

## TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT

### TIPS RFP 230504 Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services

The following Vendor Agreement (“Agreement”) creates a legal agreement between The Interlocal Purchasing System (“TIPS”), a government purchasing cooperative and Department of Texas Region 8 Education Service Center and (INSERT ENTITY NAME):

# Aetos LLC

(ENTER ENTITY NAME]

its owners, agents, subsidiaries, and affiliates (together, “Vendor”) (individually, “Party”, and collectively the “Parties”) and this agreement shall exclusively govern the contractual relationship (“Agreement”) between the Parties.

TIPS, a governmental entity and a national purchasing cooperative seeks to provide a valuable and necessary solution to public entities and qualifying non-profits by performing the public procurement solicitation process and awarding compliant contracts to qualified vendors. Then, where the law of a customer’s jurisdiction allows, instead of public entities and qualifying non-profits expending time, money, and resources on the extensive public procurement process, the use of TIPS allows public entities to quickly select and purchase their preferred products or services from qualified, competitively evaluated vendors through cooperative purchasing.

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to identify the terms and conditions of the relationship between TIPS and Vendor. Public entities and qualifying non-profits that properly join or utilize TIPS (“TIPS Members”) may elect to “piggyback” off of TIPS’ procurements and agreements where the laws of their jurisdiction allow. TIPS Members are not contractual parties to this Agreement although terms and conditions of this Agreement may ensure benefits to TIPS Members.
2. **Authority.** The Parties agree that the signatories below are individual authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of their entity and that they are acting under due and proper authority under applicable law.
3. **Definitions.**
  - a. **TIPS Pricing:** The specific pricing, discounts, and other pricing terms and incentives which Vendor submitted and TIPS approved for each respective TIPS Contract awarded to Vendor and all permissible, subsequent pricing updates submitted by Vendor and accepted by TIPS, if any.
  - b. **Authorized Reseller:** A reseller or dealer authorized and added by a Vendor through their online TIPS Vendor Portal to make TIPS sales according to the terms and conditions herein.
4. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement resulted from TIPS posting a “TIPS Solicitation” (RFP, RCSP, RFQ, or other) and Vendor submitting a proposal in response to that posted TIPS Solicitation for evaluation and award. The Parties agree that this Agreement consists of the provisions set forth herein and: (1) The TIPS solicitation document resulting in this Agreement; (2) Any addenda or clarifications issued in relation to the TIPS solicitation; (3) All solicitation information provided to Vendor by TIPS through the TIPS eBid System; (3) Vendor’s entire proposal response to the TIPS solicitation including all accepted required attachments, acknowledged notices and certifications, accepted negotiated terms, pricing, accepted responses to questions, and accepted written clarifications of Vendor’s proposal, and; any properly included attachments to this Agreement. All documentation and information listed is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth herein verbatim. In the event of conflict between the terms herein and one of the incorporated documents the terms and conditions herein shall control.
5. **Vendor’s Specific Warranties, Terms, and License Agreements.** Because TIPS serves public entities and non-profits throughout the nation all of which are subject to specific laws and policies of their jurisdiction, as a matter of standard practice, TIPS does not typically accept a Vendor’s specific “Sale Terms” (warranties, license agreements, master agreements, terms and conditions, etc.) on behalf of all TIPS Members. TIPS may permit Vendor to attach those to this Agreement to display to interested customers what terms may apply to their Supplemental Agreement with Vendor (if submitted by Vendor for that purpose). However, unless this term of the Agreement is negotiated and modified to state otherwise, those specific Sale Terms are not accepted by TIPS on behalf of all TIPS Members and each Member may choose whether to accept, negotiate, or reject those specific Sale Terms, which must be reflected in a separate agreement between Vendor and the Member in order to be effective.
6. **Vendor Identity and Contact Information.** It is Vendor’s sole responsibility to ensure that all identifying vendor information (name, EIN, d/b/a’s, etc.) and contact information is updated and current at all times within the TIPS eBid System and the TIPS Vendor Portal. It is Vendor’s sole responsibility to confirm that all e-correspondence issued from tips-usa.com, ionwave.net, and tipsconstruction.com

to Vendor's contacts are received and are not blocked by firewall or other technology security. Failure to permit receipt of correspondence from these domains and failure to keep vendor identity and contact information current at all times during the life of the contract may cause loss of TIPS Sales, accumulating TIPS fees, missed rebid opportunities, lapse of TIPS Contract(s), and unnecessary collection or legal actions against Vendor. It is no defense to any of the foregoing or any breach of this Agreement that Vendor was not receiving TIPS' electronic communications issued by TIPS to Vendor's listed contacts.

7. **Initiation of TIPS Sales.** When a public entity initiates a purchase with Vendor, if the Member inquires verbally or in writing whether Vendor holds a TIPS Contract, it is the duty of the Vendor to verify whether the Member is seeking a TIPS purchase. Once verified, Vendor must include the TIPS Contract Number on all purchase communications and sales documents exchanged with the TIPS Member.
8. **TIPS Sales and Supplemental Agreements.** The terms of the specific TIPS order, including but not limited to: shipping, freight, insurance, delivery, fees, bonding, cost, delivery expectations and location, returns, refunds, terms, conditions, cancellations, order assistance, etc., shall be controlled by the purchase agreement (Purchase Order, Contract, Invoice, etc.) (hereinafter "Supplemental Agreement") entered into between the TIPS Member Customer and Vendor only. TIPS is not a party to any Supplemental Agreement. All Supplemental Agreements shall include Vendor's Name, as known to TIPS, and TIPS Contract Name and Number. Vendor accepts and understands that TIPS is not a legal party to TIPS Sales and Vendor is solely responsible for identifying fraud, mistakes, unacceptable terms, or misrepresentations for the specific order prior to accepting. Vendor agrees that any order issued from a customer to Vendor, even when processed through TIPS, constitutes a legal contract between the customer and Vendor only. When Vendor accepts or fulfills an order, even when processed through TIPS, Vendor is representing that Vendor has carefully reviewed the order for legality, authenticity, and accuracy and TIPS shall not be liable or responsible for the same. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this TIPS Vendor Agreement and those contained in any Supplemental Agreement, the provisions set forth herein shall control unless otherwise agreed to and authorized by the Parties in writing within the Supplemental Agreement.
9. **Right of Refusal.** Vendor has the right not to sell to a TIPS Member under the awarded agreement at Vendor's discretion unless otherwise required by law.
10. **Reporting TIPS Sales.** Vendor must report all TIPS Sales to TIPS. If a TIPS sale is initiated by Vendor receiving a TIPS Member's purchase order from TIPS directly, Vendor may consider that specific TIPS Sale reported. Otherwise, with the exception of TIPS Automated Vendors, who have signed an exclusive agreement with TIPS regarding reporting, all TIPS Sales must be reported to TIPS by either: (1) Emailing the purchase order or similar purchase document (with Vendor's Name, as known to TIPS, and the TIPS Contract Name and Number included) to TIPS at [tipspo@tips-usa.com](mailto:tipspo@tips-usa.com) with "Confirmation Only" in the subject line of the email within three business days of Vendor's acceptance of the order, or; (2) Within 3 business days of the order being accepted by Vendor, Vendor must login to the TIPS Vendor Portal and successfully self-report all necessary sale information within the Vendor Portal and confirm that it shows up accurately on your current Vendor Portal statement. No other method of reporting is acceptable unless agreed to by the Parties in writing. Failure to report all sales pursuant to this provision may result in immediate cancellation of Vendor's TIPS Contract(s) for cause at TIPS' sole discretion. Please refer to the TIPS [Accounting FAQ's](#) for more information about reporting sales and if you have further questions, contact the Accounting Team at [accounting@tips-usa.com](mailto:accounting@tips-usa.com).
11. **TIPS Administration Fees.** The collection of administrative fees by TIPS, a government entity, for performance of these procurement services is required pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 791.011 et. seq. The administration fee ("TIPS Administration Fee") is the amount legally owed by Vendor to TIPS for TIPS Sales made by Vendor. The TIPS Administration Fee amount is typically a set percentage of the amount paid by the TIPS Member for each TIPS Sale, less shipping cost, bond cost, and taxes if applicable and identifiable, which is legally due to TIPS, but the exact TIPS Administration Fee for this Contract is published in the corresponding solicitation and is incorporated herein by reference. TIPS Administration Fees are due to TIPS immediately upon Vendor's receipt of payment, including partial payment, for a TIPS Sale. The TIPS Administration Fee is assessed on the amount paid by the TIPS Member, not on the Vendor's cost or on the amount for which the Vendor sold the item to a dealer or Authorized Reseller. Upon receipt of payment for a TIPS Sale, including partial payment (which renders TIPS Administration Fees immediately due), Vendor shall issue to TIPS the corresponding TIPS Administration Fee payment as soon as possible but not later than thirty-one calendar days following Vendor's receipt of payment. Vendor shall pay TIPS via check unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing. Vendor shall include clear documentation with the issued payment dictating to which sale(s) the amount should be applied. Vendor may create a payment report within their TIPS Vendor Portal which is the preferred documentation dictating to which TIPS Sale(s) the amount should be applied. Failure to pay all TIPS Administration Fees pursuant to this provision may result in immediate cancellation of Vendor's TIPS Contract(s) for cause at TIPS' sole discretion as well as the initiation of collection and legal actions by TIPS against Vendor to the extent permitted by law. Any overpayment of participation fees to TIPS by Vendor will be refunded to the Vendor within ninety (90) days of receipt of notification if TIPS receives written notification of the overpayment not later than the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment and TIPS determines that the amount was not legally due to TIPS pursuant to this agreement and applicable law. Any notification of overpayment received by TIPS after the expiration of six (6) months from the date that TIPS received the payment will render the overpayment non-refundable. Region 8 ESC and TIPS reserve the right to extend the

six (6) month deadline if approved by the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors. TIPS reserves all rights under the law to collect TIPS Administration Fees due to TIPS pursuant to this Agreement.

- 12. Term of the Agreement.** This Agreement with TIPS is for approximately five years with a one-year, consecutive option for renewal as described herein. Renewal options are not automatic and shall only be effective if offered by TIPS at its sole discretion. If TIPS offers a renewal option, the Vendor will be notified via email issued to Vendor's then-listed Primary Contact. The renewal option shall be deemed accepted by Vendor unless Vendor notifies TIPS of its objection to the renewal option in writing and confirms receipt by TIPS.

**Actual Effective Date:** Agreement is effective upon signature by authorized representatives of both Parties. The Effective Date does not affect the "Term Calculation Start Date."

**Term Calculation Start Date:** To keep the contract term consistent for all vendors awarded under a single TIPS contract, Vendor shall calculate the foregoing term as starting on the last day of the month that "Award Notifications" are anticipated as published in the Solicitation, regardless of the actual Effective Date.

**Example of Term Calculation Start Date:** If the anticipated "Award Date" published in the Solicitation is May 22, 2023, but extended negotiations delay award until June 27, 2023 (Actual Effective Date), the Term Calculation Start Date shall be May 31, 2023 in this example.

**Contract Expiration Date:** To keep the contract term consistent for all vendors awarded under a single TIPS contract, the term expiration date shall be five-years from the Term Calculation Start Date.

**Example of Contract Expiration Date:** If the anticipated "Award Date" published in the Solicitation is May 22, 2023, but extended negotiations delay award until June 27, 2023 (Actual Effective Date), the Term Calculation Start Date shall be May 31, 2023 and the Contract Expiration Date of the resulting initial "five-year" term, (which is subject to an extension(s)) will be May 31, 2028 in this example.

**Option(s) for Renewal:** Any option(s) for renewal shall begin on the Contract Expiration Date, or the date of the expiration of the prior renewal term where applicable, and continue for the duration specified for the renewal option herein.

**Example of Option(s) for Renewal:** In this example, if TIPS offers a one-year renewal and the Contract Expiration Date is May 31, 2028, then the one-year renewal is effective from May 31, 2028 to May 31, 2029.

TIPS may offer to extend Vendor Agreements to the fullest extent the TIPS Solicitation resulting in this Agreement permits.

- 13. TIPS Pricing.** Vendor agrees and understands that for each TIPS Contract that it holds, Vendor submitted, agreed to, and received TIPS' approval for specific pricing, discounts, and other pricing terms and incentives which make up Vendor's TIPS Pricing for that TIPS Contract ("TIPS Pricing"). Vendor confirms that Vendor will not add the TIPS Administration Fee as a charge or line-item in a TIPS Sale. Vendor hereby certifies that Vendor shall only offer goods and services through this TIPS Contract if those goods and services are included in or added to Vendor's TIPS Pricing and approved by TIPS. TIPS reserves the right to review Vendor's pricing update requests as specifically as line-item by line-item to determine compliance. However, Vendor contractually agrees that all submitted pricing updates shall be within the original terms of the Vendor's TIPS Pricing (scope, proposed discounts, price increase limitations, and other pricing terms and incentives originally proposed by Vendor) such that TIPS may accept Vendors price increase requests as submitted without additional vetting at TIPS discretion. Any pricing quoted by Vendor to a TIPS Member or on a TIPS Quote shall never exceed Vendor's TIPS Pricing for any good or service offered through TIPS. TIPS Pricing price increases and modifications, if permitted, will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation and Vendor's proposal, incorporated herein by reference.

- 14. Indemnification of TIPS.** VENDOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND DEFEND TIPS, TIPS MEMBERS, TIPS OFFICERS, TIPS EMPLOYEES, TIPS DIRECTORS, AND TIPS TRUSTEES (THE "TIPS INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS AND SUITS BY THIRD-PARTIES FOR DAMAGES, INJURIES TO PERSONS (INCLUDING DEATH), PROPERTY DAMAGES, LOSSES, EXPENSES, FEES, INCLUDING COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND EXPERT FEES, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO VENDOR'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE OF VENDOR'S OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AUTHORIZED RESELLERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES, OR INVITEES), REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THE CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION CAUSES OF ACTION BASED UPON COMMON, CONSTITUTIONAL, OR STATUTORY LAW OR BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON ALLEGATIONS OF NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS ON THE PART OF VENDOR, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AUTHORIZED RESELLERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES, OR INVITEES. NO LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARE PERMITTED OR AGREED TO BY TIPS. APART FROM THIS INDEMNIFICATION PROVISION REQUIRING INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TIPS INDEMNITEES'

ATTORNEY'S FEES AS SET FORTH ABOVE, RECOVERY OF ATTORNEYS' FEES BY THE PREVAILING PARTY IS AUTHORIZED ONLY IF AUTHORIZED BY TEX. EDUC. CODE § 44.032(F).

- 15. Indemnification and Assumption of Risk – Vendor Data.** VENDOR AGREES THAT IT IS VOLUNTARILY PROVIDING DATA (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: VENDOR INFORMATION, VENDOR DOCUMENTATION, VENDOR'S PROPOSALS, VENDOR PRICING SUBMITTED OR PROVIDED TO TIPS, TIPS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, TIPS CORRESPONDENCE, VENDOR LOGOS AND IMAGES, VENDOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION, VENDOR'S BROCHURES AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION, VENDOR'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION, VENDOR'S CERTIFICATIONS, AND ANY OTHER VENDOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION SOFTWARE AND SOURCE CODE UTILIZED BY VENDOR, SUBMITTED TO TIPS BY VENDOR AND ITS AGENTS) ("VENDOR DATA") TO TIPS. FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE BREADTH OF THE INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS IN SECTION 14 ABOVE, VENDOR AGREES TO PROTECT, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE TIPS INDEMNITEES HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, DEMANDS, ALLEGATIONS, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, COSTS, EXPENSES, FEES, INCLUDING COURT COSTS, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND EXPERT FEES AND ALL OTHER LIABILITY OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO: (I) ANY UNAUTHORIZED, NEGLIGENT OR WRONGFUL USE OF, OR CYBER DATA BREACH INCIDENT AND VIRUSES OR OTHER CORRUPTING AGENTS INVOLVING, VENDOR'S DATA, PRICING, AND INFORMATION, COMPUTERS, OR OTHER HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, AND; (II) ALLEGATIONS OR CLAIMS THAT ANY VENDOR DATA INFRINGES ON THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD-PARTY OR VENDOR.
- 16. Procedures Related to Indemnification.** In the event that an indemnity obligation arises, Vendor shall pay all amounts set forth in Section 14 and 15 above (including any settlements) and – if it has accepted its indemnity obligation without qualification – control the legal defense to such claim or cause of action, including without limitation attorney selection, strategy, discovery, trial, appeal, and settlement, and TIPS shall, at Vendor's cost and expense (with respect to reasonable out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by TIPS which shall be reimbursed to TIPS by Vendor), provide all commercially reasonable assistance requested by Vendor. In controlling any defense, Vendor shall ensure that all assertions of governmental immunity and all applicable pleas and defenses shall be promptly asserted.
- 17. Indemnity for Underlying Sales and Supplemental Agreements.** Vendor shall be solely responsible for any customer claims or any disputes arising out of TIPS Sales or any Supplemental Agreement as if sold in the open-market. The Parties agree that TIPS shall not be liable for any claims arising out of Vendor's TIPS Sales or Supplemental Agreements, including but not limited to: allegations of product defect or insufficiency, allegations of service defect or insufficiency, allegations regarding delivery defect or insufficiency, allegations of fraud or misrepresentation, allegations regarding pricing or amounts owed for TIPS sales, and/or allegations regarding payment, over-payment, under-payment, or non-payment for TIPS Sales. Payment/Drafting, overpayment/over-drafting, under-payment/under-drafting, or non-payment for TIPS Sales between customer and Vendor and inspections, rejections, or acceptance of such purchases shall be the exclusive respective obligations of Vendor/Customer, and disputes shall be handled in accordance with the terms of the underlying Supplemental Agreement(s) entered into between Vendor and Customer. Vendor acknowledges that TIPS is not a dealer, subcontractor, agent, or reseller of Vendor's goods and services and shall not be responsible for any claims arising out of alleged insufficiencies or defects in Vendor's goods and services, should any arise.
- 18. Confidentiality of Vendor Data.** Vendor understands and agrees that by signing this Agreement, all Vendor Data is hereby released to TIPS, TIPS Members, and TIPS third-party administrators to effectuate Vendor's TIPS Contract except as provided for herein. The Parties agree that Vendor Data is accessible by all TIPS Members as if submitted directly to that TIPS Member Customer for purchase consideration. If Vendor otherwise considers any portion of Vendor's Data to be confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 Texas Gov't Code (the "Public Information Act") or other law(s) and orders, Vendor must have identified the claimed confidential materials through proper execution of the Confidentiality Claim Form which is required to be submitted as part of Vendor's proposal resulting in this Agreement and incorporated by reference. The Confidentiality Claim Form included in Vendor's proposal and incorporated herein by reference is the sole indicator of whether Vendor considers any Vendor Data confidential in the event TIPS receives a Public Information Request. If TIPS receives a request, any responsive documentation not deemed confidential by you in this manner will be automatically released. For Vendor Data deemed confidential by you in this manner, 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, including Attorney General determination and opinion. In the event that TIPS receives a written request for information pursuant to the Public Information Act that affects Vendor's interest in any information or data furnished to TIPS by Vendor, and TIPS requests an opinion from the Attorney General, Vendor may, at its own option and expense, prepare comments and submit information directly to the Attorney General stating why the requested information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the requirements of the Public Information Act. Vendor is solely responsible for submitting the memorandum brief and information to the Attorney General within the time period prescribed by the Public Information Act. Notwithstanding any other information provided in this solicitation or Vendor designation of certain Vendor Data as confidential or proprietary, Vendor's acceptance of this TIPS Vendor Agreement constitutes Vendor's consent to the disclosure of Vendor's Data, including any information deemed confidential or proprietary, to TIPS Members or as ordered by a Court or government agency, including without limitation the Texas Attorney General. Vendor agrees

that TIPS shall not be responsible or liable for any use or distribution of information or documentation by TIPS Members or as required by law.

- 19. Vendor's Authorized Resellers.** TIPS recognizes that many vendors operate in the open market through the use of resellers or dealers. For that reason, TIPS permits Vendor to authorize Authorized Resellers within its Vendor Portal and make TIPS Sales through the Authorized Reseller(s). Once authorized by Vendor in the Vendor Portal, the Authorized Reseller(s) may make TIPS sales to TIPS Members. However, all purchase documents must include: (1) Authorized Reseller's Name; (2) Vendor's Name, as known to TIPS, and; (3) Vendor's TIPS Contract Name and Number under which it is making the TIPS Sale. Either Vendor or Reseller may report the sale pursuant to the terms herein. However, Vendor agrees that it is legally responsible for all reporting and fee payment as described herein for TIPS Sales made by Authorized Resellers. The TIPS Administration Fee is assessed on the amount paid by the TIPS Member, not on the Vendor's cost or on the amount for which the Vendor sold the item to a dealer or Authorized Reseller. The Parties intend that Vendor shall be responsible and liable for TIPS Sales made by Vendor's Authorized Resellers. Vendor agrees that it is voluntarily authorizing this Authorized Reseller and in doing so, Vendor agrees that it is doing so at its own risk and agrees to protect, indemnify, and hold TIPS harmless in accordance with Sections 14-17 above related to Authorized Reseller TIPS Sales made pursuant to this Agreement or purporting to be made pursuant to this Agreement that may be asserted against Vendor whether rightfully brought or otherwise. The Parties further agree that it is no defense to Vendor's breach of this Agreement that an Authorized Reseller caused Vendor of breach this Agreement.
- 20. Circumvention of TIPS Sales.** When a public entity initiates a purchase with Vendor, if the Member inquires verbally or in writing whether Vendor holds a TIPS Contract, it is the duty of the Vendor to verify whether the Member is seeking a TIPS purchase. Any request for quote, customer communication, or customer purchase initiated through or referencing a TIPS Contract shall be completed through TIPS pursuant to this Agreement. Any encouragement or participation by Vendor in circumventing a TIPS sale being completed may result in immediate termination of Vendor's TIPS Contract(s) for cause as well as preclusion from future TIPS opportunities at TIPS sole discretion.
- 21. State of Texas Franchise Tax.** By signature hereon, Vendor hereby certifies that Vendor is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed to the State of Texas under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code.
- 22. Termination.**
- A) Termination for Convenience. TIPS may, by written notice to Vendor, terminate this Agreement for convenience, in whole or in part, at any time by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to Vendor of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof.
  - B) Termination for Cause. If Vendor fails to materially perform pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, TIPS shall provide written notice to Vendor specifying the default. If Vendor does not cure such default within thirty (30) days, TIPS may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for cause. If TIPS terminates this Agreement for cause, and it is later determined that the termination for cause was wrongful, the termination shall automatically be converted to and treated as a termination for convenience.
  - C) Vendor's Termination. If TIPS fails to materially perform pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Vendor shall provide written notice to TIPS specifying the default ("Notice of Default"). If TIPS does not cure such default within thirty (30) days, Vendor may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for cause. If Vendor terminates this Agreement for cause, and it is later determined that the termination for cause was wrongful, the termination shall automatically be converted to and treated as a termination for convenience.
  - D) Upon termination, all TIPS Sale orders previously accepted by Vendor shall be fulfilled and Vendor shall be paid for all TIPS Sales executed pursuant to the applicable terms. All TIPS Sale orders presented to Vendor but not fulfilled by Vendor, prior to the actual termination of this agreement shall be honored at the option of the TIPS Member. TIPS shall submit to Vendor an invoice for any outstanding TIPS Administration Fees and approved expenses and Vendor shall pay such fees and expenses within 30 calendar days of receipt of such valid TIPS invoice. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that continued participation in TIPS is subject to TIPS' sole discretion and that any Vendor may be removed from the TIPS program at any time with or without cause. This termination clause does not affect TIPS Sales Supplemental Agreements pursuant to this term regarding termination and the Survival Clause term.
  - E) Vendor hereby waives any and all claims for damages, including, but not limited, to consequential damages or lost profits, that might arise from TIPS' act of terminating this Agreement.

- 23. Survival Clause.** It is the intent of the Parties that this Agreement and procurement method applies to any TIPS Sale made during the life of this Agreement even if made on or near the Contract Expiration Date as defined herein. Thus, all TIPS Sales, including but not limited to: leases, service agreements, license agreements, open purchase orders, warranties, and contracts, even if they extend months or years past the TIPS Contract Expiration Date, shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement subject to the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement between Customer and Vendor or unless otherwise specified herein.
- 24. Audit Rights.** Due to transparency statutes and public accountability requirements of TIPS and TIPS Members, Vendor shall at their sole expense, maintain documentation of all TIPS Sales for a period of three years from the time of the TIPS Sale. In order to ensure and confirm compliance with this agreement, TIPS shall have authority to conduct audits of Vendor's TIPS Pricing or TIPS Sales with thirty-days' notice unless the audit is ordered by a Court Order or by a Government Agency with authority to do so without said notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that TIPS is made aware of any pricing being offered to eligible entities that is materially inconsistent with Vendor's TIPS Pricing, TIPS shall have the ability to conduct the audit internally or may engage a third-party auditing firm to investigate any possible non-compliant conduct or may terminate the Agreement according to the terms of this Agreement. In the event of an audit, the requested materials shall be reasonably provided in the time, format, and at the location acceptable to TIPS. TIPS agrees not to perform a random audit the TIPS transaction documentation more than once per calendar year, but reserves the right to audit for just cause or as required by any governmental agency or court with regulatory authority over TIPS or the TIPS Member. These audit rights shall survive termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of termination.
- 25. Conflicts of Interest.** The Parties confirm that they have not offered, given, or accepted, nor intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, service to the other in connection with this Agreement. Vendor affirms that, to the best of Vendor's knowledge, this Agreement has been arrived at independently, and is awarded 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. Vendor agrees that it has disclosed any necessary affiliations with Region 8 Education Service Center and the TIPS Department, if any, through the Conflict of Interest attachment provided in the solicitation resulting in this Agreement.
- 26. Volume of TIPS Sales.** Nothing in this Agreement or any TIPS communication may be construed as a guarantee that TIPS or TIPS Members will submit any TIPS orders to Vendor at any time.
- 27. Compliance with the Law.** The Parties agree to comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to their entity in connection with the programs contemplated under this Agreement.
- 28. Severability.** If any term(s) or provision(s) of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then such term(s) or provision(s) shall be deemed restated to reflect the original intention of the Parties as nearly as possible in accordance with applicable law and the remainder of this Agreement, and the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, unless such holding causes the obligations of the Parties hereto to be impossible to perform or shall render the terms of this Agreement to be inconsistent with the intent of the Parties hereto.
- 29. 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 through no fault of its own then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon. Upon delivering such notice, the obligation of the affected party, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure as described, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. In the event that Vendor's obligations are suspended by reason of Force Majeure, all TIPS Sales accepted prior to the Force Majeure event shall be the legal responsibility of Vendor and the terms of the TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement shall control Vendor's failure to fulfill for a Force Majeure event.
- 30. Immunity.** Vendor agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign or government immunity; nor constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to Region 8 Education Service Center or its TIPS Department. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement of, any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to Region 8 Education Service Center or its TIPS Department under this Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel.
- 31. Insurance Requirements.** Vendor agrees to maintain the following minimum insurance requirements for the duration of this Agreement. All policies held by Vendor to adhere to this term shall be written by a carrier with a financial size category of VII and at least a rating of "A-" by A.M. Best Key Rating Guide. The coverages and limits are to be considered minimum requirements and in

no way limit the liability of the Vendor(s). Any immunity available to TIPS or TIPS Members shall not be used as a defense by the contractor's insurance policy. Only deductibles applicable to property damage are acceptable, unless proof of retention funds to cover said deductibles is provided. "Claims made" policies will not be accepted. Vendor's required minimum coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, non-renewed or reduced in coverage or in limits unless replaced by a policy that provides the minimum required coverage except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested has been given to TIPS or the TIPS Member if a project or pending delivery of an order is ongoing. Upon request, certified copies of all insurance policies shall be furnished to the TIPS or the TIPS Member. Vendor agrees that when Vendor or its subcontractors are liable for any damages or claims, Vendor's policy, shall be primary over any other valid and collectible insurance carried by the Member or TIPS.

General Liability: \$1,000,000 each Occurrence/Aggregate  
Automobile Liability: \$300,000 Includes owned, hired & non-owned  
Workers' Compensation: Statutory limits for the jurisdiction in which the Vendor performs under this Agreement. If Vendor performs in multiple jurisdictions, Vendor shall maintain the statutory limits for the jurisdiction with the greatest dollar policy limit requirement.  
Umbrella Liability: \$1,000,000 each Occurrence/Aggregate

32. **Waiver.** No waiver of any single breach or multiple breaches of any provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any breach of any other provision. No delay in acting regarding any breach of any provision shall be construed to be a waiver of such breach.
33. **Binding Agreement.** This Agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal successors, and assigns.
34. **Headings.** The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
35. **Choice of Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Any proceeding, claim, action, or alternative dispute resolution arising out of or relating to this Agreement or involving TIPS shall be brought in a State Court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas, or if Federal Court is legally required, a Federal Court of competent jurisdiction in the Eastern District of 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 and 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.
36. **Relationship of the Parties.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to make one Party an agent of the other Party nor shall either party have any authority to bind the other in any respect, unless expressly authorized by the other party in writing. The Parties are independent contractors and nothing in this Agreement creates a relationship of employment, trust, agency or partnership between them.
37. **Assignment.** No assignment of this Agreement or of any duty or obligation of performance hereunder, shall be made in whole or in part by a Party hereto without the prior written consent of the other Party. Written consent of TIPS shall not be unreasonably withheld.
38. **Minimum Condition and Warranty Requirements for TIPS Sales.** All goods quoted or sold through a TIPS Sale shall be new unless clearly stated otherwise in writing. All new goods and services shall include the applicable manufacturers minimum standard warranty unless otherwise agreed to in the Supplemental Agreement.
39. **Minimum Customer Support Requirements for TIPS Sales.** Vendor shall provide timely and commercially reasonable support for TIPS Sales or as agreed to in the applicable Supplemental Agreement.
40. **Minimum Shipping Requirements for TIPS Sales.** Vendor shall ship, deliver, or provide ordered goods and services within a commercially reasonable time after acceptance of the order. If a delay in delivery is anticipated, Vendor shall notify the TIPS Member as to why delivery is delayed and provide an updated estimated time for completion. The TIPS Member may cancel the order if the delay is not commercially acceptable or not consistent with the Supplemental Agreement applicable to the order.
41. **Minimum Vendor License Requirements.** Vendor shall maintain, in current status, all federal, state, and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by Vendor. Vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with

all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of goods or services under the TIPS Agreement. TIPS and TIPS Members reserve the right to stop work and/or cancel a TIPS Sale or terminate this or any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement involving Vendor if Vendor's license(s) required to perform under this Agreement or under the specific TIPS Sale have expired, lapsed, are suspended or terminated subject to a 30-day cure period unless prohibited by applicable statute or regulation.

**42. Minimum Vendor Legal Requirements.** Vendor shall remain aware of and comply with this Agreement and all local, state, and federal laws governing the sale of products/services offered by Vendor under this contract. Such applicable laws, ordinances, and policies must be complied with even if not specified herein.

**43. Minimum Site Requirements for TIPS Sales (*when applicable to TIPS Sale*).**

**Cleanup:** When performing work on site at a TIPS Member's property, Vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by the TIPS Member or as agreed by the parties. Upon completion of work, the premises shall be left in good repair and an orderly, neat, clean and unobstructed condition.

**Preparation:** Vendor shall not begin a project for which a TIPS Member has not prepared the site, unless Vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until TIPS Member includes the cost of site preparation in the TIPS Sale 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, Vendor agrees that no employee of Vendor or a subcontractor 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 unless otherwise agreed by the TIPS Member. Vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the TIPS Sale at the TIPS Member's discretion. 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:** 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. 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 the TIPS Member's or local smoking statutes, codes, ordinances, and policies.

**44. Payment for TIPS Sales.** TIPS Members may make payments for TIPS Sales directly to Vendor, Vendor's Authorized Reseller, or as otherwise agreed to in the applicable Supplemental Agreement after receipt of the invoice and in compliance with applicable payment statutes. Regardless of how payment is issued or received for a TIPS Sale, Vendor is responsible for all reporting and TIPS Administration Fee payment requirements as stated herein.

**45. Marketing.** Vendor agrees to allow TIPS to use their name and logo within the TIPS website, database, marketing materials, and advertisements unless Vendor negotiates this term to include a specific acceptable-use directive. Any use of TIPS' name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press release, regarding this Agreement by Vendor must have prior approval from TIPS which will not be unreasonably withheld. Request may be made by email to [tips@tips-usa.com](mailto:tips@tips-usa.com). For marketing efforts directed to TIPS Members, Vendor must request and execute a separate Joint Marketing Disclaimer, at [marketing@tips-usa.com](mailto:marketing@tips-usa.com), before TIPS can release contact information for TIPS Member entities for the purpose of marketing your TIPS contract(s). Vendor must adhere to strict Marketing Requirements once a disclaimer is executed. The Joint Marketing Disclaimer is a supplemental agreement specific to joint marketing efforts and has no effect on the terms of the TIPS Vendor Agreement. Vendor agrees that any images, photos, writing, audio, clip art, music, or any other intellectual property ("Property") or Vendor Data utilized, provided, or approved by Vendor during the course of the joint marketing efforts are either the exclusive property of Vendor, or Vendor has all necessary rights, license, and permissions to utilize said Property in the joint marketing efforts. Vendor agrees that they shall indemnify and hold harmless TIPS and its employees, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, assignees, designees, and TIPS Members from any and all claims, damages, and judgments involving infringement of patent, copyright, trade secrets, trade or services marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights and/or claims arising from the Vendor's (including Vendor's officers', employees', agents', Authorized Resellers', subcontractors', licensees', or invitees') unauthorized use or distribution of Vendor Data and Property.

**46. Tax Exempt Status of TIPS Members.** Most TIPS Members are tax exempt entities and the laws and regulations applicable to the specific TIPS Member customer shall control.



- 47. Automatic Renewal Limitation for TIPS Sales.** No TIPS Sale may incorporate an automatic renewal clause that exceeds month to month terms with which the TIPS Member must comply. All renewal terms incorporated into a TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement shall only be valid and enforceable when Vendor received written confirmation of acceptance of the renewal term from the TIPS Member for the specific renewal term. 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. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing an "Automatic Renewal" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.
- 48. Choice of Law Limitation for TIPS Sales.** Vendor agrees that if any "Choice of Law" provision is included in any TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must provide that the "Choice of Law" applicable to the TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and TIPS Member shall be the state where the TIPS Member operates unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Choice of Law" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.
- 49. Venue Limitation for TIPS Sales.** Vendor agrees that if any "Venue" provision is included in any TIPS Sale Agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must provide that the "Venue" for any litigation or alternative dispute resolution shall be in the state and county where the TIPS Member operates unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Venue" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.
- 50. Indemnity Limitation for TIPS Sales.** Texas and other jurisdictions restrict the ability of governmental entities to indemnify others. Vendor agrees that if any "Indemnity" provision which requires the TIPS Member to indemnify Vendor is included in any TIPS sales agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must either be stricken or qualified by including that such indemnity is only permitted, "to the extent permitted by the laws and constitution of [TIPS Member's State]" unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing an "Indemnity" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.
- 51. Arbitration Limitation for TIPS Sales.** Vendor agrees that if any "Arbitration" provision is included in any TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause may not require that the arbitration is mandatory or binding. Vendor agrees that if any "Arbitration" provision is included in any TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause provides for only voluntary and non-binding arbitration unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Arbitration" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto, each acting under due and proper authority, have signed this Agreement.

**TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT SIGNATURE FORM**

**TIPS RFP 230504 Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services**

Vendor Name: Aetos LLC

Vendor Address: 5310 Statice Hunt

City: San Antonio State: TX Zip Code: 78253

Vendor Authorized Signatory Name: Jose M. Negrete

Vendor Authorized Signatory Title: CEO

Vendor Authorized Signatory Phone: 210-687-7230

Vendor Authorized Signatory Email: mnegrete@aetosllc.com

Vendor Authorized Signature: Jose M Negrete Digitally signed by Jose M Negrete  
Date: 2023.05.08 14:36:45 -05'00' Date: 5/8/2023

*(The following is for TIPS completion only)*

TIPS Authorized Signatory Name: Dr. Fitts

TIPS Authorized Signatory Title: Executive Director

TIPS Authorized Signature: David Wayne Fitts Date: 7/10/2023



**230504**

**Aetos LLC**

## **Supplier Response**

### **Event Information**

Number: 230504

Title: Information Technology, Equipment, Software, and Services

Type: Request for Proposal

Issue Date: 5/4/2023

Deadline: 5/25/2023 03:00 PM (CT)

Notes: This is a solicitation issued by The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), a department of Texas Region 8 Education Service Center. It is an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity ("IDIQ") solicitation. It will result in contracts that provide, through adoption/"piggyback" an indefinite quantity of supplies/services, during a fixed period of time, to TIPS public entity and qualifying non-profit "TIPS Members" throughout the nation. Thus, there is no specific project or scope of work to review. Rather this solicitation is issued as a prospective award for utilization when any TIPS Member needs the goods or services offered during the life of the agreement.

**THIS IS NOT A REPLACEMENT CONTRACT. IF YOU CURRENTLY HOLD ANY TIPS CONTRACT TITLED "TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES", THERE IS NO NEED TO RESPOND HEREIN UNLESS YOU WISH TO MANAGE MULTIPLE TIPS CONTRACTS THAT HAVE THE SAME TERMS AND COVER THE SAME OFFERINGS. IF YOU HOLD A TIPS CONTRACT WITH A TITLE OTHER THAN "TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES", WHICH COVERS ALL OF YOUR TECHNOLOGY OFFERINGS AND YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH IT, THERE IS NO NEED TO RESPOND TO THIS SOLICITATION UNLESS YOU PREFER TO HOLD BOTH CONTRACTS.**

## Contact Information

Address: Region 8 Education Service Center  
4845 US Highway 271 North  
Pittsburg, TX 75686  
Phone: +1 (866) 839-8477  
Email: [bids@tips-usa.com](mailto:bids@tips-usa.com)

## Aetos LLC Information

Contact: Jose M. Negrete  
Address: 5310 Statice Hunt  
San Antonio TX 78253, TX 78253  
Phone: (210) 687-7230  
Email: mnegrete@aetosllc.com

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

Jose M. Negrete

*Signature*

Submitted at 5/23/2023 11:08:16 AM (CT)

mnegrete@aetosllc.com

*Email*

## Supplier Note

Please find our response for Bid 230504, I have included 2 pricing forms one for product and one for services, please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

## Requested Attachments

### Pricing Form 1

230504 Pricing Form 1.xlsx

Pricing Form 1 must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed as instructed, and uploaded to this location.

### Alternate or Supplemental Pricing Documents

*No response*

Optional. If when completing Pricing Form 1 & Pricing Form 2 you direct TIPS to view additional, alternate, or supplemental pricing documentation, you may upload that documentation.

### Vendor Agreement

230504 Vendor Agreement.pdf

The Vendor Agreement must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, Vendor Name placed in the line provided at the top, and uploaded to this location. If Vendor has proposed deviations to the Vendor Agreement, Vendor may assert so in the Attribute Questions and those shall be addressed during evaluation.

### Reference Form

230504 Reference Form.xlsx

The Reference Form must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed, and uploaded to this location. The Reference Form must be uploaded in Excel format.

### Required Confidentiality Claim Form

230504 Required Confidentiality Claim Form.pdf

The Required Confidentiality Claim Form must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed, and uploaded to this location. This is the only way for Vendor to assert confidentiality of any information submitted.

### Conflict of Interest Questionnaire - Form CIQ

*No response*

Do not upload this form unless you have a reportable conflict with TIPS. There is an Attribute entitled "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Requirement" immediately followed by an Attribute entitled "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Requirement – Form CIQ – Continued." Properly respond to those Attributes and only upload this form if applicable/instructed. If upload is required based on your response to those Attributes, the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire – Form CIQ must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed, and uploaded at this location.

**Vendor's Warranties, Terms, and Conditions (Supplemental Vendor Information Only)** *No response*

Optional. If Vendor would like to display any standard warranties, terms, or conditions which are often applicable to their offerings for TIPS and TIPS Member Customer consideration, Vendor may upload those at this location. These supplemental documents shall not be considered part of the TIPS Contract. Rather, they are Vendor Supplemental Information for marketing and informational purposes only.

**Supplemental Vendor Information (Supplemental Vendor Information Only)** *Aetos\_Capabilities\_Brief\_TIPS.pdf*

Optional. If Vendor would like to display or include any brochures, promotional documents, marketing materials, or other Vendor Information for TIPS and TIPS Member Customer consideration, Vendor may upload those at this location.

These supplemental documents shall not be considered part of the TIPS Contract. Rather, they are Vendor Supplemental Information for marketing and informational purposes only.

**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - Standard Form - LLL** *No response*

Do not upload this form unless Vendor has reportable lobbying activities. There are Attributes entitled, "2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment – Continued." Properly respond to those Attributes and only upload this form if applicable/instructed. If upload is required based on your response to those Attributes, the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities – Standard Form - LLL must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed, and uploaded to this location.

**Current Form W-9** *W-9 2019 final.pdf*

Vendor must upload their current IRS Tax Form W-9. The legal name, EIN, and d/b/a's listed should match the information provided herein exactly. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity.

**Certificates & Licenses (Supplemental Vendor Information Only)** *Aetos LLC HUB Certificate.pdf*

Optional. If Vendor would like to display any applicable certificates or licenses (including HUB certificates) for TIPS and TIPS Member Customer consideration, Vendor may upload those at this location. These supplemental documents shall not be considered part of the TIPS Contract. Rather, they are Vendor Supplemental Information for marketing and informational purposes only.

**Pricing Form 2** *230504 Pricing Form 2.xlsx*

Pricing Form 2 must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed as instructed, and uploaded to this location.

**Vendor Logo (Supplemental Vendor Information Only)** *aetos-logo-400x400.png*

Optional. If Vendor desires that their logo be displayed on their public TIPS profile for TIPS and TIPS Member viewing, Vendor may upload that logo at this location. These supplemental documents shall not be considered part of the TIPS Contract. Rather, they are Vendor Supplemental Information for marketing and informational purposes only.

**Vendor Agreement Signature Form** *230504 Vendor Agreement Signature Form.pdf*

The Vendor Agreement Signature Form must be downloaded from the "Attachments" section of the IonWave eBid System, reviewed, properly completed, and uploaded to this location. If Vendor has proposed deviations to the Vendor Agreement, Vendor may leave the signature line of this page blank and assert so in the Attribute Questions and those shall be addressed during evaluation.

**Response Attachments**

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**Aetos\_SCTRCA\_Certificates.pdf**

DIBE, ESBE, HABE, MBE, SBE, VBE Certification

**AetosCVE\_Cert\_117052424\_2022.pdf**

SDVOSB CVE Certificate

**Aetos Logo.png**

Aetos alternate logo

**Aetos RhyBus Workflow Automation Overview.pdf**

Aetos RhyBus Workflow Automation Overview

**Bid Attributes**

<b>1</b>	<b>Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business &amp; Federal HUBZone</b> Some participating public entities are required to seek Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business & Federal HUBZone ("D/M/WBE/Federal HUBZone") vendors. Does Vendor certify that their entity is a D/M/WBE/Federal HUBZone vendor?  If you respond "Yes," you must upload current certification proof in the appropriate "Response Attachments" location. <input type="text" value="YES"/>
<b>2</b>	<b>Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)</b> Some participating public entities are required to seek Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) vendors as defined by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Statewide HUB Program. Does Vendor certify that their entity is a HUB vendor?  If you respond "Yes," you must upload current certification proof in the appropriate "Response Attachments" location. <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
<b>3</b>	<b>National Coverage</b> Can the Vendor provide its proposed goods and services to all 50 US States? <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
<b>4</b>	<b>States Served</b> If Vendor answered "No" to the question entitled "National Coverage," please list all states where vendor can provide the goods and services proposed directly below. Your response may dictate which potential TIPS Member customers consider purchasing your offerings. <input type="text" value="No response"/>
<b>5</b>	<b>Description of Vendor Entity and Vendor's Goods &amp; Services</b> If awarded, this description of Vendor and Vendor's goods and services will appear on the TIPS website for customer/public viewing. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>AETOS LLC is a Minority Owned CVE Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), SBA Certified 8a and Texas HUB, DIBE, ESBE, HABE, MBE, SBE, VBE certified company. Aetos specializes in developing IT solutions to optimize functionality and efficiency for government and commercial clients to meet their business needs. We provide a variety IT services and IT solutions ranging from software development, mobile application development, Enterprise Data Solutions &amp; Data Migrations, Cloud Services &amp; Network Infrastructure, Salesforce &amp; SharePoint development, UI/UX and Program &amp; Project Management.</p><p>Aetos' current customers include Texas Education Service Center (Region 11), Texas Dept of Transportation (TXDOT), TX Health and Human Services (HHSC), Department of Defense (Air Force, Army Medicine, Defense Health Agency, Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific), Dept of Homeland Security, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) and Dept of Veteran Affairs.</p></div>

<b>6</b>	<b>Primary Contact Name</b> Please identify the individual who will be primarily responsible for all TIPS matters and inquiries for the duration of the contract. <input type="text" value="Jose M. Negrete"/>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Primary Contact Title</b> Primary Contact Title <input type="text" value="CEO"/>
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<b>8</b>	<b>Primary Contact Email</b> Please enter a valid email address that will definitely reach the Primary Contact. <input type="text" value="mnegrete@aetosllc.com"/>
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<b>9</b>	<b>Primary Contact Phone</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477).  Please provide the accurate and current phone number where the individual who will be primarily responsible for all TIPS matters and inquiries for the duration of the contract can be reached directly. <input type="text" value="2106877230"/>
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<b>10</b>	<b>Primary Contact Fax</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477). <input type="text" value="2106342875"/>
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<b>11</b>	<b>Primary Contact Mobile</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477). <input type="text" value="2106877230"/>
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<b>12</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Name</b> Please identify the individual who will be secondarily responsible for all TIPS matters and inquiries for the duration of the contract. <input type="text" value="Roseanne Negrete"/>
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<b>13</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Title</b> Secondary Contact Title <input type="text" value="Director of Business Development"/>
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<b>14</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Email</b> Please enter a valid email address that will definitely reach the Secondary Contact. <input type="text" value="rnegrete@aetosllc.com"/>
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<b>15</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Phone</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477).  Please provide the accurate and current phone number where the individual who will be secondarily responsible for all TIPS matters and inquiries for the duration of the contract can be reached directly. <input type="text" value="2108847160"/>
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<b>16</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Fax</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477). <input type="text" value="No response"/>
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<b>17</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Mobile</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477). <input type="text" value="2108847160"/>
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<b>18</b>	<b>Administration Fee Contact Name</b> Please identify the individual who will be responsible for all payment, accounting, and other matters related to Vendor's TIPS Administration Fee due to TIPS for the duration of the contract. <input type="text" value="Jose M. Negrete"/>
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<b>19</b>	<b>Administration Fee Contact Email</b> Please enter a valid email address that will definitely reach the Administration Fee Contact. <input type="text" value="mnegrete@aetosllc.com, sales@aetosllc.com"/>
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<b>20</b>	<b>Administration Fee Contact Phone</b> Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477). <input type="text" value="2106877230"/>
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<b>21</b>	<b>Purchase Order and Sales Contact Name</b> Please identify the individual who will be responsible for receiving and processing purchase orders and sales under the TIPS Contract. <input type="text" value="Jose M. Negrete"/>
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<b>22</b>	<b>Purchase Order and Sales Contact Email</b> Please enter a valid email address that will definitely reach the Purchase Order and Sales Contact. <input type="text" value="mnegrete@aetosllc.com, sales@aetosllc.com"/>
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**23 Purchase Order and Sales Contact Phone**  
Numbers only, no symbols or spaces (Ex. 8668398477). The system will auto-populate your entry with commas once submitted which is appropriate and expected (Ex. 8,668,398,477).

**24 Company Website**  
Company Website (Format - www.company.com)

**25 Entity D/B/A's and Assumed Names**  
You must confirm that you are responding to this solicitation under your legal entity name. Go now to your Supplier Profile in this eBid System and confirm that your profile reflects your "Legal Name" as it is listed on your W9.  
In this question, please identify all of your entity's assumed names and D/B/A's. Please note that you will be identified publicly by the Legal Name under which you respond to this solicitation unless you organize otherwise with TIPS after award.

**26 Primary Address**  
Primary Address

**27 Primary Address City**  
Primary Address City

**28 Primary Address State**  
Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation)

**29 Primary Address Zip**  
Primary Address Zip

**30 Search Words Identifying Vendor**  
Please list all search words and phrases to be included in the TIPS database related to your entity. **Do not** list words which are not associated with the bid category/scope (See bid title for general scope). This will help users find you through the TIPS website search function. You may include product names, manufacturers, specialized services, and other words associated with the scope of this solicitation.

**3**  
**1** **Certification of Vendor Residency (Required by the State of Texas)**

Does Vendor's parent company or majority owner:

(A) have its principal place of business in Texas; **or** (B) employ at least 500 persons in Texas?

Texas Education Code Section 44.031 requires that this information be considered in evaluation for certain contracts. However, Vendor response does not affect points, scoring, or potential award.

**3**  
**2** **Vendor's Principal Place of Business (City)**

In what city is Vendor's principal place of business located?

**3**  
**3** **Vendor's Principal Place of Business (State)**

In what state is Vendor's principal place of business located?

**3**  
**4** **Vendor's Years in Business**

How many years has the business submitting this proposal been operating in its current capacity and field of work?

**3**  
**5** **Certification Regarding Entire TIPS Agreement**

Vendor agrees that, if awarded, Vendor's final TIPS Contract will consist of the provisions set forth in the finalized TIPS Vendor Agreement, Vendor's responses to these attribute questions, and: (1) The TIPS solicitation document resulting in this Agreement; (2) Any addenda or clarifications issued in relation to the TIPS solicitation; (3) All solicitation information provided to Vendor by TIPS through the TIPS eBid System; (3) Vendor's entire proposal response to the TIPS solicitation including all accepted required attachments, acknowledged notices and certifications, accepted negotiated terms, accepted pricing, accepted responses to questions, and accepted written clarifications of Vendor's proposal, and; any properly included attachments to the TIPS Contract.

Does Vendor agree?

**3  
6** Minimum Percentage Discount Offered to TIPS Members on all Goods and Services (READ CAREFULLY)

**Please read thoroughly and carefully as an error on your response can render your contract award unusable.**

TIPS Members often turn to TIPS Contracts for ease of use and to receive discounted pricing.

***What is the minimum percentage discount that you can offer TIPS Members off of all goods and service pricing (whether offered through Pricing Form 1, Pricing Form 2, or in another accepted format) that you offer? Only limited goods/services specifically identified and excluded from this discount in Vendor's original proposal may be excluded from this discount.***

Vendor must respond with a percentage from 0%-100%. The percentage discount that you input below will be applied to your "Catalog Pricing", as defined in the solicitation, for all TIPS Sales made during the life of the contract. You cannot alter this percentage discount once the solicitation legally closes. You will always be required to discount every TIPS Sale by the percentage included below with the exception of limited goods/services specifically identified and excluded from this discount in Vendor's original proposal. If you add goods or services to your "Catalog Pricing" during the life of the contract, you will be required to sell those new items with this discount applied.

**Example:** In this example, you enter a 10% minimum percentage discount below. In year-one of your TIPS Contract, your published "Catalog Pricing" (website/store/published pricing) for "Tablet A" is \$100 and for "Tablet Set-Up Service" is \$100. In this example, you must sell those items under the TIPS Contract at the proposed 10% discounted price of: "Tablet A" - \$90, "Tablet Set-Up Service" - \$90. In year two of your TIPS Contract, you update your "Catalog Pricing" with the market. You add "Tablet B" to your "Catalog Pricing" for \$200 and have increased the price of "Tablet A" to \$110 and the price of "Tablet Set-Up Service" to \$110. In this example, after the "Catalog Pricing" update, you must still sell those items under the TIPS Contract at the proposed 10% discounted price of: "Tablet A" - \$99, "Tablet Set-Up Service" - \$99, and "Tablet B" - \$180.00.

With the exception of limited goods/services specifically identified and excluded from this discount in Vendor's original proposal, if you cannot honor the discount on all goods and items now included or which may be added in the future with certainty, then you should offer a lesser discount percentage below.

***What is the minimum percentage discount that you can offer TIPS Members off of all goods and service pricing (whether offered through Pricing Form 1, Pricing Form 2, or in another accepted format) that you offer?***

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7** Honoring Vendor's Minimum Percentage Discount

Vendor is asked in these Attribute Questions to provide a Minimum Percentage Discount offered to TIPS Members on all goods and services sold under the TIPS Contract. Points will be assigned for your response and scoring of your proposal will be affected. A "YES" answer will be awarded the maximum 10 points and a "NO" answer will be awarded 0 points.

Does Vendor agree to honor the Minimum Percentage Discount off of their TIPS "Catalog Pricing" that Vendor proposed for all TIPS Sales made for the duration of the TIPS Contract?

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**Volume and Additional Discounts**

In addition to the Minimum Percentage Discount proposed herein, does Vendor ever expect and intend to offer additional, greater, or volume discounts to TIPS Members?

Point(s) may be assigned for your response in the category of "Pricing" during scoring and evaluation.

No

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**"Catalog Pricing" and Pricing Requirements**

This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.

In this solicitation and resulting contract, "Catalog Pricing" shall be defined as:

"The then available list of goods or services, in the most current listing regardless of date, that takes the form of a catalog, price list, price schedule, shelf-price or other viewable format that:

- A. is regularly maintained by the manufacturer or Vendor of an item; and
- B. is either published or otherwise available for review by TIPS or a customer during the purchase process;
- C. to which the Minimum Percentage Discount proposed by the proposing Vendor may be applied.

If awarded on this TIPS Contract, for the duration of the contract, Vendor agrees to provide, upon request, their then current "Catalog Pricing." Or, in limited circumstances where Vendor has proposed the Percentage Mark-Up method of pricing in this proposal, proof of Vendor's "cost" may be accepted by TIPS in place of catalog pricing.

YES

**4** **EXCEPTIONS & DEVIATIONS TO TIPS STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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Vendor agrees that, if awarded, Vendor's final TIPS Contract will consist of the provisions set forth in the finalized TIPS Vendor Agreement, Vendor's responses to these attribute questions, and: (1) The TIPS solicitation document resulting in this Agreement; (2) Any addenda or clarifications issued in relation to the TIPS solicitation; (3) All solicitation information provided to Vendor by TIPS through the TIPS eBid System; (3) Vendor's entire proposal response to the TIPS solicitation including all accepted required attachments, acknowledged notices and certifications, accepted negotiated terms, accepted pricing, accepted responses to questions, and accepted written clarifications of Vendor's proposal, and; any properly included attachments to the TIPS Contract. In the event of conflict between the terms of the finalized Vendor Agreement and one of the incorporated documents the terms and conditions which are in the best interest of governmental/qualifying non-profit TIPS Members shall control at TIPS sole discretion.

If Vendor responds, "No, Vendor does not agree" to this Attribute, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration. This is the only proper way to submit proposed deviations for TIPS consideration. TIPS reserves the right to accept, decline, or modify Vendor's requested negotiated terms. For this reason, answering "No, Vendor does not agree" may ultimately delay or prevent award.

Does Vendor agree with TIPS standard terms and conditions as presented in the TIPS solicitation document (RFP, RCSP, RFQ, or other) and the TIPS Vendor Agreement document?

Yes

**4** **TIPS Sales Reporting Requirements**

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**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

By submitting this proposal, Vendor certifies that Vendor will properly report all TIPS sales. With the exception of TIPS Automated Vendors, who have signed an exclusive agreement with TIPS regarding reporting, all TIPS Sales must be reported to TIPS by either:

(1) Emailing the purchase order or similar purchase document (with Vendor's Name, as known to TIPS, and the TIPS Contract Name and Number included) to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com with "Confirmation Only" in the subject line of the email within three business days of Vendor's acceptance of the order, or;

(2) Within 3 business days of the order being accepted by Vendor, Vendor must login to the TIPS Vendor Portal and successfully self-report all necessary sale information within the Vendor Portal and confirm that it shows up accurately on your current Vendor Portal statement.

No other method of reporting is acceptable unless agreed to by the Parties in writing. Failure to report all sales pursuant to this provision may result in immediate cancellation of Vendor's TIPS Contract(s) for cause at TIPS' sole discretion.

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**2** **TIPS Administration Fee Requirement and Acknowledgment**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

The collection of fees by TIPS, a government entity, for performance of these procurement services is required pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 791.011 et. seq. The TIPS Administration Fee is the amount legally owed by Vendor to TIPS for TIPS Sales made by Vendor. The TIPS Administration Fee amount is typically a set percentage of each TIPS Sale legally due to TIPS, but the exact TIPS Administration Fee for this Contract is published in the corresponding RFP or RCSP document. TIPS Administration Fees are due to TIPS immediately upon Vendor's receipt of payment, including partial payment, for a TIPS Sale.

By submitting a proposal, Vendor agrees that it has read, understands, and agrees to the published TIPS Administration Fee amount, calculation, and payment requirements. By submitting a proposal Vendor further confirms that all TIPS Pricing includes the TIPS Administration Fee and Vendor will not show adding the TIPS Administration Fee as a charge or line-item in any TIPS Sale.

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**3** **TIPS Member Access to Vendor Proposal & Documentation**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

Notwithstanding any other information provided in this solicitation or Vendor designation of certain documentation as confidential or proprietary, Vendor's submission of this proposal constitutes Vendor's express consent to the disclosure of Vendor's comprehensive proposal, including any information deemed confidential or proprietary, **to TIPS Members**. The proposing Vendor agrees that TIPS shall not be responsible or liable for any use or distribution of information or documentation to TIPS Members or by TIPS Members. By submitting this proposal, Vendor certifies the foregoing.

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**4** **Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

By submission of this proposal, the Vendor certifies that:

- 1) This proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other entity, bidder, or with any competitor;
- 2) This proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids, or proposals for this project, to any other bidder, competitor or potential competitor;
- 3) No attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to modify, submit, or not to submit a bid or proposal; and
- 4) The person signing this bid or proposal certifies that they are duly authorized to execute this proposal/contract on behalf of Vendor and they have fully informed themselves 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;

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

**5** **This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

By submission of this bid or proposal, Vendor certifies under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

(1) I am duly authorized to execute this proposal/contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Vendor) identified herein;

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

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

(4) Neither I nor any representative of Vendor 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.

**4** **Limitation on Out-of-State Litigation - Texas Business and Commerce Code § 272**

**6** **This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

Texas Business and Commerce Code § 272 prohibits a construction contract, or an agreement collateral to or affecting the construction contract, from containing a provision making the contract or agreement, or any conflict arising under the contract or agreement, subject to another state's law, litigation in the courts of another state, or arbitration in another state. If included in Texas construction contracts, such provisions are voidable by a party obligated by the contract or agreement to perform the work.

By submission of this proposal, Vendor acknowledges this law and ***if Vendor enters into a construction contract with a Texas TIPS Member*** under this procurement, Vendor certifies compliance.

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

**7** **This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

TIPS provides the required TIPS Confidentiality Claim Form in the "Attachments" section of this solicitation. Vendor must execute this form by either signing and waiving any confidentiality claim, or designating portions of Vendor's proposal confidential. If Vendor considers any portion of Vendor's proposal to be confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 Texas Gov't Code or other law(s) and orders, Vendor must have identified the claimed confidential materials through proper execution of the Confidentiality Claim Form.

If TIPS receives a public information act or similar request, any responsive documentation not deemed confidential by you in this manner will be automatically released. For Vendor documents deemed confidential by you in this manner, 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, including Attorney General determination and opinion.

Notwithstanding any other Vendor designation of Vendor's proposal as confidential or proprietary, Vendor's submission of this proposal constitutes Vendor's agreement that proper execution of the required TIPS Confidentiality Claim Form is the only way to assert any portion of Vendor's proposal as confidential.



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**Non-Discrimination Statement and Certification**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law, all U.S. Departments, including but not limited to the USDA, USDE, FEMA, 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 federal funds (not all bases apply to all programs).

Vendor certifies that Vendor will comply with applicable Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity provisions set forth in TIPS Member Customers' policies and other regulations at the local, state, and federal levels of governments.

Yes, I certify (Yes)

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**Limitation of Vendor Indemnification and Similar Clauses**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

TIPS, a department of Region 8 Education Service Center, a political subdivision, and local government entity of the State of Texas, is prohibited from indemnifying third-parties (pursuant to the Article 3, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution) except as otherwise specifically provided for by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Article 3, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution states that "no debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State ... " and the Texas Attorney General has opined that a contractually imposed obligation of indemnity creates a "debt" in the constitutional sense. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. MW-475 (1982). Thus, contract clauses which require TIPS to indemnify Vendor, pay liquidated damages, pay attorney's fees, waive Vendor's liability, or waive any applicable statute of limitations must be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas."

Does Vendor agree?

Yes, I Agree (Yes)

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**Alternative Dispute Resolution Limitations**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

TIPS, a department of Region 8 Education Service Center, a political subdivision, and local government entity of the State of Texas, does not agree to binding arbitration as a remedy to dispute and no such provision shall be permitted in this Agreement with TIPS. Vendor agrees that any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, except those specifically and expressly waived or negotiated within this Agreement, may be subject to non-binding mediation at the request of either party to be conducted by a mutually agreed upon mediator as prerequisite to the filing of any lawsuit arising out of or related to this Agreement. Mediation shall be held in either Camp or Titus County, Texas. Agreements reached in mediation will be subject to the approval by the Region 8 ESC's Board of Directors, authorized signature of the Parties if approved by the Board of Directors, and, once approved by the Board of Directors and properly signed, shall thereafter be enforceable as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Does Vendor agree?

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**1** **No Waiver of TIPS Immunity**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

Vendor agrees that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign or government immunity; nor constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to Region 8 Education Service Center or its TIPS Department. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to Region 8 Education Service Center or its TIPS Department under this Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel.

Does Vendor agree?

Yes, Vendor agrees (Yes)

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**2** **Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause**

**This is a requirement of the TIPS Contract and is non-negotiable.**

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

Funding-Out Clause: Vendor agrees to abide by the applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to Texas Local Government Code § 271.903, or any other statutory or regulatory limitation of the jurisdiction of any TIPS Member, which requires that 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.

Does Vendor agree?

Yes, Vendor agrees (Yes)

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**3** **Certification Regarding Prohibition of Certain Terrorist Organizations (Tex. Gov. Code 2270)**

Vendor certifies that Vendor is not a company identified on the Texas Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State.

Does Vendor certify?

Yes

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**4** **Certification Regarding Prohibition of Boycotting Israel (Tex. Gov. Code 2271)**

If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement or any agreement with a TIPS Member under this procurement has value of \$100,000 or more, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Vendor certifies, where applicable, that neither the Vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of Vendor, if any, boycotts Israel, and Vendor agrees that Vendor and Vendor Companies will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "boycott" shall mean and include refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

When applicable, does Vendor certify?

Yes

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**Certification Regarding Prohibition of Contracts with Certain Foreign-Owned Companies (Tex. Gov. Code 2274)**

Certain public entities are prohibited from entering into a contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure that would grant Vendor direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in this state, excluding access specifically allowed by a customer for product warranty and support purposes.

Vendor certifies that neither it nor its parent company nor any affiliate of Vendor or its parent company, is (1) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; (2) a company or other entity, including governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; or (3) headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country.

For purposes of this certification, "critical infrastructure" means "a communication infrastructure system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system, or water treatment facility." Vendor certifies that Vendor will not grant direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, except for product warranty and support purposes, to prohibited individuals, companies, or entities, including governmental entities, owned, controlled, or headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country, as determined by the Governor.

When applicable, does Vendor certify?

Yes

**5 Certification Regarding Prohibition of Discrimination Against Firearm and Ammunition Industries (Tex.  
6 Gov. Code 2274)**

If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has at least ten (10) full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement with certain public entities have a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds; (d) the Agreement is not excepted under Tex. Gov. Code 2274 and (e) the purchasing public entity has determined that Vendor is not a sole-source provider or the purchasing public entity has not received any bids from a company that is able to provide this written verification, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required.

Vendor certifies that Vendor, or association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary parent company, or affiliate of these entities or associations, that exists to make a profit, does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate during the term of this contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

For purposes of this Agreement, “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” shall mean, with respect to the entity or association, to: “(1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.”

“Discrimination against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” does not include: “(1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (2) a company’s refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency, or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity’s or association’s status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.”

When applicable, does Vendor certify?

Yes

**Certification Regarding Termination of Contract for Non-Compliance (Tex. Gov. Code 552.374)**

If Vendor is not a governmental body and (a) this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement with a public entity has a stated expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by certain public entities; or (b) this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement results in the expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by certain public entities in their fiscal year, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required.

As required by Tex. Gov. Code 552.374, the following statement is included in the RFP and the Agreement (unless the Agreement is (1) related to the purchase or underwriting of a public security; (2) is or may be used as collateral on a loan; or (3) proceeds from which are used to pay debt service of a public security of loan): "The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this solicitation and Agreement and the Vendor agrees that this Agreement and any applicable Supplemental Agreement can be terminated if Vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter."

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor certifies that Vendor shall: (1) preserve all contracting information related to this Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to TIPS or the purchasing TIPS Member for the duration of the Agreement; (2) promptly provide to TIPS or the purchasing TIPS Member any contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of Vendor on request of TIPS or the purchasing TIPS Member; and (3) on completion of the Agreement, either (a) provide at no cost to TIPS or the purchasing TIPS Member all contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of Vendor, or (b) preserve the contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to TIPS or the purchasing TIPS Member.

When applicable, does Vendor certify?

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**Certification Regarding Prohibition of Boycotting Certain Energy Companies (Tex. Gov. Code 2274)**

If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement with certain public entities has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required.

Vendor certifies that Vendor, or any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of these entities or business associations, if any, do not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Agreement or any applicable Supplemental Agreement.

For purposes of this certification the term "company" shall mean an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, that exists to make a profit.

The term "boycott energy company" shall mean "without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company (a) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law, or (b) does business with a company described by paragraph (a)." (See Tex. Gov. Code 809.001).

When applicable, does Vendor certify?

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**Felony Conviction Notice - Texas Education Code 44.034**

Texas Education Code, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states, "a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony."

Subsection (b) states, "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract."

Subsection (c) states, "This section does not apply to a publicly held corporation."

Vendor certifies one of the following:

- A. My firm is a publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable, or;
- B. My firm is not owned nor operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony, or;
- C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony.

If Vendor responds with Option (C), Vendor is required to provide information in the next attribute.

**60 Felony Conviction Notice - Texas Education Code 44.034 - Continued**

If Vendor selected Option (C) in the previous attribute, Vendor must provide the following information herein:

1. Name of Felon(s)
2. The Felon(s) title/role in Vendor's entity, and
3. Details of Felon(s) Conviction(s).

**61 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Requirement**

Vendor agrees that it has looked up, read, and understood the current version of Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 which generally requires disclosures of conflicts of interests by Vendor hereunder if Vendor:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of our local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of our local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of our local governmental entity.
- (4) Any other financial, commercial, or familial relationship with our local government that may warrant reporting under this statute.

Does Vendor certify that it has NO reportable conflict of interest?

**62 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Requirement - Form CIQ - Continued**

If you responded "No, Vendor does not certify - VENDOR HAS CONFLICT" to the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire question above, you are required by law to fully execute and upload the form attachment entitled "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire - Form CIQ." If you accurately claimed no conflict above, you may disregard the form attachment entitled "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire - Form CIQ."

Have you uploaded this form if applicable?

**63 Upload of Current W-9 Required**

Vendors are required by TIPS to upload a current, accurate W-9 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Form for your entity. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity.

You must confirm that you are responding to this solicitation under your legal entity name. Go now to your Supplier Profile in this eBid System and confirm that your profile reflects your "Legal Name" as it is listed on your W9.

**64 Regulatory Good Standing Certification**

Does Vendor certify that its entity is in good standing with all government entities and agencies, whether local, state, or federal, that regulate any aspect of Vendor's field of work or business operations?

If Vendor selects "No", Vendor must provide explanation on the following attribute question.

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**5** **Regulatory Good Standing Certification - Explanation - Continued**

If Vendor responded to the prior attribute that "No", Vendor is not in good standing, Vendor must provide an explanation of that lack of good standing here for TIPS consideration.

*No response*

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**6** **Instructions Only - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**  
**Instructions for Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**

1. By answering yes to the next Attribute question below, the vendor and prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out herein in accordance with these instructions.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participants," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal" and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction" without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and / or debarment.



**6** **Suspension or Debarment Certification**

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Read the instructions in the attribute above and then answer the following accurately.

Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

Does Vendor certify?

**6** **Vendor Certification of Criminal History - Texas Education Code Chapter 22**

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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 pursuant to this law.

**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.

**Vendor certifies:**

**NONE (Section A):** None of the employees of Vendor 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 Vendor and any subcontractor will not become covered employees. Contractor will maintain these precautions or conditions throughout the time the contracted services are provided under this procurement.

**OR**

**SOME (Section B):** Some or all of the employees of Vendor and any subcontractor are covered employees. If this box is checked, I further certify that: (1) Vendor has obtained all required criminal history record information regarding its covered employees. None of the covered employees has a disqualifying criminal history; (2) If Vendor receives information that a covered employee subsequently has a reported criminal history, Vendor will immediately remove the covered employee from contract duties and notify the purchasing entity in writing within 3 business days; (3) Upon request, Vendor will provide the purchasing entity with the name and any other requested information of covered employees so that the purchasing entity may obtain criminal history record information on the covered employees; (4) If the purchasing entity objects to the assignment of a covered employee on the basis of the covered employee's criminal history record information, Vendor agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the purchasing entity.

Which option does Vendor certify?

**69 Certification Regarding "Choice of Law" Terms with TIPS Members**

Vendor agrees that if any "Choice of Law" provision is included in any sales agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must provide that the "Choice of Law" applicable to the sales agreement/contract between Vendor and TIPS Member shall be the state where the TIPS Member operates unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Choice of Law" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

If Vendor disagrees, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration.

Does Vendor agree?

**70 Certification Regarding "Venue" Terms with TIPS Members**

Vendor agrees that if any "Venue" provision is included in any sales agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must provide that the "Venue" for any litigation or alternative dispute resolution is shall be in the state and county where the TIPS Member operates unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Venue" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

If Vendor disagrees, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration.

Does Vendor agree?

**71 Certification Regarding "Automatic Renewal" Terms with TIPS Members**

Vendor agrees that no TIPS Sale may incorporate an "Automatic Renewal" clause that exceeds month to month terms with which the TIPS Member must comply. All renewal terms incorporated into a TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement shall only be valid and enforceable when Vendor received written confirmation of acceptance of the renewal term from the TIPS Member for the specific renewal term. The purpose of this clause is to avoid a TIPS Member inadvertently renewing a Supplemental 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. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing an "Automatic Renewal" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

If Vendor disagrees, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration.

Does Vendor agree?

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2 Certification Regarding "Indemnity" Terms with TIPS Members**

Texas and other jurisdictions restrict the ability of governmental entities to indemnify others. Vendor agrees that if any "Indemnity" provision which requires the TIPS Member to indemnify Vendor is included in any sales agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause must either be stricken or qualified by including that such indemnity is only permitted, "to the extent permitted by the laws and constitution of [TIPS Member's State]" unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing an "Indemnity" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

If Vendor disagrees, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration.

Does Vendor agree?

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3 Certification Regarding "Arbitration" Terms with TIPS Members**

Vendor agrees that if any "Arbitration" provision is included in any TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause may **not** require that the arbitration is mandatory or binding. Vendor agrees that if any "Arbitration" provision is included in any TIPS Sale agreement/contract between Vendor and a TIPS Member, that clause provides for only voluntary and non-binding arbitration unless the TIPS Member expressly agrees otherwise. Any TIPS Sale Supplemental Agreement containing a "Arbitration" clause that conflicts with these terms is rendered void and unenforceable.

If Vendor disagrees, after this solicitation legally closes and TIPS begins evaluating Vendor's file, TIPS will provide Vendor with a draft Word Document version of the Vendor Agreement and will be instructed to include all requested negotiations as redline edits for TIPS consideration.

Does Vendor agree?

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4 2 CFR PART 200 AND FEDERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS EXPLANATION**

TIPS and TIPS Members will sometimes seek to make purchases with federal funds. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (sometimes referred to as "EDGAR"), Vendor's response to the following questions labeled "2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision" will indicate Vendor's willingness and ability to comply with certain requirements which may be applicable to TIPS purchases paid for with federal funds, if accepted by Vendor.

Your responses to the following questions labeled "2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision" will dictate whether TIPS can list this awarded contract as viable to be considered for a federal fund purchase. **Failure to certify all requirements labeled "2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision" will mean that your contract is listed as not viable for the receipt of federal funds. However, it will not prevent award.**

If you do enter into a TIPS Sale when you are accepting federal funds, the contract between you and the TIPS Member will likely require these same certifications.

**7 5 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Vendor Willingness to Accept Federal Funds**

This certification is not required by federal law. However, TIPS Members are public entities and qualifying non-profits which often receive federal funding and grants (ESSER, CARES Act, EDGAR, etc.) **Accepting such funds often requires additional required certifications and responsibilities for Vendor.** The following attribute questions include these required certifications. Your response to this questions, the following certifications, and other factors will determine whether your contract award will be deemed as eligible for federal fund expenditures by TIPS Members.

If awarded, is Vendor willing to accept payment for goods and services offered under this contract paid for by a TIPS Member with federal funds?

**7 6 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Contracts**

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000 (2 CFR § 200.320), 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 reserve 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?

**7 7 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - 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 reserve 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 reserve 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?

**7** **2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Clean Air Act**

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

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

Does vendor agree?

**7** **2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment**

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

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members require 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 that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).

Does Vendor agree?

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment - Continued**

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

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). 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.

Does Vendor certify that it has NOT lobbied as described herein?

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment - Continued**

If you answered "No, Vendor does not certify - Lobbying to Report" to the above attribute question, you must download, read, execute, and upload the attachment entitled "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - Standard Form - LLL", as instructed, to report the lobbying activities you performed or paid others to perform.

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Federal Rule**

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000)

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members requires the proposer certify that in performance of the contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$250,000, the vendor will be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15).

Does vendor certify compliance?

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### 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Procurement of Recovered Materials

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include: (1) procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; (2) procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

Does vendor certify that it is in compliance with these provisions?

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### 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Rights to Inventions

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

Pursuant to the above, when the foregoing applies to ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award resulting from this procurement process, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in the Federal rule above.

Does vendor certify?

**2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Domestic Preferences for Procurements and Compliance with Buy America Provisions**

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, TIPS Member Customers, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, may provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Vendor agrees that the requirements of this section will be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award. For purposes of 2 CFR Part 200.322, "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. Moreover, for purposes of 2 CFR Part 200.322, "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe, aggregates such as concrete, glass, including optical fiber, and lumber.

Vendor certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy America Act must still follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition. For purposes of 2 CFR Part 200.322,

"Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

"Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that to the greatest extent practicable Vendor will provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

Does Vendor Certify?



**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Ban on Foreign Telecommunications**

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ESC 8 and TIPS Members are prohibited from obligating or expending Federal financial assistance, to include loan or grant funds, to: (1) procure or obtain, (2) extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or (3) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain, equipment, services, or systems that use “covered telecommunications” equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. “Covered telecommunications” equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), and physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure and other national security purposes, and video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities) for the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes detailed in 2 CFR § 200.216.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that Vendor will not purchase equipment, services, or systems that use “covered telecommunications”, as defined by 2 CFR §200.216 equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

Does vendor certify?

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Contract Cost & Price**

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For contracts more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, a TIPS Member may, in very rare circumstances, be required to negotiate profit as a separate element of the price pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.324(b). Under those circumstances, Vendor agrees to provide information and negotiate with the TIPS Member regarding profit as a separate element of the price. However, Vendor certifies that the total price charged by the Vendor shall not exceed the Vendor’s TIPS pricing and pricing terms proposed.

Does Vendor certify?

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Equal Employment Opportunity**

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

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference here.

Does Vendor Certify?

**8 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Davis Bacon Act Compliance**

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

Pursuant to state and federal requirements, Vendor certifies that it will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions if/when applicable.

Does Vendor certify?

**9 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards**

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by ESC 8 and TIPS Members in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts resulting from this procurement process, Vendor will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

Does Vendor certify?

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**2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - FEMA Fund Certification & Certification of Access to Records**

**If and when** Vendor accepts a TIPS purchase paid for in full or part with FEMA funds, Vendor certifies that:

(1) Vendor agrees to provide the TIPS Member, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to and rights to reproduce any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract, or any contract resulting from this procurement, for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents. Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or an authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that no language in this contract or the contract with the TIPS Member is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

(2) The Vendor shall not use the Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.

(3) The Vendor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

(4) The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

(5) The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor's actions pertaining to this contract.

Does Vendor certify?

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**2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Certification of Compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act**

When appropriate and to the extent consistent with the law, Vendor certifies that it will comply with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq; 49 C.F.R. Part 18) and any state mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in applicable state energy conservation plans issued in compliance with the Act.

Does Vendor certify?

**9 3 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Certification of Compliance with Never Contract with the Enemy**

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by ESC 8 and TIPS Members in excess of \$50,000.00, within the period of performance, and which are performed outside of the United States, including U.S. territories, are subject to the regulations implementing Never Contract with the Enemy in 2 CFR part 183. Per 2 CFR part 183, in the situation specified, ESC 8 and TIPS Members shall terminate any contract or agreement resulting from this procurement which violates the Never Contract with the Enemy regulation in 2 CFR part 183, including if Vendor is actively opposing the United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities. Vendor certifies that it is neither an excluded entity under the System for Award Management (SAM) nor Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) for any contract terminated due to Never Contract with the Enemy as a Termination for Material Failure to Comply.

Does Vendor certify?

**9 4 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Certification of Compliance with EPA Regulations**

For contracts resulting from this procurement, in excess of \$100,000.00 and paid for with federal funds, Vendor certifies that Vendor will comply with all applicable standards, orders, regulations, and/or requirements issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 117389 and Environmental Protection Agency Regulation, 40 CFR Part 15.

Does Vendor certify?

**9 5 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Record Retention Requirements**

For contracts resulting from this procurement, paid for by ESC 8 or TIPS Members with federal funds, Vendor certifies that Vendor will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.334. Vendor certifies that Vendor will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.334 for a period of three years after final expenditure or financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

Does Vendor certify?

**9 6 2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - Subcontracting and Affirmative Steps for Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms.**

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

If you respond "Yes", you must respond to the following attribute question accurately. If you respond "No", you may skip the following attribute question.

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**2 CFR Part 200 or Federal Provision - If "Yes" Response to Above Attribute - Continued - Subcontracting and Affirmative Steps for Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms.**

**Only respond to this question if you responded "Yes" to the attribute question directly above. Skip this question if you responded "No" to the attribute question directly above.**

Does Vendor certify that it will follow the following affirmative steps? Federal Regulation 2 CFR §200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. (a)The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

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

Does Vendor certify?

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT & BINDING CORPORATE AUTHORITY**

By submitting this proposal, the individual(s) submitting on behalf of the Vendor certify that they are authorized by Vendor to complete and submit this proposal on behalf of Vendor and that this proposal was duly submitted on behalf of Vendor by authority of its governing body, if any, and within the scope of its corporate powers.

Vendor further certifies that it has read, examined, and understands all portions of this solicitation including but not limited to all attribute questions, attachments, solicitation documents, bid notes, and the Vendor Agreement(s). Vendor certifies that, if necessary, Vendor has consulted with counsel in understanding all portions of this solicitation.

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**TIPS REFERENCE FORM**

All requested information must be typed and uploaded in Excel format. Do not handwrite or upload in any format other than Excel. All information provided must be current and active. Do not include TIPS/Region 8 employees as a reference. The entities that you provide must be current customers, not affiliates/partners/manufacturers/resellers, etc.

You must provide below at least three (3) references from three different entity customers, preferably government or non-profit entities that have purchased goods or services from your vendor entity within the last three years.

Customer Entity Name	Customer Contact Name	Valid Contact Email
Education Service Center Region 11	RJ Rodrigue - Director of Federal Programs and Certifications	<a href="mailto:rrodrigue@esc11.net">rrodrigue@esc11.net</a>
Defense Health Agency (DHA)	Reynaldo Ruiz - Lead Financial Analyst / Contracting Officer	<a href="mailto:Reynaldo.ruiz.civ@health.mil">Reynaldo.ruiz.civ@health.mil</a>
Education Service Center Region 11	Whitney Lawrence, Ph.D. - Director of Performance Management and Data Services	<a href="mailto:wlawrence@esc11.net">wlawrence@esc11.net</a>
Department of Veterans Affairs	Deepali Nayyar - Director of Operations of Partner Management	<a href="mailto:deepali.nayyar@salesforce.com">deepali.nayyar@salesforce.com</a>
Defense Health Agency (DHA)	Daniel Sutherland - Program Manger / Contracting Officer for DOD-CMS Programs	<a href="mailto:daniel.c.sutherland4.civ@health.mil">daniel.c.sutherland4.civ@health.mil</a>
Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)	Justin Caudell - Program Manager/ Contracting Officer	<a href="mailto:justin.l.caudell.civ@mail.mil">justin.l.caudell.civ@mail.mil</a>
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**REQUIRED CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIM FORM**

*(VENDOR MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING VENDOR INFORMATION)*

Vendor Entity Name: Aetos LLC

Vendor Authorized Signatory Name: Jose M. Negrete

Vendor Authorized Signatory Title: CEO

Vendor Authorized Signatory Email: mnegrete@aetosllc.com

Vendor Address: 5310 statice hunt

City: San Antonio State: TX Zip Code: 78253

Vendor agrees that it is voluntarily providing its data (including but not limited to: Vendor information, Vendor documentation, Vendor’s proposal, Vendor pricing submitted or provided to TIPS, TIPS contract documents, TIPS correspondence, Vendor logos and images, Vendor’s contact information, Vendor’s brochures and commercial information, Vendor’s financial information, Vendor’s certifications, and any other Vendor information or documentation submitted to TIPS by Vendor and its agents) (Hereinafter, “Vendor Data”) to TIPS. Vendor understands and agrees that TIPS is a government entity subject to public information laws including but not limited to Texas Government Code (TGC) Chapter 552. Vendor agrees that regardless of confidentiality designations herein, Vendor’s submission of a proposal constitutes Vendor’s consent to the disclosure and release of Vendor’s Data and comprehensive proposal, including any information deemed confidential or proprietary herein, to and by TIPS Members.

Notwithstanding the foregoing permissible release to TIPS Members, if Vendor considers any portion of Vendor’s proposal to be otherwise confidential and not subject to public disclosure pursuant to public information laws, including but not limited to TGC Chapter 552, Vendor must properly execute **Option 1 only** below, attach to this PDF all documents and information that Vendor deems confidential, and upload the consolidated documentation. Regardless of the Option selected below, this form must be completed and uploaded to the “Response Attachments” section of the eBid System entitled “Required Confidentiality Claim Form.” Execution and submission of this form is the sole indicator of whether Vendor considers any Vendor Data confidential in the event TIPS receives a request, a Public Information Request, or subpoena. If TIPS receives a request, any responsive documentation not deemed confidential by you through proper execution of Option 1 of this form will be automatically released. For information deemed confidential by you through proper execution of Option 1 of this form, TIPS will follow procedures of controlling statute(s) regarding withholding that documentation and shall not be liable for any release of information required by law, including Attorney General opinion or court order.

*(VENDOR MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS AND UPLOAD IN THE EBID SYSTEM)*

**OPTION 1 – DESIGNATING CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS – YES, VENDOR HAS ATTACHED CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS**

*(Confirm each bullet point and sign below)*

- Vendor claims some Vendor Data confidential to the extent permitted by TGC Chapter 552 and other applicable law.
- Vendor attached to this PDF all potentially confidential Vendor Data and listed the number of attached pages below.
- Vendor’s authorized signatory has signed below and shall upload this document in the proper location in the eBid System.
- Vendor agrees that TIPS shall not be liable for any release of confidential information required by law.

Number of pages attached deemed confidential: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 2 – WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY – NO, VENDOR HAS NOT ATTACHED CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS**

*(Confirm each bullet point and sign below)*

By signing for Option 2 below, Vendor expressly waives any confidentiality claim for all Vendor Data submitted in relation to this proposal and resulting contract. Vendor confirms that TIPS may freely release Vendor Data submitted in relation to this proposal or resulting contract to any requestor. Vendor agrees that TIPS shall not be responsible or liable for any use or distribution of Vendor Data by TIPS or TIPS Members.

- Vendor’s authorized signatory has signed below and shall upload this document in the proper location in the eBid System.
- Vendor agrees that TIPS shall not be liable for any release of confidential information required by law.

Authorized Signature: Jose M Negrete Digitally signed by Jose M Negrete  
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## **VENDOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

TIPS permits Vendors to submit supplemental documentation and information (“Vendor Supplemental Information”) with their proposals to display to TIPS Member Customers their qualifications, offerings, and special terms. The following documents are for marketing and informational purposes only. They are not terms of Vendor’s TIPS Contract. If the Vendor Supplemental Information herein contains any warranties, terms, or conditions, the TIPS Member Customer may review and determine whether or not those are applicable and acceptable for any TIPS purchase before proceeding. If the Vendor Supplemental Information contains any licenses or certificates, TIPS encourages the TIPS Member Customer to ensure current accuracy at the time of a TIPS purchase.

# Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certificate



Certificate/VID Number: **1320599180800**  
Approval Date: **August 6, 2021**  
Scheduled Expiration Date: **August 31, 2023**

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the  
SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL CERTIFICATION AGENCY (SCTRCA)  
and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), the CPA hereby certifies that

## **Aetos LLC**

has successfully met the established requirements of the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program to be recognized as a HUB. This certificate printed **August 6, 2021**, supersedes any registration and certificate previously issued by the HUB Program. If there are any changes regarding the information (i.e., business structure, ownership, day-to-day management, operational control, addresses, phone and fax numbers or authorized signatures) provided in the submission of the business; application for registration/certification into SCTRCA's program, you must immediately (within 30 days of such changes) notify SCTRCA's program in writing. The CPA reserves the right to conduct a compliance review at any time to confirm HUB eligibility. HUB certification may be suspended or revoked upon findings of ineligibility. If your firm ceases to remain certified in SCTRCA's program, you must apply and become certified through the State of Texas HUB program to maintain your HUB certification.

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*Statewide HUB Program  
Statewide Procurement Division*

Note: In order for State agencies and institutions of higher education (universities) to be credited for utilizing this business as a HUB, they must award payment under the Certificate/VID Number identified above. Agencies, universities and prime contractors are encouraged to verify the company's HUB certification prior to issuing a notice of award by accessing the Internet (<https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/tpasscmbsearch/index.jsp>) or by contacting the HUB Program at **512-463-5872** or toll-free in Texas at **1-888-863-5881**.

# South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency of Bexar County, Texas hereby duly affirms that:

## Aetos LLC

has successfully met the established requirements of SCTRCA's Business Enterprise Certification Program to be certified as a

**\*DIBE ESBE HABE MBE SBE VBE**

### Certified NAICS Codes

NAICS 518210: DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING, AND RELATED SERVICES  
NAICS 541430: GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES  
NAICS 541511: CUSTOM COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SERVICES  
NAICS 541512: COMPUTER SYSTEMS DESIGN SERVICES  
NAICS 541513: COMPUTER FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
NAICS 541519: OTHER COMPUTER RELATED SERVICES  
NAICS 541611: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES  
NAICS 541618: OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES



Certification Number: 221081374

Effective Date: August 6, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2023

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Charles Johnson  
Executive Director

Note: This certificate is the property of the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency and may be revoked should the above named firm graduate from or fails to comply with SCTRCA's Business Enterprise Program. A Certification Renewal Application is required every two years.



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Center for Verification and Evaluation  
Washington DC 20420**

6/1/2022  
In Reply Refer To: **00VE**

Mr. Jose M. Negrete  
Aetos LLC  
SAM UEI: FXEHYJUAZHA4  
5310 Statice Hunt  
San Antonio, TX 78253

Dear Mr. Negrete:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE), I am writing to inform you that your application for reverification has been approved. Aetos LLC will remain eligible to participate in Veterans First Contracting Program opportunities with VA as a verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB).

**This verification is valid for three (3) years from the date of this letter.** Please retain a copy of this letter to confirm Aetos LLC's continued program eligibility in accordance with 38 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) § 74.12. You may reapply 120 days prior to your new expiration date by logging into <https://www.vetbiz.va.gov/>.

To promote Aetos LLC's verified status, you may use the following link to download the logo for use on your marketing materials and business cards: [https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/docs/cve\\_completed\\_s.jpg](https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/docs/cve_completed_s.jpg). In addition, please access the following link for information on next steps and opportunities for verified businesses: <http://www.va.gov/osdbu/verification/whatsNext.asp>.

While CVE has confirmed that Aetos LLC is presently, as of the issuance of this notice, in compliance with the regulation, Aetos LLC must inform CVE of any changes or other circumstances that would adversely affect its eligibility. Eligibility changes not reported to CVE within 30 days could result in a referral to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), a referral to the Debarment and Suspension Committee, and the initiation of cancellation proceedings—all of which could result in Aetos LLC being removed from the VIP Verification Program.

Please be advised all verified businesses may be required to participate in one or more post-verification audits at CVE's discretion. Additionally, this letter and other information pertaining to Aetos LLC's verification application may be subject to Freedom

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Enabling Veteran Business Opportunities by Protecting the Veteran Advantage - One Vet at a Time"*

of Information Act (FOIA) requests. However, FOIA disclosures include exceptions regarding the personal privacy of individuals, and VA policy similarly provides limitations on the release of individuals records.

If Aetos LLC receives a negative size determination from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), CVE must act in accordance with 38 CFR § 74.2(e). Also note, if at any time Aetos LLC discovers that it fails to meet the size standards for any NAICS Code(s) listed on its VIP profile, CVE requires such NAICS Code(s) be removed within five (5) business days. If these NAICS Codes are not removed within the allotted five (5) business days, CVE may request SBA conduct a formal size determination. In addition, CVE may initiate a referral to OIG, a referral to the Debarment and Suspension Committee and pursue cancellation proceedings. All of the aforementioned referrals and procedures could result in Aetos LLC being removed from the VIP Verification Program.

Thank you for your service to our country and for continuing to serve America through small business ownership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Perkins  
Director  
Center for Verification and Evaluation

# Change Made Easy

RhyBus is a change management and workflow automation platform. We help make your organization efficient by re-thinking your business process, improving employee collaboration, and making activities transparent and compliant.

## SOLUTION AREAS

- Workflow Automation & Efficiency
- Change Management & Transformation
- Compliance & Audit
- Executive Dashboards
- Machine Learning & Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
- System Integration and Optimization
- Remote Access, Work from anywhere



**32** LARGE SCALE PROJECTS

**OVER 1M**

**USERS**



## VALUE AT-A-GLANCE

Affordable workflow automation customized to *your* process and policies.

Built with technology you may already own.

Highly intuitive, thus no costly training.

No dedicated admin needed.

Base functional product delivered in 3-6 months.

Our solutions allow you to become efficient, informed, compliant, and ready to enable your remote resources.

Available for direct buy on BuyBoard, NASA SEWP.

## KEY FEATURES

- ✓ Robotic process automation, reducing data entry errors
- ✓ Auto-validation and verification
- ✓ Integrated knowledge management
- ✓ In-place collaboration
- ✓ Two-click productivity model
- ✓ Role-based process control
- ✓ Process approval & status
- ✓ Automatic alerts & notifications
- ✓ Dashboard, metrics, & KPIs
- ✓ Bot data integration
- ✓ Integration with Power BI

## RhyBus focuses on improving processes for companies in any industry

We believe in customer empathy, and deeply understand our customers' business challenges to deliver innovation. Our integrated solutions are a true 'Workflow as a Service' with robotic process automation (RPA) capabilities that streamline processes end-to-end.

Dashboard metrics and machine learning (ML) bots are an integral part of each solution. At RhyBus, everything we do is focused on customer success and outstanding total cost of ownership (TCO) as we simplify large-scale, complex processes on schedule.

## Enabling flexible platform options

Familiar workflows are translated into familiar platforms like Azure and AWS, reducing your need for training and dedicated administrative resources. Because you may already own licenses to these platforms, the solutions are less expensive to deploy and will expand as you grow. RhyBus has no per-user license charges so you can grow and scale.



## Offering a unique principles & capabilities

Unlike other product-centered companies, our solutions are **entirely custom**. Our core principles include: **prioritizing customer outcomes first**; **assigning functional empathy** to the product so every feature has a purpose, all optimized around **controlled total cost of ownership**. Reduced TCO is achieved without bloated consulting fees, licensing costs, or heavy administration commitments.

## Air Force Financial Management Case Study



The Air Force was experiencing financial oversight in its management programs of civilian pay, military pay, travel pay, banking, and various other business functions. The agency also lacked efficient collaboration and communication with the 77 base-level financial services offices.

RhyBus helped the Air Force to streamline and increase financial management support for the agency and the base-level financial service offices. The CSP created many features and transparency between entities through the life cycle, documentation upload, archival, and discussion functionalities.

## UNIQUE METHODOLOGIES

- ✓ Needs Assessment
- ✓ Functional Empathy & Discovery
- ✓ Agile Development
- ✓ Custom App Development
- ✓ CSAT Multi-Step Measures
- ✓ Enhancements Roadmap

## OUR 3-STEP PROCESS

- ✓ **IMPLEMENT:** Deployments are typically launched within 3-6 months.
- ✓ **MATURE & STABILIZE:** After launch, there is continued refinement around your feedback.
- ✓ **EXPAND:** We'll develop a roadmap together, so you'll always have a growth plan.

## CREDENTIALS & CLASSIFICATIONS

- ✓ SBA Certified 8(a)
- ✓ SDVOSB CVE Certified
- ✓ MBE/DBE Certified
- ✓ HUB certified
- ✓ DIR & Buy Board Vendor
- ✓ Small Business Classification
- ✓ Top Secret Facility Clearance
- ✓ DUNS# 117052424
- ✓ CAGE Code: 8BJK8
- ✓ SAM UEI: FXEHYJUAZHA4
- ✓ NAICS Code: Primary – 541512, Others – 541511, 541513, 541519, 518210, 541715, 541430

## Solving the rhythm of business (ROB) challenge

Before automating your ROB, your process must be matured. Part of our approach is to help you advance your processes, so you not only automate *repetitive* tasks but enable seamless collaboration between teams while validating entries, so errors are caught before they enter the system. RhyBus also solves for knowledge transfer within a ROB, by capturing actions step-by-step in a personalized Knowledge Base that stores insight over time, so nothing is lost when an organization changes.



### DIGITAL OFFICE

- ✦ Collaborate across distant teams
- ✦ Integrate content, eForms and policy standards
- ✦ Engage continuously with your Knowledgebase



### PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

- ✦ Review current as-is model
- ✦ Develop user and role-based process flows
- ✦ Architect future process model, functionally



### CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- ✦ Articulate process innovation
- ✦ Add institutionalized knowledge
- ✦ Digitally transform organizations



### WORKFLOW AS A SERVICE

- ✦ Track processes end-to-end
- ✦ Verify data and redact for privacy
- ✦ Get timely alerts and notifications



### AUDIT & COMPLIANCE

- ✦ Apply governance, policy standards
- ✦ Regulatory procedures w/validation
- ✦ Compliance reports and metrics



### DASHBOARDS

- ✦ Track key performance indicators
- ✦ Integrate process data & metrics
- ✦ Spot trends with key indicators
- ✦ Facilitate better decisions

## BUSINESS SUMMARY & REFERENCES

RhyBus' capabilities and business focus stem from deep technical foundation with Microsoft technologies. Founded in 2006, by Microsoft Alumni, the company is well known within the US Army Medical Command, Air Force Central Command, the US Department of Education, the Department of Interior, and World Bank. Our staff and management team brings over 50 years' experience and subject matter expertise in Workflow, Financial Management Systems, and Customer Service.

RhyBus has successfully been adopted by 140+ companies and organizations worldwide in an array of organizations including:



## TESTIMONIALS

*"The process has exceeded my expectations. What I appreciated most about the approach is the time they take to completely understand the process prior to any technical solution being developed and not focus on just the technical solution. Because of this approach, the product we received is better than I envisioned when we started this project."*

*"The most important part of any project is thinking through the process. If they had simply given me what I originally requested, without taking the time to discuss all aspects of the process, we would not have the quality product that was delivered."*

*The team worked determinedly to modify the product quickly. Often, we would provide feedback in the afternoon and by the next day or two, all adjustments we requested had been made. I have enjoyed working with this company to develop automated solutions for my organization. They worked hard to ensure we were completely satisfied." -Dept of Defense Customer*



Schedule your demo or request a storyboard by clicking on the QR code.





Aetos LLC is an SBA Certified 8(a), CVE Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and Minority Owned Business (MBE).

Aetos provides information technology solutions focused on building a business that is customer-centered and performance-oriented. We understand that your company mission is critical, therefore, we work with you to develop and implement your mission requirements, all along saving you both time and resources.

Providing world-class **IT Solutions** and **Products** to world-class organizations.

At Aetos, we are committed to understanding the customer first—the mission, the concerns, the priorities and fiscal realities. We actively listen and communicate effectively with clients to completely understand their unique needs.

#### Federal Certifications

- VA (CVE) Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned SB
- Small Disadvantaged Business
- Minority Owned Business
- SBA Certified 8(a)

#### State/Local Certifications

- DIBE, ESBE, HABE, MBE, SBE, VBE
- HUB

#### Business Registration

- Cage: 8BJK8
- SAM UEI: FXEHYJUAZHA4
- DUNS: 117052424
- Management (SAM) Registered
- DCAA Approved Accounting System
- Top Secret Facility Clearance

#### Current Customers:

- Depart of VA, USAF, DCMA, DHA, NIWC, MEDCOM, DOE(EIA), DHS, Texas DIR, TXDOT

#### NAICS

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#### Information Technology



## Why Aetos?



### Technology Agnostic

Our agnostic approach allows us to concentrate on tailoring creative solutions that best fit our client's needs.



### Proven Track Record

Over a decade providing quality IT services to both government and commercial sector clients in a variety of industries.



### Strong Partner Network

We have established successful partnerships with multiple organizations to furnish our clients with high-quality solutions.



### Excellent Customer Service

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### Employee Retention

Ability to retain talent by providing a positive workplace, competitive salary, benefits and opportunities for growth & advancement.



### Knowledgeable Expertise

Our talented professionals and in-house SME's supply a broad range of IT experience and valuable services to fulfill your unique needs.

## Our Services

### Enterprise IT/Health IT Services:

- Cloud Architecture, Migrations, & Development
- IT Consulting & Solution Architecture
- Software Development
- System Integration & Modernization
- DevSecOps
- Enterprise Application Support
- Data Optimization & Data Migrations
- Data Analytics & Custom Dashboards/Reports
- IT Service Management & Operations Support
- Microsoft 365, Microsoft Dynamics, Salesforce
- IT Cloud Infrastructure Azure and AWS
- Records Management

### Program Management Support:

- Program & Project Management
- Governance & Compliance
- Business Process Reengineering
- Change Management
- Training & Skill Development
- Strategic Planning & Business Intelligence

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## CAPABILITIES PRESENTATION



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- Software Development
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- Data Analytics & Custom Dashboards / Reports
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## 1. Requirements Analysis

Identify and build a team of stakeholders and SME's that work to understanding the clients needs.

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## 2. Design

Drive processes and requirements into definable specs following an established design language.

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## 3. Development

Translate the specs feature work into definable development tasks to build out the feature areas within the project.

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## 4. Testing

Testing at the end of sprints and milestones drives quality and ensures the feature set delivery to the customers.

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## 5. Deployment

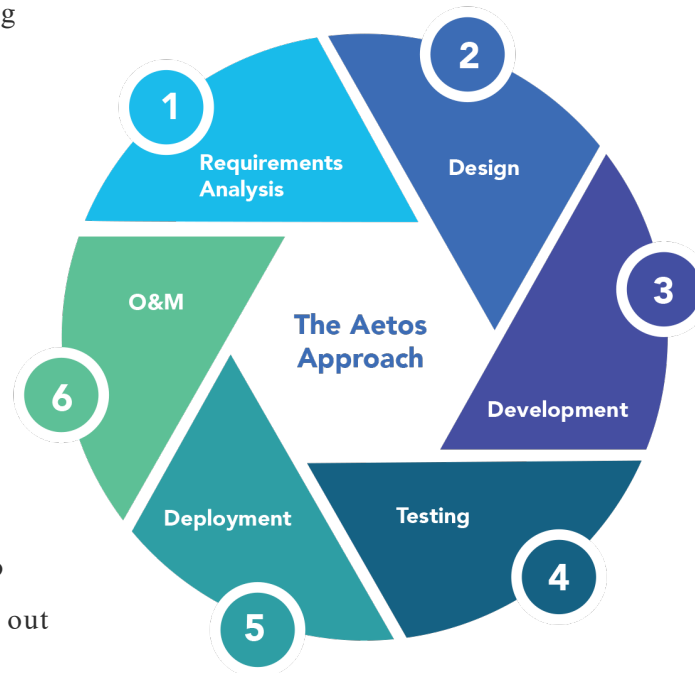
Encompasses all required processes for deploying new software or hardware to production environment.

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## 6. Training and Sustainment

Incorporate sustainment work into existing project schedules to ensure high priority requests are completed and delivered.

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# CUSTOMERS

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- Dept of Veteran Affairs (VA)
- Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)
- US Air Force
- TX Health Human Services (HHSC)
- TX Dept of Transportation (TXDOT)
- US Army Medical Command (MEDCOM)
- Defense Health Agency (DHA)
- Education Center of Texas (ESC)
- USAA
- Skipcart
- Whataburger
- Engineering Consulting Services



# Customer Projects

## Skipcart:

- **Background** – Development Support for custom API integration and mobile application
- **Key Features** – API Integration, Google ODRD integration, Custom UI
- **Measure of Success** - The acquisition of Skipcart by Corporate Business as an internal entity to manage their delivery fleet served as a measure of success for the company. This indicated the value and potential of Skipcart's technology and integration capabilities.

## Whataburger:

- **Background** – Development of the online ordering system. This involved various aspects such as creating Azure Functions to measure performance and cost per request independently. Additionally, our team worked on improving the online presence by building it as a single-page app, aiming to enhance performance and reduce latency per request.
- **Key Features** – Xamarin, Restful API, Customer Database, Custom UI
- **Measure of Success** - The successful development and implementation of the online ordering system at Whataburger, along with the use of efficient technologies like Azure Functions and Xamarin, served as a measure of success. The improved performance, reduced latency, and seamless integration of APIs contributed to a better user experience for customers.

# Resources, Education, and Advocacy for Children Experiencing Homelessness (The REACH Project)

## Background:

- The Education Service Center of Texas Region 11 under the direction of the McKinney Vento Act, provides training and support to students and their families that are experiencing homelessness and in need of assistance. The challenges that ESC r11 faced was not having a centralized system available for students and families in need to request and receive assistance in a timely manner.
- For ESC r11 staff, there was no system in place to track students' attendance, grades and disciplinary actions or effectively manage students request for assistance resulting in delays for students/families to obtain support.
- Labor intensive manual processes were used to track student grades, attendance and disciplinary actions which resulted in inaccurate data and high dropout rates for students.

## Resolution:

- The REACH website is a centralized online platform as well as a knowledge base serving both students, their families and ESC staff.
- Students and families can request assistance right from the website that automatically sends a request to the ESC staff for immediate assistance.
- ESC Staff now have the tools to effectively track and manage students and ensure they stayed enrolled in school.

## Measurement of Success:

- In first year of website, ESC r11 saw a 90% increase in performance and satisfactory.
- The Reach Program will be expanded to 7 additional school districts for the 2023/24 school year.
- The Reach Program will also be expanding capability to mobile devices.

## Additional Information:

- Here is a background to the McKinney Vento Act & REACH Program: <https://youtu.be/sZahvIBaop0>
- Here is link to REACH website: [REACH Website](#)

**With over 1.5 million students experiencing homelessness across the United States,** it has never been more evident that our most vulnerable students need our support now more than ever. The REACH Project is a coalition of districts and public charter schools across North Texas dedicated to educating and advocating for students experiencing homelessness.



### **Mission**

The REACH project team will compassionately support families and students through district and community partnerships.

### **Vision**

Build sustainable partnerships to positively influence promotive and protective factors for healthy development and well-being of students experiencing homelessness.

[Register](#)

[Login](#)

# Comptroller Service Portal (CSP)

## Problem:

- Air Force Financial Management needed to manage pay issues and travel tickets with accountability and transparency
- The only reporting method was an in-office customer service lobby or via phone/email and there was no standard protocol, tracking of issues or means of escalation to proper parties
- Personnel info was not easily accessible or transferrable
- Issue resolution was extremely time-consuming

## Resolution:

- Comptroller Services Portal is a centralized services platform as well as a knowledge base.
- Air Force employees can create Inquiries, which are a means to report issues with Civilian Pay, Accounting, Military Pay, Budget and Travel (TDY)
- Airmen have individual profiles which contain their personal/professional information as well as any documents they may want to be kept with their profile to be accessible from any location

## Measurement of Success:

- There are an estimated 5,000 elevated users/customer service personnel within 80 USAF bases
- Inquiries based on location population range from 2,500-5,000 monthly Expecting expansion to 300 locations within approximately 3-5 years

## Additional Information:

- Here is a link to the press release from the Air Force: <https://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/FM-Resources/Comptroller-Services-Portal/>
- Here is the URL to the CSP: <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/SAFFMCSP/portal/>

# Comptroller Service Portal (CSP)



CREATE INQUIRY

Site Admin

PROFILE

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# AFIMSC/RM Due Outs Tool

## Problem:

- Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Resource Management Directorate (AFIMSC/RM) lacked oversight in management of its financial management programs of civilian pay, military pay, travel pay, banking, and various other business functions
- AFIMSC/RM lacked efficient collaboration/communication methodology with the 77-plus base-level financial services offices (FSO). AFIMSC/RM personnel tasked FSO personnel via organizational inboxes. Consequently, many tasks' requests went unanswered for various reasons to include changed or invalid email addresses, delayed responses from FSO and inability to track turnover in leadership and office personnel
- AFIMSC/RM had no visibility of assigned taskers to the FSOs to track progress by various statuses such as not started, in progress, completed or overdue

## Resolution:

- The Due Out Tool (DOT) streamlined and increased task management oversight for the AFIMSC/RM directorate and the baselevel FSO personnel
- Provided transparency between AFIMSC/RM and the FSO functional area owners and leadership through the lifecycle, documentation upload, and discussion functionalities

## Measurement of Success:

- The Due Out Tool currently supports an estimated 2.9K financial managers and technicians across the Air Force; expecting expansion to other DoD agencies in the next 3-5 years
- 50% Increased response rate from the base-level financial services offices.

## Additional Information:

- Here is an article from af.mil on the tool: <https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2036451/afimsc-innovation-streamlines-comptroller-tasking-process/>
- Here is the URL to the DOT Portal: <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/RMSO/rmportal/dueouts/>

# AFIMSC/RM Due Outs Tool



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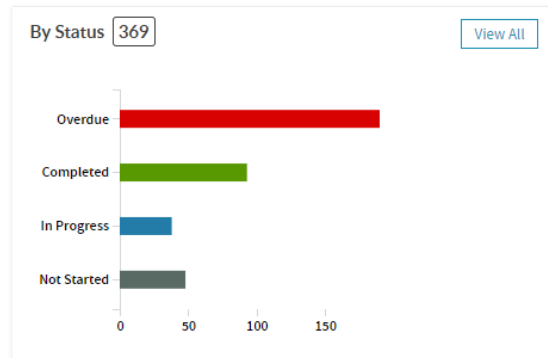
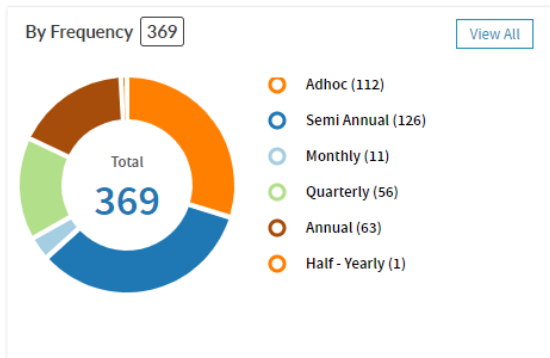
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# Cyber Issuance Tracker Tool (CyOC)

## Problem:

- DHA/NIWC did not have an automated process for managing Cyber vulnerabilities & Cyber Taskers received from JFHQ DoDIN, DoD CIO, USCYBERCOM.
- Cyber taskers were sent via email and status tracked using Excel spreadsheets requiring Cyber Team to perform laborintensive processes to manage and track taskers.
- The Cyber Operations Center Team was unable to meet regulatory compliancy as required by USCYBERCOM.

## Resolution:

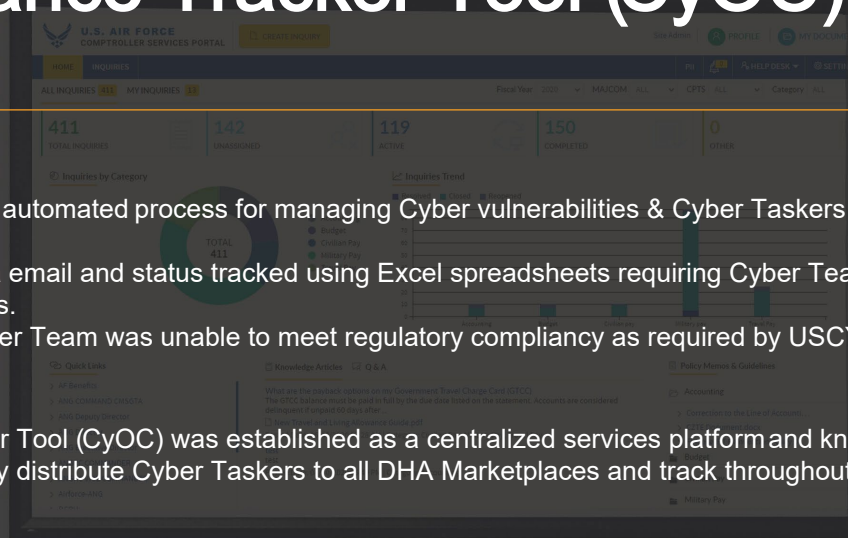
- The Cyber Issuance Tracker Tool (CyOC) was established as a centralized services platform and knowledge base to allow the Cyber Operations Center to quickly distribute Cyber Taskers to all DHA Marketplaces and track throughout the tasker lifecycle until completion/resolution.

## Measurement of Success:

- Full visibility of Cyber Issuances and Taskers across 350 organizations, 800+ systems and over 2000 users across DHA/NIWC.
- Centralize location for all DHA Marketplaces to collaborate on Cyber Issuances integrating teams that previously did not have access to CyOC.
- The CyOC tool has allowed the Cyber Operations Center to meet regulator compliancy.

## Additional Information:

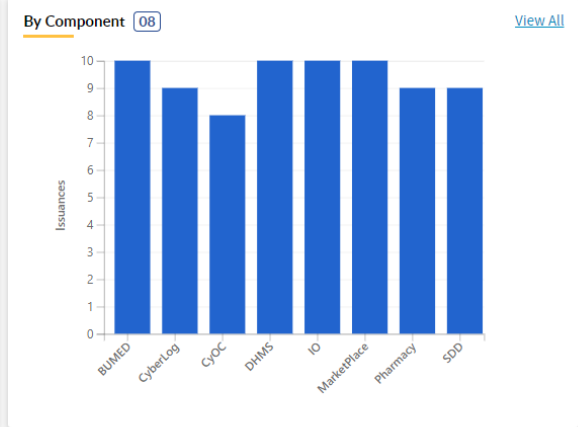
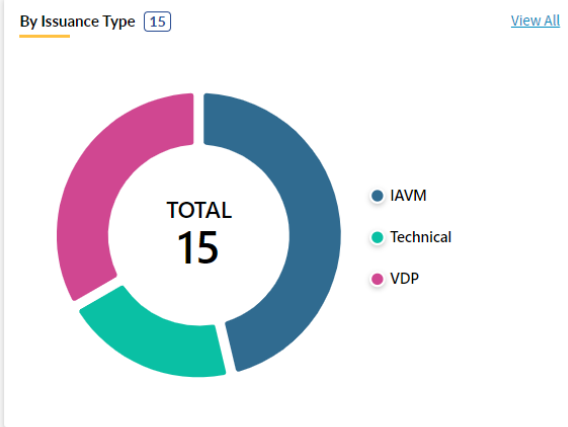
- Here is URL to the CYOC Tool: <https://info.health.mil/dadio/InfoSec/CyOC/CyOCIT/SitePages/Home.aspx>



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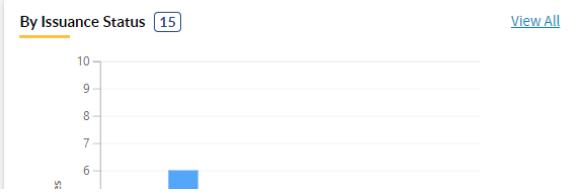


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Issuance Title	Suspense Date
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# MEDCOM AutoSCARB

## Problem:

- Service Contract, SCARB committee process, QA, summary reports, and Resource Management and Awards were all manual processes, laboriously typed up, and mostly email-based
- Approval time took months even with no rework and there was no true loss prevention

## Resolution:

- One centralized location for data review, workflow processes, and collaboration
- Include certain Process Owners who have more control and visibility, time to provide proactive strategic and tactical guidance, and improve quality of submitted packages
- Checklists ensure that the correct documents are included prior to submission
- All parties may engage in discussions and provide timely responses to push items ahead
- Process Owners can validate and improve the quality of submitted packages
- Create a SCARB Committee meeting summary instantaneously instead of in person monthly review
- Full visibility of current status throughout approval process
- Fully integrated reporting capability to track funding

## Measurement of Success:

- \$100m in cost savings by aggregate service contracts.
- 86% reduction in approval time from 150+ days to > 21 days on average.
- 96% reduction in submitted packet errors from over 50+ to > 3 error on average.
- 300 Expecting expansion to locations throughout MEDCOM within approximately 3-5 years starting with Pacific Regional AutoSCARB to be used throughout MEDCOM Pacific Region including Hawaii, Korea, Japan, Alaska, Washington and California locations.

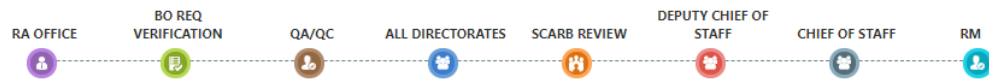
## Additional Information:

- Here is the URL for AUTOSCARB: <https://mitc.amedd.army.mil/sites/medcombusoffice/scarbprocess/SitePages/Home.aspx>

# MEDCOM AutoSCARB



## ARMY MEDICINE SCARB PROCESS



MEDCOM CREATE SCARB MONTHLY REVIEW SCHEDULE & METRICS REPORTS HELP DESK SETTINGS

IN REVIEW REQUESTS	SUBMITTED REQUESTS	SAVED REQUESTS	ASSIGN TO			
154	11	30				
SCA Number	Contract Duration	Requested Cost	Total Project Cost	Contract Term	SCARB Review	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> DCoS-DMVL-19-866-Adj1	Mar 2019 to Oct 2020	\$459,000.00	\$2,849,000.00	OP1	APR 2020	Waiting for SCARB Review
<b>ADJUSTMENT FOR RADIO LOGICAL ANALYSIS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> MEDCOM Commander-IRACO-19-869	Mar 2019 to Aug 2020	\$456,689.32	\$456,689.32	BASE	APR 2020	Waiting for SCARB Review
<b>REORGANIZATION OF MEDCOM STAFF CONTRACT</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> PH-Business Office-19-865	Mar 2019 to Dec 2019	\$3,400,000.00	\$3,400,000.00	BASE	APR 2020	Waiting for SCARB Review
<b>AIR EMISSION SAMPLE ANALYSIS</b>						
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<b>LEGACY ADDENDUM FOR PERKIN EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>						
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<b>JEDS OFFICE ENGINEERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> DCoS-STR OUTREACH-18-718	Mar 2018 to Sep 2018	\$455,622.21	\$455,622.21	BASE		Canceled
<b>SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE TASK ORDER REQUEST 09</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> G357-G3-19-875	Aug 2019 to Aug 2021	\$1,055,024.00	\$2,210,048.00	BASE	AUG 2019	Waiting for All Directorates Review
<b>JD DUCT REPAIR</b>						
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