

# **TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT (JOC)**

**Between** Altech, Inc. **and**  
(Company Name)

**THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS),**  
a Department of Texas Education Service Center Region 8 for  
**TIPS RCSP 200201 Trades, Labor and Materials (JOC)**

## **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 addenda to the Purchase Order, Agreement or Contract. Items such as certificate of insurance, bonding requirements, small or disadvantaged business goals are some of the addenda possible.

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Conflicts with RS Means Unit Price Book**

If the terms of the solicitation referenced RS Means Unit Price Book occur, the RS Means Book shall control if it determines the legality of the solicitation award as it relates to the requisite Means Unit Price Book.

### **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 unless alternative shipping terms are agreed by TIPS as a result of the proposal award.

### **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 for orders to TIPS Members as agreed by the Parties. Vendors shall respond to such requests within a commercially reasonable time after receipt of the request. If support and/or training is a line item sold or packaged with a sale, support shall be as agreed with the TIPS Member.

### **Agreements**

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

### **Davis Bacon Act**

Davis Bacon Act requirements will be met when Federal Funds are used for construction and/or repair of buildings or as otherwise required by applicable statute or regulation.

### **Other Wage Rates**

Other wage rates may be required by some TIPS Members and acceptance of a project by the Vendor may require the Vendor to comply with the TIPS Member's required wage rate.

### **Tax exempt status**

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 written approval of TIPS. Payment for delivered goods and services can only be made to the awarded Vendor, Vendor designated reseller or vendor assigned company.

### **Disclosures**

- Vendor and TIPS affirm that he/she, or any authorized employees or agents, 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.

- 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 the TIPS program.
- 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.

### **Term and Renewal of Agreements**

The Agreement with TIPS is for two (2) years with an option for renewal for additional two (2) consecutive one-year terms years. Total term of Agreement can be up to the number of years provided in the solicitation or as limited by statute. The option renewal year one shall be automatically renewed unless either party objects or terminates the agreement as provided herein at "Termination for Convenience". The Second one-year renewal term is only if both Parties agree.

### **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 that exceeds month to month terms 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, executed Agreement or other written instruction 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, deliver or provide ordered products or services within a commercially reasonable time after the receipt of the order from the TIPS Member. If a delay in said delivery is anticipated, the Vendor shall notify TIPS Member as to why delivery is delayed and shall provide an estimated time for completion of the order. TIPS or the requesting entity may cancel the order if estimated delivery time is not acceptable or not as agreed by the parties.

### **Invoices**

The awarded Vendor shall submit invoices or payment requests to the TIPS Member participating entity clearly stating "Per TIPS Agreement # xxxxxx." Each invoice or pay request shall include the TIPS Member's purchase order number or other identifying designation as provided in the order or contract 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.

### **Pricing**

Price increases will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation. However, the Vendor shall honor previous prices for thirty (30) days after written notification to TIPS of an increase, except any price changes related to the, then current, RS Means Unit Price Book is valid. Price of a specific Job Order Contract proposal to a TIPS Member shall not change within 60 days of date of proposal as a result of an updated RS Means Unit Price Book

unless agreed by the TIPS Member. 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 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 and Reporting of Sales to TIPS by Vendor**

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 Solicitation. Collection of the fees by TIPS is required under Texas Government Code §791.011 Et seq. Fees are due on all TIPS purchases reported by either Vendor or Member. Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer. Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer agrees to pay the participation fee to TIPS for all Agreement sales upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS. Thus, when an awarded Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer receives any amount of payment, even partial payment, for a TIPS sale, the legally effective fee for that amount is due to TIPS from the Vendor.

#### **Reporting of Sales to TIPS by Vendor**

Vendor is required to report all sales under the TIPS contract to TIPS. If the TIPS Member entity requesting a price from the awarded Vendor requests the TIPS contract, Vendor must include the TIPS Contract number on any communications with the TIPS Member entity. To report sales, the Vendor must login to the TIPS Vendor Portal online at [https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors\\_form.cfm](https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors_form.cfm) and click on the PO's and Payments tab. Pages 3-7 of the [Vendor Portal User Guide](#) will walk you through the process of reporting sales to TIPS. Please refer to the TIPS [Accounting FAQ's](#) for more information about reporting sales and if you have further questions, contact the Accounting Team at [accounting@tips-usa.com](mailto:accounting@tips-usa.com). The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement and submitting same to TIPS. Failure to render the participation fee to TIPS shall constitute a breach of this agreement with our parent governmental entity, Texas Education Service Center Region 8, as established by the Texas legislature and shall be grounds for termination of this agreement and any other agreement held with TIPS and possible legal action. Any overpayment of participation fees to TIPS by a Vendor will be refunded to the Vendor within ninety (90) days of receipt of notification if TIPS receives written notification of the overpayment not later than the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment and TIPS determines that the amount was not legally due to TIPS pursuant to this agreement and applicable law. It is the Vendor's responsibility to identify which sales are TIPS Agreement sales and pay the correct participation fee due for TIPS Agreement sales. Any notification of overpayment received by TIPS after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment will be non-refundable. Region 8 ESC and TIPS reserve the right to extend the six (6) month deadline to notify if approved by the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors. TIPS reserves all rights under the law to collect the fees due. 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. **NO LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARE PERMITTED OR AGREED BY TIPS/ESC REGION 8.**

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 five (5) business days of receipt of change order.

#### **Termination for Convenience of TIPS Agreement Only**

TIPS reserves the right to terminate this agreement for cause or no cause for convenience with a thirty (30) days prior written notice. Termination for convenience is conditionally required under Federal Regulations 2 CFR part 200 if the customer is using federal funds for the procurement. All purchase orders presented to the Vendor, but not fulfilled by 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 prior 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 provided that the goods and services were delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the terminated agreement. This termination clause does not affect the sales agreements executed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member customer pursuant to this agreement. TIPS Members may negotiate a termination for convenience clause that meets the needs of the transaction based on applicable factors, such as funding sources or other needs.

#### **TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures**

Usually, purchase orders or their equal are issued by participating TIPS Member to the awarded vendor and should indicate on the order that the purchase is per the applicable TIPS Agreement Number. Orders are typically emailed to TIPS at [tipspo@tips-usa.com](mailto: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.
- Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor. Vendor agrees to pay the participation fee to TIPS for all Agreement sales upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS.

#### **Form of Agreement and Reporting**

If a vendor submitting an offer requires TIPS and/or TIPS Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal to the TIPS Member. TIPS does not require a review of a TIPS Member's Job Order contract TYPE AIA or other similar Contract provided by the TIPS Member. This clause does not relieve the Vendor from the responsibility to report the contract execution and the amount of the contract and any change orders.

## **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 reasonably fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of goods or services under the Agreement. TIPS and TIPS Members reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel an order or terminate this or any other sales Agreement of any awarded Vendor whose license(s) required for performance under this Agreement have expired, lapsed, are suspended or terminated subject to a 30-day cure period unless prohibited by applicable statute or regulation.

## **Novation**

If awarded Vendor sells or transfers all assets, rights or the entire portion of the assets or rights required 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. TIPS will consider Contract Assignments on a case by case basis. TIPS must be notified within five (5) business days of the transfer of assets or rights.

## **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 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.

**Survival Clause**

All applicable software license agreements, warranties, service agreements or any supplemental agreement 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.

**Choice of Law**

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.

#### **Venue, Jurisdiction and Service of Process**

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 for any dispute resolution process, other than litigation, between TIPS and the Vendor shall be located in Camp or Titus County, Texas.

#### **Bonding**

When applicable, performance bonds and payment bonds will be required on construction or labor required jobs. Awarded vendor will meet the TIPS Member's local and state purchasing requirements. Awarded vendors may need to provide additional capacity as jobs increase. Bonds costs are passed through at cost to the TIPS Member and are not subject to the TIPS Participation fee be paid to TIPS. The actual cost of the bond will be a pass through to the TIPS Member and added to the purchase order or Contract.

#### **Professional Engineering and Architect's Services**

Professional Engineering and Architect's Services are not permitted to be provided under this Agreement. Texas statutes prohibit the procurement of Professional Engineering and Architect's Services through a cooperative agreement.

#### **Scope of Services**

The specific scope of work for each job shall be determined in advance and in writing between TIPS Member, Member's design professionals and Vendor. It is permitted for the TIPS Member to provide a general scope description, but the awarded vendor should provide a written scope of work, and if applicable, according to the TIPS Member's design Professional as part of the proposal. Once the scope of the job is agreed to, the TIPS Member will issue a PO and/or an Agreement or Contract with the Job Order Contract Proposal referenced or as an attachment along with bond and any other special provisions agreed by 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 PO and/or an Agreement or Contract and shall take precedence over those in this 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.



### **Scheduling of Projects**

Scheduling of projects (if applicable) may be accomplished when the TIPS Member issues a Purchase Order and/or an Agreement or Contract that will serve as “the notice to proceed” as agreed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member. 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 or a designated representative of the TIPS Member inspect the work for acceptance under the scope and terms in the Purchase Order and/or Agreement or Contract. 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 per the contractual requirements of the project with the TIPS Member. Any Construction contract prepared by the TIPS Member’s Legal Counsel may alter the terms of this subsection, “Scheduling of Projects”.

### **Support Requirements**

If there is a dispute between the awarded vendor and TIPS Member, TIPS or its representatives may assist, at TIPS sole discretion, 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.

### **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.

### **Incorporation of Solicitation**

The TIPS Solicitation, whether a Request for Proposals, the Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Qualifications solicitation, 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.**

You certify that your company (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement. 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.

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 pursuant to Texas Business and Commerce Code Chapter 272, as revised September 1, 2017, any construction contract or agreement as defined in the Statute with a TIPS, Education Service Center Region 8 or a Texas TIPS Member subject to the Statute shall include a Choice of Law provision providing that this agreement shall be subject to and interpreted by the Laws of the State of Texas without regard to any conflict of laws principles

for any action shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Texas and any arbitration shall be in the State of Texas. Pursuant to the Texas Business and Commerce Code, as amended by the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, this Construction Agreement for Job Order Contract services is, in the event of a dispute between the parties, subject to interpretation according to the Laws of the state of Texas only, without regard to any conflict of laws principles. Venue for any alternative dispute resolution procedure or process shall be in the state of Texas. If the dispute is litigated, venue and jurisdiction shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in the state of Texas.

Pursuant to 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative H.B. 3270, as it applies to Texas Education Code § 22.0834 et seq, the Vendor shall comply with all relevant sections related to student contact, background checks, fingerprinting and other related requirements.

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:**


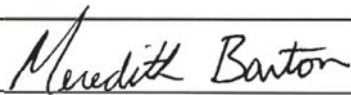

All vendor Purchase Orders and/or Agreements/Contracts must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should an agency send an order direct to vendor, it is the vendor's responsibility to forward the order to TIPS at the email above within three business days and confirm its receipt with TIPS.

- **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, 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.

# TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Form

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Name of Authorized Representative jason roy  
Title VP  
Signature of Authorized Representative   
Date 2-7-20  
TIPS Authorized Representative Name Meredith Barton  
Title Chief Operating Officer  
TIPS Authorized Representative Signature   
Approved by ESC Region 8   
Date 4/23/2020

## **NOTICE TO MEMBERS REGARDING ATTRIBUTE RESPONSES**

TIPS VENDORS RESPOND TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS AS PART OF TIPS COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS. THE VENDOR'S RESPONSES TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED HEREIN AS "SUPPLIER RESPONSE." PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DEVIATIONS, IF ANY, IN VENDOR'S RESPONSE TO ATTRIBUTE QUESTIONS MAY NOT REFLECT VENDOR'S FINAL ATTRIBUTE RESPONSE, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO AWARD. PLEASE CONTACT THE TIPS OFFICE AT 866-839-8477 WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING VENDOR ATTRIBUTE RESPONSE DEVIATIONS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT TIPS DOES NOT PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO MEMBERS. TIPS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU CONSULT YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH OR MAKING PURCHASES FROM TIPS VENDORS.



## 200201 Addendum 3

### Altech Inc

### Supplier Response

#### Event Information

Number: 200201 Addendum 3  
Title: Trades, Labor and Materials (JOC)  
Type: Request for Proposal  
Issue Date: 2/6/2020  
Deadline: 4/3/2020 03:00 PM (CT)  
Notes: If your company currently has a Job Order Contracting (181101) **it is not necessary or beneficial to you to respond to this solicitation as your current contracts allow you to perform the same work as this new solicitation would permit.** Unless and if you wish to bid different terms, pricing or otherwise change from your existing contract, Job Order Contracting (181101), proposing on the current solicitation provides no additional benefits to your company.

Dear potential TIPS Vendor,  
As you review the solicitation information, you are probably looking for detailed job specifications and a scope of work for which to submit a proposal. Because of the way TIPS and most other purchasing cooperatives procure contracts, there is no specific project to award. TIPS awards an IDIQ contract, where IDIQ is an abbreviation of the term "Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity". This is a type of contract that provides for an indefinite quantity of supplies or services during a fixed period of time or life of the awarded agreement. This

RCSP/solicitation was issued as a prospective award for a pricing agreement to be used when a TIPS member entity needs the goods or services offered under the agreement in the different categories of solicitations. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us here at TIPS!

## **Contact Information**

Contact: Jensen Mabe, Construction Program Manager  
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## Altech Inc Information

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By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Jason W. Roy

Signature

Submitted at 3/5/2020 8:29:19 AM

jasonaltechinc@gmail.com

Email

## Requested Attachments

### Vendor Agreement

200201\_Vendor\_Agreement\_JOC.pdf

The vendor must download the Vendor Agreement from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed agreement.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### Agreement Signature Form

TIPS agreement signature form.pdf

If you have not taken exception or deviation to the agreement language in the solicitation attributes, download the AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM from the "ATTACHMENTS" tab. This PDF document is a fillable form. Download the document to your computer, fill in the requested company information, print the file, SIGN the form, SCAN the completed and signed AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM, and upload here.

If you have taken exception to any of the agreement language and noted the exception in the deviations section of the attributes for the agreement, complete the AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM, but DO NOT SIGN until those deviations have been negotiated and resolved with TIPS management. Upload the unsigned form here, because this is a required document.

### Pricing Spreadsheet

200201\_Pricing\_Form.xlsx

The vendor must download the PRICING SPREADSHEET SHEET from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### RS Means Pricing Form JOC

signed joc RS Means pricing form.pdf

The vendor must download the "RS Means JOC PRICING\_FORM" from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed agreement. DO NOT FAIL TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND BLANKS IN THE FORM OR IT COULD RENDER YOUR RESPONSE INVALID.

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### Xactimate Pricing JOC Form

No response

Should you choose to provide optional Xactimate pricing on you should upload that form here

### References

Reference\_Form\_JOC.xls

Valid Reference Email addresses are REQUIRED on the spreadsheet. The vendor must download the References spreadsheet from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet. DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### Proposed Goods and Services

TIPS letter.pdf

Please upload one or more documents or sheets describing your offerings, line cards, catalogs, links to offerings OR list links to your offerings that illustrate the catalog of proposed lines of goods and or services you carry and offer under this proposal. It does not have to be exhaustive but should, at a minimum tell us what you are offering. It could be as simple as a sheet with your link to your online catalog of goods and services.

## **D/M/WBE Certification OPTIONAL**

*No response*

D/M/WBE Certification documentation may be scanned and uploaded if you desire to claim your status as one of the identified enterprises. (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise and/or Woman Business Enterprise) If vendor has more than one certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## **HUB Certification OPTIONAL**

*hsp Altech.pdf*

Completion of the HUB Subcontracting Plan Form is OPTIONAL. THE FORM INFORMATION HAS NO EFFECT ON YOUR EVALUATION SCORE. IT IS INFORMATIONAL ONLY. Some Texas State agencies and Universities require it be a part of the file when determining if they can use a TIPS contract. If you choose to complete one, it is not project specific but the general plan the vendor would use. Complete it as best you can. Vendor can download the HUB Subcontracting Plan Form from the "Attachments" tab and upload their HUB Subcontracting Plan Form.

## **Warranty**

*Altech Warranty TIPS.pdf*

Warranty information (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## **Supplementary**

*firm info.pdf*

Supplementary information can be scanned and uploaded. (Company information, brochures, catalogs, etc.) (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## **All Other Certificates**

*No response*

All Other Certificates (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. If vendor has more than one other certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)  
DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## **Logo and Other Company Marks**

*altech logo.jpg*

Please upload your company logo to be added to your individual profile page on the TIPS website. If any particular specifications are required for use of your company logo, please upload that information under the "Logo and Other Company Marks" section under the "Response Attachment" tab. Preferred Logo Format: 350 x 350 pixel - .png, .eps, .jpg preferred.

## **Conflict of Interest Form CIQ- ONLY REQUIRED IF A CONFLICT EXISTS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS**

*No response*

ONLY REQUIRED IF A CONFLICT EXISTS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS  
Conflict of Interest Form for Vendors that are required to submit the form. The Conflict of Interest Form is included in the Base documents or can be found at <https://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/CIQ.pdf>.

## **Certificate of Corporate Offerer - COMPLETE ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION**

*Corp. Cert doc signed.pdf*

COMPLETE AND UPLOAD FORM IN ATTACHMENTS SECTION ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION

## **Lobbying Report Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"**

*No response*

If you answered "I HAVE Lobbied per above" to attribute #66, please download and complete and upload the Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in the Response attachments section.

## **Confidentiality Form**

*CONFIDENTIALITY\_CLAIM\_FORM.pdf*

REQUIRED CONFIDENTIALITY FORM. Complete the form according to your company requirements, make any desired attachments and upload to the appropriate section under "Response Attachments" THIS FORM DETERMINES HOW ESC8/TIPS RESPONDS TO LEGAL PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS.

## **Bonding Capacity Letter from Surety/Insurance Company**

*Altech Letter.pdf*

Attach the Bonding Capacity Letter from Surety/Insurance Company. If you do not have one available at time of proposal, attached a letter stating it will be submitted when received to prove bonding capacity. No award can be made until official bonding capacity letter is received by TIPS.

## Bid Attributes

### 1 Yes - No

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.

No

### 2 Yes - No

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 <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/>

or in a HUBZone as defined by the US Small Business Administration at <https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp>

Proof of one or both may be submitted. Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section.

No

### 3 Yes - No

The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States?

Yes

### 4 States Served:

If answer is NO to question #3, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX)

No response

### 5 Company and/or Product Description:

This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.)

General Contractor

### 6 Primary Contact Name

Primary Contact Name

Jason Roy

### 7 Primary Contact Title

Primary Contact Title

Vice President

### 8 Primary Contact Email

Primary Contact Email

jason@altechinc.org

### 9 Primary Contact Phone

Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions)  
Example: 8668398477

903-832-7096

10	<b>Primary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-838-6843"/>
11	<b>Primary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-276-3862"/>
12	<b>Secondary Contact Name</b> Secondary Contact Name <input type="text" value="Billy Roy"/>
13	<b>Secondary Contact Title</b> Secondary Contact Title <input type="text" value="President"/>
14	<b>Secondary Contact Email</b> Secondary Contact Email <input type="text" value="billy@altechinc.org"/>
15	<b>Secondary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-832-7096"/>
16	<b>Secondary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-838-6843"/>
17	<b>Secondary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-276-3863"/>
18	<b>Admin Fee Contact Name</b> Admin Fee Contact Name. This person is responsible for paying the admin fee to TIPS. <input type="text" value="Alisha Delcambre"/>
19	<b>Admin Fee Contact Email</b> Admin Fee Contact Email <input type="text" value="alisha@altechinc.org"/>

20	<b>Admin Fee Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-832-7096"/>
21	<b>Purchase Order Contact Name</b> Purchase Order Contact Name. This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS. <input type="text" value="jason roy"/>
22	<b>Purchase Order Contact Email</b> Purchase Order Contact Email <input type="text" value="jason@altech.inc.org"/>
23	<b>Purchase Order Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="903-832-7096"/>
24	<b>Company Website</b> Company Website (Format - www.company.com) <input type="text" value="www.altechinc.org"/>
25	<b>Federal ID Number:</b> Federal ID Number also known as the Employer Identification Number. (Format - 12-3456789) <input type="text" value="751672138"/>
26	<b>Primary Address</b> Primary Address <input type="text" value="8530 west new boston road"/>
27	<b>Primary Address City</b> Primary Address City <input type="text" value="texarkana"/>
28	<b>Primary Address State</b> Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation) <input type="text" value="texas"/>
29	<b>Primary Address Zip</b> Primary Address Zip <input type="text" value="75501"/>

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**Search Words:**

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.)

contractor, construction, renovation, additions, concrete, site work, masonry, HVAC, Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, structural steel, specialty contractor, industrial,

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**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?**

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.

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?

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**Yes - No**

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?

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**Company Residence (City)**

Vendor's principal place of business is in the city of?

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**Company Residence (State)**

Vendor's principal place of business is in the state of?

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**TIPS administration fee**

By submitting a proposal, I agree that all pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as designated in the solicitation or as otherwise agreed in writing and shall be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor as agreed in the Vendor agreement. I agree that the fee shall not and will not be added by the vendor as a separate line item on a TIPS member invoice, quote, proposal or any other written communications with the TIPS member.



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6**Yes - No**

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

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7**Regular Hours Coefficient**

What is your regular hours coefficient for the RS Means Price Book?

Example:

A 5% discount for the RS Means Price Book would be a .95 regular hours coefficient.

Remember that this is a ceiling discount. You can discount lower than the contract coefficient, but not higher.

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8**After Hours Coefficient**

What is your after hours coefficient for the RS Means Price Book for work performed after normal working hours?

Example:

The most common after hours coefficient is time and a half. If your regular hours coefficient is .95, your after hours coefficient would be 1.45.

Remember that this is a ceiling discount. You can discount lower than the contract coefficient, but not higher.

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9**Non-Pre-Priced Markup**

If the material being utilized for a project cannot be found in the RS Means Price Book, what is your materials markup?

Remember that this is a ceiling markup. You may markup a lesser percentage, but not a greater percentage.

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0**Yes - No**

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

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1**Years Experience**

Company years experience in this category?

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2**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?

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3**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 without collusion with any other Bidder or with any Competitor;
- 2) This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other Bidder, Competitor or potential competitor:
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
- 4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the Bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.

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

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4**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.

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5**Filing of Form CIQ**

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

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6**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.

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7**Regulatory Standing**

Regulatory Standing explanation of no answer on previous question.

**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 that:

(1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;

(2) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;

(3) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law;

(4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this bid to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

**Suspension or Debarment Instructions**

## Instructions for Certification:

1. By answering yes to the next Attribute question below, the vendor and prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out herein in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participants," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal" and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.

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**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.

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.

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**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, audiotope, 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)

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

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree 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.

**5 2 2 CFR PART 200 Contract Provisions Explanation**

Required Federal contract provisions of Federal Regulations for Contracts for contracts with ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members:

The following provisions are required to be in place and agreed if the procurement is funded in any part with federal funds.

The ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members are the subgrantee or Subrecipient by definition. Most of the provisions are located in 2 CFR PART 200 - Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards at 2 CFR PART 200. Others are included within 2 CFR part 200 et al.

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

**5 3 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?

**5 4 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 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?



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5**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?

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6**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?

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7**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 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?

**58 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?

**59 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 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.

**60 Lobbying Report Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,"**

ONLY IF you answered "I HAVE Lobbied per above" to attribute #59, please download and complete and upload the Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in the Response attachments section.

**61 Subcontracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.**

Do you ever anticipate the possibility of subcontracting any of your work under this award if you are successful?

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.

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**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?**

ONLY IF YES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS 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 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.

YES

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**Davis-Bacon Act compliance.**

Texas Statute requires compliance with 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 S, "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. 314S), 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.

BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR THIS SOLICITATION, the Vendor agrees, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, to comply with the Davis Bacon Act, IF APPLICABLE.

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**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.

By submitting a proposal to this solicitation and IF the customer is utilizing federal funds as described above, the Vendor agrees to comply with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).

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**Indemnification**

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

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## Remedies

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

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## Remedies Explanation of No Answer

No response

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## Choice of Law

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

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9**Jurisdiction and Service of Process**

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. Any dispute resolution process other than litigation shall have venue in Camp County or Titus County 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?

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0**Alternative Dispute Resolution Explanation of No Answer**7  
1**Infringement(s)**

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?

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2**Infringement(s) Explanation of No Answer**7  
3**Acts or Omissions**

The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from and against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands or suits, and all related costs, attorney's fees and expenses arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, or suppliers in the execution or performance of any agreements ultimately made by TIPS and the vendor.

Do you agree to these terms?

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4**Acts or Omissions Explanation of No Answer**



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### Contract Governance

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 ☐

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### Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause

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 ☐

## 7 Insurance and Fingerprint Requirements Information

### Insurance

If applicable and your staff will be on TIPS member premises for delivery, training or installation etc. and/or with an automobile, you must carry automobile insurance as required by law. You may be asked to provide proof of insurance.

### Fingerprint

It is possible that a vendor may be subject to Chapter 22 of the Texas Education Code. The Texas Education Code, Chapter 22, Section 22.0834. Statutory language may be found at: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>

If the vendor has staff that meet both of these criterion:

- (1) will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and
- (2) has or will have direct contact with students

Then you have "covered" employees for purposes of completing the attached form.

TIPS recommends all vendors consult their legal counsel for guidance in compliance with this law. If you have questions on how to comply, see below. If you have questions on compliance with this code section, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety Non-Criminal Justice Unit, Access and Dissemination Bureau, FAST-FACT at [NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us) and you should send an email identifying you as a contractor to a Texas Independent School District or ESC Region 8 and TIPS. Texas DPS phone number is (512) 424-2474.

See form in the next attribute to complete entitled:  
Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees

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

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

SB 807 prohibits construction contracts to have provisions requiring the contract to be subject to the laws of another state, to be required to litigate the contract in another state, or to require arbitration in another state. A contract with such provisions is voidable. Under this new statute, a "construction contract" includes contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with (among others) architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, equipment lessors, or materials suppliers. "Construction contracts" are for the design, construction, alteration, renovation, remodeling, or repair of any building or improvement to real property, or for furnishing materials or equipment for the project. The term also includes moving, demolition, or excavation. BY RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION, AND WHEN APPLICABLE, THE PROPOSER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE TEXAS BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE § 272 WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH TIPS MEMBERS THAT ARE TEXAS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

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## **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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1**Logos and other company marks**

Please upload your company logo to be added to your individual profile page on the TIPS website. If any particular specifications are required for use of your company logo, please upload that information under the "Logo and Other Company Marks" section under the "Response Attachment" tab. Preferred Logo Format: 350 x 350 pixel - .png, .eps, .jpg preferred

Potential uses of company logo:

\* Your Vendor Profile Page of TIPS website

\* Potentially on TIPS website scroll bar for Top Performing Vendors

\* TIPS Quarterly eNewsletter sent to TIPS Members

\* Co-branding Flyers and or email blasts to our TIPS Members (Permission and approval will be obtained before publishing)

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2**Felony Conviction Notice**

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 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.

B. Firm not owned nor operated by felon; per above

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3**If you answered C. My Firm is owned or operated by a felon to the previous question, you are 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).

No response

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4**Required Confidentiality Claim Form****Required Confidentiality Claim Form**

This form is required by TIPS. By submitting a response to this solicitation you agree to download from the "Attachments" section, complete according to the instructions on the form, then uploading the completed form, with any confidential attachments, if applicable, to the "Response Attachments" section titled "Confidentiality Form" in order to provide to TIPS the completed form titled, "CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM FORM". By completing this process, you provide us with the information we require to comply with the open record laws of the State of Texas as they may apply to your proposal submission. If you do not provide the form with your proposal, an award will not be made if your proposal is qualified for award, until TIPS has an accurate, completed form from you.

Read the form carefully before completing and if you have any questions, email Rick Powell at TIPS at [rick.powell@tips-usa.com](mailto:rick.powell@tips-usa.com)

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5**Choice of Law clauses for TIPS Members**

If the vendor is awarded a contract with TIPS under this solicitation, the vendor agrees to make any Choice of Law clauses in any contract or agreement entered into between the awarded vendor and with a TIPS member entity to read as follows: "Choice of law shall be the laws of the state where the customer resides" or words to that effect.

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6**Venue of dispute resolution with a TIPS Member**

In the event of litigation or use of any dispute resolution model when resolving disputes with a TIPS member entity as a result of a transaction between the vendor and TIPS or the TIPS member entity, the Venue for any litigation or other agreed upon model shall be in the state and county where the customer resides unless otherwise agreed by the parties at the time the dispute resolution model is decided by the parties.

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7***Attribute deleted as part of an Addendum***8  
8**Indemnity Limitation with TIPS Members**

Texas and other states restrict by law or state Constitution the ability of a governmental entity to indemnify others. TIPS requires that any contract entered into between a vendor and TIPS or a TIPS Member as a result of an award under this Solicitation limit the requirement that the Customer indemnify the Vendor by either eliminating any such indemnity requirement clauses in any agreements, contracts or other binding documents **OR** by prefacing all indemnity clauses required of TIPS or the TIPS Member entity with the following: "To the extent permitted by the laws or the Constitution of the state where the customer resides, ".

**Agreement is a required condition to award of a contract resulting from this Solicitation.**

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9**Arbitration Clauses**

Except for certain circumstances, TIPS forbids a mandatory arbitration clause in any contract or agreement entered into between the awarded vendor with TIPS or a TIPS member entity. Does the vendor agree to exclude any arbitration requirement in any contracts or agreement entered into between TIPS or a TIPS member entity through an awarded contract with TIPS?

**Agreement is a required condition to award of a contract resulting from this Solicitation.**

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**Required Vendor Sales Reporting**

By responding to this Solicitation, you agree to report to TIPS all sales made under any awarded Agreement with TIPS. Vendor is required to report all sales under the TIPS contract to TIPS. If the TIPS Member entity requesting a price from the awarded Vendor requests the TIPS contract, Vendor must include the TIPS Contract number on any communications with the TIPS Member entity. If awarded, you will be provided access to the Vendor Portal. To report sales, login to the TIPS Vendor Portal and click on the PO's and Payments tab. Pages 3-7 of the [Vendor Portal User Guide](#) will walk you through the process of reporting sales to TIPS. Please refer to the TIPS [Accounting FAQ's](#) for more information about reporting sales and if you have further questions, contact the Accounting Team at [accounting@tips-usa.com](mailto:accounting@tips-usa.com). The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement and submitting same to TIPS.

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**Solicitation Deviation/Compliance**

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

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**Solicitation Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

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.

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**Agreement Deviation/Compliance**

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

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**Agreement Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

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.

## REFERENCES

Please provide three (3) references, preferably from school districts or other governmental entities who have used your services within the last three years. Additional references may be required. DO NOT INCLUDE TIPS EMPLOYEES AS A REFERENCE.

**Please verify your references are current and valid, as they are a SIGNIFICANT required evaluation component of the evaluation process, and the evaluation cannot be completed without responses from these references when**

You may provide more than three (3) references.

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CERTIFICATION BY CORPORATE OFFERER

**COMPLETE ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION,**  
THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE EXECUTED AND INCLUDED AS PART OF  
PROPOSAL FORM/PROPOSAL FORM.

OFFERER: Altech Inc.  
(Name of Corporation)

Jason Roy certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation  
I, (Name of Corporate Secretary)

named as OFFERER herein above; that

Jason Roy  
(Name of person who completed proposal document)

who signed the foregoing proposal on behalf of the corporation offerer is the authorized person that is  
acting as

Vice Pres.  
(Title/Position of person signing proposal/offer document within the corporation)

of the said Corporation; that said proposal/offer was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by  
authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.



CORPORATE SEAL if available

SIGNATURE

DATE

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**Required Confidential Information Status Form**

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 attach 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 all the confidential information in the submitted proposal. 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. Upon your claim and your defense to the Office of Texas Attorney General is required to make the final determination whether the information submitted by you and held by ESC8 and TIPS is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

Altech, Inc.

Name of company

Jason Roy, Vice President

Printed Name and Title of authorized company officer declaring below the confidential status of material

8530 west new boston road texarkana TX 75501 903-832-7096

Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone

**ALL VENDORS MUST COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION.**

**I DO CLAIM parts of my proposal to be confidential and DO NOT desire to expressly waive** a claim of confidentiality of all information contained within our response to the solicitation. 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.

**ATTACHED** ARE COPIES OF \_\_\_\_\_ PAGES OF CLAIMED CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL FROM OUR PROPOSAL THAT WE DEEM TO BE NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION AND WILL DEFEND THAT CLAIM TO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL IF REQUESTED WHEN A PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST IS MADE FOR OUR PROPOSAL.


Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** -----

**I DO NOT CLAIM any of my proposal to be confidential, complete the section below.**

**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.

Signature jason roy

 Digitally signed by jason roy  
Date: 2020.03.02 16:57:39 -06'00' Date \_\_\_\_\_



700 N. Pearl St. Ste 400, Dallas, TX 75201

John Bishop  
Underwriting Consultant  
Telephone 214-220-5674  
Email john.bishop@cnaSurety.com

March 2, 2020

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

RE: Altech, Inc. Bond Capacity Letter

Dear Owner's Representative:

We are providing this information at the request of our Altech, Inc.

We have been providing surety bonds for Altech, Inc. since 2003. We have approved bonds for them covering jobs up to \$20,000,000 and potential work programs of \$45,000,000. Altech currently has over \$35,000,000 of available capacity.

If a contract for work is awarded to Altech, it is our present intention to become surety on the performance bond and labor and material bond required by the contract. This is contingent upon our satisfaction with the contract documents and Altech, Inc. continuing to satisfy other underwriting considerations.

Any arrangement for bonds required by the contract is a matter between Altech, Inc. and the surety and we assume no liability to you or your third parties, if for any reason we do not execute these bonds.

In addition, Western Surety Company holds an A.M. Best Rating of A (Excellent) and has a Treasury Listing of \$153,381,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bishop".

John Bishop, Underwriting Consultant

## POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

**Know All Men By These Presents**, That Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing insurance companies having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

**Shelia Terry, Cindy Ash, David A Longhouse, John Bishop, Roger Bales, Individually**

of Dallas, TX, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their insurance companies and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the insurance companies.

**In Witness Whereof**, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 9th day of October, 2017.



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Paul T. Bruflat

Vice President

State of South Dakota, County of Minnehaha, ss:

On this 9th day of October, 2017, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is a Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said insurance companies; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said insurance companies and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said insurance companies.



My Commission Expires June 23, 2021

J. Mohr

Notary Public

### CERTIFICATE

I, D. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois insurance company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, an Illinois insurance company, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania insurance company do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the insurance companies printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said insurance companies this 2ND day of March, 2020.



Continental Casualty Company  
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford  
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

D. Johnson

Assistant Secretary

Form F6853-4/2012



## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

### ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting held on May 12, 1995:

"RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective."

This Power of Attorney is signed by Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President, who has been authorized pursuant to the above resolution to execute power of attorneys on behalf of Continental Casualty Company.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012:

"Whereas, the bylaws of the Company or specific resolution of the Board of Directors has authorized various officers (the "Authorized Officers") to execute various policies, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature; and

Whereas, from time to time, the signature of the Authorized Officers, in addition to being provided in original, hard copy format, may be provided via facsimile or otherwise in an electronic format (collectively, "Electronic Signatures"); Now therefore be it resolved: that the Electronic Signature of any Authorized Officer shall be valid and binding on the Company. "

### ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated May 10, 1995:

"RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective."

This Power of Attorney is signed by Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President, who has been authorized pursuant to the above resolution to execute power of attorneys on behalf of National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012:

"Whereas, the bylaws of the Company or specific resolution of the Board of Directors has authorized various officers (the "Authorized Officers") to execute various policies, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature; and

Whereas, from time to time, the signature of the Authorized Officers, in addition to being provided in original, hard copy format, may be provided via facsimile or otherwise in an electronic format (collectively, "Electronic Signatures"); Now therefore be it resolved: that the Electronic Signature of any Authorized Officer shall be valid and binding on the Company. "

### ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated May 10, 1995:

"RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective."

This Power of Attorney is signed by Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President, who has been authorized pursuant to the above resolution to execute power of attorneys on behalf of American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012:

"Whereas, the bylaws of the Company or specific resolution of the Board of Directors has authorized various officers (the "Authorized Officers") to execute various policies, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature; and

Whereas, from time to time, the signature of the Authorized Officers, in addition to being provided in original, hard copy format, may be provided via facsimile or otherwise in an electronic format (collectively, "Electronic Signatures"); Now therefore be it resolved: that the Electronic Signature of any Authorized Officer shall be valid and binding on the Company. "



# HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP)

## QUICK CHECKLIST

While this HSP Quick Checklist is being provided to merely assist you in readily identifying the sections of the HSP form that you will need to complete, it is very important that you adhere to the instructions in the HSP form and instructions provided by the contracting agency.

- **If you will be awarding all of the subcontracting work you have to offer under the contract to only Texas certified HUB vendors, complete:**
  - ☐ Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - ☐ Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - ☐ Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors.
  - ☐ Section 2 c. - Yes
  - ☐ Section 4 - Affirmation
  - ☐ GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.
- **If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a continuous contract\* in place for more than five (5) years meets or exceeds the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements", complete:**
  - ☐ Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - ☐ Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - ☐ Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
  - ☐ Section 2 c. - No
  - ☐ Section 2 d. - Yes
  - ☐ Section 4 - Affirmation
  - ☐ GFE Method A (Attachment A) - Complete an Attachment A for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.
- **If you will be subcontracting any portion of the contract to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors or only to Non-HUB vendors, and the aggregate percentage of all the subcontracting work you will be awarding to the Texas certified HUB vendors with which you do not have a continuous contract\* in place for more than five (5) years does not meet or exceed the HUB Goal the contracting agency identified in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements", complete:**
  - ☐ Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - ☐ Section 2 a. - Yes, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract.
  - ☐ Section 2 b. - List all the portions of work you will subcontract, and indicate the percentage of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUB vendors and Non-HUB vendors.
  - ☐ Section 2 c. - No
  - ☐ Section 2 d. - No
  - ☐ Section 4 - Affirmation
  - ☐ GFE Method B (Attachment B) - Complete an Attachment B for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in Section 2 b.
- **If you will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract and will be fulfilling the entire contract with your own resources (i.e., employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment), complete:**
  - ☐ Section 1 - Respondent and Requisition Information
  - ☐ Section 2 a. - No, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources.
  - ☐ Section 3 - Self Performing Justification
  - ☐ Section 4 - Affirmation

**\*Continuous Contract:** Any existing written agreement (including any renewals that are exercised) between a prime contractor and a HUB vendor, where the HUB vendor provides the prime contractor with goods or service, to include under the same contract for a specified period of time. The frequency the HUB vendor is utilized or paid during the term of the contract is not relevant to whether the contract is considered continuous. Two or more contracts that run concurrently or overlap one another for different periods of time are considered by CPA to be individual contracts rather than renewals or extensions to the original contract. In such situations the prime contractor and HUB vendor are entering (have entered) into "new" contracts.



# HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP)

In accordance with Texas Gov't Code §2161.252, the contracting agency has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under this contract. Therefore, all respondents, including State of Texas certified Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) must complete and submit this State of Texas HUB Subcontracting Plan (HSP) with their response to the bid requisition (solicitation).

**NOTE:** Responses that do not include a completed HSP shall be rejected pursuant to Texas Gov't Code §2161.252(b).

The HUB Program promotes equal business opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons to contract with the State of Texas in accordance with the goals specified in the 2009 State of Texas Disparity Study. The statewide HUB goals defined in 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §20.284 are:

- **11.2 percent for heavy construction other than building contracts,**
- **21.1 percent for all building construction, including general contractors and operative builders' contracts,**
- **32.9 percent for all special trade construction contracts,**
- **23.7 percent for professional services contracts,**
- **26.0 percent for all other services contracts, and**
- **21.1 percent for commodities contracts.**

## - - Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements - -

*In accordance with 34 TAC §20.285(d)(1)(D)(iii), a respondent (prime contractor) may demonstrate good faith effort to utilize Texas certified HUBs for its subcontracting opportunities if the total value of the respondent's subcontracts with Texas certified HUBs meets or exceeds the statewide HUB goal or the agency specific HUB goal, whichever is higher. When a respondent uses this method to demonstrate good faith effort, the respondent must identify the HUBs with which it will subcontract. If using existing contracts with Texas certified HUBs to satisfy this requirement, only the aggregate percentage of the contracts expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which the respondent **does not** have a **continuous contract\*** in place for **more than five (5) years** shall qualify for meeting the HUB goal. This limitation is designed to encourage vendor rotation as recommended by the 2009 Texas Disparity Study.*

## SECTION 1: RESPONDENT AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

- a. Respondent (Company) Name: Altech, Inc. State of Texas VID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Point of Contact: Jason Roy Phone #: 903-832-7096  
E-mail Address: jasonaltechinc@gmail.com Fax #: 903-838-6843
- b. Is your company a State of Texas certified HUB? ☐ - Yes ☒ - No
- c. Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Open Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Enter your company's name here: Altech, Inc.

Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: RESPONDENT'S SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS**

After dividing the contract work into reasonable lots or portions to the extent consistent with prudent industry practices, and taking into consideration the scope of work to be performed under the proposed contract, including all potential subcontracting opportunities, the respondent must determine what portions of work, **including contracted staffing, goods and services will be subcontracted**. Note: In accordance with 34 TAC §20.282, a "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts with a prime contractor to work, to supply commodities, or to contribute toward completing work for a governmental entity.

a. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that identifies your subcontracting intentions:

- ☐ - **Yes**, I will be subcontracting portions of the contract. (If **Yes**, complete Item b of this SECTION and continue to Item c of this SECTION.)
- ☐ - **No**, I will not be subcontracting any portion of the contract, and I will be fulfilling the entire contract with my own resources, including employees, goods and services. (If **No**, continue to SECTION 3 and SECTION 4.)

b. List all the portions of work (subcontracting opportunities) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, identify the percentages of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to vendors that are not a Texas certified HUB (i.e., Non-HUB).

Item #	Subcontracting Opportunity Description	HUBs		Non-HUBs
		Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you <b>do not</b> have a <b>continuous contract*</b> in place for <b>more than five (5) years</b> .	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have a <b>continuous contract*</b> in place for <b>more than five (5) years</b> .	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to non-HUBs.
1		%	%	%
2		%	%	%
3		%	%	%
4		%	%	%
5		%	%	%
6		%	%	%
7		%	%	%
8		%	%	%
9		%	%	%
10		%	%	%
11		%	%	%
12		%	%	%
13		%	%	%
14		%	%	%
15		%	%	%
Aggregate percentages of the contract expected to be subcontracted:		%	%	%

(Note: If you have more than fifteen subcontracting opportunities, a continuation sheet is available online at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/forms.php>.)

c. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be using **only** Texas certified HUBs to perform **all** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

- ☐ - **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for **each** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)
- ☐ - **No** (If **No**, continue to Item d, of this SECTION.)

d. Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether the aggregate expected percentage of the contract you will subcontract **with Texas certified HUBs** with which you **do not** have a **continuous contract\*** in place with for **more than five (5) years**, **meets or exceeds** the HUB goal the contracting agency identified on page 1 in the "Agency Special Instructions/Additional Requirements."

- ☐ - **Yes** (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for **each** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)
- ☐ - **No** (If **No**, continue to SECTION 4 and complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for **each** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed.)

**\*Continuous Contract:** Any existing written agreement (including any renewals that are exercised) between a prime contractor and a HUB vendor, where the HUB vendor provides the prime contractor with goods or service under the same contract for a specified period of time. The frequency the HUB vendor is utilized or paid during the term of the contract is not relevant to whether the contract is considered continuous. Two or more contracts that run concurrently or overlap one another for different periods of time are considered by CPA to be individual contracts rather than renewals or extensions to the original contract. In such situations the prime contractor and HUB vendor are entering (have entered) into "new" contracts.



Enter your company's name here: Altech, Inc.

Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: RESPONDENT'S SUBCONTRACTING INTENTIONS (CONTINUATION SHEET)**

This page can be used as a continuation sheet to the HSP Form's page 2, Section 2, Item b. Continue listing the portions of work (subcontracting opportunities) you will subcontract. Also, based on the total value of the contract, identify the percentages of the contract you expect to award to Texas certified HUBs, and the percentage of the contract you expect to award to vendors that are not a Texas certified HUB (i.e., Non-HUB).

Item #	Subcontracting Opportunity Description	HUBs		Non-HUBs
		Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you <u>do not</u> have a <u>continuous contract*</u> in place for <u>more than five (5) years</u> .	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to HUBs with which you have a <u>continuous contract*</u> in place for <u>more than five (5) years</u> .	Percentage of the contract expected to be subcontracted to non-HUBs.
16		%	%	%
17		%	%	%
18		%	%	%
19		%	%	%
20		%	%	%
21		%	%	%
22		%	%	%
23		%	%	%
24		%	%	%
25		%	%	%
26		%	%	%
27		%	%	%
28		%	%	%
29		%	%	%
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31		%	%	%
32		%	%	%
33		%	%	%
34		%	%	%
35		%	%	%
36		%	%	%
37		%	%	%
38		%	%	%
39		%	%	%
40		%	%	%
41		%	%	%
42		%	%	%
43		%	%	%
Aggregate percentages of the contract expected to be subcontracted:		%	%	%

**\*Continuous Contract:** Any existing written agreement (including any renewals that are exercised) between a prime contractor and a HUB vendor, where the HUB vendor provides the prime contractor with goods or service under the same contract for a specified period of time. The frequency the HUB vendor is utilized or paid during the term of the contract is not relevant to whether the contract is considered continuous. Two or more contracts that run concurrently or overlap one another for different periods of time are considered by CPA to be individual contracts rather than renewals or extensions to the original contract. In such situations the prime contractor and HUB vendor are entering (have entered) into "new" contracts.

Enter your company's name here: Altech, Inc.

Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3: SELF PERFORMING JUSTIFICATION** (If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Item a, you must complete this SECTION and continue to SECTION 4.) If you responded "No" to SECTION 2, Item a, in the space provided below **explain how** your company will perform the entire contract with its own employees, supplies, materials and/or equipment.

#### SECTION 4: AFFIRMATION

As evidenced by my signature below, I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the respondent listed in SECTION 1, and that the information and supporting documentation submitted with the HSP is true and correct. Respondent understands and agrees that, if awarded any portion of the requisition:

- The respondent will provide notice as soon as practical to all the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor for the awarded contract. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity they (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.
- The respondent must submit monthly compliance reports (Prime Contractor Progress Assessment Report – PAR) to the contracting agency, verifying its compliance with the HSP, including the use of and expenditures made to its subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs). (The PAR is available at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/ProgressAssessmentReportForm.xls>).
- The respondent must seek approval from the contracting agency prior to making any modifications to its HSP, including the hiring of additional or different subcontractors and the termination of a subcontractor the respondent identified in its HSP. If the HSP is modified without the contracting agency's prior approval, respondent may be subject to any and all enforcement remedies available under the contract or otherwise available by law, up to and including debarment from all state contracting.
- The respondent must, upon request, allow the contracting agency to perform on-site reviews of the company's headquarters and/or work-site where services are being performed and must provide documentation regarding staffing and other resources.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_  
Title\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

#### Reminder:

- If you responded "Yes" to SECTION 2, Items c or d, you must complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.
- If you responded "No" SECTION 2, Items c and d, you must complete an "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b.

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## SECTION A-1: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)

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Enter your company's name here: Altech, Inc.

Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** If you responded “No” to **SECTION 2, Items c and d** of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed “HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B)” for **each** of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in **SECTION 2, Item b** of the completed HSP form. You may photo-copy this page or download the form at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/hub-sbcont-plan-gfe-achm-b.pdf>.

## SECTION B-1: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION 2, Item b, of the completed HSP form for which you are completing the attachment.

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B-2: MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

If respondent is participating as a Mentor in a State of Texas Mentor Protégé Program, submitting its Protégé (Protégé must be a State of Texas certified HUB) as a subcontractor to perform the subcontracting opportunity listed in **SECTION B-1**, constitutes a good faith effort to subcontract with a Texas certified HUB towards that specific portion of work.

Check the appropriate box (Yes or No) that indicates whether you will be subcontracting the portion of work you listed in SECTION B-1 to your Protégé.

☐ - Yes (If **Yes**, continue to SECTION B-4.)

☐ - No / Not Applicable (If **No** or **Not Applicable**, continue to SECTION B-3 and SECTION B-4.)

## SECTION B-3: NOTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

When completing this section you **MUST** comply with items **a, b, c and d**, thereby demonstrating your Good Faith Effort of having notified Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers about the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Your notice should include the scope of work, information regarding the location to review plans and specifications, bonding and insurance requirements, required qualifications, and identify a contact person. When sending notice of your subcontracting opportunity, you are encouraged to use the attached HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notice form, which is also available online at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/hub-forms/HUBSubcontractingOpportunityNotificationForm.pdf>.

Retain supporting documentation (i.e., certified letter, fax, e-mail) demonstrating evidence of your good faith effort to notify the Texas certified HUBs and trade organizations or development centers. Also, be mindful that a working day is considered a normal business day of a state agency, not including weekends, federal or state holidays, or days the agency is declared closed by its executive officer. The initial day the subcontracting opportunity notice is sent/provided to the HUBs and to the trade organizations or development centers is considered to be “day zero” and does not count as one of the seven (7) working days.

**a.** Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1, to three (3) or more Texas certified HUBs. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to you submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas’ Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at <http://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/tpasscmbldsearch/index.jsp>. HUB status code “A” signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

**b.** List the **three (3) Texas certified HUBs** you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the company’s Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number, the date you sent notice to that company, and indicate whether it was responsive or non-responsive to your subcontracting opportunity notice.

Company Name	Texas VID (Do not enter Social Security Numbers.)	Date Notice Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)	Did the HUB Respond?
			<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
			<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
			<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No

**c.** Provide written notification of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1 to **two (2)** or more trade organizations or development centers in Texas to assist in identifying potential HUBs by disseminating the subcontracting opportunity to their members/participants. Unless the contracting agency specified a different time period, you must provide your subcontracting opportunity notice to trade organizations or development centers at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting your bid response to the contracting agency. A list of trade organizations and development centers that have expressed an interest in receiving notices of subcontracting opportunities is available on the Statewide HUB Program’s webpage at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/resources.php>.

**d.** List **two (2) trade organizations or development centers** you notified regarding the subcontracting opportunity you listed in SECTION B-1. Include the date when you sent notice to it and indicate if it accepted or rejected your notice.

Trade Organizations or Development Centers	Date Notice Sent (mm/dd/yyyy)	Was the Notice Accepted?
		<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No
		<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No

# HSP Good Faith Effort - Method B (Attachment B) Cont.

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Enter your company's name here: Altech, Inc.

Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B-4: SUBCONTRACTOR SELECTION

Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity you listed in **SECTION 2, Item b**, of the completed HSP form for which you are completing the attachment.

- a. Enter the item number and description of the subcontracting opportunity for which you are completing this Attachment B continuation page.

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Description: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. List the subcontractor(s) you selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed in **SECTION B-1**. Also identify whether they are a Texas certified HUB and their Texas Vendor Identification (VID) Number or federal Employer Identification Number (EIN), the approximate dollar value of the work to be subcontracted, and the expected percentage of work to be subcontracted. When searching for Texas certified HUBs and verifying their HUB status, ensure that you use the State of Texas' Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL) - Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Directory Search located at <http://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/tpasscmbsearch/index.jsp>. HUB status code "A" signifies that the company is a Texas certified HUB.

Company Name	Texas certified HUB	Texas VID or federal EIN <small>Do not enter Social Security Numbers. If you do not know their VID / EIN, leave their VID / EIN field blank.</small>	Approximate Dollar Amount	Expected Percentage of Contract
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%
	<input type="checkbox"/> - Yes <input type="checkbox"/> - No		\$	%

- c. If any of the subcontractors you have selected to perform the subcontracting opportunity you listed in **SECTION B-1** is not a Texas certified HUB, provide written justification for your selection process (attach additional page if necessary):

**REMINDER:** As specified in SECTION 4 of the completed HSP form, if you (respondent) are awarded any portion of the requisition, you are required to provide notice as soon as practical to **all** the subcontractors (HUBs and Non-HUBs) of their selection as a subcontractor. The notice must specify at a minimum the contracting agency's name and its point of contact for the contract, the contract award number, the subcontracting opportunity it (the subcontractor) will perform, the approximate dollar value of the subcontracting opportunity and the expected percentage of the total contract that the subcontracting opportunity represents. A copy of the notice required by this section must also be provided to the contracting agency's point of contact for the contract no later than ten (10) working days after the contract is awarded.



# HUB Subcontracting Opportunity Notification Form

In accordance with Texas Gov't Code, Chapter 2161, each state agency that considers entering into a contract with an expected value of \$100,000 or more shall, before the agency solicits bids, proposals, offers, or other applicable expressions of interest, determine whether subcontracting opportunities are probable under the contract. The state agency I have identified below in Section B has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under the requisition to which my company will be responding.

34 Texas Administrative Code, §20.285 requires all respondents (prime contractors) bidding on the contract to provide notice of each of their subcontracting opportunities to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs (who work within the respective industry applicable to the subcontracting opportunity), and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to the respondent submitting its bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to submitting its bid response to the contracting agency, the respondent must provide notice of each of its subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code §20.282(19)(C).

We respectfully request that vendors interested in bidding on the subcontracting opportunity scope of work identified in Section C, Item 2, reply no later than the date and time identified in Section C, Item 1. Submit your response to the point-of-contact referenced in Section A.

## SECTION A: PRIME CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION

Company Name: Altech, Inc.  
Point-of-Contact: Jason Roy  
E-mail Address: jasonaltechinc@gmail.com

State of Texas VID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: 903-832-7096  
Fax #: 903-838-6843

## SECTION B: CONTRACTING STATE AGENCY AND REQUISITION INFORMATION

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Point-of-Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requisition #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bid Open Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

## SECTION C: SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE DUE DATE, DESCRIPTION, REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION

### 1. Potential Subcontractor's Bid Response Due Date:

If you would like for our company to consider your company's bid for the subcontracting opportunity identified below in Item 2,

we must receive your bid response no later than \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Central Time Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

*In accordance with 34 TAC §20.285, each notice of subcontracting opportunity shall be provided to at least three (3) Texas certified HUBs, and allow the HUBs at least seven (7) working days to respond to the notice prior to submitting our bid response to the contracting agency. In addition, at least seven (7) working days prior to us submitting our bid response to the contracting agency, we must provide notice of each of our subcontracting opportunities to two (2) or more trade organizations or development centers (in Texas) that serves members of groups (i.e., Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) identified in Texas Administrative Code, §20.282(19)(C).*

*(A working day is considered a normal business day of a state agency, not including weekends, federal or state holidays, or days the agency is declared closed by its executive officer. The initial day the subcontracting opportunity notice is sent/provided to the HUBs and to the trade organizations or development centers is considered to be "day zero" and does not count as one of the seven (7) working days.)*

### 2. Subcontracting Opportunity Scope of Work:

### 3. Required Qualifications:

☐ - Not Applicable

### 4. Bonding/Insurance Requirements:

☐ - Not Applicable

### 5. Location to review plans/specifications:

☐ - Not Applicable



## **Warranty Information**

**Altech, Inc. will honor our commitments to the TIPS client members through an outstanding responsive and customer service program. All warranty issues will addressed immediately upon notification. Standard warranty agreements will be addressed in writing in the close out documentation as well as all manufacturers' warranties on products, equipment and services.**



**Altech, Inc. was incorporated in 1979 by Billy R. Roy, President and CEO on the foundation of honesty, integrity, and customer satisfaction. Altech, Inc. is a Texarkana, Texas based family-owned, commercial construction company with over 40 years experience as a General Contractor, Construction Manager, and Design Builder.**

**Altech, Inc. is licensed and insured in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana Mississippi, Colorado.**

**Altech is committed to the customers' satisfaction and true to the founding values of quality, honesty, and hard work. Recognized in 1993 for its dedication to quality services, Altech, Inc. was one of 149 companies nationwide to receive an Administration's Award for Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration.**

**From conception to completion, Altech remains committed to providing the customer with the best construction services available in today's market. As a prime contractor, Altech's work includes the full range of horizontal and vertical construction services. Altech has extensive design-build experience and prefers to pursue project solicitations that recognize safety, quality, environmental stewardship and performance as the major factors in the contract award criteria.**

**Altech has provided public and private entities with advanced technology and construction solutions through value added products and services.**

**Altech has a proven performance based and demonstrated reputation for meeting our customer's needs with innovative solutions and fast track construction.**





**Altech's services include:**

- **Construction Management**
- **New Construction**
- **Existing Construction**
- **Remodeling**
- **Design/Build**
- **Industrial**
- **Institutional**
- **General Contractor**

Since 1979, Altech has earned an exceptional reputation for its contractor/client relationships and high level of end-user satisfaction with construction services. Altech's repeat business history with clients is a reflection of quality delivery of a large number of simultaneous repair, renovation and upgrade projects. School districts and government agencies with multiple past project successes with Altech are listed below.

- **Pleasant Grove ISD 3 school projects \$30,599,031**
- **Red Lick ISD 1 school project \$6,698,487**
- **Texarkana ISD 9 school projects \$62,191,306**
- **Texarkana College 4 school projects \$1,257,263**
- **Texarkana, AR ISD 3 school projects \$6,117,709**
- **Red River Army Depot 64 projects \$19,526,520**

**Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number. 038463816**

**Corporate Office Location.**

**Altech, Inc.**

**8530 New Boston Road**

**Texarkana, Texas 75501**

**(903) 832-7096 phone (903) 838-6843 fax**



#### **Firm Information:**

1. **Name of Firm:** Altech, Inc.
2. **Address of Principal Office:** 8530 W New Boston Road, Texarkana, TX 75501
3. **Location of Branch Office:** None
4. **Phone Number:** 903-832-7096
5. **Fax Number:** 903-838-6843
6. **Email Address:** [jason@altechinc.org](mailto:jason@altechinc.org)
7. **Form Of Business Organization:** Corporation
8. **Year Founded:** 1979
9. **Primary Individual to Contact:** Jason W. Roy, Vice President
10. **Website:** [www.altechinc.org](http://www.altechinc.org)





### **Altech Corporate History**

Altech, Inc. was founded in May of 1979 by Mr. Billy Roy, President and CEO on a foundation of honesty, integrity, and customer satisfaction. We are committed to finding solutions for our customers that best achieve their goals.

In 1990, his son Jason Roy joined the company as Vice President and in 2000, his daughter, Alisha Delcambre joined the company as Treasurer. From 1979 to the mid 1990's Altech mainly concentrated on Government construction projects at Red River Army Depot, Lone Star Ammunition Plant and The Corps of Engineers. Altech was recognized for outstanding contributions and services to the nation by the Federal Procurement Systems in 1987.

In 1993, Altech, Inc. was one of the only 149 companies nationwide to receive an Administration's Award for Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration. In the mid 1990's, Altech moved more into the commercial, institutional and industrial projects. From conception to completion, we remain committed to providing our clients the best construction services available in today's market. The family owned and operated business's commitment to the customer's satisfaction is how Altech is one of the most respected and successful construction firms in the area. We remain True to our founding Values of Quality, Honesty, and HardWork. We have the highest ethical standard in the industry. Altech, Inc. is a Texarkana, Texas based Family Owned Commercial Construction Company with over 40 years' experience as a General Contractor, Construction Manager, and Design Builder. We are fully licensed and insured in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Colorado & Oklahoma.

## **Altech Safety Program**

Altech has put in place extensive policies, procedures, and incentives all designed to provide a safe and healthy work environment for all of our employees, subcontractors, and customers. What follows here is a general discussion and details on Altech's Zero Incident Safety Program and a site-specific accident prevention, health and safety plan. Our goal on every job is *Zero Incidents* - to ensure that all work is completed safely, with appropriate tools, equipment, and methods as is implemented in complete compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Safety and Health Requirements Manual (EM 385-1-1). We have developed and implemented a Complete Environmental Safety, and Health Program. Our EH&S Program was developed to stay in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1926, OSHA CFR 1910, MSHA part 46 for Surface Mines, and all Federal EPA Regulations, TDEQ (Texas Department of Environmental Quality). We employ a full time, certified Environmental, Safety, and Health Manager. Our Safety Manager is certified through OSHA, MSHA and the NASP (National Association of Safety Professionals), American Society of Safety Engineers.

## **Subcontractor Prequalification**

Altech subcontractor procurement procedures require that all subcontractors submit prequalification documentation for evaluation. Subcontractors will be additionally pre-qualified by reviewing their safety programs, safety training documents and safety statistics. Acceptable safety matrices are an appropriate answer to those questions which are applicable to the subcontractor's safety EMR record, DART rates, average or better scores under OSHA Information Sheet will be used as criteria for selecting subcontractors. Our Safety Director, Roger McBride will conduct the safety prequalification evaluation.

**No subcontractor will be allowed to work on any Task Orders that has an effective EMR greater than 1.00 when entering into a subcontract agreement with Altech as a subcontractor** at any tier as computed by the National Council on Compensation Insurance.

## **Subcontractor Performance Safety Matrix Includes:**

- Subcontractor's OSHA 300 Log including the number of injuries and illnesses for the last three (3) years.
  - ✓ Number of lost/restricted workday cases
  - ✓ Number of recordable cases without restricted activity or lost workdays
  - ✓ Number of fatalities
- **Experience Modification Rates (EMR) for all subs must be 1.00 or below**

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*Please use your OSHA 200 Log and/or 300 Log to fill in the number of injuries and illnesses for the last 3 years	
Year	Total employee hours worked in the last 3 years (do not include any non-work time, even though paid) Year      Hours (B) ____      _____
Number of lost/restricted workday cases (Totals OSHA 200 Log, columns 2 and 9; Totals OSHA 300 Log, columns K and L)	Recordable Injury Frequency Rate Multiply total for each year (A) x 200,000 and divide by total employee hours for that year (B) $\frac{A \times 200,000}{B}$ Year      Rate ____      _____ ____      _____ ____      _____
Number of recordable cases without restricted activity or lost workdays (Totals OSHA 200 Log, columns 6 and 13; Totals OSHA 300 Log, column I and J)	
Number of fatalities (Totals OSHA 200 Log, columns 1 and 8; Totals OSHA 300 Log column G)	Experience Modification Rate (EMR) Policy Year      EMR ____      _____
Total OSHA Log (A)	____

- Recordable Injury Frequency Rate for the last three (3) years (DART Rate)

### **Subcontractor Safety Program Review**

After prequalification, all potential subcontractors are required to submit to our Safety Manager a comprehensive written safety and health program before the commencement of any work on the project(s). All of their employees shall understand the basic elements of this program prior to assignment to the project. The Safety Manager is responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors and in-house workers are aware of proper safety procedures. The approved Altech Accident Prevention Plan (APP) will flow down to all subcontractors and will be enforced by the Altech Safety Manager. We publish and maintain a Safety Plan for all of our employees and subcontractors and keep a copy of that site-specific APP on-site at all times. The goals of the APP are to minimize risk of injury on the job, reduce property damage and enforce compliance with all laws, codes and guidelines. During the preparatory phase of each definable feature of work, the Safety Manager will conduct a safety meeting, going over the Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA) with all subcontractors and Altech employees. All personnel are required to sign the form certifying they will follow all safety precautions required by the AHA.

### **Innovative Methods To Ensure/Monitor Subcontractor Safe Work Practices**

Our innovative corporate safety program is pro-active and action-oriented; everyone from management to laborers is involved in making a zero-incident work place a reality. We use daily pre-task planning sessions, daily safety inspections, AHAs, mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - hard hats, safety glasses and leather safety toe shoes, weekly safety meetings, safety seminars, special equipment training, safety manual reviews and e-mail updates to assist in attaining our goal of zero incidents for all subcontractors and Altech employees.

### **Subcontractor Safety Performance Review & Summary**

- Post-project safety evaluations will be performed by the Altech Safety Manager in coordination with the Project Manager and supervisors who worked with the subcontractor during the specific project.
- Altech will make a timely review of each subcontractor's safety performance, EMR, DART rate, incident, injury experience and other factors that will be helpful in evaluating the subcontractor's suitability for future projects.
- In the event that a subcontractor leaves or is terminated from a project that remains in progress, a similar timely safety review will be performed for each new subcontractor before on-site work starts.

The Altech Team has a corporate commitment to safety. Safety is integral to the entire project planning and execution process. As a result, we have an enviable record with respect to lost time injuries. Altech will submit a comprehensive Safety Plan within the required timeframe and before

commencement of work. Daily inspections are performed for Safety and Health Compliance. Weekly Safety and Health meetings are performed to enhance any training needed for employees, correction of any non-compliance issues observed, and sharing of ideas to enhance the Safety of our projects. Weekly Environmental inspections are performed to ensure that no work performed effects the environment that plays a future role for generations to come.

**Site-Specific Safety Plan:** Develop during preconstruction to insure detailed scope exists at the time of contractor prequalification. Scope could include:

- ✓ Site orientation
- ✓ Minimum safety requirements for prequalification (EMR rating less than 1.0)
- ✓ Dedicated trade contractor safety representation
- ✓ Trade contractor safety plan review
- ✓ Regularly scheduled safety meetings
- ✓ Special access or badging requirements
- ✓ Development of site-specific existing safety procedures
- ✓ Identification of hazards that could cause safety concerns during construction
- ✓ Development of jobsite reporting procedures and monitoring procedures.
- ✓ Development of safety incentive plans,
- ✓ Identification of wrap-around insurance requirements, if required
- ✓ Identification of minimum insurance limits

Altech ensures that all subcontractors and in-house employees are provided all necessary safety equipment and proper tools to perform the specific job they have been assigned. Our Safety Manager performs regular inspections of shops, equipment and job sites to ensure that safety deficiencies are identified, immediately corrected and actions are taken to prevent reoccurrence. Our detailed inspection/prevention pro-program reduces hazards in the work place, while educating/training our workforce on how to prevent injuries. Special emphasis will be placed on ensuring that Altech or subcontractor personnel are properly trained on the use of Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE). Our Safety Program is based on a pro-active approach that holds everyone in the organization (Altech and subcontractor employees) account-able. The following key practices to meet our Zero Incident safety policy have been put into effect by JW Clark:

- ✓ Mandatory use of PPE
- ✓ Employee & Subcontractor training
- ✓ Safety & Health planning – pre-project / pre-task/ AHA review
- ✓ Monthly safety briefing
- ✓ Safety & Health training and education
- ✓ Worker involvement and participation
- ✓ Recognition and rewards



- ✓ Subcontractor management
- ✓ Incident reporting and investigation
- ✓ Daily safety inspections
- ✓ Weekly toolbox meetings
- ✓ Annual safety award program
- ✓ Drug and alcohol testing
- ✓ Monthly safety inspections & audits

Mr. Roger McBride – Safety Manager is responsible for certifying that all workers are aware of proper safety procedures. He will conduct weekly safety training sessions to ensure that everyone understands the particular dangers and hazards of the work in progress and that all site workers are familiar with safe operation and handling of equipment and materials. We require that subcontractors maintain the same level of education with all employees on all jobs. Health and safety inspections are held regularly while a project is in progress. We publish and maintain a Safety Plan for all of our employees and subcontractors and keep a copy of that site-specific Safety Plan on site at all times. The goals of the Safety Plan are to minimize risk of injury on the job, reduce property damage, and enforce compliance with all laws, codes, and guidelines. Our Safety Plan includes education in specific job-related tasks as well as general, continuing safety training. The plan outlines methods to detect, correct, and prevent unsafe practices and hazardous conditions. The plan also provides information in supplying and properly using protective equipment, safety mechanisms, and establishes a regular schedule for tool and equipment maintenance. All subcontractors are also shown the location of all emergency equipment and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), telephones, and evacuation routes. Standards in the areas of housekeeping, protective safety equipment, weekly safety meetings, fire protection equipment, and treating, reporting, and investigating injuries is also outlined in Altech's Safety Plan.