

# TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT

Between Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books) and  
(Company Name)

## THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)

For

## RFP 180302 Academic Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Services

### General Information

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

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

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

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

# Terms and Conditions

## Freight

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

## Warranty Conditions

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

## Customer Support

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

## Agreements

**All Agreements and agreements** between Vendors and TIPS Members shall strictly adhere to the statutes that are set forth in the Uniform Commercial Code as most recently revised.

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

**Davis Bacon Act** requirements will be met when Federal Funds are used for construction and/or repair of buildings.

## Tax exempt status

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

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### **Assignments of Agreements**

No assignment of Agreement may be made without the prior written approval of TIPS. Payment can only be made to the awarded Vendor or vendor assigned company.

### **Disclosures**

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

### **Renewal of Agreements**

The Agreement with TIPS is for three (3) years with an option for renewal for an additional one (1) consecutive year. Total term of Agreement can be up to the number of years provided in the solicitation, if sales are reported through the Agreement and both parties agree. The scheduled Agreement termination date shall be the last date of the month of the last month of the agreement's legal effect. **Example:** *If the agreement is scheduled for to end on May 23, the anniversary date of the award, it would actually be extended to May 31 in the last month of the last year the contract is active.*

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

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

## **Shipments**

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

## **Invoices**

The awarded vendor shall submit invoices or payment requests to the TIPS Member participating entity clearly stating "Per TIPS Agreement # xxxxxxxx. Each invoice or pay request shall include the TIPS Member's purchase order number or other identifying designation as provided in the order by the TIPS Member. If applicable, the shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of TIPS Member receipt shall be made available upon request. The Vendor or vendor assigned dealer shall not invoice for partial shipments unless agreed to in writing in advance by TIPS and the TIPS Member.

## **Payments**

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

## **Pricing**

The Vendor agrees to provide pricing to TIPS and its participating governmental entities that is at least equal to the lowest pricing available to like cooperative purchasing customers and the pricing shall remain so throughout the duration of the Agreement.

Price increases will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation. However, the Vendor shall honor previous prices for thirty (30) days after written notification to TIPS of an increase.

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

## **Participation Fees**

Vendor or vendor assigned dealer Agreements to pay the participation fee for all Agreement sales to TIPS on a monthly scheduled report. Vendor must login to the TIPS database and use the "Submission Report" section to report sales. The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement.

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

### **Indemnity**

The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers and employees from and against all claims and suits by third parties for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's work under this Agreement, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part, upon allegations of negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees. Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers and employees, from and against all claims and suits by third parties for injuries (including death) to an officer, employee, agent, subcontractors, supplier or equipment lessee of the Vendor, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's work under this Agreement whether or not such claims are based in part upon the negligent acts or omissions of the TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers, employees, or agents. Per Texas Education Code §44.032(f), reasonable Attorney's fees are recoverable by the prevailing party in any dispute resulting in litigation.

### **Multiple Vendor Awards**

TIPS reserves the right to award multiple vendor Agreements for categories when deemed in the best interest of the TIPS Membership. Bidders scoring the solicitation's specified minimum score or above will be considered for an award. Categories are established at the discretion of TIPS.

### **State of Texas Franchise Tax**

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

### **Miscellaneous**

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

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

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

### **Termination for Convenience**

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

### **TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures**

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

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

### **Form of Agreement**

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

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

### **Licenses**

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

### **Novation**

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

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

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

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

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

Registered sex offender restrictions: For work to be performed at schools, awarded vendor agrees that no employee of a sub-contractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are, or reasonably expected to be, present. Awarded vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the TIPS Member's discretion.

Awarded vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge.

Safety measures: Awarded vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite, and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Awarded vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by the operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.

**Smoking**

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

**Marketing**

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

**Supplemental agreements**

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

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**Survival Clause**

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

**Legal obligations**

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

**Audit rights**

Due to transparency statutes and public accountability requirements of TIPS and TIPS Members', the awarded Vendor shall, at their sole expense, maintain appropriate due diligence of all purchases made by TIPS Member that utilizes this Agreement. TIPS and Region 8 ESC each reserve the right to audit the accounting of TIPS related purchases for a period of three (3) years from the time such purchases are made. This audit right shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination. In order to ensure and confirm compliance with this agreement, TIPS shall have authority to conduct random audits of Awarded Vendor's pricing that is offered to TIPS Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that TIPS is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible entities that is materially inconsistent with the pricing under this agreement, TIPS shall have the ability to conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm to investigate any possible non-complying conduct. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be reasonably provided in the format and at the location designated by Region 8 ESC or TIPS.

**Force Majeure**

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

**Scope of Services**

The specific scope of work for each job shall be determined in advance and in writing between TIPS Member and Awarded vendor. It is permitted for the TIPS Member to provide a general



scope, but the awarded vendor should provide a written scope of work to the TIPS Member as part of the proposal. Once the scope of the job is agreed to, the TIPS Member will issue a

Purchase Order and/or an Agreement or Contract and/or an Agreement with the estimate referenced as an attachment along with required bond and any other special provisions agreed to for the TIPS Member. If special terms and conditions other than those covered within this solicitation and awarded Agreements are required, they will be attached to the Purchase Order and/or an Agreement or Contract and shall take precedence over those in the base TIPS Vendor Agreement.

### **Project Delivery Order Procedures**

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

### **Scheduling of Projects**

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

### **Support Requirements**

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

### **Incorporation of Solicitation**

The TIPS Solicitation, whether a Request for Proposals, the Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals or Request for Qualifications solicitation, the Vendor’s response to same and all associated documents and forms made part of the solicitation process, including any addenda, that resulted in the execution of this agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into this agreement as if copied verbatim.

## SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES

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

## NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

## Insurance Requirements

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

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

When the contractor or its subcontractors are liable for any damages or claims, the contractors' policy must be primary over any other valid and collectible insurance carried by the District. Any immunity available to TIPS or TIPS Members shall not be used as a defense by the contractor's insurance policy. The coverages and limits are to be considered minimum requirements and in no way limit the liability of the Contractor(s). Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A-; VII or better rating in accordance with current A.M. Best Key Rating Guide. Only deductibles applicable to property damage are acceptable. "Claims made" policies will not be accepted. Each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, non-renewed or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested has been given to TIPS or the TIPS Member. Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the TIPS or the TIPS Member.

## Special Terms and Conditions

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

- **Agreements:** All vendor Purchase Orders and/or Agreements/Contracts must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should an agency send an order direct to vendor, it is the vendor's responsibility to forward the order to TIPS at the email above within 24 business hours and confirm its receipt with TIPS.
- **Promotion of Agreement:** It is agreed that Vendor will encourage all eligible entities to purchase from the TIPS Program. Encouraging entities to purchase directly from the Vendor and not through TIPS Agreement is a violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will result in removal of the Vendor from the TIPS Program.
- **Daily Order Confirmation:** All Agreement purchase orders will be approved daily by TIPS and sent to vendor. The vendor must confirm receipt of orders to the TIPS Member (customer) within 24 business hours.
- **Vendor custom website for TIPS:** If Vendor is hosting a custom TIPS website, then updated pricing must be posted by 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- **Back Ordered Products:** If product is not expected to ship within 3 business days, customer is to be notified within 24 hours and appropriate action taken based on customer request.

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# TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Form

RFP 180302 Academic Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Services

Company Name Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books)

Address 95 Madison Avenue, Suite 1205

City New York State NY Zip 10016

Phone 212-779-4400 Fax 212-683-1894

Email of Authorized Representative jman@leeandlow.com

Name of Authorized Representative John Man

Title Director of Operations

Signature of Authorized Representative 

Date May 20, 2018

TIPS Authorized Representative Name Meredith Barton

Title Vice-President of Operations

TIPS Authorized Representative Signature 

Approved by ESC Region 8 

Date 06/11/2018

# The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS Cooperative) Supplier Response

Bid Information		Contact Information		Ship to Information	
Bid Creator	Rick Powell General Counsel/Procurement Compliance Officer	Address	Region VIII Education Service Center 4845 US Highway 271 North Pittsburg, TX 75686	Address	
Email	rick.powell@tips-usa.com	Contact	Kristie Collins, Contracts Compliance Specialist	Contact	
Phone	(903) 575-2689 x			Department	
Fax				Building	
Bid Number	180302			Floor/Room	
Title	Academic Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Services	Department		Telephone	
		Building		Fax	
Bid Type	RFP			Email	
Issue Date	3/1/2018 08:01 AM (CT)	Floor/Room			
Close Date	5/24/2018 08:00:00 AM (CT)	Telephone	+1 (866) 839-8477 x		
		Fax	+1 (866) 839-8472 x		
		Email	bids@tips-usa.com		

## Supplier Information

Company	Bebop Books (Lee & Low Books Inc.)
Address	95 Madison Avenue, Suite 1205  New York, NY 10016
Contact	John Man
Department	
Building	
Floor/Room	
Telephone	(212) 779-4400
Fax	(212) 683-1894
Email	jman@leeandlow.com
Submitted	5/24/2018 01:17:13 AM (CT)
Total	\$0.00

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

Signature John Man

Email jman@leeandlow.com

## Supplier Notes

Local Sales Representative: Michele Pistole, 713-444-2144, pistole67@gmail.com

## Bid Notes

## Bid Activities

## Bid Messages

Date	Subject	Message
05/04/18	TYPO CORRECTION NOTICE	On page 6 of 17 on the PDF attachment #1 entitled "180302 RFP", in the third paragraph where it reads "DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED Fire and Academic Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Services related.", the "Fire and" is a typo and should be disregarded.

Bid Attributes  
Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Yes - No	Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprise - D/M/WBE (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a D/M/WBE? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" D/M/WBE CERTIFICATES section.	Yes
2	Yes - No	Historically Underutilized Business - HUB (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a HUB as defined by the State of Texas at <a href="https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/">https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/</a> or in a HUBZone as defined by the US Small Business Administration at <a href="https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp">https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp</a> Proof of one or both may be submitted. Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section.	No
3	Yes - No	The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States?	Yes
4	States Served:	If answer is NO to question #3, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX)	N/A
5	Company and/or Product Description:	This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.)	Bebop Books - Provides diverse multicultural books for the classroom in English/Spanish for balanced literacy, independent reading, leveled small group, and read aloud. Classroom diverse libraries.
6	Primary Contact Name	Primary Contact Name	John Man
7	Primary Contact Title	Primary Contact Title	Director of Operations
8	Primary Contact Email	Primary Contact Email	jman@leeandlow.com
9	Primary Contact Phone	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	2127794400 ext.28
10	Primary Contact Fax	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	2126831894
11	Primary Contact Mobile	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	
12	Secondary Contact Name	Secondary Contact Name	Michele Pistole
13	Secondary Contact Title	Secondary Contact Title	Sales Representative
14	Secondary Contact Email	Secondary Contact Email	pistole67@gmail.com
15	Secondary Contact Phone	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	7134442144

16	Secondary Contact Fax	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	
17	Secondary Contact Mobile	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	
18	Admin Fee Contact Name	Admin Fee Contact Name. This person is responsible for paying the admin fee to TIPS.	John Man
19	Admin Fee Contact Email	Admin Fee Contact Email	jman@leeandlow.com
20	Admin Fee Contact Phone	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	2127794400 ext.28
21	Purchase Order Contact Name	Purchase Order Contact Name. This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS.	John Man
22	Purchase Order Contact Email	Purchase Order Contact Email	jman@leeandlow.com
23	Purchase Order Contact Phone	Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477	2127794400 ext.28
24	Company Website	Company Website (Format - www.company.com)	www.bebopbooks.com
25	Federal ID Number:	Federal ID Number also known as the Employer Identification Number. (Format - 12-3456789)	13-3599568
26	Primary Address	Primary Address	95 Madison Avenue, Suite 1205
27	Primary Address City	Primary Address City	New York
28	Primary Address State	Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation)	NY
29	Primary Address Zip	Primary Address Zip	10016
30	Search Words:	Please list search words to be posted in the TIPS database about your company that TIPS website users might search. Words may be product names, manufacturers, or other words associated with the category of award. YOU MAY NOT LIST NON-CATEGORY ITEMS. (Limit 500 words) (Format: product, paper, construction, manufacturer name, etc.)	product, instructional, reading, bilingual, library books, books, Bebop Books, Lee & Low Books Inc., literacy, classroom library, assessment, ELL/Dual Language, guided reading, shared reading, leveled reading, language arts
31	Yes - No	Most of our members receive Federal Government grants and they make up a significant portion of their budgets. The members need to know if your company is willing to sell to them when they spend federal budget funds on their purchase. There are attributes that follow that are provisions from the federal regulations in 2 CFR part 200. Your answers will determine if your award will be designated as Federal or Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)compliant. Is it your intent to be able to sell to our members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?	Yes
32	Yes - No	Certification of Residency (Required by the State of Texas) The vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:  (A) has its principal place of business in Texas;  OR  (B) employs at least 500 persons in Texas?	No
33	Company Residence (City)	Vendor's principal place of business is in the city of?	New York

34	Company Residence (State)	Vendor's principal place of business is in the state of?	New York
35	Felony Conviction Notice:	(Required by the State of Texas) My firm is, as outlined on PAGE 5 in the Instructions to Bidders document: (Questions 36 - 37) Statutory citation covering notification of criminal history of contractor is found in the Texas Education Code #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 school district or ESC 8/TIPS must give advance notice to the district or ESC 8/TIPS if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony." Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract."	(No Response Required)
36	Yes - No	A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable?	No
37	Yes - No	Is owned or operated by individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony?	No
38	If your firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:	Please provide details of the conviction. This is not necessarily a disqualifying factor and the details of the conviction determines the eligibility. Providing false or misleading information about the conviction is illegal.	N/A
39	Pricing Information:	Pricing information section. (Questions 39 - 43)	(No Response Required)
40	Discount Offered	What is the MINIMUM percentage discount off of any item or service you offer to TIPS Members that is in your regular catalog (as defined in the RFP document), website, store or shelf pricing? This is a ceiling on your pricing and not a floor because, in order to be more competitive in the individual circumstance, you may offer a larger discount depending on the items or services purchased and the quantity at time of sale. Must answer with a number between 0% and 100%.	0%
41	TIPS administration fee	By submitting a proposal, I agree that all pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as designated in the solicitation or as otherwise agreed in writing and shall be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor as agreed in the Vendor agreement. I agree that the fee shall not and will not be added by the vendor as a separate line item on a TIPS member invoice, quote, proposal or any other written communications with the TIPS member.	(No Response Required)
42	Yes - No	Vendor agrees to remit to TIPS the required administration fee? TIPS/ESC Region 8 is required by Texas Government Code § 791 to be compensated for its work and thus, failure to agree shall render your response void and it will not be considered.	Yes



43	Yes - No	Do you offer additional discounts to TIPS members for large order quantities or large scope of work?	No
44	Start Time	Average start time after receipt of customer order is ____ working days?	10
45	Years Experience	Company years experience in this category?	27
46	Resellers:	<p>Does the vendor have resellers that it will name under this contract? Resellers are defined as other companies that sell your products under an agreement with you, the awarded vendor of TIPS.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Walmart is a reseller of Samsung Electronics. If Samsung were a TIPS awarded vendor, then Samsung would list Walmart as a reseller.</p> <p>(If applicable, vendor should download the Reseller/Dealers spreadsheet from the Attachments section, fill out the form and submit the document in the "Response Attachments" RESELLERS section.</p>	No
47	Prices are guaranteed for?	Vendor agrees to honor the pricing discount off regular catalog (as defined in the RFP document), website, store or shelf pricing for the term of the award?	YES
48	Right of Refusal	Does the proposing vendor wish to reserve the right not to perform under the awarded agreement with a TIPS member at vendor's discretion?	No
49	NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE	<p>By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that:</p> <p>1) This bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other Bidder or with any Competitor;</p> <p>2) This bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other Bidder, Competitor or potential competitor;</p> <p>3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;</p> <p>4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that he has fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification, and under the penalties being applicable to the Bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf. Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered.</p>	(No Response Required)

- 50 Texas HB 89- Texas Government code §2270 compliance Texas 2017 House Bill 89 has been signed into law by the governor and as of September 1, 2017 will become law codified as Texas Government Code § 2270 and 808 et seq. YES
- The relevant section addressed by this form reads as follows:  
Texas Government Code Sec. 2270.002. PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.
- I verify by my "YES" response to this attribute that, as a company submitting a proposal to this solicitation, that I am authorized to respond for the company and affirm that the company (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract, or any contract with the above-named Texas governmental entity in the future. I further affirm that if our company's position on this issue is reversed and this affirmation is no longer valid, that TIPS will be notified in writing by email to TIPS@TIPS-USA.com within one (1) business day and we understand that our company's failure to affirm and comply with the requirements of Texas Government Code 2270 et seq. shall result in a "no award" determination by TIPS and if a contract exists with TIPS, be grounds for immediate contract termination without penalty to TIPS and Education Service Center Region 8.  
FAILURE TO RESPOND "YES" WILL RESULT IN NO CONSIDERATION OF YOUR PROPOSAL.  
I swear and affirm that the above is true and correct by a "YES" response.
- 51 CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE - FORM CIQ If you have a conflict of interest as described in this form or the Local Government Code Chapter 176, cited therein- you are required to complete and file with TIPS, Richard Powell, 4845 US Highway 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686 No
- You may find the Blank CIQ form on our website at:  
Copy and Paste the following link into a new browser or tab:  
<https://www.tips-usa.com/assets/documents/docs/CIQ.pdf>
- Do you have any conflicts under this statutory requirement?
- 52 Filing of Form CIQ If yes (above), have you filed a form CIQ as directed here? Yes
- 53 Regulatory Standing I certify to TIPS for the proposal attached that my company is in good standing with all governmental agencies Federal or state that regulate any part of our business operations. If not, please explain in the next attribute question. Yes
- 54 Regulatory Standing Regulatory Standing explanation of no answer on previous question. N/A

55 Antitrust Certification Statements (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)

By submission of this bid or proposal, the Bidder certifies that: (No Response Required)

I affirm under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

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

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

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

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

## Instructions for Certification:

1. By agreeing to the Attribute question #56, the vendor and prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out herein in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participants," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal" and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this

transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.

57 Suspension or Debarment Certification

Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

By submitting this offer and certifying this section, this bidder:  
Certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract as described above.

58 Non-Discrimination Statement and Certification

In accordance with Federal civil rights law, all U.S. Departments, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). (Title VI of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Title 7 CFR Parts 15, 15a, and 15b; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement – Nutrition Programs and Activities) All U.S. Departments, including the USDA are equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your

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

59 2 CFR PART 200 Contract Provisions Explanation

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

(No Response Required)

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

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

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

60 2 CFR PART 200 Contracts

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. Notice: Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.  
Does vendor agree?

Yes

61 2 CFR PART 200 Termination

Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)  
Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for cause after giving the vendor an appropriate opportunity and up to 30 days, to cure the causal breach of terms and conditions. ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process for convenience with 30 days notice in writing to the awarded vendor. The vendor would be compensated for work performed and goods procured as of the termination date if for convenience of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and the ESC Region 8 and TIPS reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other vendors when it is in the best interest of the ESC Region 8 and TIPS.  
Does vendor agree?

Yes

62	2 CFR PART 200 Clean Air Act	<p>Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p> <p>Pursuant to the Clean Air Act, et al above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires that the proposer certify that during the term of an award by the ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor agrees to comply with all of the above regulations, including all of the terms listed and referenced therein.</p> <p>Does vendor agree?</p>	Yes
63	2 CFR PART 200 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment	<p>Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.</p> <p>Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that during the term and during the life of any contract with ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members resulting from this procurement process the vendor certifies to the terms included or referenced herein.</p> <p>Does vendor agree?</p>	Yes
64	2 CFR PART 200 Federal Rule	<p>Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000)</p> <p>Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that in performance of the contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).</p> <p>Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Clean Air Act?</p>	Yes

65	2 CFR PART 200 Procurement of Recovered Materials	<p>A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with</p> <p>maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.</p> <p>Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act as described above?</p>	Yes
66	Indemnification	<p>The ESC Region 8 and TIPS is a Texas Political Subdivision and a local governmental entity; therefore, is prohibited from</p> <p>indemnifying third parties pursuant to the Texas Constitution (Article 3, Section 52) except as specifically provided by law or as</p> <p>ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. A provision in a contract to indemnify or hold a party harmless is a promise to pay for</p> <p>any expenses the indemnified party incurs, if a specified event occurs, such as breaching the terms of the contract or negligently</p> <p>performing duties under the contract. Article III, Section 49 of the Texas Constitution states that "no debt shall be created by or on</p> <p>behalf of the State ... " The Attorney General has counseled that a contractually imposed obligation of indemnity creates a "debt" in</p> <p>the constitutional sense. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. MW-475 (1982). Contract clauses which require the System or institutions to</p> <p>indemnify must be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas." Liquidated</p> <p>damages, attorney's fees, waiver of vendor's liability, and waiver of statutes of limitations clauses should also be deleted or qualified</p> <p>with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of State of Texas."</p> <p>Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. Do you agree</p> <p>to these terms?</p>	Yes



67 Remedies	<p>The parties shall be entitled to exercise any right or remedy available to it either at law or in equity, subject to the choice of law, venue and service of process clauses limitations agreed herein. Nothing in this agreement shall commit the TIPS to an arbitration resolution of any disagreement under any circumstances. Any Claim arising out of or related to the Contract, except for those specifically waived under the terms of the Contract, may, after denial of the Board of Directors, be subject to mediation at the request of either party. Any issues not resolved hereunder must be referred to non-binding mediation to be conducted by a mutually agreed upon mediator as a prerequisite to the filing of any lawsuit over such issue(s). The parties shall share the mediator's fee and any associated filing fee equally. Mediation shall be held in Camp or Titus County, Texas. Agreements reached in mediation shall be reduced to writing, and will be subject to the approval by the District's Board of Directors, signed by the Parties if approved by the Board of Directors, and, if signed, shall thereafter be enforceable as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.</p> <p>Do you agree to these terms?</p>	Yes, I Agree
68 Remedies Explanation of No Answer		N/A
69 Choice of Law	<p>This agreement and any addenda or other additions and all contracts or awards resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles.</p> <p>Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered. Do you agree to these terms?</p>	Yes
70 Jurisdiction and Service of Process	<p>Any Proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Venue clauses in contracts with TIPS members may be determined by the parties.</p>	Yes

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

71	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Prior to filing of litigation, the parties may select non-binding mediation as a method of conflict resolution for issues arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction. The parties agree that if nonbinding mediation is chosen as a resolution process, the parties must agree to the chosen mediator(s) and that all mediation venue shall be at a location in Camp or Titus, County, Texas agreed by the parties. The parties agree to share equally the cost of the mediation process and venue cost. Do you agree to these terms?	Yes, I Agree
72	Alternative Dispute Resolution Explanation of No Answer		N/A
73	Infringement(s)	The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS and its employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from any and all third party claims and judgments involving infringement of patent, copyright, trade secrets, trade or service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights attributed to or claims based on the Vendor's proposal or Vendor's performance of contracts awarded and approved. Do you agree to these terms?	Yes, I Agree
74	Infringement(s) Explanation of No Answer		N/A
75	Acts or Omissions	The successful vendor will be expected to indemnify and hold harmless the TIPS, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees and designees from and against any and all liability, actions, claims, demands or suits, and all related costs, attorney's fees and expenses arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, or suppliers in the execution or performance of any agreements ultimately made by TIPS and the vendor. Do you agree to these terms?	Yes, I Agree
76	Acts or Omissions Explanation of No Answer		N/A
77	Contract Governance	Any contract made or entered into by the TIPS is subject to and is to be governed by Section 271.151 et seq, Tex Loc Gov't Code. Otherwise, TIPS does not waive its governmental immunities from suit or liability except to the extent expressly waived by other applicable laws in clear and unambiguous language.	Yes

78 Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause

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

Yes

Funding Out Clause:  
Vendor agrees to abide by the laws and regulations, including Texas Local Government Code § 271.903, or any statutory or regulatory limitations of the jurisdiction of any TIPS Member which governs contracts entered into by the Vendor and TIPS or a TIPS Member that requires all contracts approved by TIPS or a TIPS Member are subject to the budgeting and appropriation of currently available funds by the entity or its governing body.  
See statute(s) for specifics or consult your legal counsel.  
Not a negotiable term. Failure to agree will render your proposal non-responsive and it will not be considered.  
Do you agree to these terms?

79 Insurance and Fingerprint Requirements Information

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

Fingerprint  
It is possible that a vendor may be subject to Chapter 22 of the Texas Education Code. The Texas Education Code, Chapter 22, Section 22.0834. Statutory language may be found at: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>  
If the vendor has staff that meet both of these criterion:  
(1) will have continuing duties related to the contracted services; and  
(2) has or will have direct contact with students  
Then you have "covered" employees for purposes of completing the attached form.  
TIPS recommends all vendors consult their legal counsel for guidance in compliance with this law. If you have questions on how to comply, see below. If you have questions on compliance with this code section, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety Non-Criminal Justice Unit, Access and Dissemination Bureau, FAST-FACT at [NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:NCJU@txdps.state.tx.us) and you should send an email identifying you as a contractor to a Texas Independent School District or ESC Region 8 and TIPS. Texas DPS phone number is (512) 424-2474.  
See form in the next attribute to complete entitled: Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees

(No Response Required)

80 Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees

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

Definitions: Covered employees: Employees of a contractor or subcontractor who have or will have continuing duties related to the service to be performed at the District and have or will have direct contact with students. The District will be the final arbiter of what constitutes direct contact with students. Disqualifying criminal history: Any conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District, or one of the following offenses, if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 or enrolled in a public school:

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

I certify that:

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

OR

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

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

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

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

(4) If the District objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information, Contractor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District.

Noncompliance or misrepresentation regarding this certification may be grounds for contract termination.

81 Solicitation Deviation/Compliance

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

82	Solicitation Exceptions/Deviations Explanation	<p>If the bidder intends to deviate from the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached.</p> <p>TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions.</p> <p>In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this Solicitation.</p>	N/A
83	Agreement Deviation/Compliance	Does the vendor agree with the language in the Vendor Agreement?	Yes
84	Agreement Exceptions/Deviations Explanation	<p>If the proposing Vendor desires to deviate from the Vendor Agreement language, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included. TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal based upon any deviations indicated below. In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Vendor Agreement.</p>	N/A
85	Texas Business and Commerce Code § 272 Requirements as of 9-1-2017	<p>SB 807 prohibits construction contracts to have provisions requiring the contract to be subject to the laws of another state, to be required to litigate the contract in another state, or to require arbitration in another state. A contract with such provisions is voidable. Under this new statute, a "construction contract" includes contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with (among others) architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, equipment lessors, or materials suppliers. "Construction contracts" are for the design, construction, alteration, renovation, remodeling, or repair of any building or improvement to real property, or for furnishing materials or equipment for the project. The term also includes moving, demolition, or excavation. BY RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION, AND WHEN APPLICABLE, THE PROPOSER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE TEXAS BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE § 272 WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS WITH TIPS MEMBERS THAT ARE TEXAS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.</p>	(No Response Required)

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Line Items

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Response Total: \$0.00

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

You may provide more than three (3) references.

Entity Name	Contact Person	Email	Phone
Pasadena ISD	Tanya Guel	tguel@pasadenaisd.org	713-740-0198
Spring Branch ISD	Gabby Cruz	maria.cruz2@springbranchisd.com	713-251-4203
Houston ISD	Suzanne Osterrieder	sosterri@housonid.org	713-556-6540
Houston ISD	Zenovia Crier	zcrier@houstonisd.org	713-942-1400
Clear Creek ISD	Barbara Hogue	bhogue@ccisd.net	281-284-0211

## Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

95 Madison Avenue, Suite 1205, New York, NY 10016

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address, City, State and Zip of Organization

John Man, Director of Operations

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title of Submitting Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

May 22, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



FELONY CONVICTION NOTICE

FOR RESPONSE TO TIPS SOLICITATION

Statutory citation covering notification of criminal history of contractor is found in the Texas Education Code #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 school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.” Subsection (b) states “a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract.”

THIS NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED OF A PUBLICLY-HELD CORPORATION

**Complete only one of the three below: A or B or C.**

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.

**Official:** John Man  
**Print Authorized Company Official’s Name**

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

**Signature of Authorized Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

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

**Signature of Authorized Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_ 

**OR**

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

Name of Felon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Conviction(s): \_\_\_\_\_

You may attach another sheet

**Signature of Authorized Company Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION BY CORPORATE OFFERER**

**IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION,**

**THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE EXECUTED AND INCLUDED AS PART OF PROPOSAL FORM/PROPOSAL FORM.**

**OFFERER:** Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name of Corporation)**

I, John Man \_\_\_\_\_ **certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation**  
**(Name of Corporate Secretary)**

**named as OFFERER herein above; that**

John Man \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name of person who completed proposal document)**

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

Director of Operations \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Title/Position of person signing proposal/offer document within the corporation)**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
CORPORATE SEAL if available

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

5-22-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Federal Requirements for Procurement and Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.**

The Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS Members anticipate possibly using federal funds for procurement under this potential award and is required to obtain the following compliance assurance.

**1. Will you be subcontracting any of your work under this award if you are successful?**

(Check one)

YES or NO

**2. If yes to #1, do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?**

(Check one)

YES or NO  N/A

2 CFR §200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

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

Company Name Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books)

Print name of authorized representative John Man

Signature of authorized representative 

Date 5-22-18

## Texas Government Code 2270 Verification Form

Texas 2017 House Bill 89 has been signed into law by the governor and as of September 1, 2017 will become law codified as Texas Government Code § 2270 and 808 et seq.

The relevant section addressed by this form reads as follows:

Texas Government Code Sec. 2270.002. PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. A governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

I, John Man as an authorized representative of

Lee & Low Books Inc. (dba- Bebop Books)

, a contractor/vendor

Insert Name of Company

engaged by

ESC Region 8/The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

4845 Highway 271 North

Pittsburg, TX, 75686

verify by this writing that the above-named company affirms that it (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract, or any contract with the above-named Texas governmental entity in the future. I further affirm that if our company's position on this issue is reversed and this affirmation is no longer valid, that the above-named Texas governmental entity will be notified in writing within one (1) business day and we understand that our company's failure to affirm and comply with the requirements of Texas Government Code 2270 et seq. shall be grounds for immediate contract termination without penalty to the above-named Texas governmental entity.

AND

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

I swear and affirm that the above is true and correct.



Signature of Named Authorized Company Representative

5-22-18

Date

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

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

If you consider any portion of your proposal to be confidential information and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 Tex Gov't Code or other law(s), **you must make a copy of all claimed confidential materials within your proposal and put this COMPLETED form as a cover sheet to said materials then scan, name "CONFIDENTIAL" and upload with your proposal submission.** (You must include the confidential information in the submitted proposal as well, the copy uploaded is to indicate which material in your proposal, if any, you deem confidential in the event the District receives a Public Information Request.) Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS will follow procedures of controlling statute(s) regarding any claim of confidentiality and shall not be liable for any release of information required by law. Pricing of solicited product or service may be deemed as public information under Chapter 552 Tex Gov't Code. The Office of Texas Attorney General shall make the final determination whether the information held by Education Service Center Region 8 and TIPS is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of company claiming confidential status of material**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address City State ZIP Phone**

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

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

**OR** -----

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

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

**John Man** **Director of Operations**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name authorized company officer** **Title of authorized company officer**

**95 Madison Avenue, Suite 1205 New York NY 10016 212-779-4400 ext. 28**

Address City State ZIP Phone

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date **5-22-18**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

# Lee & Low Books Inc.

BEBOP BOOKS



\* Nationally certified by the: **NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

\*NAICS Code(s): 511130

\* Description of their product/services as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

10/30/2017

**Issued Date**

NY07522

**Certificate Number**

12/30/2018

**Expiration Date**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis Green", is positioned above the name "Louis Green".

Louis Green

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrence Clark", is positioned above the name "Terrence Clark, President &amp; CEO".

Terrence Clark, President & CEO

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Michele Pistole  
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pistole67@gmail.com

May 20, 2018

TIPS Cooperative  
Purchasing Department

Dear Purchasing team,

LEE & LOW BOOKS INC. (dba Bebop Books) is pleased to submit our proposal for Academic Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Services. As a publisher of high quality, authentic multicultural books, we feel that our content would be an ideal fit for the diverse classrooms of the members of TIPS Cooperative. We believe our library of over 800 English and Spanish titles would be excellent resources for read alouds and text exemplars, guided reading and intervention settings, and independent reading.

LEE & LOW BOOKS was founded in 1991 and is a family-owned company, a throwback to what many publishers used to be: independent, generational businesses in which the people running the company have a personal stake in its success. We control the quality of our books and keep books in print for a long time so they have a chance to find their audience and we have the freedom to pursue our mission of focusing on diversity. A major goal of the company is to meet the need for stories that children of color can identify with and that all children can enjoy. Over the years we have expanded our mission of and commitment to diversity in order to capture the stories and experiences of all children today.

LEE & LOW BOOKS' titles have won numerous awards and honors, including the Texas Bluebonnet Masterlist, Tejas Star Reading List, Américas Book Award, Coretta Scott King Award, the Pura Belpré Award Honor, the Parents' Choice Award, the Jane Addams Foundation Children's Book Award, the ALA Notable Children's Books, "Choices" from the Cooperative Children's Book Center, and Best Children's Books of the Year from Bank Street College. LEE & LOW BOOKS has also received praise from a broad range of media, such as *The New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, CBS This Morning, Univision, *USA Today*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Smithsonian* magazine.



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Thank you very much for considering our books and we look forward to the opportunity to meet the needs of the TIPS Cooperative

Best regards,  
**Craig Low, President**

**Our online catalog can be found at [www.bebopbooks.com](http://www.bebopbooks.com)**

All our students deserve the opportunity to imagine a world that includes them. We at LEE & LOW BOOKS recognize that this often starts with the right book.

LEE & LOW BOOKS, the largest publisher of diverse children's books in the country, has been committed for over twenty-five years to publishing and selling children's books about everyone, for everyone.

We offer schools and districts:

- o **Customized book collections** based on:
  - o Dual language programs
  - o Site-specific or statewide curriculum and standards
  - o State history, social studies, and science standards
  - o School-wide core values and character education programs
  - o Holidays and celebrations
  - o Student demographics (race, ethnicity, gender, language, and more)
  - o Literacy block components, including read-alouds, guided reading, and classroom libraries
  - o Grade levels and social and emotional developmental ages
- o **High-quality texts in Spanish** that explore the diversity of the Latino experience
- o **Teachers College Reading Assessment Kits** for Grades K-2
- o **Premier access to award-winning authors and illustrators** for school visits and workshops
- o **Special edition print runs** of any book of your choice for your one school, one book programs or special event celebrations
- o **Resource exchange**, including access to interviews, book trailers, and teacher-made and classroom-tested lesson materials





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o **Ongoing support and collaboration** so your teachers and staff know how to use and apply LEE & LOW titles across multiple units within your curriculum

### **Bebop Books and resources:**

- ✓ **Materials facilitate and support the planning and delivery of quality standards-based instruction**

Bebop Books titles are high quality, excellent resource to supplement and enrich reading programs because they give readers opportunities to practice and master reading at a variety of levels. Bebop Books offers multicultural titles in English and Spanish for Early Emergent, Emergent, Early Fluent, and Fluent readers. To meet Texas standards-based instruction, high interest fiction and nonfiction support students in each stage of their reading development. Engaging illustrations and photographs encourage comprehension. A lesson plan or teacher's guide accompanies each text with additional suggestions for support for English Language Learners and English as a New Language Learners. Lesson plans and teacher's guides promote authentic reading, writing, listening, and speaking experiences, and foster critical thinking and imagination.

As supplemental curriculum materials, Bebop Books titles offer research-based reading materials that help build successful readers. Bebop Books titles promote effective spoken, written, and visual communication. A wide range of texts and text features introduce readers to the diversity of language patterns and structures, providing teachable moments for a wealth of reading strategies. Nonfiction and fiction texts at each level enable educators to teach and practice prediction, interpretation, questioning, and discussion strategies and skills.

At each stage of reading development, Bebop Books titles are used to target learning on print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition, fluency practice, conventions of Standard English, knowledge of language, vocabulary acquisition and use, integration of knowledge and ideas, craft and structure, key ideas and details, and range of reading and level of text complexity.



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Along with state standards, Bebop Books titles support the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Standards: For every title in the Bebop Books catalog—both literature and informational text—we provide rigorous, reading-level appropriate decoding and comprehension questions that support a variety of modes of instruction, including close reading and text-dependent questioning. Lesson plan and teacher's guides accompanying each text support instruction during read alouds, guided reading, shared reading, and independent reading.

✓ **Materials extend the content knowledge or expertise of students**

For Social Studies, Bebop Books titles foster civic competence in even the youngest students. Community and culture come alive in the classroom, providing learning opportunities and dynamic jumping-off points for an integrated curriculum. Full of accurate information, insightful perspectives, and rich detail, our titles expose readers to new people and places—in the community and around the globe—as well as the familiar connections that unite us all. Our titles include and represent various groups, along with their experiences and history, in American society and around the world. American communities and groups represented in Bebop Books: African American, biracial and multiracial, Chinese American, South Asian and Indian American, Native American Japanese American, Korean American, Mexican American, Muslim American, and more.

For Science and STEM, Bebop Books titles encourage the active pursuit of science as discovery. Stimulating subject matter, such as properties and motion of objects, life cycles and characteristics of organisms, Earth and objects in the sky, health and the body, and technology, turn the classroom into a think tank of exploration and inquiry. Teacher resources facilitate students embarking on their own inquiries as independent explorers, thinking critically about the nature of science and order in our world. Bebop Books titles also build on students' intuitive knowledge of basic mathematical concepts to develop a solid foundation for future exploration, understanding, and problem solving. Integrating math cornerstones—shapes, counting, comparing, classifying, time, days of the week—into our books allows readers to grasp the language of mathematical instruction and numbers. With strategies to value, equate,



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and analyze the systems and symbols around them, students will be prepared to solve complex problems.

✓ **Materials are accurate, current, research-based and reflective of best practices**

Over the past twenty-five years, Bebop Books has been used in classrooms across the country and are known for their high quality of text, illustrations, and photography. Our titles have won numerous awards and honors, including Texas Bluebonnet Masterlist, Tejas Star Reading List, Américas Book Award, the Coretta Scott King Award, the Pura Belpré Award, the Parents' Choice Award, the Jane Addams Foundation Children's Book Award, the ALA Notable Children's Books, "Choices" from the Cooperative Children's Book Center, and Best Children's Books of the Year from Bank Street College. The stories were created with an attention to detail and reading research so that Bebop Books titles support beginning to fluent readers in a variety of ways. Individually and as a group, the books address the five essential components of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension strategies) and adhere to proven requirements for emerging reader materials.

Our texts offer a wide range of perspectives on situations and issues. The texts tackle stereotypes and generalizations about groups. The experiences and issues covered are significant to the diverse communities and are represented in a realistic manner that allows students to recognize and understand their complexities. Additionally, we take great care to make sure photographs, illustrations, and graphics are accurate, inclusive, and ethnically sensitive. Our authors engage in thorough research when developing the narrative nonfiction biographies and fictionalized accounts of current and historical events. Many authors consult primary sources, conduct interviews with those involved with the figure or event, and take great care to present the facts in an accurate and accessible manner. We offer several titles, such as *Gracias! Thanks!*, that include both Spanish language and English language text in the same book. Many of our popular upper level titles and many of our leveled readers are translated and printed as Spanish editions. In addition, our illustrators take great care



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and pride in their illustrations and art work; our illustrations are well researched, realistic and beautifully rendered.

Our materials are factually accurate and incorporate the history, heritage, experiences, language, and traditions of the various groups our authors write about. Several examples: *A Song for Cambodia*: In the back of the book, Lord provides a list of her sources, including books, films, and multiple interviews with Arn Chorn-Pond, on whose life the story is based. The forward provides the teacher context on the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot and the effects of their reign on the Cambodian people. An afterword is also included which details, for educators, Arn Chron-Pond's life as an adult. *Vanishing Cultures* series: Jan Reynolds, an award-winning author and photographer whose work has appeared in numerous publications (including *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, and *Outside* magazine), spends time living with each of the groups she profiles in this series. She includes an introduction to explain why she journeyed to this region and why the cultures is vanishing, and also includes an "About the Journey" section that outlines her experiences while there. The back of the book also includes a map of the region. *Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story*: The Afterword was written by Hiroki Sugihara, Chiune Sugihara's son, and the story was based on interviews with him.

✓ **Materials reflect respect for diversity, learning styles, and support differentiation**

Together with meeting the demands of education standards, Bebop Books aims to reflect and celebrate today's classroom and the uniqueness of each child. Within each level, Bebop Books offers a balance of gender, race, cultures, and family dynamics to recognize the diversity of your classroom and experiences of your students. Bebop Books titles are written from a multicultural perspective and contain stories that learners from diverse backgrounds relate to and understand. The books add variety to the reading materials available and allow all children to read about characters and real people who resemble themselves and their families.

Authentic, multicultural, and culturally responsive literature and nonfiction selection are integral components of today's classrooms. With FBISD



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being a district rich in diversity—cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic, and linguistic—it is crucial to include student and teaching resources that reflect the diversity of the community in the classroom. LEE & LOW BOOKS, dba Bebop Books, is dedicated to publishing literature that embraces the diversity of today's student population in a positive and constructive way—teaching students about the world beyond their own self. Students can see themselves and similarities to their own cultures depicted in these titles.

As supplemental curriculum materials, Bebop Books titles will provide extensive authentic and culturally responsive literature and nonfiction to support and extend learning in the classroom. Titles and lesson plans are crafted for the diverse classroom and while addressing rigorous Texas state standards, the books are also relatable to students.

The company's core mission is to publish books about diverse characters and cultures that children of these specific groups can identify with, but that all children can enjoy. We publish diverse and multicultural stories with captivating and appealing characters, and beautiful art that actively engages students of all backgrounds.

Bebop Books titles provide opportunities for teachers to scaffold children's learning because skills, concepts, and themes are found across all book levels.

Skills and concepts are integrated into the stories while natural language structures are maintained. The majority of words in the books are phonetically regular. Sentence patterns using the high-frequency words support children's application of phonics skills. The content of the stories also appears across levels. The books address age appropriate themes such as days of the week, families, colors, the five senses, friends, weather, number concepts, and classroom activities. The books can be used to scaffold learning connected to other subject areas and to explore a theme with children who read at different levels. In addition, the books contain stories that every child can relate to because they are common to the lives of young children.

- ✓ **Materials are available across a range of reading levels**



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All Bebop Books titles have guided reading levels, which were assigned by literacy experts and certified Reading Recovery® teachers using the guidelines identified in *Guided Reading* and *Matching Books to Readers* by Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell. In addition, the majority of the texts have Lexile™ and Accelerated Reader® levels available.

Bebop Books titles offer flexibility in use and variety of skills and content to help students master grade level standards. The books can be matched to the reader and the skill and used in whatever sequence is necessary to meet the needs of an individual child. The teacher can identify a skill to practice and then pick a book at the appropriate level. This flexibility makes Bebop Books titles a valuable supplement to the materials in the core reading program. The books can also be used for paired reading practice, placed in book baskets, and used in small group instruction.

✓ **Materials are available in Spanish**

Our books fill an urgent need. Spanish and bilingual books not only affirm and validate a child's identity, culture, and home language, but also help build a solid foundation to achieve literacy in any language. Bebop Books is committed to promoting bilingualism, bi-literacy, and education. Through our books and teaching resources, we hope to serve all children by helping teachers bring students' diverse experiences and home stories into the classroom.

English Language Learners need the same literacy support as native speakers. Bebop Books recognizes the need for quality-leveled books in Spanish, as well as English in today's schools. Young readers will find stories with familiar ideas and events, as well as stories with new information that will build on their knowledge base. Most importantly, the diversity of the stories ensures that all children see themselves reflected in stories that are fun to read.

Spanish educators and literacy experts have leveled Spanish versions of the Bebop Books titles separate from the level of its corresponding English version in order to meet students' Spanish language acquisition needs and abilities.



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The majority of the texts are available in Spanish or English; as well as many texts are bilingual (Spanish/English). In each lesson plan and teacher's guide, suggestions and activities are included for the Spanish edition and for English Language Learners. Our English and Spanish Books would be excellent supplemental resources for FBISD. For levels A-S, we have English and Spanish titles to help meet the needs of the both significant Spanish speaking student population in the Fort Bend Independent School District as well as the overall student body as a whole.

✓ **Materials support the development of deep understanding of foundational concepts and principles**

Lesson plans and teacher's guides provide a wealth of practical, comprehensive ideas for motivating readers and guiding their development of effective reading and comprehension strategies. Suggestions are reading-level appropriate and may cover phonemic awareness, phonics, reading, writing, listening, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, analysis, and higher-level thinking and reasoning.

There are variations in sentence structures and patterns, including dialogue. As students progress through the levels, there are longer, complex sentence structures, and descriptive and literary language is used. See below for progression of reading skills and strategies in our books for teachers to support students in reading:

**Early Emergent titles include:** Topics and concepts familiar to children, Large and well-spaced print, Consistent placement of text, High frequency words, Natural oral language structures, Simple sentence patterns, Some variety in punctuation, Direct match between illustrations and text, Clear sequence of events, Stories with beginnings, middles, and endings

**Emergent titles include:** Familiar situations and topics with problem-solving situations, Variety in word-spacing, print sizes, typefaces, and text placement, Some multisyllable words and compound words, Natural oral language and literary language, Variation in sentences structures, including direct speech, Dialogue mixed with prose, Wide range of punctuation, Illustrations extend the storyline; Illustrations help develop



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characters, settings, and sequence of events, Clear storyline and sequence of events; events last over several pages

**Early Fluent titles include:** More challenging situations with problem-solving emphasized, Variety of print sizes, typefaces, and text placement, Familiar and unfamiliar words; more multisyllable words, Contents page, glossary, captions, labels, maps, and/or other features in nonfiction, Variety of genres and writing styles; some longer, complex sentence structures, Descriptive and literary language; specialized vocabulary in nonfiction, Dialogue mixed with prose, Wide range of punctuation, Illustrations support and extend text and inform readers; illustrations help depict and develop characters, settings, and events, Storylines have multiple episodes; events last over several pages and may take place in distant time and/or location, Told from a distinct point of view

**Fluent titles include:** Wide range of topics and complex ideas, Variety of page layouts, Wide range of vocabulary, often with unknown or difficult words, Contents page, glossary, captions, labels, maps, and/or other features in nonfiction, Variety of genres, writing styles, and literary devices, Literary language and extended descriptions; specialized and technical vocabulary in nonfiction, Full range of punctuation, Multidimensional characters deal with everyday experiences, Topics may go beyond readers' personal experiences and deal with serious problems, Stories present a range of historical times, places, and events, May contain several themes requiring interpretation, Illustrations enhance and extend story elements, Told from a distinct point of view