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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ 24-09-001-1 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

I. NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Argyle Independent School District (AISD) is soliciting Qualification Statements (hereafter called proposal) for the products/services per the specifications stated elsewhere in this solicitation document. Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the Firm's name and address and proposal number (**RFQ 24-09-001-1 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**) to:

Athena Nance-Young, Purchasing Specialist Finance Department Argyle Independent School District 6701 Canyon Falls Dr Flower Mound TX 76226

Qualification Statements will be received at the above address until **2:00 PM, Oct. 1, 2024**. Qualification Statements may be opened as received. Prices will not be read, nor disclosed in any other manner until the award is made.

Prospective respondents are prohibited from contacting any Board member, Superintendent, senior staff member, principal, department head, director, manager, or other District employee who has influence in the evaluation or selection process as outlined in paragraph 2.0 in **Section II labeled INSTRUCTION TO FIRMS**.

<u>Faxed qualification statements will not be accepted.</u> Qualification Statements must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and timestamped at the above location on or before the published date and time shown on the RFQ. AISD will not be responsible for mail delivered from the post office, United Parcel Service, FedEx or any courier or delivery service. Firms must submit sealed proposals in the form of the executed Offer Form and Price Offer Sheets, together with any material required by this RFQ, by the time and date specified. All proposals must remain open for 120 days from the opening date pending acceptance by AISD.

Any submission of information or documents to AISD (District) pursuant to this RFQ is deemed public information by the District unless the Chief Financial Officer of the District is notified in firm's response. The District reserves the right to accept or reject each item separately or as a whole. AISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids or proposals and to waive any informality. Any reference within the following pages of this document to bid, Request for Proposal (RFP), Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) could be technically inaccurate but should be construed to mean and are used interchangeably as the designated legal method of procurement listed at the top of this page. It is the responsibility of the firm to monitor the AISD's website at https://www.argyleisd.com for any addenda to the RFQ. Failure to follow any posted addenda may render your proposal non-responsive.

No order is valid under an award resulting from this procurement process until a valid Purchase Order or contract for services with invoicing and/or payment instructions is issued to the awarded firm/s.

By: Athena Mance-Young

Athena Nance-Young, Purchasing Specialist Argyle ISD P: 972-464-7241 <u>September 8, 2024</u>

Date of Issue

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II. INSTRUCTIONS TO FIRMS RFQ 24-09-001-1 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

<u>1.0 GENERAL</u>. The following instructions by the Argyle Independent School District are intended to afford Firms an equal opportunity to participate in the proposal process.

1.1 Before submitting an offer to this solicitation, Firms shall familiarize themselves with all parts of this solicitation because these parts become a part of any resulting contract.

1.2 Firms shall familiarize themselves with existing conditions in the material and labor markets prior to submission of an offer. The fact that an offer (bid/proposal) is submitted will be construed by the AISD Board of Trustees to indicate that the Firm agrees to carry out the furnishing of products/services in full accordance with the specifications and other contract documents notwithstanding existing material and labor markets' conditions.

1.3 Any explanation or request for clarification or additional information by an Firm regarding the meaning or interpretation of these instructions or any other RFQ documents must be requested in writing by email to Athena Nance-Young at <u>ananceyoung@argyleisd.com</u> by 2:00 PM on September 17, 2024 in order to provide sufficient time for a reply to reach all interested Firms to consider and include the information in submission of their offers. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding. Firms are prohibited from contacting the technical/functional expert directly for information related to this RFQ. Questions regarding specifications may be directed only to Ms. Nance-Young by e-mail at <u>ananceyoung@argyleisd.com</u>. All questions will be directed to the technical/functional expert for response and include in any addendum or update to be distributed to all interested Firms. Questions submitted by email provide a written record of the question for documentation of the contact made between the Firm and the District.

1.4 A functional area expert or a day-to-day contract administrator or manager for AISD may be identified elsewhere in this document. Functional area experts, day-to-day contract administrators/managers, teachers, principals, and/or other district employees are not authorized to substantially amend this solicitation document or to substantially modify the subsequent contract. Substantially includes, but is not limited to, changes to delivery dates, place of delivery, and/or specifications that significantly alter the form, fit, and function of a product or the scope of work of a service. Amendments to solicitation documents will be made by the assigned Buyer and approved by the Chief Financial Officer. Modifications to contracts/agreements will be made by the Chief Financial Officer, the Associate Superintendent for Business, and/or the Superintendent in accordance with the AISD Board's guidance, policies, and/or procedures. If a firm acts on the guidance of a district employee that is not authorized to make changes, the firm does so at his or her own risk or peril. Also, if a firm attempts, or gains, a modification/amendment from a district employee that is not authorized to make changes. the firm does this at his or her own risk or peril and risks the termination of his or her contract/agreement.

1.5 AISD's technical/functional manager for this contract is Liz Stewart, Chief Financial Officer.

1.6 The terms *Firm, contractor, proposer, offeror,* and/or *bidder* refer to the person/firm that submits the offer to this solicitation document. The terms *AISD, owner, district,* and/or *government entity* refer to Argyle Independent School District.

2.0 RESTRICTED CONTACT PERIOD.

2.1 The Restricted Contact Period shall mean a prohibition on any communication regarding any request for proposal (RFP), bid, Request for Qualification Statement (RFQ) or other competitive solicitation (as defined in the procurement methods above) between:

2.1.2. Any person who seeks an award from the District or its affiliated entities including a potential firm or firm's representative; and

2.1.3. Any Board member, Superintendent, senior staff member, principal, department head, director, manager, or other District employee who has influence in the evaluation or selection process.

2.2 Furthermore, campaign contributions, gifts, donations, and any other items of value are prohibited between the parties defined above for any known contract under consideration during the restricted contact period. The District shall review historical campaign finance reports to identify campaign contributions for the applicable period and hold newly elected Board members to the same accountability standard as existing Board members during the restricted contact period.

2.3 The restricted contact shall not apply to communication with the District's Procurement Services staff. Such communications shall be limited to the purpose of obtaining clarification or information concerning the subject solicitation or conducting contract according to guidance in 1.3 in Section II labeled Instruction to Firms above.

2.4 The restricted contact period shall begin upon the issuance of an RFQ, bid, or other competitive solicitation (as defined under procurement methods above) and will officially end upon execution of an award by the Board and/or the execution of a negotiated contract, whichever represents the final act in the procurement process. A weekly e-mail notification shall be sent to the Board, Superintendent, and cabinet-level staff members of open competitive solicitations, and the notification shall remain in effect until the execution of the awarded contract by all required parties. The Finance Department shall also provide public notice on our website at https://www.argyleisd.com/.

2.5 Regardless of the above time period, it is not acceptable for a potential firm to participate in determining the scope of work, strategic direction, technical specifications, or evaluation criteria of such projects. Nothing contained in this policy shall prohibit any potential firm or firm's representative from:

2.5.1. Making public representations at scheduled pre-bid conferences or scheduled selection and negotiation committee meetings;

2.5.2. Engaging in contract negotiations during any scheduled meeting;

2.5.3. Making a public presentation to the Board during any duly noticed public meeting; or

2.5.4. Conducting business on contracts previously executed and currently in force.

2.6 The potential firm or firm's representative shall send all written communication directly to the designated procurement staff.

2.7 Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the procurement staff from initiating a contact with a potential firm or firm's representative and subsequent communication for the purpose of obtaining clarifying information regarding a response to an RFP, bid, or competitive solicitation. Such contact shall be in writing and shall be provided to the members of the applicable procurement staff, including any response thereto.

<u>3.0 SPECIFICATIONS.</u> Firms are expected to examine the specifications, standard provisions, Scope/Statement of Work and all instructions contained in this Qualification Statement document. Failure to do so will be at the Firm's risk. Offers submitted on other than the authorized forms provided in this solicitation document or with different terms or provisions may be considered to be non-responsive.

<u>4.0 INFORMATION REQUIRED.</u> Each Firm shall furnish the information required by the RFQ documents. The Firm shall sign the Offer Form and the Felony Conviction Notification and return with the offer. Erasures or other changes must be initialed by the person signing the documents. Proposals signed by an agent are to be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished to AISD.

<u>5.0 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS.</u> When required, the Offeror should propose his/her lowest and best price. Sealed Qualification Statements shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the Offeror's name and address and the RFQ number/name. Qualification Statements must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and date/time stamped at AISD's Purchasing Office on or before the published deadline date and time shown on the RFQ. Qualification Statements received after the published time and date cannot be considered and will be returned unopened. <u>Faxed qualification statements will not be accepted</u>. Qualification Statements may be delivered in person or addressed to:

Athena Nance-Young, Purchasing Specialist AISD Finance Department 6701 Canyon Falls Dr Flower Mound TX 76226 5.1 All prices, if required, shall be entered on the proposal in ink or typewritten. All required signatures shall be original and in ink.

5.2 Proposed price, fees, cost schedule should be firm (fixed). If the Firm, however, believes it necessary to include in his/her price an economic price adjustment, such a proposal may be considered, but only as an alternate proposal. The economic price adjustment should give the maximum price increase (either % or \$) and the date and/or event at which the increase would be effective.

5.3 AISD is exempt from federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use taxes.

5.4 Failure to manually sign the offer will disqualify it.

<u>6.0 DISCUSSIONS/NEGOTIATIONS.</u> Discussions/Negotiations may be conducted with Firms who are deemed to be within the final competitive range; however, AISD reserves the right to award a contract without discussions/negotiations. The competitive range will be determined by AISD's Chief Financial Officer and will include only those initial offers that the Chief Financial Officer determines have a reasonable chance of being awarded a contract. The District may elect to contract with one or more firms for any or all of the proposed services after negotiations.

<u>7.0 BEST AND FINAL OFFERS.</u> If discussions/negotiations are conducted, Firms will be required to submit a best and final offer if price/delivery or other factors agreed to during negotiations have changed from the originally submitted qualification statement. Best and final offers must be received by the date/time provided during discussions/negotiations or the originally submitted qualification statement will be used for further evaluation and award recommendation. Best and final offers may be required as early as 24 hours after completion of negotiations/discussions.

<u>8.0 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS.</u> Qualification Statements may be modified or withdrawn by written or telegraphic notice received by AISD prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of qualification statements. A qualification statement may also be withdrawn in person by a Firm or his/her authorized representative prior to the opening date/time, provided the Firm's identity is made known and he or she signs a receipt for the qualification statement.

<u>9.0 OPENING QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS.</u> All proposals shall be opened as soon as received. A formal "opening" will not be held and prices will not be read. Trade secrets and confidential information contained in proposals shall not generally be open for public inspection, but AISD's records are a matter of public record.

<u>10.0 PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE.</u> This following procurement schedule will be utilized for this process:

Release of RFP:	September 8, 2024		
Deadline to Submit Questions:	2:00 PM	on	September 17, 2024
Answers to Questions (if needed):	End of Business	on	September 18, 2024
Responses Due:	2:00 PM	on	October 1, 2024
Evaluation Period:	October 1, 2024	-	TBD
Interview Period (if necessary):	October 8, 2024	-	October 9, 2024
Board Meeting:	October 21, 2024		
Effective Date of Resulting Agreement:	Board Approval Date		
(Dates and times subject to	change and will be notif	ied by <i>l</i>	Addendum)

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS RFQ 24-09-001-1 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

1.0 SCOPE OF QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

1.1 The Argyle Independent School District (AISD requests written qualification statements from qualified firms to provide Architectural Services on an as needed basis, (indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity of services) in conjunction with successful Bond elections, Bond Projects, and various AISD funded projects. The District may elect to contract with one or more firms for any or all of the proposed services after negotiations. Any agreements resulting from this RFQ will be valid for five (5) years commencing on the date of board approval, with options to extend for additional one year periods as needed to provide architectural services.

1.2 This is a service contract and effective for five years from date of the award but may be extended as stated elsewhere in this document.

1.2.1 Length of Contract: Any agreement resulting from this RFQ process shall be for a five (5) year agreement between the District and the selected provider(s) with the option of one year extensions to be determined and negotiated prior to the end of the initial term and each renewal term. Any changes to the scope of services provided under this contract that may result in changes to the terms, conditions, and fees can be redefined and negotiated. In that event, any negotiated items must be placed in writing to the district and provided as an amendment to the contract no later than 90 days prior to the renewal of the contract. In such instance, the district will notify the vendor of such intent to renew at least 45 days prior to the renewal date. The district may also negotiate and/or explore other options during this period. If AISD fails to timely exercise any of the options to renew, all remaining options to renew shall expire and terminate.

1.2.2 Contract Form: The contract for Architectural Services will be the **AIA Document B101 – 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect**, as modified, along with this RFQ document. Respondents are advised to review this agreement and list any exceptions to this Agreement Form in the appropriate place of their response to this solicitation.

1.3 All proposers must agree to fully warrant and guarantee all information in its response.

<u>2.0 CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT</u>. The conditions of agreement consist of the following and in the event of conflicting provisions, the order of importance is:

- Notice to Proposers
- Instructions to Firms
- General Conditions
- Responsibilities of Firms
- Contract Specifications
- Firm's Proposal Response

3.0 QUALIFICATION STATEMENT SUBMITTAL. A signed, submitted proposal constitutes an offer to perform the work and/or deliver the product(s) specified in the solicitation, combined with the acceptance of said proposal by the District. <u>No products/services shall be</u> delivered, nor work be performed without a Purchase Order issued to the successful firm(s), written on an official District Purchase Order Form, prior to the products being delivered or work being performed. <u>Under NO circumstances are firms to deliver products or perform work</u> without a valid Purchase Order received prior to the delivery or performance.

<u>4.0 BRANDS AND MODELS</u>. Brands and model numbers, where listed, are used for specification reference only unless otherwise stated, and are not intended to limit consideration of an approved equal or equivalent item. Descriptive information or a sample may be requested for any item proposed other than the referenced item. <u>This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation</u>.

5.0 EQUIVALENT OR APPROVED EQUAL. Whenever a product is defined in any of the Conditions of Agreement by describing a proprietary product, or by using the name/model of a manufacturer or firm, the term "or other units considered to be equivalent", if not inserted, shall be implied. The specific product described shall be understood as indicating the type, function, and minimum standard of design, efficiency, and quality desired and shall not be construed in such a manner as to exclude products of comparable quality, design, and efficiency. This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation

5.1 If a brand/model is offered other than the one specified, complete descriptive information of the offered product must be included with the qualification statement. Products being proposed as an equal to the items specified must be available for inspection/evaluation by AISD. Samples, when requested, must be furnished within five (5) working days of the request at no cost to the district. If not destroyed during evaluation, samples may be returned to the Firm on request at Firm's expense. This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation

5.2 Determination of equivalent or approved equal is at the sole discretion of AISD. <u>This</u> paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation

5.3 If the Firm takes no exception to specifications of referenced data, brand names, models, etc. must be provided as specified. <u>This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation</u>

6.0 SPECIFICATIONS. The Firm shall note in writing any deviations, including manufacturer and/or model, from the specifications and shall submit those changed specifications as alternates. This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation

7.0 GENERAL EVALUATION. AISD will award this contract based on competence, demonstrated, knowledge, and qualifications and other factors considered as required in Texas Government Code §2254.04. In determining the best response, AISD may consider other criteria, such as compliance with the RFQ documents, delivery requirements, past performance of the firm, and other factors and compliance with AISD's policies, procedures and goals.

- 7.1 Evaluation Criteria: Qualifications of all firms will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - 7.1.1 Relevant Professional Background and Experience 40 Points
 - 7.1.2 Key Project Personnel 20 Points
 - 7.1.3 Corporate Financial Qualifications 10 Points
 - 7.1.4 Previous architectural experience with other Texas school districts 15 Points
 - 7.1.5 Demonstrated success of Bond Program implementation with Texas School Districts (preferably) of similar size and demographics to AISD 15 Points

7.2 As projects are identified, the District shall follow the selection process defined in Texas Government Code §2254.04 as listed below:

7.2.1 First select the most highly qualified provider of those services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications; and

7.2.2 Then attempt to negotiate with that provider a contract at a fair and reasonable price.

7.2.2.1 If a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated with the most highly qualified provider of architectural, services, the entity shall:

- 7.2.3 Formally end negotiations with that provider;
- 7.2.4 Select the next most highly qualified provider; and
- 7.2.5 Attempt to negotiate a contract with that provider at a fair and reasonable price.

7.2.5.1 The entity shall continue the process described in Subsection (b) to select and negotiate with providers until a contract is entered into.

7.3 <u>EVALUATION COMMITTEE</u>: The evaluation and selection of firm(s) for contract award will be conducted by an Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will be composed of members from Argyle ISD based on position, expertise in the area for which the procurement is being conducted, or as the requestor of the procurement process. The Argyle ISD reserves the right to add, delete or substitute members of the Evaluation Committee as it deems necessary. The Finance Department is responsible for administering the evaluation process and will serve in a non-voting capacity.

7.3.1 The Evaluation Committee will narrow the submitted qualification statements to the few that best meet the requirements of the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) and which best meets the complete needs of the Argyle ISD. At that point, interviews may be scheduled with the top ranked firms. AISD expects to name multiple firms to serve as Architects under this process. Discussions and negotiations will be held with multiple firms, independent of one another, to achieve a pool of architects for which project assignments will be made based on the capabilities of the selected firms and according to the type of project. AIA B-101 Contracts will be executed with each selected firm for the services required herein. If a contract is not agreed upon, the committee may begin negotiations with the second best proposer. This will continue until an acceptable agreement can be developed. The resulting contract will be sent to the Board for approval along with the award recommendation.

8.0 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS. AISD expressly reserves the right to:

- (a) Reject or cancel any or all proposals;
- (b) Waive any defect, irregularity or informality in any proposal or RFQ procedure;
- (c) Waive as an informality, minor deviations from specifications at a lower price than other proposals meeting all aspects of the specifications if it is determined that total cost is lower and the overall function is not impaired;
- (d) Reissue an RFQ;
- (f) Consider and accept an alternate proposal as provided herein when most advantageous to AISD;
- (g) AISD has the right to cancel the contract with a thirty day written notice, without prejudice, for factors including, but not limited to, non-availability or non-appropriation of funds; and/or
- (h) Procure any item or services by other means to meet time-sensitive requirements.

<u>9.0 ACCEPTANCE.</u> Notification of award will be communicated by a letter of acceptance or may be made public on the District's website (<u>https://argyleisd.com/</u>). If notified by letter, the letter of acceptance, citing the RFQ, consummates the contract, which consists of the RFQ, the firm's offer, and the signed letter of acceptance. Subsequent purchase or delivery orders may be issued as appropriate.

10.0 INVOICES AND PAYMENTS. The Firm shall submit separate invoices, in duplicate, on each purchase order after each delivery and/or completed project. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number and the RFQ number. Invoices shall be itemized. If applicable, a copy of the bill of lading should be attached to the invoice and mailed to AISD at the address specified on the purchase order. No charge or addition to the accepted price shall be made by the firm for delivering, placing, or invoicing product(s). Payment shall not be due until all items on the purchase order have been received by AISD (unless specified in the specifications) or the project has been completed and the above instruments are submitted and the invoice has been accepted by AISD. All prices shall be F.O.B. destination. Funds for completed purchase orders concerning this contract will be available within thirty (30) days of completion and acceptance by the district.

<u>11.0 WARRANTY-PRICE</u>. The price to be paid shall be that contained in Firm's proposal which Firm warrants to be no higher than Firm's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by this RFQ for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Firm breaches this warranty, the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Firm's current prices on orders by others, or in the alternative, AISD may cancel this RFQ without liability to Firm for breach. Quotes provided to the district, under any resulting contract or agreement from this process, shall reference the products awarded with this contract and shall reflect any discount, in addition to RFP number. This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation.

12.0 TERMINATION. AISD shall have the right to terminate for default all or any part of this contract if Firm breaches any of the terms hereof or if the Firm becomes insolvent or files any petition in bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which AISD may have in law or equity, specifically including, but not limited to, the right to collect for damages or demand specific performance.

12.1 AISD has the right to terminate this contract for convenience, without penalty, for non-appropriation or non-availability of funds by delivery to the Firm of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance hereunder is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

12.2 AISD may terminate the contract and debar the firm from future "bidding" for violations of the federal requirements including, but not limited to, "Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act", "Equal Employment Opportunity Act", and "Energy Policy and Conservation Act".

<u>13.0 ASSIGNMENT-DELEGATION</u>. No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or any obligation delegated by Firm without the written permission of AISD.

14.0 INTERPRETATION. This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms thereof. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used herein, and acceptance of a course of performance rendered under this RFQ shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this RFQ even though the accepting party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection.

15.0 APPLICABLE LAW. This RFQ, and its resulting contract, shall be governed first by the laws of the State of Texas, and venue for any disputes arising thereunder shall be in Denton County, Texas and secondarily by the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas and in force on the date of this RFQ.

16.0 NOTIFICATION OF CRIMINAL RECORD. The person or entity submitting an offer must give notice to the district, at the time of offer submission, 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 this conviction of a felony (this requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation).

<u>17.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS</u>: Except as otherwise expressly provided, Firm shall defend, indemnify, and hold AISD harmless from and against all claims, liability, loss and expenses, including reasonable costs, collection expenses, and attorneys' fees incurred, which arise by reason of the acts or omissions of Firm, its agents or employees in the performance of its obligations under this contract. This clause shall survive termination of this contract.

<u>18.0 ASSIGNMENT OF OVERCHARGE CLAIMS</u>. Successful Firm shall assign to AISD any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA, Section 1 <u>et seq</u>., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, <u>et seq</u>.

<u>19.0 USE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES</u>. The Texas Education Code 44.031 (a)(5) allows for government entities, i.e. state agencies, local governments and school districts, to enter into cooperative agreements to allow the procurement process to be performed by a single entity on behalf of all those electing to participate. Any of the above entities may be granted the privilege of joining the awarded contract at <u>the option of the successful bidder only</u>. In the event the successful bidder allows another governmental entity to join the Argyle ISD contract, it is expressly understood that the Argyle ISD shall in no way be in no way liable for the obligations of the joining governmental entity.

20.0 REPRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, ASSIGNMENT and DELEGATION. Copies of this Request For Qualifications document may be reproduced for convenience in collaborating or working with other individuals in the company submitting the proposal; however, the firm registered as the plan holder must submit his/her proposal on the original Request For Qualifications document. NOTE: Firms may not collaborate with any other firm in preparing his/her proposal.

<u>20.1 ASSIGNMENT-DELEGATION.</u> No right or interest in a contract resulting from this request for Request For Qualifications process shall be assigned or any obligation delegated by Firm without the written permission of the Argyle Independent School District.

<u>21.0 DISTRIBUTION</u>. The Argyle Independent School District owns the exclusive right to distribute this and any procurement document to firms requesting to be included in the procurement process or to firms that have been identified as firms qualified to provide the goods and/or services required in this document.

22.0 RESPONSE FORMS: Section IV contains forms that are required to be completed and submitted along with your response. In order to make it easy to detect which forms are required, they are marked at the bottom of the form with the following label:

THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE RFQ

Failure to complete and submit these forms is grounds for disqualification of your offer. The required forms and the purpose they fulfill are:

22.1 QUALIFICATION STATEMENT FORMS CHECKLIST: This form is used as a checklist for proposing firms to indicate that each required form has been reviewed and addressed as part of your bid response. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.2 QUALIFICATION STATEMENT FORM/BID FORM/PRICING MATRIX: This form is used to submit your offer for this proposal. This form is to complete pricing offered for this project and must be submitted with the signature of the person authorized to commit your company to this project at the price(s) offered. Proposers will submit pricing for the products offered to AISD, which will be used to evaluate and establish a pricing mechanism for which future projects will be priced. These forms must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered. This paragraph does not apply to this RFQ solicitation.

22.3 BID/PROPOSAL OFFER FORM: This is the form that authorizes the respondent to represent his/her company to extend the offer to AISD and enter into an agreement if an award is extended to this firm. This form also serves as a statement that the offer was not prepared in collusion with any competing firm and that the stated prices are prepared independent of any prearranged agreement. This form is used to further verify as to the accuracy of all information contained in the response, including but not limited to the required Felony Conviction Notice. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.4 NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE FORM: In the event that a solicited firm elects not to participate in this Request For Qualifications opportunity, completion and submission of a NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE form is helpful in evaluating its procurement processes. Please complete and return the NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE form and return it as instructed if your firm is not responding to this solicitation.

22.5 AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY AND NON-COLLUSION: This is a sworn statement that the individual presenting the offer to AISD is authorized to represent the firm making the offer and that the firm will enter into any resulting agreement. It further affirms, under sworn statement, that the proposal was not prepared in collusion with any competing firm nor were price fixing and pre- arranged agreements made prior to or during the administration of this process. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.6 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE/DEVIATION FORM: This form is a signed statement that the proposal complies with all specifications and/or scope of work contained in the solicitation document, unless listed in the Exceptions section on this form, which is provided for the express purposes of identifying exceptions being taken from the specifications and/or scope of work. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

In the absence of any deviation entry on this form, the bidder assures the District of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this document. <u>This form must be completed and returned</u> for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.7 FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE: Texas State Law requires that persons or entities entering into business agreements with School districts must give notice to the district if the person or owner has been convicted of a felony. This form addresses this Requirement and must be submitted. NOTE: Conviction of a felony does not necessarily disqualify a firm from receiving a Contract, but are examined on a case by case basis. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

<u>22.8 PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE</u>: If required, this form is used for the purpose of providing in-depth information about the firm submitting the offer, including experience levels, special training and/or skills needed to provide the services or goods required of the solicitation. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

<u>22.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMPLIANCE FORM</u> – This form is required in conjunction with House Bill 914, which went into law September 1, 2005, and became effective January 1, 2006. This is a three-page form, the first of which is a **Notice to Firms** and the remaining two pages are the **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**. Response to this fulfills requirements under Chapter 176, Section 176.006 (a) of the Texas Local Government Code. Firms are required to complete this and include in their response, if applicable. If no conflict exists, firms are required to complete and include the **NOTICE OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**, included as the last page of this section.

NOTE: Submitting a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement does not necessarily disqualify a firm from receiving a Contract, but are examined on a case by case basis.

22.10 IRS FORM W-9: This is a required form by the IRS for government entities that pay firms in excess of \$600.00 annually in order to issue a 1099 form and is required in conjunction with the reporting requirements by the Internal Revenue Service. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.11 AISD CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION: Texas Education Code chapter 22 requires service contractors to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees and to certify to the District that they have done so. Covered employees with disqualifying convictions are prohibited from serving at a school district. This form certifies that the firms submitting will perform the required background check according to state law. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

<u>22.12 EPCNT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONSENT FORM</u>: This form is used for firms to indicate agreement with allowing member districts and qualifying government entities access to any resulting contract or agreement to purchase under an Interlocal Agreement. Such purchases will be made directly with the requesting school district or government entity and AISD will not serve as a collection agency or otherwise administer purchases for or on behalf of other qualifying entities or awarded firm(s) under any resulting agreement. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

<u>22.13 RESIDENT BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION</u>: In order for a proposal to be considered, the following information must be provided. Failure to complete may result in rejection of the proposal. As defined by Texas House Bill 602, a "nonresident firm" means a firm whose principal place of business is not in Texas, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered.

22.14 DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATE: This form is required by regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, requiring firms competing for contracts that are funded, fully or in part, with Federal Funds, to disclose whether that firm has been debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily been excluded from contracts of lower tiered covered transaction. Instructions on determining this information is included in the form. Firms competing for contracts that are fully or partially funded with Federal Funds are required to disclose Lobbying Activities in conjunction with the pursuit of business. This form is provided for Firms to disclose any Lobbying Activity identified in the instructions provided with this form. This form must be completed and returned for a proposal or bid to be considered, even if there is no lobbying activity to report.

22.15 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE FORM: This form is used for firms to include as confirmation of their agreement to provide insurance in the required coverage, naming AISD as an additional insured, if awarded a contract under this solicitation process.

22.16 CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES – FORM 1295: Requirements to complete and include this form went into effect December 24, 2015, as a result of the passage of Hue Bill 1295. This form is required of Interested Parties who enter into qualifying contracts defined in HB1295. Failure to file this form with the Texas Ethics Commission will disqualify any qualifying contract and cause the District to dismiss any bid or proposal. Qualifying contracts are defined as: (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency (school district) before the contract may be signed; or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. Purchase Orders, when issued as delivery orders in conjunction with an awarded bid or proposal, are considered contracts and qualify for disclosure under this requirement. Any bid or proposal awarded by the Argyle ISD Board of Trustees will require the interested party to complete this filing online before purchases will be made under the awarded agreement, whether or not a separate contract document is executed. A sample Form

1295 is included in this procurement document to make prospective firms aware of this requirement. Firms are NOT required to complete the enclosed form and include it in their response. Complete instructions and important information can be located at the following link: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm.

22.17 CHAPTER 2270 (BOYCOTT) VERIFICATION: This form contains a requirement for firms competing on government contracts to declare that, at the time of they are seeking to contract with a government entity they 1) do not boycott Israel, and 2) they will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract with the government entity. *"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit. This requirement became effective on September 1, 2017 resulting from the passage of House Bill 89. (pursuant to Texas Government Code §2270 and §808.001).*

23.0 INSURANCE. The successful Firm, at his/her own expense, shall provide and maintain insurance with fiscally sound firms (at least an AM Best rating of A-) authorized to do business in Texas as follows. Successful Firm may be required to provide a copy of insurance coverage to AISD. Insurance certificates may contain a provision, or Firm's signature on this bid/proposal certifies, that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given AISD. Insurance must remain in effect for the duration of this contract. In some cases, the district may be required to be named as an additional insured on the firm's insurance coverage. If the district is to be named as an additional insured on the firm's expense. If the district requires a certificate of insurance, the bid/proposal number and title should be noted in the "Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles/Special Items" block of the certificate and the "Certificate Holder" block of the certificate should read, "Argyle ISD, Attn: Risk Specialist, 6701 Canyon Falls Dr, Argyle, TX 76226." Additional insurance requirements may be required for construction and/or services projects and will be identified elsewhere in this document. Included in this Request for Proposal solicitation as Exhibit No. 1 is a sample Insurance Certificate for all firms to indicate the amount coverage that is currently in place and is extended to AISD. If required, please complete and return Exhibit No. 1 in your response.

23.1 Workers' Compensation: Successful Firm must maintain workers' compensation coverage for employees as required by all applicable Federal, State, Maritime, and local laws including Employer's Liability with a limit of at least \$100,000. If required, all firms submitting bids or proposals shall include a copy of his/her current insurance certificate indicating coverage of the following lines of coverage in the following minimum amounts:

AISD Insurance Certificate Required Coverage

23.2 Worker's Compensation:

All liability arising out of Architect's employment of workers and anyone for whom Architect shall be liable for Worker's Compensation claims. Worker's Compensation is required and no "alternative" for of insurance shall be permitted.

23.3	Professional Liability:	bility: \$1,000,000.00 per claim and			
	Architect:	\$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate			
	Architect's Consultants:	\$1,000,000.00 per claim and			
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23.4	Commercial General Liability:				
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23.6 Excess Umbrella Liability \$5,000,000.00

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Automobile Liability

23.7 The required insurance must be written b y a company authorized to do business in Texas at the time the policy is issued. In addition, the company must be acceptable to the Owner. The Owner's Representative will contact the State Board of Insurance to confirm that the issuing companies are authorized to issue such policies in the State of Texas.

\$1,000,000.00 combined single limit

23.8 The Commercial General Liability and Automobile policies issued in the name of Architect shall also name the Owner as additional insured. Evidence of additional insured status will be provided to Owner by providing a copy of the endorsement being utilized to effect the additional and shall be subject to the Owner's reasonable approval.

23.9 It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement that all coverage provided herein shall be primary to and shall seek no contribution for all insurance available to Owner, with Owner's insurance being excess, secondary and non-contributing and shall apply to both ongoing and completed operations. The Commercial General Liability coverage shall be endorsed to provide such primary and non-contributing liability.

23.10 Architect shall have its insurance carrier(s) furnish to Owner insurance certificates in form satisfactory to Owner specifying the types and amounts of coverage in effect, the expiration dates of each policy, a statement that no insurance will be canceled or materially changed while the Work is in progress without thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to Owner, and a statement that, except for professional liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance, the Owner is named as additional insured. Architect shall furnish Owner with copies, certified by the carrier(s), of insurance policies required. If Architect neglects or refuses to provide any insurance required herein, or if any insurance is canceled, Owner may, but shall not be obligated to, procure such insurance at Architect's expense.

23.11 Insurance provided pursuant to this Section shall be considered a part of the Architect's basic services and shall not be a Reimbursable Expense within the scope of Section 11.8, or other provisions of the AIA Document B101 – 2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect.

23.12 You are required to submit a certificate of insurance for the above insurance requirements with your response. NOTE: Items #23.8, #23.9, and #23.10 shall be required of the successful firm(s).

<u>24.0 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE.</u> A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project is required for the duration of the project. Duration of the project includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the project has been completed and accepted by the district.

24.13 Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in Texas Labor Code 406.096) include all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity that furnishes persons to provide services on the project.

Services include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. Services do not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage firms, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

24.14 The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code 401.011 (44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project for the duration of the project.

24.15 The contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the district prior to being awarded the contract.

24.16 If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the district showing that coverage has been extended.

24.17 The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the district:

(a) A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project and;

(b) No later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing the extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

24.18 The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

24.19 The contractor shall notify the district in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

24.20 The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form, and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

24.21 The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:

(a) Provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code 401.011 (44) for all of its employees providing services on the project for the duration of the project;

(b) Provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project for the duration of the project;

(c) Provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing the extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

(d) Obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:

(1) A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

(2) A new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(e) Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;

(f) Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

(g) Contractually required each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by items 1-7, with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

24.22 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to the district that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by worker's compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

24.23 The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor that entitled the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

25.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS. Except as otherwise expressly provided, Firm shall defend, indemnify, and hold AISD harmless from and against all claims, liability, loss and expenses, including reasonable costs, collection expenses, and attorneys' fees incurred, which arise by reason of the acts or omissions of Firm, its agents or employees in the performance of its obligations under this contract. This clause shall survive termination of this contract.

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IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFERORS RFQ 24-09-001-1- ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

1.0 The responsibility for compliance with this solicitation and the subsequent contract shall be with the Firms/Offerors.

2.0 Firms/Offerors are expected to provide prompt service that is due under this contract including warranties. Past performance of Offerors' may be a factor in awarding future contracts.

3.0 Offerors are expected to deliver service(s)/product(s) per specifications.

4.0 The proposer declares that in the event of the award of a contract to the undersigned to this offer will comply with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986.

5.0 There will be no Pre-Qualification Statement Conference held in conjunction with this Request For Qualifications.

6.0 Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of your offer, along with one (1) electronic copy of your offer on a USB drive. Limit 50 pages.

V. SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS OF SERVICES

SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

The Argyle Independent School District (AISD requests written qualification statements from qualified firms to provide Architectural Services on an as needed basis, (indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity of services) in conjunction with successful Bond elections, Bond Projects, and various AISD funded projects. The District may elect to contract with one or more firms for any or all of the proposed services after negotiations. Any agreements resulting from this RFQ will be valid for five (5) years commencing on the date of board approval, with options to extend for additional one year periods as needed to provide architectural services.

Please note that this communication is not to be construed as a contract or commitment on behalf of AISD, and the District reserves the right to conduct discussions or negotiations with any, all, or none of the responding firms. The District assumes no obligations or liability for any costs incurred by interested firms regarding their response submissions or related discussions or interviews in response to this RFQ.

Contract Responsibility

The awarded firm/s will be required to assume total responsibility of the project. The awarded firm/s will be considered the prime contractor and the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters.

Taxes, Fees, Code Compliance, Licensing

The awarded firm/s shall be responsible for payment of any required taxes or fees associated with the execution of the performance contract. The awarded firm/s shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable codes and Laws. All engineering, design, installation and construction work shall be done by contractors licensed in the State of Texas.

Assignment

The awarded firm/s shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract completely, or in part, without the prior written consent of the Director of Operations. Any such assignment or transfer shall not release the awarded firm/s from all contractual obligations.

District Information: Argyle ISD (AISD) is a K – 12^{th} grade public school district with a total student population over 5,500 and an estimated 600 employees. The district is located in the North Texas area. Argyle ISD consists of 7 schools with the construction of a new middle school that will open in the fall of 2026. AISD's Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members and the superintendent of schools is Dr. Courtney Carpenter. The District central offices are located at 6701 Canyon Falls Drive, Argyle, Texas.

Goals and Objectives The goal for this selection process is to secure the services of a qualified architectural firm or firms to provide architectural services to include, but not be limited to: bond planning, long range planning, building design, specification development, contract administration, post occupancy/building commissioning, and other services customarily provided by qualified architectural firms.

Projected Dates of Award and Implementation: Questions related to this Request For Qualifications will be received only in writing via e-mail. Questions may be e-mailed to Athena Nance-Young at <u>ananceyoung@argyleisd.com</u>. The deadline for sending questions related to this RFQ is 2:00 PM on September 17, 2024.

VI. PROPOSAL FORMAT

1.0 Submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of your proposal clearly marked in a sealed opaque container prior to the time and date specified on this RFQ must be provided. In addition to the one original and four copies, firms must provide one copy of their proposal in an electronic format on a USB flash drive. The electronic version shall be one (1) file that replicates your original qualification statement, including required signatures. Do NOT send individual files of each section or page of your proposal as the electronic version. Each firm shall organize the response in the order listed below and include content as requested. This information will be used for the Evaluation Criteria previously listed. AISD reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any responses that do not contain the requested information. Limit 50 pages.

1. BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

- Letter of intent shall be submitted with the qualifications and must be signed by an individual authorized to contractually bind the firm. Failure to provide the letter will be considered a "non-responsive."
- How many years has your firm been in business under its present name?
- Indicate all other names by which your firm has been known and length of time known by each name.
- Include the address of your firm's website, if applicable.
- List all services your firm performs with its own employees.

2. KEY PROJECT PERSONNEL

Provide information regarding the capabilities and experience of personnel directly assigned to this project that include the following:

- Personnel proposed for this assignment must have recent school district experience. Include professional resumes for key personnel and their responsibilities. Indicate the education and professional licensing of each person as it relates to this project, and specific experience with school district projects for each key project person proposed for this assignment.
- Provide an organizational chart that clearly describes your firm's project organization with supervisory reporting.
- Provide a statement regarding your commitment to keeping the same personnel in all phases of the project.

3. CORPORATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provide financial documents for evidence of financial stability. Firms **choosing** to submit audited financial statements should provide audited financial statements including income statement, balance sheets and statements of changes for three (3) most recently completed fiscal years. If audited financial statements are not available, provide evidence of the level of third party review of the financial statements.

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Include a plan describing how your firm manages the areas identified below. Describe processes used for the assignment of tasks, project scheduling and budget management:

- Comprehensive Architectural Design
- Contract Negotiation and Administration
- Educational Adequacy
- Feasibility Studies
- Civil Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- MEP Engineering
- Interior Design
- Technology Infrastructure Design
- Cost/Budgetary Estimating
- Environmental / hazardous materials inspections
- Life Safety Systems
- Americans with Disabilities Act audits
- Kitchen Design Services
- Energy Systems Engineering
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design LEED
- Acoustical Engineering

5. DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS of BOND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITH TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS (PREFERABLY) of SIMILAR SIZE and DEMOGRAPHICS to AISD

Provide documentation that demonstrates successful Bond Programs your firm has implemented in other Texas School District of similar size and demographic make-up to that of AISD. Provide specific reasons that show why your firm was instrumental in the success of Bond programs included in this response.

		RFQ 24-09-001-1 – Architectural Services - EVALUATION FO	RM	
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1)	Relev	vant Professional Background and Experience;		
	a)	Firm's Qualifications, Specialized Experiences and Competence:	40 Pts.	
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	a)	The qualifications, education, and experience of the team members proposed to prosed to prosed to prose services under this process:	ovide 20 Pts.	
3)	Corp	orate Financial Qualifications;		
	a)	Respondent's demonstrated capability and financial resources to perform required Services:	10 Pts.	
4)	Proje	ect Management Plan;		
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FORMS CHECKLIST – GENERAL PROCUREMENT

The following pages must be completed and submitted to be considered for award.

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	AISD FORMS CHECKLIST – GENERAL PROCUREMENT	COMPLET
	PROCUREMENT RESPONSE COVER SHEET	COMPLET
	PROCUREMENT RESPONSE SHIPPING LABEL (IF NEEDED)	COMPLET
	NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE FORM (IF APPLICABLE)	COMPLET
	EXAMPLE AIA -ATTACHMENT FORM	COMPLET
	AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY AND NON-COLLUSION (Notary Required)	COMPLET
	RESIDENT BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION	(If applicable COMPLET
	DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATE	COMPLET
	FELONY CONVICTION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTICE	COMPLET
	AISD CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION	COMPLET
	STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE/DEVIATION FORM	COMPLET
	PROPOSAL QUESTIONNAIRE	COMPLET
	COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE FORM (Notary Required)	COMPLET
	CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295)	COMPLET
	CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS	COMPLET
	IRS FORM - W-9	COMPLET
	EPCNT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONSENT FORM	COMPLET (If applicable
	CHAPTER 2270 (BOYCOTT) VERIFICATION	
	FEDERAL FUND USE COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION (This form to be used with ALL procurement processes except Child Nutrition)	COMPLET (if applicable
	USDA FEDERAL FUND USE COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION (This form to be used with Student Nutrition procurement processes only)	COMPLET (if applicable
	ELECTRONIC COPY OF RESPONSE ON USB DRIVE LABELED AS INSTRUCTED	ENCLOSE

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED IN YOUR RESPONSE AS YOUR PROPOSAL COVER SHEET			
FORM NO.: AISD1	PROCUREMENT RESPONSE COVER SHEET	Last Revised: Feb2019	

Cover Sheet For ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

BID NUMBER: RFQ 24-09-001-1

BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: Oct. 1, 2024 SUBMITTAL DUE TIME: 2:00 PM

SUBMITTAL ADDRESS: Argyle Independent School District Finance Department -Purchasing 6701 Canyon Falls Dr Flower Mound TX 76226

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION AND MAKE THIS THE COVER TO YOUR RESPONSE:

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NO BID NOTIFICATION

BID NO.: RFQ 24-09-001-1 BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Argyle Independent School District is interested in receiving competitive pricing on all items bid. We also desire to keep your firm as a bidder and supplier of materials and equipment. Therefore, it is important for us to determine why you are not bidding on this item. We will analyze your input carefully and try to determine if future changes are needed in our specifications and/or procedures.

REASON(S) FOR NO RESPONSE - Please mark all those that apply to your circumstances.

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	Could not meet specification requirements.						
	Do not supply the requested product.						
	Did not have time to prepare a Proposal res	ponse.					
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	Quantities offered are too small or too large to be supplied by my company. (Please check one)						
	Could not be price competitive.						
	Could not propose due to illness.						
	Could not set price with the manufacturer.						
	Could not meet insurance requirements.						
	Could not meet bonding requirements.						
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OFFER FORM

BID NO.: RFQ 24-09-001-1 BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

TO: Argyle ISD

I, or we, the duly authorized undersigned, having carefully read the Instructions to Firms, General Conditions, Notice to Firms, Contract Specifications, Responsibilities of Firms, and Offer Form/s, do hereby agree to enter into a contract with AISD by tendering this offer to perform the work required and/or provide the product(s) specified in this solicitation. I, or we, will deliver the product(s) per specifications found in this RFQ document for the prices indicated.

I, or we, also certify to the accuracy of the certifications required (including, but not limited to, Felony Conviction Notice) which accompany this offer.

The prices in this offer have been determined independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter related to such prices, with any other Firm or with any competitor. I, or we, are authorized to submit this offer and have not been a party to any collusion among offer/Firms in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to offer at a fixed price or to refrain from offering; or with any AISD employee, Board Trustee, or consultant as to quantity, quality, or price in the prospective contract, or in any terms of the prospective contract except in any authorized discussion(s) with AISD's Purchasing personnel; or in any discussions or actions between offer/Firms and any AISD employee, Board Trustee, or consultant concerning exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in the award of this contract.

 An individual proprietorship		A partnership
 A corporation chartered under the laws of the State of _	,	acting by its officers pursuant to
its by-laws or a resolution of its Board of Directors		

Company Officer:

Date:			Name of Firm:			
Signature:			Firm's Address:			
Name:				Street Address		
	Please Print			City	State	Zip
Title:	Please Print		Phone #:	()		
E-Mail:			Fax #:	()		
			SS or			
			Federal ID #:			
	" BID NO.:	HOULD BE PLAINLY RFQ 24-09-001-1 OCT. 1, 2024	ARCHITECTURAL SVCS	M "		

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AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY AND NON-COLLUSION

BID NO.: <u>RFQ 24-09-001-1</u>	BID TITLE:	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES		
STATE OF:)			
)			
that (s) he is the agent authorized by th proposer has not been a party to any co agreement to Proposal at a fixed price or Member, or benefit consultant as to qua prospective contract, or in any discussi employee, Board Member, or benefit co consideration in the letting of this contract	e Proposal to llusion amon to refrain fro ntity, quality on or actior nsultant con	ng Proposals/proposers in restraint of om proposing; or with any state officia r, or price in the prospective contract ns between Proposals/proposers and	iant furthe freedom c al, District , or any ot any state	er states that the of competition by employee, Board her terms of said e official, District
CONTRACTOR'S NAME:				
ADDRESS:		City	State	Zip
Phone: ()	Fa	əx: ()		
E-Mail:	@			
AUTHORIZED COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAM	E (Printed or	typed) TITLE OF AUTHORIZED (OFFICIAL	
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:				
The claim contained within this affidavit i	s subscribed	and sworn before me, a Notary Public,	this	
day of	, 2			
(Affix Notary Seal Below)				
		Notary Public Signature		
		Print Name:		
		My Commission Expires:		

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RESIDENT BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

BID NO.: RFQ 24-09-001-1 BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Texas Government Code Chapter 2252.001A (3) and (4) defines "nonresident bidder" and "resident bidder" as follows:

Chapter 2252.001A (3) "Nonresident bidder" refers to a person who is not a resident.

Chapter 2252.001A (4) "Resident bidder" refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state (Texas), including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in the state of Texas.

Chapter 2252.002 states "A governmental entity may not award a governmental contract to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident underbids the lowest bid submitted by a responsible resident bidder by an amount that is not less than the amount by which a resident bidder would be required to underbid the nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located."

I certify that	is a <u>resident bidder</u> of
(Company Name)	
Texas as defined in Texas Government Code 2252.001A (4).	
Signature:	
Print Name:	
I certify that	is a <u>nonresident bidder</u> of
(Company Name)	
Texas as defined in Texas Government Code 2252.001A (4).	
City and State:	
Signature:	
Print Name:	

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RESIDENT BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION FORM

BID NO.: <u>RFQ 24-09-001-1</u> BID TITLE: <u>ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES</u>

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. Covered transactions include procurement of goods or services equal to or in excess of \$100,000. Contractors receiving individual awards of \$100,000 or more and all sub-recipients must certify that the organizations and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

By submitting this offer and signing this certificate, this Firm:

(1) Certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract under the Federal OMB, A-102, common rule.

FIRM'S NAM	1E:	
CITY:		
STATE:	ZIP CODE:	+
PHONE:	()	_
FAX:	()	_
E-MAIL:	@	
AUTHORIZE	D COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME (Printed or typed)	TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL
SIGNATURE	OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:	DATE:

FELONY CONVICTION AND CRIMINAL HISTORY NOTICE

BID NO.: <u>RFQ 24-09-001-1</u>

BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Statutory citation covering notification of criminal history of contractor is found in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.034. Following is an example of a felony conviction notice:

State of Texas Legislative Senate Bill No. 1, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a public entity must give advance notice to the public entity 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 public entity may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the public entity 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 public entity must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract."

THIS NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED OF A PUBLICLY-HELD CORPORATION

I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

FIRM'S NAME:

AUTHORIZED COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME (PRINTED):

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

Signature of Company Official: _____

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

Signature of Company Official:

C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:

Name of Felon(s):

Detail of Conviction:

Signature of Company Official:

ARGYLE ISD CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

BID NO.: RFQ 24-09-001-1 BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires service contractors to obtain criminal history record information regarding covered employees and to certify to the District that they have done so. Covered employees with disqualifying convictions are prohibited from serving at a school district.

Definitions:

Covered employees: All employees of a contractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed in 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 conviction: 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.

Company/Contractor agrees to check the criminal history of personnel being provided to AISD under the agreement pursuant to Chapter 22, Subchapter C, Section 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code and hereby certifies that company/contractor has received all criminal history record information on said personnel. Furthermore, company/contractor agrees to provide only those personnel with an appropriate background pursuant to Chapter 22, Subchapter C, Section 22.085 of the Texas Education Code.

On behalf of ______ ("Contractor"), I certify that [check one]:

[] None of the Contractor's employees are *covered employees*, as defined above.

Or

[] Some or all of the Contractor's employees are *covered employees*. If this box is selected, I further certify that:

- (1) Contractor has obtained all required criminal history record information, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying conviction. Contractor has taken reasonable steps to ensure that its employees who are not covered employees do not have continuing duties related to the contract services or direct contact with students.
- (2) If Contractor receives information that a covered employee has a disqualifying conviction, 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 make available for the District's inspection the criminal history record information of any covered employee. 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 by Contractor with this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

Printed Name

Title

Signature

Date

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE/DEVIATION FORM

BID NO.: <u>RFQ 24-09-001-1</u> BID TITLE: <u>ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES</u>

RE: Argyle Independent School District

Please submit as a part of your Proposal the following information:

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the above referenced procurement opportunity, and certify that our Proposal conforms to the RFQ detailed below with exception:

CONTRACTOR'S NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
	City	State Zip		
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Phone: ()	Fax: ()			
E-Mail:	_ @			
AUTHORIZED COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME (Printed of	or typed) TITLE OF AUTHORIZ	ED OFFICIAL		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:	Dat	e:		
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Argyle TX 76226

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT

BID NO.: RFQ 24-09-001-1 BID TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

If the Bidder shown below is awarded this contract by Argyle ISD, the bidder will be able to, within ten (10) days of notification of such award, furnish a valid insurance certificate to the Argyle ISD Purchasing Department, meeting all of the insurance requirements in this bid. Types and amount of required coverage shall be in the amount shown on the sample Insurance Certificate provided on the following page.

Worker's Compensation: Contractor shall provide all necessary Workman's Compensation Insurance as may be required by local, state and federal law.

Agent's Name:	
Agency Name:	
Address:	
City: Sta	te: ZIP:
Telephone No: ()	Fax No: ()
Bidder's Name:	
Company Name:	
Project/Bid No. and Title:	
Insurance Agent/Broker Signature:	Date:
insurance, will do so pending contract award, ar requirements within ten days of notification of award	ollowing: I am aware of all costs to provide the required ad will provide a valid insurance certificate meeting all . If the above ten-day requirement is not met, the Argyle d and award the contract to the next lowest bidder meeting
Bidder's Signature:	
Certified this: day of , 20 (Affix Notary Seal Below)	, by Notary Public
	My Commission Expires on

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMAT BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF IN REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, A	IVEL' SURA	Y OR	NEGATIVELY AMEND, DOES NOT CONSTITUT	EXTEN	ID OR ALT	ER THE CO	VERAGE AFFORDED E	ву тн	E POLICIES
IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder i SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to certificate does not confer rights to the	the	term	s and conditions of the p	olicy, c	ertain polic		-		
PRODUCER Agent Name			-	E-MAIL	Agent , _{Ext):} Agent		FAX (A/C, No):		
Agent Address			-	ADDRES	INS	E-Mail add SURER(S) AFFOR ance Comp	DING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURED				INSUREI		ance Comp			
Firm Name			-	INSURE	RC:				
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANC OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY H	TERM E AF IAVE	OR C FORD BEEN	ONDITION OF ANY CONTRACED BY THE POLICIES DESC	CT OR C RIBED I 5.	OTHER DOCU HEREIN IS SU	MENT WITH R IBJECT TO AL	ESPECT TO WHICH THIS C	ERTIFI	CATE MAY BE
	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER		(MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMIT	S	
X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY							EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED	\$	1,000,000
							PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$	100,000
	x	x	Policy Number		Curren	t Policy	MED EXP (Any one person) PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$\$	10,000
			, ,		Da	tes	GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$	1,000,000
								•	1,000,000
POLICY PRO- JECT LOC							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$	1,000,000
							COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$	1,000,000
X ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY SCHEDULED	X	X	Policy Number		Curren	t Policy	BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$	
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AUTOS ONLY AUTOS ONLY							(Per accident)	\$	
							EACH OCCURRENCE	\$	1,000,000
X EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE	X	X					AGGREGATE	\$	1,000,000
DED RETENTION \$ WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANYPROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBEREXCLUDED?	N / A	x	Policy Number		Curren	t Policy	PER OTH- STATUTE ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$	500,000
(Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under					Dat	es	E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$	500,000
DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$	500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Argyle ISD is named Additional Insured on the General Liability and Auto policies. Waiver of Subrogation applies in favor of Argyle ISD on the General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers Compensation policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
Argyle ISD 6701 Canyon Falls Dr	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
Argyle, TX 76226	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
	SIGNATURE

Implementation of House Bill 1295 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295):

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted <u>House Bill 1295</u>, which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016.

The Texas Ethics Commission was required to adopt rules necessary to implement that law, prescribe the disclosure of interested parties form, and post a copy of the form on the commission's website. The commission adopted the Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) on October 5, 2015. The commission also adopted new rules (Chapter 46) on November 30, 2015, to implement the law. The commission does not have any additional authority to enforce or interpret HumeBill 1295.

Changes Form 1295

Changes to the <u>law</u> requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an "unsworn declaration."

What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law?

The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

- a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education;
- an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;
- a contract related to health and human services if:
 - the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and
 - o any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;
- a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;*
- a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;* or
- a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code.*

The newly exempt contract types are marked with an asterisk.

Will my date of birth and address appear on the TEC's website when I file the form?

No. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

Although the TEC does not capture the date of birth and street address of the signatory, the contracting state agency or governmental agency will have a physical copy of the form that includes the date of birth and address of the signatory. The TEC cannot answer whether the contracting state agency or governmental agency mayrelease such information. Questions regarding the Texas Public Information Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General. *See also Paxton v. City of Dall.*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228, at *10-11 (App.-Austin

May 22, 2015)_(mem. op.) (pet. denied) (available here).

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

Additional Information: <u>HB 1295</u> Certificate of Interested Parties (<u>Form 1295</u>) New Chapter 46, Ethics Commission Rules: <u>46.1. Application</u> <u>46.3. Definitions</u> <u>46.5. Disclosure of Interested Parties Form</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES	FORM 1295
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.	OFFICE USE ONLY
1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.	
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.	
³ Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.	the contract,
Name of Interested Party (place of business)	ure of Interest (check applicable)
5 Check only if there is NO interested Party.	
⁶ AFFIDAVIT	above disclosure is true and correct.
Signature of authorized agent of c	contracting business entity
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said of , 20 , to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.	, this the day
Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath	Title of officer administering oath

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Notice to Firms Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176

Firms are required to file a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire with the District if a relationship exists between the firm's company and an officer of the District. Firms are encouraged to review and become familiar with all disclosure requirements of Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176.

Conflicts of interest exist if:

- 1) The person has employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member resulting in the officer or family member receiving taxable income; or
- 2) The person has given the local government officer or family member one or more gifts (excluding food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment) that have an aggregate value of more than \$250 in the twelve-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware of an executed contract or consideration of the person for a contract to do business with the District.

Disclosure is required from firms regarding each affiliation or business relationship between the firm and:

- 1) An officer of the District;
- 2) An officer of the District that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income;
- 3) An officer of the District that results in the firm receiving taxable income that does not come from the District;
- 4) A corporation or other business entity in which an officer of the District serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of 10% or more;
- 5) An employee or contractor of the District who makes recommendations to an officer of the District regarding the expenditure of money;
- 6) An officer of the District who appoints or employs an officer of the District that is the subject of the questionnaire; and
- 7) Any person or entity that might cause a conflict of interest with the District.

Forms must be filed:

- No later than the seventh business day after the date that the person begins contract discussions or negotiations with the government entity, or submits to the entity an application, response to a request for proposal or bid, correspondence, or other writing related to a potential agreement with the entity.
- 2) The Firm also shall file an updated questionnaire:
 - a) Not later than September 1 of each year in which a covered transaction is pending, and
 - b) The seventh business day after the date of an event that would make a statement in the questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.
- 3) A firm is not required to file an updated questionnaire if the person had filed an updated statement on or after June 1, but before September 1 of the year.

Officers of the Argyle Independent School District are:

Sam Slaton - President Craig Hawkesworth - Vice President Matt Slaton - Secretary Leigh Ann Artho - Member Rich McDowell - Member Dr. Leona McDade - Member Josh Westrom - Member

Dr. Courtney Carpenter, Superintendent of Schools

Individuals completing this form in conjunction with a response to bid or proposal are to complete it and include it in their response. Individuals required to file for any reason other than participation in a procurement process are to send the completed form to:

Argyle Independent School District 6701 Canyon Falls Flower Mound TX 76226

	LICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE doing business with local governmental entity	FORM CIQ
This question	nnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
business rela	naire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a firm who has a tionship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the firm meets under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received
than the 7th I See Section A firm commi	restionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later usiness day after the date the firm becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. 76.006(a-1), Local Government Code. s an offense if the firm knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense ction is a misdemeanor.	
1 Name of	firm who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.	
	eck this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law in mpleted questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busine use aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.	ss day after the date on which
3 Name of	local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.	
	Name of Officer	
Comple	is described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship w e subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Atta ecessary.	
	A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or other than investment income, from the firm?	likely to receive taxable income,
	Yes No	
	B. Is the firm receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment i the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local governmental entity?	
	Yes No	
5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the firm named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.		
6	Check this box if the firm has given the local government officer or a family member of as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176	
7		
	Signature of firm doing business with the governmental entity	Date
Form provided	by Texas Ethics Commission www.ethics.state.tx.us	Revised 11/30/2015

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For firm doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/ Docs/LG/html/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

(A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;

(B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or

(C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a firm if:

(2) the firm:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and firm has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the firm;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and firm has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the firm.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A firm shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the firm has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the firm:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the firm becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the firm has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

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	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.			
page 2.	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above			
uo	Click appropriate box to rederar tax diassification, click only one of the following seven boxes.		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any)	
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Note.	If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page	4 for Employer	identification number	
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of	Date a
		Date

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at *www.irs.gov/fw*9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)

- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting? on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;

• A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;

· An estate (other than a foreign estate); or

• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership to enducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

• In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;

• In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and

• In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,

 $\ensuremath{\text{2. You}}$ do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See Exempt payee code on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. Individual. Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. Sole proprietor or single-member LLC. Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(ii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner wust complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4. Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code

· Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.

· Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.

· Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions

Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1-An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)

-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

3-A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4-A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5—A corporation

6-A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8-A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10-A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12-A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13-A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

²However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A-An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C-A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D-A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E-A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

-A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G-A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

-A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L-A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see How to get a TIN below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see Limited Liability Company (LLC) on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at *www.ssa.gov*. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676)

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see Exempt payee code earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations)

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
 Individual Two or more individuals (joint account) 	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
 Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) 	The minor ²
 a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law 	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
 Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual 	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
 Disregarded entity not owned by an individual 	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax- exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
 Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i) (B)) 	The trust

¹List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished

Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2. ***Note.** Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- · Protect your SSN
- · Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.





1.0 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CLAUSE: With a vision of cooperating together to improve their procurement power on like products and services, the Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT) became a reality in 2002 through the coordinated efforts of North Texas public school districts. EPCNT is comprised of public school districts, charter schools, and Region Service Centers located in the Region X and XI Education Service Center areas.

2.0 AUTHORITY: EPCNT is authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Section 791 et seg. and in Subchapter F, of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code. The provisions of Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and the provisions of Subchapter F, of Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code are incorporated in this Master Agreement and this Master Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with those laws.

3.0 DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS: The members agree to undertake the following, from time to time, as may be appropriate:

- 3.1 Coordinate and host multi-governmental entity solicitations for the purchase of goods and services from third party firms, as may be determined from time to time to be cost effective and provide efficiencies as consolidated purchases.
- 3.2 Make available specifications, documents, software, procedures and related items in connection with the bidding and purchasing processes.
- 3.3 Actively participate in and provide support to meetings and other activities conducted by the EPCNT.
- 3.4 Maintain as confidential, subject to the Texas Public Information Act, information supplied by Parties to the EPCNT and deemed by the EPCNT to be confidential.

4.0 PURCHASING AUTHORITY:

- 4.1 All district or cross-district contracts for the purchase of goods and services, regardless of whether formed as a result of EPCNT activity or interaction of its members, shall be directly between the Members or Participants or combinations of the Parties and Firms providing goods and services to the associated governmental entities.
- 4.2 The EPCNT, in and of itself, shall not have any authority to make purchases of goods and services directly with firms or to contractually bind its Members or Participants.
- 4.3 The Master Agreement and all associated transactions are governed by all applicable state and federal laws. All actions of this alliance are governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue for any litigation regarding this Agreement or the Parties hereto shall be in Tarrant County, Texas.

5.0 AGREEMENT CONSENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Several governmental entities around the Argyle Independent School District have indicated an interest in being included in this purchasing alliance and have elected to be subject to the Master Agreement. If these governmental entities have elected to participate in this particular procurement contract, do you (the firm) agree that all terms, conditions, specifications, and pricing apply to and are available to those entities?

Yes

No

If you (the Firm) checked yes, the following will apply: Governmental entities utilizing Interlocal Government contracts with the Argyle Independent School District will be eligible, but not obligated, to purchase materials/services under the contract(s) awarded as a result of this solicitation. Purchases made by governmental entities other than the Argyle Independent School District will be billed directly from the firm and will pay the firm directly. The Argyle Independent School District will not be responsible for another governmental entity's transactions and debts. Each governmental entity will order its own materials/services as needed. A listing of current EPCNT members is available at http://www.epcnt.com.

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Chapter 2270 (BOYCOTT) VERIFICATION

The undersigned authorized representative of the company named below (hereinafter referred to as Company), pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2270, verifies, represents and warrants to the Argyle I.S.D. that the Company:

- 1. Does not boycott Israel, and;
- 2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract (if any) between the above-named Company, business or individual with the Argyle Independent School District

This statement will also be included in any contract that may result from this procurement.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 2270.001 and 808.001:

- 1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
- 2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

THE COMPANY SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ARGYLE I.S.D.. ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS. DAMAGES. EXPENSES. AND COSTS OF ANY NATURE BASED UPON ARGYLE I.S.D.'S RELIANCE ON THIS VERIFICATION.

Signature of Company Representative	Date	
Printed Name	Title	
Company Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Note: I understand that providing false information on this form may be grounds for debarment and discontinuation of all business with AISD

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