

Persons working under Agreement shall adhere to local smoking policies. Smoking will only be permitted in posted areas or off premises.

### **Marketing**

Awarded vendor agrees to allow TIPS to use their name and logo within TIPS website, marketing materials and advertisement subject to any reasonable restrictions provided to TIPS in the Proposal to the Solicitation. Any use of TIPS name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press release, regarding this Agreement by awarded vendor must have prior approval from TIPS.

### **Supplemental agreements**

The TIPS Member entity participating in the TIPS Agreement and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement or contract to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this Agreement i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement or contract developed as a result of this Agreement is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. TIPS, its agents, TIPS Members and employees shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement unless named and agreed by the Party in question in writing in the agreement.

### **Survival Clause**

All applicable software license agreements, warranties or service agreements that were entered into between Vendor and TIPS or the TIPS Member Customer under the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement. All Orders, Purchase Orders issued or contracts executed by TIPS or a TIPS Member and accepted by the Vendor prior to the expiration or termination of this agreement, shall survive expiration or termination of the Agreement, subject to previously agreed terms and conditions agreed by the parties or as otherwise specified herein relating to termination of this agreement.



**Legal obligations**

It is the responding vendor's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this Solicitation and any awarded Agreement thereof. Applicable laws and regulations must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

**Audit rights**

Due to transparency statutes and public accountability requirements of TIPS and TIPS Members', the awarded Vendor shall, at their sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by TIPS Member that utilizes this Agreement. TIPS and Region 8 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting of TIPS related purchases for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. In order to ensure and confirm compliance with this agreement, TIPS shall have authority to conduct random audits of Awarded Vendor's pricing that is offered to TIPS Members with 30 days' notice unless the audit is ordered by a Court Order or by a Government Agency with authority to do so without notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that TIPS is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible entities that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, TIPS shall have the ability to conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm to investigate any possible non-complying conduct or may terminate the Agreement according to the terms of this Agreement. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be reasonably provided in the format and at the location designated by Region 8 ESC or TIPS.

**Force Majeure**

If by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and fully particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

**Scope of Services**

The specific scope of work for each job shall be determined in advance and in writing between TIPS Member and Awarded vendor. It is permitted for the TIPS Member to provide a general scope, but the awarded vendor should provide a written scope of work to the TIPS Member as part of the proposal. Once the scope of the job is agreed to, the TIPS Member will issue a Purchase Order and/or an Agreement or Contract and/or an Agreement with the estimate referenced as an attachment along with required bond and any other special provisions agreed to for the TIPS Member. If special terms and conditions other than those covered



within this solicitation and awarded Agreements are required, they will be attached to the Purchase Order and/or an Agreement or Contract and shall take precedence over those in the base TIPS Vendor Agreement.

### **Project Delivery Order Procedures**

The TIPS Member having approved and signed an interlocal agreement, or other TIPS Membership document, may make a request of the awarded vendor under this Agreement when the TIPS Member has services that need to be undertaken. Notification may occur via phone, the web, email, fax, or in person. Upon notification of a pending request, the awarded vendor shall make contact with the TIPS Member as soon as possible, but must make contact with the TIPS Member within two working days.

### **Status of TIPS Members as Related to This Agreement**

TIPS Members stand in the place of TIPS as related to this agreement and have the same access to the proposal information and all related documents. TIPS Members have all the same rights under the awarded Agreement as TIPS.

### **Vendor's Resellers as Related to This Agreement**

Vendor's Named Resellers under this Agreement shall comply with all terms and conditions of this agreement and all addenda or incorporated documents. All actions related to sales by Authorized Vendor's Resellers under this Agreement are the responsibility of the Awarded Vendor.

### **Scheduling of Projects**

Scheduling of projects (if applicable) will be accomplished when the TIPS Member issues a purchase order or other document that will serve as "the notice to proceed". The period for the delivery order will include the mobilization, materials purchase, installation and delivery, design, weather, and site cleanup and inspection. No additional claims may be made for delays as a result of these items. When the tasks have been completed the awarded vendor shall notify the client and have the TIPS Member inspect the work for acceptance under the scope and terms in the PO. The TIPS Member will issue in writing any corrective actions that are required. Upon completion of these items, the TIPS Member will issue a completion notice and final payment will be issued.

### **Support Requirements**

If there is a dispute between the awarded vendor and TIPS Member, TIPS or its representatives will assist in conflict resolution or third party (mandatory mediation), if requested by either party. TIPS, or its representatives, reserves the right to inspect any project and audit the awarded vendors TIPS project files, documentation and correspondence.

### **Incorporation of Solicitation**

The TIPS Solicitation, whether a Request for Proposals, the Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Qualifications solicitation, or other, the Vendor's response to same

and all associated documents and forms made part of the solicitation process, including any addenda, that resulted in the execution of this agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement as if copied verbatim.

**SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES**

THE SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT ARE MERELY GUIDES FOR CONVENIENCE AND ARE NOT FOR CLASSIFICATION OR LIMITING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES TO THIS DOCUMENT.

**NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.**

Texas governmental entities are prohibited from doing business with companies that fail to certify to this condition as required by Texas Government Code Sec. 2270.

By executing this agreement, you certify that you are authorized to bind the undersigned Vendor and that your company (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement.

You certify that your company is not listed on and we do not do business with companies that are on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts list of Designated Foreign Terrorists Organizations per Texas Gov't Code 2270.0153 found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/foreign-terrorist.pdf>

You certify that if the certified statements above become untrue at any time during the life of this Agreement that the Vendor will notify TIPS within 1 business day of the change by a letter on your letterhead from an authorized representative of the Vendor stating the non-compliance decision and the TIPS Agreement number and description at:

Attention: General Counsel  
ESC Region 8/The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)  
4845 Highway 271 North  
Pittsburg, TX, 75686.  
And by an email sent to [bids@tips-usa.com](mailto:bids@tips-usa.com)

**Insurance Requirements**

The undersigned Vendor agrees to maintain the below minimum insurance requirements for TIPS Contract Holders.

<b>General Liability</b>	\$1,000,000 each Occurrence/ Aggregate
<b>Automobile Liability</b>	\$300,000 Including owned, hired, & non-owned
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	Statutory limits
<b>Employers' Liability</b> - if you employ others than owners and provide services or on-site delivery or work, not just goods	\$1,000,000
<b>Umbrella Liability</b>	\$1,000,000

When the contractor or its subcontractors are liable for any damages or claims, the contractors'

policy must be primary over any other valid and collectible insurance carried by the District. Any immunity available to TIPS or TIPS Members shall not be used as a defense by the contractor's insurance policy. The coverages and limits are to be considered minimum requirements and in no way limit the liability of the Contractor(s).

Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A-; VII or better rating in accordance with current A.M. Best Key Rating Guide. Only deductibles applicable to property damage are acceptable. "Claims made" policies will not be accepted. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, non-renewed or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested has been given to TIPS or the TIPS Member. Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the TIPS or the TIPS Member.

## Special Terms and Conditions

It is the intent of TIPS to award to reliable, high performance vendors to supply products and services to government and educational agencies. It is the experience of TIPS that the following procedures provide TIPS, the Vendor, and the participating agency the necessary support to facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship. The specific procedures will be negotiated with the successful vendor.

- **Agreements:** All vendor Purchase Orders and/or Agreements/Contracts must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should an agency send an order direct to vendor, it is the vendor's responsibility to forward the order to TIPS at the email above within 24 business hours and confirm its receipt with TIPS.
  - **Promotion of Agreement:** It is agreed that Vendor will encourage all eligible entities to purchase from the TIPS Program. **Encouraging** entities to purchase directly from the Vendor, when the Member has requested a TIPS price, bypassing the TIPS Agreement when the Member has requested the TIPS agreement is a violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will result in removal of the Vendor from the TIPS Program.
  - **Daily Order Confirmation:** All Agreement purchase orders will be approved daily by TIPS and sent to vendor. The vendor must confirm receipt of orders to the TIPS Member (customer) within 72 hours.
  - **Vendor custom website for TIPS:** If Vendor is hosting a custom TIPS website, then updated pricing must be posted by 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
  - **Back Ordered Products:** If product is not expected to ship within the time provided to the TIPS member by the Vendor, customer is to be notified within 24 hours and appropriate action taken based on customer request.
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# TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Form

RFP 180802 Utility and Golf Vehicles

Company Name Shoppa's Farm Supply

Address 25830 US 59 Rd

City El Campo State TX Zip 77437

Phone 9793328739 Fax 9793356569

Email of Authorized Representative rpotts@shoppas.com

Name of Authorized Representative Richard Potts

Title Govt Sales mgr

Signature of Authorized Representative *Richard Potts*

Date 10-01-2018

TIPS Authorized Representative Name Meredith Barton

Title Vice-President of Operations

TIPS Authorized Representative Signature *Meredith Barton*


Approved by ESC Region 8 *David Wayne Fitts*

Date 10/8/18


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1	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprise - D/M/WBE (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a D/M/WBE? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" D/M/WBE CERTIFICATES section.</p>	<input type="text" value="NO"/> *
2	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>Historically Underutilized Business - HUB (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a HUB as defined by the State of Texas at <a href="https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/">https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/</a> or in a HUBZone as defined by the US Small Business Administration at <a href="https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp">https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp</a> Proof of one or both may be submitted. Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section.</p>	<input type="text" value="No"/> *
3	<p><b>Yes - No</b></p> <p>The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States?</p>	<input type="text" value="No - (listed in question 18)"/> *
4	<p><b>States Served:</b></p> <p>If answer is NO to question #3, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX)</p>	<input type="text"/>
5	<p><b>Company and/or Product Description:</b></p> <p>This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.)</p>	<input type="text"/>
6	<p><b>Primary Contact Name</b></p> <p>Primary Contact Name</p>	<input type="text" value="Richard Potts"/>
7	<p><b>Primary Contact Title</b></p> <p>Primary Contact Title</p>	<input type="text" value="Govt Sales Manager"/>
8	<p><b>Primary Contact Email</b></p> <p>Primary Contact Email</p>	<input type="text" value="rpotts@shobdas.com"/>

9	<b>Primary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-332-8739
10	<b>Primary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-335-6569
11	<b>Primary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-332-8739
12	<b>Secondary Contact Name</b> Secondary Contact Name	Ralbh Seidel
13	<b>Secondary Contact Title</b> Secondary Contact Title	Transportation and Se
14	<b>Secondary Contact Email</b> Secondary Contact Email	rased@shoppas.com
15	<b>Secondary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	361 578-7072
16	<b>Secondary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	361-578-7090
17	<b>Secondary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-240-8018
18	<b>Admin Fee Contact Name</b> Admin Fee Contact Name. This person is responsible for paying the admin fee to TIPS.	Andy Harbich
19	<b>Admin Fee Contact Email</b> Admin Fee Contact Email	anha@shoppas.com
20	<b>Admin Fee Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-543-8363
21	<b>Purchase Order Contact Name</b> Purchase Order Contact Name. This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS.	Richard Potts
22	<b>Purchase Order Contact Email</b> Purchase Order Contact Email	rpotts@shoppas.com

23	<b>Purchase Order Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	979-332-8739
24	<b>Company Website</b> Company Website (Format - www.company.com)	http://shobbas.c
25	<b>Federal ID Number:</b> Federal ID Number also known as the Employer Identification Number. (Format - 12-3456789)	74-2203325
26	<b>Primary Address</b> Primary Address	25830 US 59 RD
27	<b>Primary Address City</b> Primary Address City	El Campo
28	<b>Primary Address State</b> Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation)	TX
29	<b>Primary Address Zip</b> Primary Address Zip	77437
30	<b>Search Words:</b> Please list search words to be posted in the TIPS database about your company that TIPS website users might search. Words may be product names, manufacturers, or other words associated with the category of award. YOU MAY NOT LIST NON-CATEGORY ITEMS. (Limit 500 words) (Format: product, paper, construction, manufacturer name, etc.)	

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31	<p><b>Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal grant funds with you if awarded? Is it your intent to be able to sell to our members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?</b></p> <p>Most of our members receive Federal Government grants and they make up a significant portion of their budgets. The members need to know if your company is willing to sell to them when they spend federal budget funds on their purchase. There are attributes that follow that are provisions from the federal regulations in 2 CFR part 200. Your answers will determine if your award will be designated as Federal or Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)compliant.</p> <p>Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal grant funds with you if awarded and is it your intent to be able to sell to our members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?</p>	<p>Yes </p> <p>*</p>
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<p>32 <b>Yes - No</b>  Certification of Residency (Required by the State of Texas) The vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:   (A) has its principal place of business in Texas;   OR   (B) employs at least 500 persons in Texas?</p>	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> *
<p>33 <b>Company Residence (City)</b>  Vendor's principal place of business is in the city of?</p>	<input type="text" value="Fort Worth TX"/>
<p>34 <b>Company Residence (State)</b>  Vendor's principal place of business is in the state of?</p>	<input type="text" value="TX"/>
<p>35 <b>Discount Offered - CAUTION READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE VENDORS FREQUENTLY MAKE MISTAKES ON THIS ATTRIBUTE QUESTION</b>   Remember this is a MINIMUM discount percentage so, be sure the discount percentage inserted here can be applied to ANY OFFERING OF GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH OUT THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT   CAUTION: BE CERTAIN YOU CAN HONOR THIS MINIMUM DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE ON ANY OFFERED SERVICE OR GOOD.  What is the MINIMUM percentage discount off of any item or service you offer to TIPS Members that is in your regular catalog (as defined in the RFP document), website, store or shelf pricing? The resulting price of any goods or services Catalog list prices after this discount is applied is a ceiling on your pricing and not a floor because, in order to be more competitive in the individual circumstance, you may offer a larger discount depending on the items or services purchased and the quantity at time of sale. Must answer with a number between 0% and 100%.</p>	<input type="text" value="10 %"/> *
<p>36 <b>TIPS administration fee</b></p>	<p>By submitting a proposal, I agree that all pricing submitted as otherwise agreed in writing and shall be remitted to TIPS shall not and will not be added by the vendor as a separate communications with the TIPS member.</p>
<p>37 <b>Yes - No</b>  Vendor agrees to remit to TIPS the required administration fee?   TIPS/ESC Region 8 is required by Texas Government Code § 791 to be compensated for</p>	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> *

its work and thus, failure to agree shall render your response void and it will not be considered.

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**Yes - No**

Do you offer additional discounts to TIPS members for large order quantities or large scope of work?

Yes 

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**Years Experience**

Company years experience in this category? This is an evaluation criterion worth a maximum of 10 points. See RFP for more information.

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**Resellers:**

Does the vendor have resellers that it will name under this contract? Resellers are defined as other companies that sell your products under an agreement with you, the awarded vendor of TIPS.

EXAMPLE: BIGmart is a reseller of ACME brand televisions. If ACME were a TIPS awarded vendor, then ACME would list BIGmart as a reseller.

(If applicable, vendor should download the Reseller/Dealers spreadsheet from the Attachments section, fill out the form and submit the document in the "Response Attachments" RESELLERS section.

No 

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**Pricing discount percentage are guaranteed for?**

Does the vendor agrees to honor the proposed pricing discount percentage off regular catalog (as defined in the RFP document), website, store or shelf pricing for the term of the award?

YES 

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**Right of Refusal**

Does the proposing vendor wish to reserve the right not to perform under the awarded agreement with a TIPS member at vendor's discretion?

Yes 

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**NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE**

By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that

- 1) This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at w
- 2) This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed an
- for this project, to any other Bidder, Competitor or potentia
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other
- proposal;
- 4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he h
- contained in this certification, and under the penalties being

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal null and void.

44 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE - FORM CIQ - Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement?**  
Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement? YES or NO  
  
If you have a conflict of interest as described in this form or the Local Government Code Chapter 176, cited therein- you are required to complete and file with TIPS.  
  
You may find the Blank CIQ form on our website at:  
  
Copy and Paste the following link into a new browser or tab:  
  
<https://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/CIQ.pdf>  
  
There is an optional upload for this form provided if you have a conflict and must file the form.

No  \*

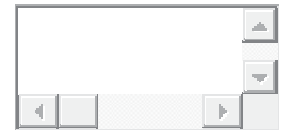
45 **Filing of Form CIQ**  
If yes (above), have you filed a form CIQ by uploading the form to this RFP as directed above?

[Please Select] 

46 **Regulatory Standing**  
I certify to TIPS for the proposal attached that my company is in good standing with all governmental agencies Federal or state that regulate any part of our business operations. If not, please explain in the next attribute question.

Yes. I agree  \*

47 **Regulatory Standing**  
Regulatory Standing explanation of no answer on previous question.



48 **Antitrust Certification Statements (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)**

By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that:  
  
I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas:  
(1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf as an individual (Company) listed below;  
(2) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of my company are in violation of the Texas Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;

(3) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly provided any information to any competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation or individual who is a competitor of the Company.

49 **Suspension or Debarment Instructions**

Instructions for Certification:

1. By answering yes to the next Attribute question below, the prospective lower tier participant certifies that the information set out herein in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant has provided false or misleading information into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant has provided false or misleading information into other remedies available to the federal government, the debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion remedies available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment, shall be available to the federal government.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the federal government at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that it has provided false or misleading information into for any reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "voluntarily excluded," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal" and "participant" shall have the same meaning as the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing the FAR, as amended, and as they appear in the FAR is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this certification that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction or who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this certification that it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction or who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction originated.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction or who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction originated. A participant may decide the method and frequency of such certification, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to limit the knowledge and information required for the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information required for the certification required by this clause shall be the knowledge and information possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of this clause, the prospective lower tier participant shall not enter into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction or who is debarred, suspended, voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction originated, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government. The prospective lower tier participant in this covered transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.

50 **Suspension or Debarment Certification**

By answering yes, you certify that no federal suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract as described above.

Yes, I certify  \*

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.

By answering yes, you certify that no federal suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract as described above.

51 **Non-Discrimination Statement and Certification**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law, all U.S. Departments, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

(Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Title 7 CFR Parts 15, 15a, and 15b; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement – Nutrition Programs and Activities)

Yes, I certify \*

All U.S. Departments, including the USDA are equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree by answering YES will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. I certify that in the performance of a contract with TIPS or its members, that our company will conform to the foregoing anti-discrimination statement and comply with the cited and all other applicable laws and regulations.

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**2 CFR PART 200 Contract Provisions Explanation**

Required Federal contract provisions of Federal Regulations

The following provisions are required to be in place and agreed to by the contractor. The ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members are the subgrantee or subrecipient. The following provisions are included within 2 CFR part 200 et al. In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency, the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following:

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**2 CFR PART 200 Contracts**

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.

Notice: Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members 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. I agree

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**2 CFR PART 200 Termination**

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 the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for cause after giving the vendor an appropriate opportunity and up to 30 days, to cure the causal breach of terms and conditions. ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for convenience with 30 days notice in writing to the awarded vendor. The vendor would

Yes. I agree

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be compensated for work performed and goods procured as of the termination date if for convenience of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and the ESC Region 8 and TIPS reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in the best interest of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS.  
Does vendor agree?


55 **2 CFR PART 200 Clean Air Act**

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 the Clean Air Act, et al above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires that the proposer certify that during the term of an award by the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor agrees to comply with all of the above regulations, including all of the terms listed and referenced therein.  
Does vendor agree?

Yes. I agree  \*

56 **2 CFR PART 200 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment**

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 the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that during the term and during the life of any contract with ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor certifies to the terms included or referenced herein.  
Does vendor agree?

Yes. I agree  \*

57 **2 CFR PART 200 Federal Rule**

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33

Yes. I certify  \*



U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000)

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that in performance of the contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).

Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Clean Air Act?

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### **2 CFR PART 200 Procurement of Recovered Materials**

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act as described above?

Yes. I certiv  \*

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### **Certification Regarding Lobbying**

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds

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

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or

I HAVE NOT Lobbied per above  \*

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 subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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**If you answered "I HAVE lobbied per above to the previous question.**

IF you answered "I HAVE lobbied" per above Attribute #66, Form to Report Lobbying" which includes instruction on completion section as a report of the lobbying activities you performed

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#	Attribute	Response
6 1	<p><b>Subcontracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.</b></p> <p>Do you ever anticipate the possibility of subcontracting any of your work under this award if you are successful?</p> <p>IF NO, DO NOT ANSWER THE NEXT ATTRIBUTE QUESTION. . IF YES, and ONLY IF YES, you must answer the next question YES if you want a TIPS Member to be authorized to spend Federal Grant Funds for Procurement.</p>	<input type="text" value="NO"/> *
6 2	<p><b>ONLY IF YES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement, do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?</b></p> <p>ONLY IF YES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement, do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements? Federal Regulation 2 CFR §200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. (a)The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. (b) Affirmative steps must include: (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's</p>	<input type="text" value="YES"/> *

business enterprises on solicitation lists;  
(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;  
(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;  
(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;  
(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce ; and  
(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs(1) through (5) of this section.

6 **Indemnification**

3 The ESC Region 8 and TIPS is a Texas Political Subdivision and a local governmental entity; therefore, is prohibited from indemnifying third parties pursuant to the Texas Constitution (Article 3, Section 52) except as specifically provided by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. A provision in a contract to indemnify or hold a party harmless is a promise to pay for any expenses the indemnified party incurs, if a specified event occurs, such as breaching the terms of the contract or negligently performing duties under the contract. Article III, Section 49 of the Texas Constitution states that "no debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State ... " The Attorney General has counseled that a contractually imposed obligation of indemnity creates a "debt" in the constitutional sense. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. MW-475 (1982). Contract clauses which require the System or institutions to indemnify must be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas." Liquidated damages, attorney's fees, waiver of vendor's liability, and waiver of statutes of limitations clauses should also be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of State of Texas." Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree \*

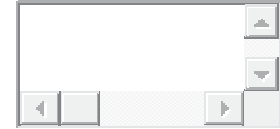
6 **Remedies**

4 The parties shall be entitled to exercise any right or remedy available to it either at law or in equity, subject to the choice of law, venue and service of process clauses limitations agreed herein. Nothing in this agreement shall commit the TIPS to an arbitration resolution of any disagreement under any circumstances. Any Claim arising out of or related to the Contract, except for those specifically waived under the terms of the Contract, may, after denial of the Board of Directors, be subject to mediation at the request of either party. Any issues not resolved hereunder MAY be referred to non-binding mediation to be conducted by a mutually agreed upon mediator as a prerequisite to the filing of any lawsuit over such issue(s). The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any associated filing fee equally. Mediation shall be held in Camp or Titus County, Texas. Agreements reached in mediation shall be reduced to writing, and will be subject to the approval by the District's Board of Directors, signed by the Parties if approved by the Board of Directors, and, if signed, shall thereafter be enforceable as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.  
Do you agree to these terms?

Yes. I Agree

6 Remedies Explanation of No Answer

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6 Choice of Law

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The agreement between the Vendor and TIPS/ESC Region 8 and any addenda or other additions resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles. THIS DOES NOT APPLY to a vendor's agreement entered into with a TIPS Member, as the Member may be located outside Texas. Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree \*

6 Jurisdiction and Service of Process

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Any Proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Venue clauses in contracts with TIPS members may be determined by the parties. Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree \*

6 Infringement(s)

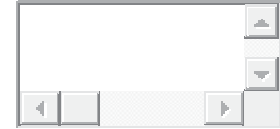
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The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS and its employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from any and all third party claims and judgments involving infringement of patent, copyright, trade secrets, trade or service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights attributed to or claims based on the Vendor's proposal or Vendor's performance of contracts awarded and approved. Do you agree to these terms?

Yes. I Agree

6 **Infringement(s) Explanation of No Answer**

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7 **Contract Governance**

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Any contract made or entered into by the TIPS is subject to and is to be governed by Section 271.151 et seq, Tex Loc Gov't Code. Otherwise, TIPS does not waive its governmental immunities from suit or liability except to the extent expressly waived by other applicable laws in clear and unambiguous language.

Yes, I Agree \*

7 **Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause**

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Payment Terms:

TIPS or TIPS members shall not be liable for interest or late payment fees on past due balances at a rate higher than permitted by the laws or regulations of the jurisdiction of the TIPS Member.

Funding Out Clause:

Vendor agrees to abide by the laws and regulations, including Texas Local Government Code § 271.903, or any statutory or regulatory limitations of the jurisdiction of any TIPS Member which governs contracts entered into by the Vendor and TIPS or a TIPS Member that requires all contracts approved by TIPS or a TIPS Member are subject to the budgeting and appropriation of currently available funds by the entity or its governing body.

See statute(s) for specifics or consult your legal counsel.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered.

Do you agree to these terms?

Yes, I Agree \*

7 **Insurance and Fingerprint Requirements Information**

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Insurance

If applicable and your staff will be on TIPS property, if you own a vehicle or automobile, you must carry automobile insurance.

Fingerprint

It is possible that a vendor may be subject to fingerprinting requirements under Chapter 22, Section 22.0834. Statutory language requires fingerprinting if the vendor has staff that meet both of the following criteria:

- (1) will have continuing duties related to the project;
- (2) has or will have direct contact with students.

Then you have "covered" employees for purposes of this requirement. TIPS recommends all vendors consult their legal counsel on how to comply, see below. If you have questions, please contact TIPS at [redacted].

of Public Safety Non-Criminal Justice Unit, A  
you should send an email identifying you as  
TIPS. Texas DPS phone number is (512) 42

See form in the next attribute to complete e  
Contractor Employees

7 **Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees**

Yes. I certify - NONE (Section A)

3 Introduction: Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires entities that contract with school districts to provide services to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees. Contractors must certify to the district that they have complied. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at a school district.

Definitions: Covered employees: Employees of a contractor or subcontractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed at the District and have or will have direct contact with students. The District will be the final arbiter of what constitutes direct contact with students.

Disqualifying criminal history: Any conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District, or one of the following offenses, if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or enrolled in a public school:

(a) a felony offense under Title 5, Texas Penal Code; (b) an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Chapter 62, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; or (c) an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.

I certify that:

**NONE (Section A)** of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractors are covered employees, as defined above. If this box is checked, I further certify that Contractor has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor will not become covered employees. Contractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

**OR**

**SOME (Section B)** or all of the employees of Contractor and any subcontractor are covered employees. If this box is checked, I further certify that:

(1) Contractor has obtained all required criminal history record information regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history.

(2) If Contractor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Contractor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the District in writing within 3 business days.

(3) Upon request, Contractor will provide the District with the name and any other requested information of covered employees so that the District may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees.

(4) If the District objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information, Contractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District.  
Noncompliance or misrepresentation regarding this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

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4 **Texas Business and Commerce Code § 272 Requirements as of 9-1-2017**

SB 807 prohibits construction contracts to h state, to be required to litigate the contract such provisions is voidable. Under this new agreements with (among others) architects materials suppliers. "Construction contracts repair of any building or improvement to re also includes moving, demolition, or excava PROPOSER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE CONTRACTS WITH TIPS MEMBERS THAT AR

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5 **Texas Government Code 2270 Verification Form**  
Texas Government Code 2270 Verification Form Texas 2017 House Bill 89 has been signed into law by the governor and as of September 1, 2017 will be codified as Texas Government Code § 2270 and 808 et seq. The relevant section addressed by this form reads as follows: Texas Government Code Sec. 2270.002. PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.engaged by ESC Region 8/The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) 4845 Highway 271 North Pittsburg,TX,75686 verify by this writing that the above-named company affirms that it (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract, or any contract with the above-named Texas governmental entity in the future. I further affirm that if our company's position on this issue is reversed and this affirmation is no longer valid, that the above-named Texas governmental entity will be notified in writing within one (1) business day and we understand that our company's failure to affirm and comply with the requirements of Texas Government Code 2270 et seq. shall be grounds for immediate contract termination without penalty to the above-named Texas governmental entity. AND our company is not listed on and we do not do business with companies that are on the the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts list of Designated Foreign Terrorists Organizations per Texas Gov't Code 2270.0153 found at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/foreign-terrorist.pdf>  
  
I swear and affirm that the above is true and correct.

YES  \*

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6 **Logos and other company marks**

Please upload your company logo to be add specifications are required for use of your c Company Marks" section under the "Respon preferred  
  
Potential uses of company logo:



- \* Your Vendor Profile Page of TIPS website
- \* Potentially on TIPS website scroll bar for
- \* TIPS Quarterly eNewsletter sent to TIPS M
- \* Co-branding Flyers and or email blasts to publishing)

**7 Solicitation Deviation/Compliance**

7 Does the vendor agree with the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation?

Yes. I agree

**7 Solicitation Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

8 If the bidder intends to deviate from the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached. TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions. In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this Solicitation.

**7 Agreement Deviation/Compliance**

9 Does the vendor agree with the language in the Vendor Agreement?

Yes. I agree

**8 Agreement Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

0 If the proposing Vendor desires to deviate from the Vendor Agreement language, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included. TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal based upon any deviations indicated below. In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Vendor Agreement.

**8 Felony Conviction Notice**

1 Texas Education Code, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "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." Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or

B. Firm not owned nor operated by felon: per a

misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract." (c) This section does not apply to a publicly held corporation. The person completing this proposal certifies that they are authorized to provide the answer to this question.

Select A., B. or C.

A. My firm is a publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

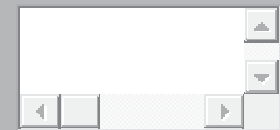
OR B. My firm is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony, OR

C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony. (if you answer C below, you are required to provide information in the next attribute.

8 **If you answered C. My Firm is owned or operated by a felon to the previous question, you are**  
2 **REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

If you answered C. My Firm is owned or operated by a felon to the previous question, you must provide the following information.

1. Name of Felon(s)
2. The named person's role in the firm, and
3. Details of Conviction(s).



8 **Long Term Cost Evaluation Criterion # 4.**

3 READ CAREFULLY and see in the RFP document under "Proposal Scoring and Evaluation". Points will be assigned to this criterion based on your answer to this Attribute. Points are awarded if you agree not increase your catalog prices (as defined herein) more than X% annually over the previous year for years two and three and potentially year four, unless an exigent circumstance exists in the marketplace and the excess price increase which exceeds X% annually is supported by documentation provided by you and your suppliers and shared with TIPS, if requested. If you agree NOT to increase prices more than 5%, except when justified by supporting documentation, you are awarded 10 points; if 6% to 14%, except when justified by supporting documentation, you receive 1 to 9 points incrementally. Price increases 14% or greater, except when justified by supporting documentation, receive 0 points.

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**FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR RESPONSE MAY RESULT IN A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY TREATMENT OF SUBMITTED MATERIALS.**

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUESTS OF EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 8 AND TIPS (ESC8) IS GOVERNED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 552

If you consider any portion of your proposal to be confidential information and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 Texas Gov't Code or other law(s), **you must make a copy of all claimed confidential materials within your proposal and put this COMPLETED form as a cover sheet to said materials then scan, name "CONFIDENTIAL" and upload with your proposal submission.** (You must include the confidential information in the submitted proposal as well, the copy uploaded is to indicate which material in your proposal, if any, you deem confidential in the event the receives a Public Information Request.) ESC8 and TIPS will follow procedures of controlling statute(s) regarding any claim of confidentiality and shall not be liable for any release of information required by law. Pricing of solicited product or service may be deemed as public information under Chapter 552 Texas Gov't Code. The Office of Texas Attorney General shall make the final determination whether the information held by ESC8 and TIPS is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

**If you claim that parts of your proposal are confidential, complete the top section below.**

**I claim part of my proposal to be confidential and DO NOT desire to expressly waive** any claim of confidentiality as to any and all information contained within our response to the competitive procurement process (e.g. RFP, CSP, Bid, RFQ, etc.) by completing the following and submitting this sheet with our response to Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS. The attached contains material from our proposal that I classify and deem confidential under Texas Gov't Code Sec. 552 or other law(s) and I invoke my statutory rights to confidential treatment of the enclosed materials.

Shoppa's Farm Supply Inc.

Name of company claiming confidential status of material

Richard Potts - Govt Sales Mgr.

Printed Name and Title of authorized company officer claiming confidential status of material

25830 US 59 Rd El Campo TX 9793328739

Address City State ZIP Phone

ATTACHED ARE COPIES OF \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL FROM OUR PROPOSAL

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 10-01-2018

**OR**

**If you do not claim any of your proposal to be confidential, complete the section below only.**

**Express Waiver: I desire to expressly waive** any claim of confidentiality as to any and all information contained within our response to the competitive procurement process (e.g. RFP, CSP, Bid, RFQ, etc.) by completing the following and submitting this sheet with our response to Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS.

Richard Potts

Govt Sales Manager

Printed Name authorized company officer

Title of authorized company officer

25830 US 59 El Campo TX 77437 9793328739

Address City State ZIP Phone

Signature *Richard Potts* Date 10-01-2018