

# TIPS VENDOR AGREEMENT

Between Stauffer Technologies, Inc. and  
(Company Name)

## THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS), a Department of Texas Education Service Center Region 8 for **TIPS RFP 210303 Telephone and Communications Data Systems and Solutions**

### General Information

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

A Purchase Order (“PO”), Agreement or Contract is the TIPS Member’s approval providing the authority to proceed with the negotiated delivery order under the Agreement. Special terms and conditions as agreed between the Vendor and TIPS Member should be added as addendums to the Purchase Order, Agreement or Contract. Items such as certificate of insurance, bonding requirements, small or disadvantaged business goals are some, but not all, of the possible addendums.

## Terms and Conditions

### Freight

All quotes to Members shall provide a line item for cost for freight or shipping regardless if there is a charge or not. If no charge for freight or shipping, indicate by stating “No Charge”, “\$0”, “included in price” or other similar indication. Otherwise, all shipping, freight or delivery charges shall be passed through to the TIPS Member at cost with no markup and said charges shall be agreed by the TIPS Member unless alternative shipping terms are agreed by TIPS as a result of the proposal award.

### Warranty Conditions

All new supplies equipment and services shall include **manufacturer's minimum standard warranty** unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Vendor shall be legally permitted to sell all products offered for sale to TIPS Members if the offering is included in the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) category. All goods proposed and sold shall be new unless clearly stated in writing.

### Customer Support

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

## Agreements

Agreements for purchase will normally be put into effect by means of a purchase order(s) executed by authorized agents of the TIPS Member participating government entities, but other means of placing an order may be used at the Member's discretion.

## Tax exempt status

Most TIPS Members are tax exempt and the related laws and/or regulations of the controlling jurisdiction(s) of the TIPS Member shall apply.

## Assignments of Agreements

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

## Disclosures

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

## Term of Agreement and Renewals

The Agreement with TIPS is for approximately three (3) years with an option for renewal for an additional one (1) consecutive year. If TIPS offers the renewal extension year, the Vendor will be notified by email to the primary contact of the awarded Vendor and shall be deemed accepted by the Vendor unless the awarded Vendor notifies TIPS of its objection to the additional term. TIPS may or may not exercise the available extension(s) provided in the original solicitation beyond the base three-year term. Whether or not to offer the extension is at the sole discretion of TIPS.

**"Start Date" for Term Calculation Purposes Only:** Regardless of actual award/effective date of Contract, for Agreement "term" calculation purposes only, the Agreement "start date" is the last day of the month that Award Notifications are anticipated as published in the Solicitation

**Example:** *If the anticipated award date published in the Solicitation is May 22, 2020 but extended negotiations delay award until June 27, 2020 The end date of the resulting initial "three-year" term Agreement, (which is subject to an extension(s)) will still be May 31, 2023.*

**"Termination Date":** The scheduled Agreement "termination date" shall be the last day of the month of the month of the Original Solicitation's Anticipated Award Date plus three years.

**Example:** *If the original term is approximately three years, and the solicitation provides an anticipated award date of May 22, 2020, the expiration date of the original three-year term shall be May 31, 2023.*

**Extensions:** Any extensions of the original term shall begin on the next day after the day the original term expires.

**Example Following the Previous Example:** *If TIPS offers a one-year extension, the expiration of the extended term shall be May 31, 2024.*

TIPS may offer to extend Vendor Agreements to the fullest extent the original Solicitation permits.

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

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

**Shipments**

The Vendor shall ship, deliver or provide ordered products or services within a commercially reasonable time after the receipt of the order from the TIPS Member. If a delay in said delivery is anticipated, the Vendor shall notify TIPS Member as to why delivery is delayed and shall provide an estimated time for completion of the order. TIPS or the requesting entity may cancel the order if estimated delivery time is not acceptable or not as agreed by the parties.

**Invoices**

Each invoice or pay request shall include the TIPS Member's purchase order number or other identifying designation as provided in the order by the TIPS Member. If applicable, the shipment tracking number or pertinent information for verification of TIPS Member receipt shall be made available upon request.

**Payments**

The TIPS Member will make payments directly to the Vendor, the Vendor Assigned Dealer or as agreed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member after receiving invoice and in compliance with applicable payment statute(s), whichever is the greater time or as otherwise provided by an agreement of the parties.

**Pricing**

Price increases will be honored according to the terms of the solicitation. All pricing submitted to TIPS shall include the participation fee, as provided in the solicitation, to be remitted to TIPS by the Vendor. Vendor will not show adding the fee to the invoice presented to TIPS Member customer.

**Participation Fees and Reporting of Sales to TIPS by Vendor**

The Participation Fee that was published as part of the Solicitation and the fee published is the legally effective fee, along with any fee conditions stated in the Solicitation. Collection of the fees by TIPS is required under Texas Government Code §791.011 Et seq. Fees are due on all TIPS purchases reported by either Vendor or Member. Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned

Dealer. Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer agrees that the participation fee is due to TIPS for all Agreement sales immediately upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity and must be paid to TIPS at least on a monthly basis, specifically within 31 calendar days of receipt of payment, if not more frequently, or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS. Thus, when an awarded Vendor, Reseller or Vendor Assigned Dealer receives any amount of payment, even partial payment, for a TIPS sale, the legally effective fee for that amount is immediately due to TIPS from the Vendor and fees due to TIPS should be paid at least on a monthly basis, specifically within 31 calendar days of receipt of payment, if not more frequently.

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

Vendor is required to report all sales under the TIPS contract to TIPS. When a public entity initiates a purchase with a TIPS Awarded Vendor, if the Member inquires verbally or in writing whether the Vendor holds a TIPS Contract, it is the duty of the Vendor to verify whether or not the Member is seeking a TIPS purchase. Once verified, the Vendor must include the TIPS Contract number on any communications and related sales documents exchanged with the TIPS Member entity. To report sales, the Vendor must login to the TIPS Vendor Portal online at [https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors\\_form.cfm](https://www.tips-usa.com/vendors_form.cfm) and click on the PO's and Payments tab. Pages 3-7 of the [Vendor Portal User Guide](#) will walk you through the process of reporting sales to TIPS. Please refer to the TIPS [Accounting FAQ's](#) for more information about reporting sales and if you have further questions, contact the Accounting Team at [accounting@tips-usa.com](mailto:accounting@tips-usa.com). The Vendor or vendor assigned dealers are responsible for keeping record of all sales that go through the TIPS Agreement and submitting same to TIPS. Failure to render the participation fee to TIPS shall constitute a breach of this agreement with our parent governmental entity, Texas Education Service Center Region 8, as established by the Texas legislature and shall be grounds for termination of this agreement and any other agreement held with TIPS and possible legal action. Any overpayment of participation fees to TIPS by a Vendor will be refunded to the Vendor within ninety (90) days of receipt of notification if TIPS receives written notification of the overpayment not later than the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment and TIPS determines that the amount was not legally due to TIPS pursuant to this agreement and applicable law. It is the Vendor's responsibility to identify which sales are TIPS Agreement sales and pay the correct participation fee due for TIPS Agreement sales. Any notification of overpayment received by TIPS after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of overpayment will be non-refundable. Region 8 ESC and TIPS reserve the right to extend the six (6) month deadline to notify if approved by the Region 8 ESC Board of Directors. TIPS reserves all rights under the law to collect the fees due. Please contact TIPS at [tips@tips-usa.com](mailto:tips@tips-usa.com) or call (866) 839-8477 if you have questions about paying fees.

### **Indemnity**

The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend TIPS, TIPS Member(s), officers and employees from and against all claims and suits by third parties for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damages, losses, and expenses including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from, Vendor's performance under this Agreement, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part, upon allegations of negligent or intentional acts on the part of the Vendor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees. Parties found liable shall pay their proportionate share of damages as agreed by the parties or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction over the case. **NO LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARE PERMITTED OR AGREED BY TIPS/ESC REGION 8.** Per Texas Education Code §44.032(f), and pursuant to its requirements only, reasonable Attorney's fees are recoverable by the prevailing party in any dispute resulting in litigation.

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

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

### **Miscellaneous**

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

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

If a deviation of pricing/product on a Purchase Order or contract modification occurs between the Vendor and the TIPS Member, TIPS must be notified within five (5) business days of receipt of change order.

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

TIPS reserves the right to terminate this agreement for cause or no cause for convenience with a thirty (30) days prior written notice. Termination for convenience is conditionally required under Federal Regulations 2 CFR part 200 if the customer is using federal funds for the procurement. All purchase orders presented to the Vendor, but not fulfilled by the Vendor, by a TIPS Member prior to the actual termination of this agreement shall be honored at the option of the TIPS Member. The awarded Vendor may terminate the agreement with ninety (90) days prior written notice to TIPS 4845 US Hwy North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. The vendor will be paid for goods and services delivered prior to the termination provided that the goods and services were delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the terminated agreement. This termination clause does not affect the sales agreements executed by the Vendor and the TIPS Member customer pursuant to this agreement. TIPS Members may negotiate a termination for convenience clause that meets the needs of the transaction based on applicable factors, such as funding sources or other needs.

### **TIPS Member Purchasing Procedures**

Usually, purchase orders or their equal are issued by participating TIPS Member to the awarded vendor and should indicate on the order that the purchase is per the applicable TIPS Agreement Number. Orders are typically emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com.

- Awarded Vendor delivers goods/services directly to the participating member.
- Awarded Vendor invoices the participating TIPS Member directly.
- Awarded Vendor receives payment directly from the participating member.
- Fees are due to TIPS upon payment by the Member to the Vendor. Vendor agrees to pay the participation fee to TIPS for all Agreement sales upon receipt of payment including partial payment, from the Member Entity or as otherwise agreed by TIPS in writing and signed by an authorized signatory of TIPS.

### **Licenses**

Awarded Vendor shall maintain, in current status, all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by awarded Vendor. Awarded Vendor shall remain reasonably fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of goods or services under the Agreement. TIPS and TIPS Members reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel an order or terminate this or any other sales Agreement of any awarded Vendor whose license(s) required for performance under this Agreement have expired, lapsed, are suspended or terminated subject to a 30-day cure period unless prohibited by applicable statute or regulation.

**Novation**

If awarded Vendor sells or transfers all assets, rights or the entire portion of the assets or rights required to perform this Agreement, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this Agreement. A simple change of name agreement will not change the Agreement obligations of awarded vendor. TIPS will consider Contract Assignments on a case by case basis. TIPS must be notified within five (5) business days of the transfer of assets or rights.

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

**Cleanup:** When performing work on site at a TIPS Member's property, awarded Vendor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from their work as required or directed by 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:** Awarded Vendor shall not begin a project for which TIPS Member has not prepared the site, unless awarded Vendor does the preparation work at no cost, or until TIPS Member includes the cost of site preparation in a purchase order. Site preparation includes, but is not limited to: moving furniture, installing wiring for networks or power, and similar pre-installation requirements.

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

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**Smoking**

Persons working under Agreement shall adhere to the TIPS Member's or local smoking statutes, codes or policies.

**Marketing**

Awarded Vendor agrees to allow TIPS to use their name and logo within TIPS website, marketing materials and advertisement subject to any reasonable restrictions provided to TIPS in the Proposal to the Solicitation. The Vendor may submit an acceptable use directive for Vendor's names and logos with which TIPS agrees to comply. Any use of TIPS name and logo or any form of publicity, inclusive of press release, regarding this Agreement by awarded vendor must have prior approval from TIPS which will not be unreasonably withheld. Request may be made by email to TIPS@TIPS-USA.COM.

### **Supplemental Agreements**

The TIPS Member entity participating in the TIPS Agreement and awarded Vendor may enter into a separate Supplemental Agreement or contract to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this Agreement such as but not limited to, invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any Supplemental Agreement or contract developed as a result of this Agreement is exclusively between the TIPS Member entity customer and the Vendor. TIPS, its agents, TIPS Members and employees not a party to the Supplemental Agreement with the TIPS Member customer, shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement unless named and agreed by the Party in question in writing in the agreement. If a Vendor submitting a Proposal requires TIPS and/or TIPS Member to sign an additional agreement, those agreements shall comply with the award made by TIPS to the Vendor. Supplemental Vendor's Agreement documents may not become part of TIPS' Agreement with Vendor unless and until an authorized representative of TIPS reviews and approves it. TIPS review and approval may be at any time during the life of this Vendor Agreement. TIPS permits TIPS Members to negotiate additional terms and conditions with the Vendor for the provision of goods or services under the Vendor's TIPS Agreement so long as they do not materially conflict with this Agreement.

### **Survival Clause**

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

### **Legal obligations**

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

### **Audit rights**

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

**Force Majeure**

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

**Choice of Law**

The Agreement between the Vendor and TIPS/ESC Region 8 and any addenda or other additions resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles.

**Venue, Jurisdiction and Service of Process**

Any Proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Venue for any dispute resolution process, other than litigation, between TIPS and the Vendor shall be located in Camp or Titus County, Texas.

**Project Delivery Order Procedures**

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

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

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

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

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



report sales to TIPS under your Agreement, the awarded Vendor is responsible for their contractual failures and shall be billed for the fees. The awarded Vendor may then recover the fees from their named reseller.

**Support Requirements**

If there is a dispute between the awarded Vendor and TIPS Member, TIPS or its representatives may, at TIPS sole discretion, assist in conflict resolution if requested by either party. TIPS, or its representatives, reserves the right to inspect any project and audit the awarded Vendor’s TIPS project files, documentation and correspondence related to the requesting TIPS Member’s order. If there are confidentiality requirements by either party, TIPS shall comply to the extent permitted by law.

**Incorporation of Solicitation**

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

**SECTION HEADERS OR TITLES**

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

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

You certify that if the certified statements above become untrue at any time during the life of this Agreement that the Vendor will notify TIPS within three (3) business day of the change by a letter on Vendor’s letterhead from and signed by an authorized representative of the Vendor stating the non-compliance decision and the TIPS Agreement number and description at:

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

**Insurance Requirements**

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

<b>General Liability</b>	\$1,000,000 each Occurrence/ Aggregate
<b>Automobile Liability</b>	\$300,000 Includes owned, hired & non-owned
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	Statutory limits for the jurisdiction in which the Vendor performs under this Agreement.
<b>Umbrella Liability</b>	\$1,000,000

When the Vendor or its subcontractors are liable for any damages or claims, the Vendor's policy, when the Vendor is responsible for the claim, must be primary over any other valid and collectible insurance carried by the Member. Any immunity available to TIPS or TIPS Members shall not be used as a defense by the contractor's insurance policy. The coverages and limits are to be considered minimum requirements and in no way limit the liability of the Vendor(s). Insurance shall be written by a carrier with an A-; VII or better rating in accordance with current A.M. Best Key Rating Guide. Only deductibles applicable to property damage are acceptable, 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.

## Special Terms and Conditions

- **Orders:** All Vendor orders received from TIPS Members must be emailed to TIPS at tipspo@tips-usa.com. Should a TIPS Member send an order directly to the Vendor, it is the Vendor's responsibility to forward a copy of the order to TIPS at the email above within 3 business days and confirm its receipt with TIPS.
- **Vendor Encouraging Members to bypass TIPS agreement:** Encouraging TIPS Members to purchase directly from the Vendor or through another agreement, when the Member has requested using the TIPS cooperative Agreement or price, and thereby bypassing the TIPS Agreement is a violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will result in removal of the Vendor from the TIPS Program.
- **Order Confirmation:** All TIPS Member Agreement orders are approved daily by TIPS and sent to the Vendor. The Vendor should confirm receipt of orders to the TIPS Member (customer) within 3 business days.
- **Vendor custom website for TIPS:** If Vendor is hosting a custom TIPS website, updated pricing when effective. TIPS shall be notified when prices change in accordance with the award.
- **Back Ordered Products:** If product is not expected to ship within the time provided to the TIPS Member by the Vendor, the Member is to be notified within 3 business days and appropriate action taken based on customer request.

The TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Page is inserted here.

# TIPS Vendor Agreement Signature Form

RFP 210303 Telephone and Communications Data Systems and Solutions

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Phone 216-481-4044 Fax 216-531-2089

Email of Authorized Representative ken@ksac.com

Name of Authorized Representative Ken Stauffer

Title Vice president

Signature of Authorized Representative 

Date 3/11/2021

TIPS Authorized Representative Name Meredith Barton

Title chief Operating Officer

TIPS Authorized Representative Signature 

Approved by ESC Region 8 

Date 5-13-2021

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

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



**210303**

**Stauffer Technologies, Inc  
Supplier Response**

**Event Information**

Number: 210303  
Title: Telephone and Communications Data Systems and Solutions  
Type: Request for Proposal  
Issue Date: 3/4/2021  
Deadline: 4/16/2021 03:00 PM (CT)

**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)

## Stauffer Technologies, Inc Information

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Painesville twp., OH 44077  
Phone: (216) 481-4044 x1228  
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By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Kendall Stauffer

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ken@ksac.com

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## Supplier Note

Our Motto is "If you are not satisfied we are not done yet" We look forward to exceeding your expectations.

## Requested Attachments

### Vendor Agreement

210303 Vendor Agreement.pdf

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

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### Agreement Signature Form

vendor\_agreement\_signature.pdf

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

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

### Pricing Form 1

Stauffer\_210303 Pricing Form 1.xlsx

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

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### Pricing Form 2

Stauffer\_210303 Pricing Form 2.xlsx

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

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

### Reference Form

Reference\_Form\_STI.xls

The vendor must download the References spreadsheet from the attachment tab, fill in the requested information and upload the completed spreadsheet. DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## Proposed Goods and Services

STI\_Proposed\_Goods\_Services.pdf

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

## D/M/WBE Certification OPTIONAL

Stauffer Technologies, Inc. WBE Certification Letter.pdf

D/M/WBE Certification documentation may be scanned and uploaded if you desire to claim your status as one of the identified enterprises. (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise and/or Woman Business Enterprise) If vendor has more than one certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## Warranty

STI\_product\_Warranty\_Policy.pdf

Warranty information (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. (PDF Format ONLY)

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## Supplementary

ucm\_use\_cases\_Scenarios!\_brochures.pdf

Supplementary information may be scanned and uploaded. (Company information, brochures, catalogs, etc.) (PDF Format ONLY)

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## All Other Certificates

Ken\_Stauffer\_certificates.pdf

All Other Certificates (if applicable) must be scanned and uploaded. If vendor has more than one other certification scan into one document. (PDF Format ONLY)

DO NOT UPLOAD encrypted or password protected files.

## Logo and Other Company Marks

STI\_logo.jpg

If you desire, please upload your company logo to be added to your individual profile page on the TIPS website. If any particular specifications are required for use of your company logo, please upload that information under the Supplementary section or another non-required section under the "Response Attachment" tab. Preferred Logo Format: 300 x 225 px - .png, .eps, .jpeg preferred

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

No response

ONLY REQUIRED IF A CONFLICT EXISTS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS

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

## Certification of Corporate Offerer Form- COMPLETE ONLY IF OFFERER IS A CORPORATION

CERTIFICATION\_OF\_CORPORATE\_OFFERER\_FORM.pdf

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

## Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Standard Form LLL

No response

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

## Confidentiality Claim Form

210303\_required\_confidential\_form\_stauffer\_Tech.pdf

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

## Current W-9 Tax Form

W9-signed\_SLS.pdf

You are required by TIPS to upload a current W-9 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Form for your entity. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity. Additionally, if not designated "Confidential" in your proposal response, this W-9 may be accessed by TIPS Members for the purpose of making TIPS purchases from you in the event that you are awarded. If you wish to designate your required W-9 confidential, please do so according to the terms of the Confidentiality Claim Form which is an attachment to this solicitation.

## Bid Attributes

<b>1</b>	<b>Yes - No</b> Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprise - D/M/WBE (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a D/M/WBE? Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" D/M/WBE CERTIFICATES section. <input type="text" value="YES"/>
<b>2</b>	<b>Yes - No</b> Historically Underutilized Business - HUB (Required by some participating governmental entities) Vendor certifies that their firm is a HUB as defined by the State of Texas at <a href="https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/">https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/vendor/hub/</a> or in a HUBZone as defined by the US Small Business Administration at <a href="https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp">https://www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ohp</a>  Proof of one or both may be submitted. Vendor must upload proof of certification to the "Response Attachments" HUB CERTIFICATES section. <input type="text" value="No"/>
<b>3</b>	<b>Yes - No</b> The Vendor can provide services and/or products to all 50 US States? <input type="text" value="No"/>
<b>4</b>	<b>States Served:</b> If answer is NO to question #3, please list which states can be served. (Example: AR, OK, TX) <input type="text" value="OH, IN, IL, PA, FL, NC, SC, TN, WI, TX, WV, MI, KY,"/>
<b>5</b>	<b>Company and/or Product Description:</b> This information will appear on the TIPS website in the company profile section, if awarded a TIPS contract. (Limit 750 characters.) <input type="text" value="Stauffer Technologies, Inc. (STI) is an IT Networking, Network based communications and telecom systems provider representing Grandstream, Sangoma, Avaya, Ubiquiti, Algo, Bogen, Netgear, and Digium Switchvox, Asterisk, and Viking. We also Specialize in application development, Office integration including: Emergency Notification Systems, Security Cameras, Network Equipment, Network Based Phone Systems, Video Conferencing, Video Meetings, Access Control Systems, Paging Equipment."/>
<b>6</b>	<b>Primary Contact Name</b> Primary Contact Name <input type="text" value="Kendall Stauffer"/>
<b>7</b>	<b>Primary Contact Title</b> Primary Contact Title <input type="text" value="vice president"/>
<b>8</b>	<b>Primary Contact Email</b> Primary Contact Email <input type="text" value="ken@ksac.com"/>
<b>9</b>	<b>Primary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2164814044"/>



<b>10</b>	<b>Primary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2165312089"/>
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<b>11</b>	<b>Primary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2165343636"/>
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<b>12</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Name</b> Secondary Contact Name <input type="text" value="Sandra Stauffer"/>
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<b>13</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Title</b> Secondary Contact Title <input type="text" value="president"/>
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<b>14</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Email</b> Secondary Contact Email <input type="text" value="sandy@ksac.com"/>
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<b>15</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2164814044"/>
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<b>16</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Fax</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="No response"/>
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<b>17</b>	<b>Secondary Contact Mobile</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2162724660"/>
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<b>18</b>	<b>Admin Fee Contact Name</b> Admin Fee Contact Name. This person is responsible for paying the admin fee to TIPS. <input type="text" value="Sandra Stauffer"/>
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<b>19</b>	<b>Admin Fee Contact Email</b> Admin Fee Contact Email <input type="text" value="sandy@ksac.com"/>
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<b>20</b>	<b>Admin Fee Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2164814044"/>
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<b>21</b>	<b>Purchase Order Contact Name</b> Purchase Order Contact Name. This person is responsible for receiving Purchase Orders from TIPS. <input type="text" value="Kendall Stauffer"/>
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<b>22</b>	<b>Purchase Order Contact Email</b> Purchase Order Contact Email <input type="text" value="ken@ksac.com"/>
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<b>23</b>	<b>Purchase Order Contact Phone</b> Enter 10 digit phone number. (No dashes or extensions) Example: 8668398477 <input type="text" value="2164814044"/>
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<b>24</b>	<b>Company Website</b> Company Website (Format - www.company.com) <input type="text" value="www.ksac.com"/>
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<b>25</b>	<b>Federal ID Number</b> Federal ID Number also known as the Employer Identification Number (EIN). Numeric only. (Format: 123456789) <input type="text" value="341881449"/>
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<b>26</b>	<b>Primary Address</b> Primary Address <input type="text" value="1701 Mentor Ave., suite 4"/>
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<b>27</b>	<b>Primary Address City</b> Primary Address City <input type="text" value="Painesville Twp"/>
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<b>28</b>	<b>Primary Address State</b> Primary Address State (2 Digit Abbreviation) <input type="text" value="OH"/>
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<b>29</b>	<b>Primary Address Zip</b> Primary Address Zip <input type="text" value="44077"/>
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**3**  
**0** **Search Words:**

Please list search words to be posted in the TIPS database about your company that TIPS website users might search. Words may be product names, manufacturers, or other words associated with the category of award. **YOU MAY NOT LIST NON-CATEGORY ITEMS.** (Limit 500 words) (Format: product, paper, construction, manufacturer name, etc.)

Phone systems, cloud based phones, phone and network services Emergency Notification Systems, Custom software, Video Security Cameras, Network Equipment, Wi-Fi and Network Based Phone Systems, Grandstream, Sangoma, Digium, Switchvox, Ubiquiti, Algo, Avaya, Netgear Business, Bogen, Unified Communications, Access control systems, Paging systems, Distance Learning Services , Video remote meeting software and equipment, network Security and Infrastructure. Remote Work Solutions automated appointments and reminders.

**3**  
**1** **Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal grant funds with you if awarded? Is it your intent to be able to sell to our members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?**

Most of our members receive Federal Government grants and they make up a significant portion of their budgets. The Members need to know if your company is willing to sell to them when they spend federal budget funds on their purchase. There are attributes that follow that include provisions from the federal regulations in 2 CFR part 200. Your answers will determine if your award will be designated as Federal or Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) compliant.

Do you want TIPS Members to be able to spend Federal grant funds with you if awarded and is it your intent to be able to sell to TIPS Members regardless of the fund source, whether it be local, state or federal?

**3**  
**2** **Yes - No**

Certification of Residency (Required by the State of Texas) The vendor's ultimate parent company or majority owner:

(A) has its principal place of business in Texas;

OR

(B) employs at least 500 persons in Texas?

This question is required as a data gathering function for information to our members making purchases with awarded vendors. It does not affect scoring with TIPS.

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**3** **Company Residence (City)**

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

**3**  
**4** **Company Residence (State)**

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

**35 Discount Offered - CAUTION READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE VENDORS FREQUENTLY MAKE MISTAKES ON THIS ATTRIBUTE QUESTION**

Remember this is a MINIMUM discount percentage. So, be sure that the discount percentage inserted here can be applied to ANY OFFERING OF GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT

CAUTION: BE CERTAIN YOU CAN HONOR THIS MINIMUM DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE ON ANY OFFERED SERVICE OR GOOD NOW OR DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.

What is the MINIMUM percentage discount off of any item or service you offer to TIPS Members that is in your regular catalog (as defined in the solicitation specifications document), website, store or shelf pricing or when adding new goods or services to your offerings during the life of the contract? The resulting price of any goods or services Catalog list prices after this discount is applied is a ceiling on your pricing and not a floor because, in order to be more competitive in the individual circumstance, you may offer a larger discount depending on the items or services purchased and the quantity at time of sale.

Must answer with a number between 0% and 100%.

**36 Yes - No**

For the duration of the Contract, Vendor agrees to provide catalog pricing, as defined in the solicitation and below, to TIPS upon request for any goods and services offered on the Vendor's TIPS Contract.

"Catalog" means the available list of tangible personal property or services, in the most current listing, regardless of date, during the life of the contract, that takes the form of a catalog, price list, schedule, shelf price or other form that:

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

**37 TIPS Administration Fee**

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

**38 Yes - No**

Vendor agrees to remit to TIPS the required administration fee or, if resellers are named, Vendor agrees to guarantee the fee remittance by or for the reseller named by the vendor?

TIPS/ESC Region 8 is required by Texas Government Code § 791 to be compensated for its work and thus, failure to agree shall render your response void and it will not be considered.

**39 Yes - No**

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

**40 Years experience in category of goods or services**

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

**41 Resellers:**

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

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

(If applicable, Vendor should add all Authorized Resellers within the TIPS Vendor Portal upon award).

**42 Pricing discount percentage are guaranteed for?**

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

**43 Right of Refusal**

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

**44 NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE**

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

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

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

**4 5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE - FORM CIQ - Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement?**

Do you have any CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO REPORT OR DISCLOSE under this statutory requirement? YES or NO

If you have a conflict of interest as described in this form or the Local Government Code Chapter 176, cited therein- you are required to complete and file with TIPS. The Form CIQ is one of the attachments to this solicitation.

There is an optional upload for this form provided if you have a conflict and must file the form

**4 6 Filing of Form CIQ**

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

**4 7 Regulatory Standing**

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

**4 8 Regulatory Standing**

Regulatory Standing explanation of no answer on previous question.

**4 9 Antitrust Certification Statements (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)**

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

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

- (1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;
- (2) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- (3) In connection with this bid, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law;
- (4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this bid to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

## Suspension or Debarment Instructions

### Instructions for Certification:

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

**5**  
**1** **Suspension or Debarment Certification**

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

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

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

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**2** **Non-Discrimination Statement and Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**5** **2 CFR PART 200 Contracts**

**4** Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Notice: Pursuant to the above, when federal funds are expended by ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members, ESC Region 8 and TIPS Members reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

Does vendor agree?

**5** **2 CFR PART 200 Termination**

**5** Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)

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

Does vendor agree?

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**2 CFR PART 200 Clean Air Act**

Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$250,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

Does vendor agree?

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

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

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

Does vendor agree?

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**2 CFR PART 200 Federal Rule**

Compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). (Contracts, subcontracts, and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$250,000)

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 that it is in compliance with the Clean Air Act?

**5 2 CFR PART 200 Procurement of Recovered Materials**

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

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

**6 2 CFR PART 200 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 agree?

**6 2 CFR PART 200 Domestic Preferences for Procurements**

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, 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). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this 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.

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 agree?

**6 2 2 CFR PART 200 Ban on Foreign Telecommunications**

Federal grant funds may not be used to purchase 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" means purchases from Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), 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).

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 agree?

**6 3 Certification Regarding Lobbying**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**6 4 If you answered "I HAVE lobbied" to the above Attribute Question**

If you answered "I HAVE lobbied" to the above Attribute question, you must download the Lobbying Report "Standard From LLL, disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" which includes instruction on completing the form, complete and submit it in the Response Attachments section as a report of the lobbying activities you performed or paid others to perform.

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5 Subcontracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms.**

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

IF NO, DO NOT ANSWER THE NEXT ATTRIBUTE QUESTION. . IF YES, and ONLY IF YES, you must answer the next question YES if you want a TIPS Member to be authorized to spend Federal Grant Funds for Procurement.

YES

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6 ONLY IF YES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement, do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?**

ONLY IF YES TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION OR if you ever do subcontract any part of your performance under the TIPS Agreement,

do you agree to comply with the following federal requirements?

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

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce ; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs(1) through (5) of this section.

YES

**6** **Indemnification**

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The ESC Region 8 and TIPS is a Texas Political Subdivision and a local governmental entity; therefore, is prohibited from indemnifying third parties pursuant to the Texas Constitution (Article 3, Section 52) except as specifically provided by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. A provision in a contract to indemnify or hold a party harmless is a promise to pay for any expenses the indemnified party incurs, if a specified event occurs, such as breaching the terms of the contract or negligently performing duties under the contract. Article III, Section 49 of the Texas Constitution states that "no debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State ... " The Attorney General has counseled that a contractually imposed obligation of indemnity creates a "debt" in the constitutional sense. Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. MW-475 (1982). Contract clauses which require the System or institutions to indemnify must be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas." Liquidated damages, attorney's fees, waiver of vendor's liability, and waiver of statutes of limitations clauses should also be deleted or qualified with "to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of State of Texas."

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

**6** **Remedies**

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

Do you agree to these terms?

**6** **Remedies Explanation of No Answer**

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**70 Choice of Law**

The agreement between the Vendor and TIPS/ESC Region 8 and any addenda or other additions resulting from this procurement process, however described, shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, regardless of any conflict of laws principles.  
THIS DOES NOT APPLY to a vendor's agreement entered into with a TIPS Member, as the Member may be located outside Texas.

Do you agree to these terms?

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

Any proceeding, involving Region 8 ESC or TIPS, arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract issued by TIPS resulting from or any contemplated transaction shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Camp County, Texas and each of the parties irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of said court in any such proceeding, waives any objection it may now or hereafter have to venue or to convenience of forum, agrees that all claims in respect of the Proceeding shall be heard and determined only in any such court, and agrees not to bring any proceeding arising out of or relating to this procurement process or any contract resulting from or any contemplated transaction in any other court. The parties agree that either or both of them may file a copy of this paragraph with any court as written evidence of the knowing, voluntary and freely bargained for agreement between the parties irrevocably to waive any objections to venue or to convenience of forum. Process in any Proceeding referred to in the first sentence of this Section may be served on any party anywhere in the world. Any dispute resolution process other than litigation shall have venue in Camp County or Titus County Texas.

Do you agree to these terms?

**72 Infringement(s)**

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

Do you agree to these terms?

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

**74 Contract Governance**

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

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## Payment Terms and Funding Out Clause

Payment Terms:

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

Funding Out Clause:

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

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

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

Do you agree to these terms?

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## Insurance and Fingerprint Requirements Information

### Insurance

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

### Fingerprint

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

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

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

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

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

See form in the next attribute to complete entitled:

Texas Education Code Chapter 22 Contractor Certification for Contractor Employees



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

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

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

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

I certify that:

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

**OR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

None

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

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

**7** **Texas Government Code 2270 Verification Form**

**9** Texas Government Code 2270 Verification Form

If (a) Vendor is not a sole proprietorship; (b) Vendor has ten (10) or more full-time employees; and (c) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, the following certification shall apply; otherwise, this certification is not required. Pursuant to Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, the Vendor hereby certifies and verifies that neither the Vendor, nor any affiliate, subsidiary, or parent company of the Vendor, if any (the "Vendor Companies"), boycotts Israel, and the Vendor agrees that the 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.

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

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

**8** **Logos and other company marks**

**0** Please upload your company logo to be added to your individual profile page on the TIPS website. If any particular specifications are required for use of your company logo, please upload that information under the "Logo and Other Company Marks" section under the "Response Attachment" tab. Preferred Logo Format: 300 x 225 px - .png, .eps, .jpeg preferred

Potential uses of company logo:

- \* Your Vendor Profile Page of TIPS website
- \* Potentially on TIPS website scroll bar for Top Performing Vendors
- \* TIPS Quarterly eNewsletter sent to TIPS Members
- \* Co-branding Flyers and or email blasts to our TIPS Members (Permission and approval will be obtained before publishing)

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**1** **Solicitation Deviation/Compliance**

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

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**2** **Solicitation Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

If the bidder intends to deviate from the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this proposal invitation, all such deviations must be listed on this attribute, with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached.

TIPS will consider any deviations in its proposal award decisions, and TIPS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions.

In the absence of any deviation entry on this attribute, the proposer assures TIPS of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this Solicitation.

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**3** **Agreement Deviation/Compliance**

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

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**4** **Agreement Exceptions/Deviations Explanation**

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

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**5** **Felony Conviction Notice**

Texas Education Code, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states "a person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the district if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony." Subsection (b) states "a school district may terminate a contract with a person or business entity if the district determines that the person or business entity failed to give notice as required by Subsection (a) or misrepresented the conduct resulting in the conviction. The district must compensate the person or business entity for services performed before the termination of the contract." (c) This section does not apply to a publicly held corporation. The person completing this proposal certifies that they are authorized to provide the answer to this question.

Select A., B. or C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No response

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

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

increases will be 5% or less annually per question

**88 Required Confidentiality Claim Form**

Required Confidentiality Claim Form

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

Read the form carefully before completing and if you have any questions, email Rick Powell at TIPS at

[rick.powell@tips-usa.com](mailto:rick.powell@tips-usa.com)

**89 Choice of Law clauses with TIPS Members**

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

Agreed

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

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

Agreed

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**1** **Automatic renewal of contracts or agreements with TIPS or a TIPS member entity**

This clause **DOES NOT** prohibit multiyear contracts or agreements with TIPS member entities. Because TIPS and TIPS members are governmental entities subject to laws that control appropriations of funds during their fiscal years for contracts and agreements to provide goods and services, does the Vendor agree to limit any automatic renewal clauses of a contract or agreement executed as a result of this TIPS solicitation award to not longer than "month to month" and at the TIPS contracted rate.

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**2** **Indemnity Limitation with TIPS Members**

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

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

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**3** **Arbitration Clauses**

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

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**4** **Required Vendor Sales Reporting**

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

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

Please note that you are required by TIPS to upload a current W-9 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Form for your entity. This form will be utilized by TIPS to properly identify your entity. Additionally, if not designated "Confidential" in your proposal response, this W-9 may be accessed by TIPS Members for the purpose of making TIPS purchases from you in the event that you are awarded. If you wish to designate your required W-9 confidential, please do so according to the terms of the Confidentiality Claim Form which is an attachment to this solicitation.

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

You may provide more than three (3) references.

Entity Name	Contact Person	<b>VALID EMAIL IS REQUIRED</b>	Phone
USDA	Ron Gjurkovitsch	<a href="mailto:ron@fmmaclev.com">ron@fmmaclev.com</a>	888-751-3220x134
City of Willoughby Ohio	Robert Fiala, Mayor	<a href="mailto:rfiala@thendesign">rfiala@thendesign</a>	440-951-2800
Better Business Bureau fo NE Florida	Tom Stephens, CEO	<a href="mailto:tstephens@bbbnefla.org">tstephens@bbbnefla.org</a>	904-721-2339x313
Shoals Community Schools (Indiana)	Candace Roush, Superintendent	<a href="mailto:roushc@shoals.k12.in.us">roushc@shoals.k12.in.us</a>	
Community Action Council of Portage County Inc.	David Shea	<a href="mailto:dshea@cacportage.net">dshea@cacportage.net</a>	330-297-1456 x 224
Better Business Bureau of Cincinnti	Christine Hayley, CEO	<a href="mailto:chayley@cincinnati.bbb.org">chayley@cincinnati.bbb.org</a>	513-421-3015



**Required Confidential Information Status Form**

**Stauffer Technologies, Inc.**

**Name of company**  
Sandra L. Stauffer

**Printed Name and Title of authorized company officer** declaring below the confidential status of material  
1701 Mentor Avenue Ste. 4 Painesville Twp. OH 44077 2164814044

**Address City State ZIP Phone**

**ALL VENDORS MUST COMPLETE THE ABOVE SECTION**

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

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

**ALL VENDORS MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS BELOW.**

**OPTION 1:**

**I DO CLAIM** parts of my proposal to be confidential and **DO NOT** desire to expressly waive a claim of confidentiality of all information contained within our response to the solicitation. The attached contains material from our proposal that I classify and deem confidential under Texas Gov't Code Sec. 552 or other law(s) and I invoke my statutory rights to confidential treatment of the enclosed materials.

IF CLAIMING PARTS OF YOUR PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL, YOU MUST ATTACH THE SHEETS TO THIS FORM AND LIST THE NUMBER OT TOTAL PAGES THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

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

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

**OR**

**OPTION 2:**

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

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

Signature Sandra L. Stauffer Date 3/11/21



## Grandstream Networks, Inc. Warranty Policy

( [The "Policy"](#) )

**Grandstream Networks, Inc. (“Grandstream”)** implements our warranty coverage for our products exclusively to our certified partners (“Certified Partners”). Grandstream offers our Certified Partners a minimum of one (1) year hardware and software warranty from date of shipment, which applies only to products Grandstream has sold directly to the applicable Certified Partner seeking coverage. Warranties are not transferrable. Extended warranty coverage is also available. Warranty questions from End Users should be directed to the appropriate Certified Partner. Products purchased by or from an unauthorized dealer/seller, and products with the original factory serial number removed, defaced or altered, will not receive the original manufacturer’s warranty coverage.

Certified Partners are companies that purchase Grandstream Products directly from Grandstream and that adhere to Grandstream’s sales and marketing practices.

**Hardware Warranty.** Grandstream warrants to our Certified Partner that all hardware products sold by Grandstream to our Certified Partner will be free from defects in workmanship and materials under normal use during the warranty period specified below. If it appears that any product or part thereof contains a defect in materials or workmanship, and Certified Partner notifies Grandstream in writing within the warranty period, Grandstream shall, at Certified Partner’s option, and as its sole and exclusive remedy repair such defective product or part or deliver to Certified Partner an equivalent Product or part to replace such defective item as long as the Product or part thereof meets the published product specifications. If neither of the foregoing is feasible, Grandstream may, at Grandstream’s sole discretion, refund the purchase price paid by Certified Partner for the defective product. Replaced or repaired components, subassemblies or units and spares are warranted under the terms of this Policy for ninety (90) days or the balance of the original warranty period, whichever is longer.

**Software Warranty.** Grandstream warrants to our Certified Partner that our software programs licensed hereunder will perform in substantial conformance to the applicable program specifications during the warranty period specified below. Grandstream warrants the media containing the software against failure and that it is free from defects in materials and workmanship. During the warranty period Grandstream warrants that it will not intentionally introduce into the software any protection feature designed to prevent its use. It is further acknowledged that software in general is not error-free and the parties agree that the existence of such minor errors does not mean it does not perform in substantial conformance to the applicable program specification.

It is explicitly acknowledged, for the avoidance of doubt, that VoIP equipment in general is not one hundred (100) percent secure and Grandstream assumes no liability under this Policy for any damage suffered whether by Certified Partner or any end user because of encroachments or other activities by unauthorized parties. The warranty does not apply to damaged or defective products

or parts when caused by improper use, abuse, incorrect installation, mismanagement, normal “wear and tear”, faulty storage or by using the products outside the specifications detailed in manuals and documentations relating to the products, or outside the carrier’s conditions of carriage or other handling stipulations.

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, THE WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, CORRESPONDENCE WITH DESCRIPTION AND NON-INFRINGEMENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. GRANDSTREAM'S WARRANTIES HEREIN RUN ONLY TO CERTIFIED PARTNERS OF Grandstream Networks, Inc. 126 Brookline Avenue, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02215 Tel: 617 566-9300, Fax: 617 249-1987, AND ARE NOT EXTENDED TO ANY THIRD PARTIES WHICH, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, INCLUDES ANY END USERS, RESELLERS, AGENTS, OR DEALERS OF CERTIFIED PARTNERS. GRANDSTREAM NEITHER ASSUMES NOR AUTHORIZES ANY OTHER PERSON TO ASSUME FOR IT ANY OTHER LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR USE OF ITS PRODUCTS, AND GRANDSTREAM MAKES NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY NON-STANDARD PRODUCTS SUPPLIED BY IT HEREUNDER.

#### **Warranty Periods:**

**Hardware warranty to Certified Partners** – Minimum One (1) year calculated from the date of delivery to Certified Partner. Only applicable for products purchased by Certified Partner directly from Grandstream Networks.

**Software warranty to Certified Partners** – Minimum One (1) year calculated from the date of delivery to Certified Partner. Only applicable for products purchased by Certified Partner directly from Grandstream Networks.

**Extended warranty to Certified Partners** – Extended warranties may be purchased by Certified Partners, within the original warranty period for up to three (3) years in total. Extended warranty only available for products purchased by Certified Partner directly from Grandstream Networks. To obtain the terms applicable to such extended warranty, please contact

**NOTICE TO END USERS: NOTICE TO END USERS:** This warranty offer is solely between Grandstream and its Certified Partners. Your sole remedy for warranty coverage rests with our Certified Partners and the coverage, if any, that they have agreed to provide to you. Warranty coverage may vary among Certified Partners, regions, products, and contractual arrangements. Please contact your Certified Partner for applicable warranties, details and pricing available to you

from your Certified Partner, and for any warranty questions. For more information regarding limitations on our warranty, please see our Online Marketplace Warranty Limitations Policy available [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and compliance.

Policy last revised: August 17, 2018

## Sangoma Warranty, Return, and Shipping Policy

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1. Authorized Channel Partner means an authorized Sangoma reseller, distributor, or channel partner.
- 1.2. End User means an incorporated entity that pays for delivery of the product for their own use either directly from Sangoma or from an authorized Sangoma Channel Partner and not for further distribution or sale and who have agreed to the appropriate EULA.
- 1.3. Hardware means the products identified in the table below.
- 1.4. Sangoma Warranty, Return, and Shipping Policy (“Policy”) means this policy.
- 1.5. Products means Hardware and Software, collectively.
- 1.6. Sangoma means Sangoma Technologies. Inc. and it’s wholly owned subsidiaries.
- 1.7. Software means any software developed and sold by Sangoma.
- 1.8. Start Date means: ( i) the date this product is shipped from Sangoma or (ii) in the case of resale by an authorized Sangoma Channel Partner, the date not more than ninety (90) days after original shipment of this product by Sangoma; or (iii) in the case of a pass through warranty to an End-User made pursuant to an OEM Agreement between Sangoma and another party, the date not more than ninety (90) days after original shipment of this product by Sangoma to the other party executing the OEM Agreement.
- 1.9. Warranty Services means the repair, maintenance, and replacement services provided by Sangoma under this Warranty, Return, and Shipping Policy.

### 2. Hardware Warranty

Sangoma warrants that Hardware purchased by End User shall be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal authorized use consistent with the product instructions for the periods listed below.

HARDWARE	HARWARE WARRANTY PERIOD
Digium Appliances (Asterisk, Switchvox, Gateways, and Failovers)	1-year from Start Date
FreePBX Appliances	1-year from Start Date
PBXact Appliances	1-year from Start Date
Digium IP Phones (A Series and D Phones)	1-year from Start Date
Sangoma IP Phones (S Series) and Accessories	1-year from Start Date
Accessories and hardware sold by but not manufactured by Digium including cables, patch panels, rail kits, etc.	ninety days
Vega gateways	1-year from Start Date
Session Border Controllers and MSBG	1-year from Start Date
NetBorder Carrier Gateways (NBVG, SS7)	1-year from Start Date
A-Series TDM cards	Lifetime

B-Series TDM cards	5-years from Start Date
D-Series Transcoding cards	5-years from Start Date
Dialogic DNI Series Boards by Sangoma	3-years from Start Date
Dialogic JCT Series Boards by Sangoma	3-years from Start Date
Dialogic PBX Integration Boards by Sangoma	3-years from Start Date
Dialogic Station Interface Boards by Sangoma	3-years from Start Date
Dialogic Diva Media Boards by Sangoma	5-years from Start Date
Dialogic DMG Media Gateway Series by Sangoma	2-years from Start Date
Dialogic IMG Media Gateway Series by Sangoma	1-year from Start Date
Dialogic Eiconcard C and S series by Sangoma	5-years from Start Date
Dialogic CG Series by Sangoma	24-months from Start Date (18 Months if purchased before 2-1-19)
Digium interface cards and modules	5-years from Start Date
All other hardware items not listed above	1-year from Start Date

### **Switchvox Appliances Additional Terms**

#### **Switchvox E Series Appliances**

Switchvox E Series Appliances installed outside of the United States: Other than the Switchvox E510, the Switchvox E Series Appliances are manufactured by Dell and sold by Sangoma. If the product is installed outside of the United States, then the End User must notify Sangoma and provide the serial number and general location (i.e. city, state/province, and country) of the product within 10 days of installation. Additionally, if the product is moved to a different general geographic location, then the End User must again notify Sangoma of this change within 10 days (and provide serial number and new general location) otherwise the Dell warranty support service may not be available, may not be available as originally included as a standard warranty, or may not be available at the same price as was originally paid for such service. Additionally, if Sangoma is not notified of such a geographic change prior to any incident that may require support, then the End User may not have warranty support coverage or may incur an additional charge to maintain the same categories of support coverage at the new location. If the End User chooses not to pay such additional charges, service may be automatically changed to categories of support which are available at such price or a lesser price in such new location with no refund available.

#### **Three-Year or Five-Year Extended Hardware Warranty on Switchvox Appliances**

Switchvox Appliances come with a standard one (1) year warranty; however, for certain Switchvox Appliances, Sangoma makes available for purchase a Three (3) Year or a Five (5) Year Extended Appliance Hardware Warranty.

End User may only purchase one extended warranty, the three year or the five year, for the Switchvox Appliance. End User must purchase the extended warranty within 90 days following Start Date. After 90 days have elapsed, Sangoma will not allow an extended warranty to be applied to the Switchvox Appliance. For example, if you purchase a 3-Year Extended Warranty, you cannot achieve 6 years of warranty by purchasing a second 3-Year Extended Warranty. Your hardware platform is only warranted for the maximum period of the original warranty or any one extended warranty.

For End Users who have purchased the Three Year Extended Appliance Hardware Warranty, Sangoma will, for a period of three (3) years from the Start Date, which is a period of two (2) additional years beyond the Standard Appliance Hardware Warranty of one (1) year, warrant that the product purchased by End User shall be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal authorized use consistent with the product instructions.

For End Users who have purchased the Five Year Extended Appliance Hardware Warranty, Sangoma will, for a period of five (5) years from the Start Date, which is a period of four (4) additional years beyond the Standard Appliance Hardware Warranty of one (1) year, warrant that the product purchased by End User shall be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal authorized use consistent with the product instructions.

### **Extended Hardware Warranties on Switchvox E Series Appliances**

The Extended Hardware Warranties that Sangoma makes available on products that are manufactured by Dell are considered to be a resale of Dell's hardware warranty support services. For these Extended Appliance Hardware Warranties, End Users agree to be bound by the Dell service description set forth at [www.dell.com/servicecontracts](http://www.dell.com/servicecontracts) that applies to such hardware warranty support services including terms and conditions incorporated by reference therein.

### **Warranties and Expired Subscriptions**

If your Switchvox Subscriptions have expired, but your Extended Hardware Warranty on Switchvox Appliances is still active, Switchvox Technical Support can help you with any hardware-specific issues. If we determine that the issue is not hardware-related, we may require that you renew your Switchvox Subscriptions before we can provide software-related assistance.

### **Advanced Replacement**

Sangoma's Extended Hardware Warranties on Switchvox Appliances do not provide for advanced hardware replacement. In the event of a failure of your in-warranty hardware, you must follow the procedures given in this policy.

However, the warranty for the products that are manufactured by Dell includes next business day, on-site repair service. If Sangoma determines that an issue is related to Hardware, Sangoma will dispatch a technician to arrive on the next business day (assuming the diagnosis and subsequent dispatch occurs before 5pm local time).

Sangoma offers a "cross-ship" option. This option can expedite your Hardware replacement, depending on inventory and shipping options. Cross-shipping requires that we have a credit card on file. The purpose of putting the card on file is to guarantee the return of the defective Hardware, as detailed below.

If you are concerned that next business day repair or receiving replacement Hardware is not a quick enough option, you should consider purchasing a cold spare appliance (without the software license) for your business.

If your hardware platform is older, or is not listed herein, then warranty extensions for your platform are no longer available for purchase.

### **Additional Extended Warranty Coverage and Advance Replacement Option**

Sangoma also makes available Extended Hardware Warranties and Advance Hardware Replacement options on other Products. These are available for purchase only at the time of Product purchase, or during a valid warranty period as defined above. Once the warranty has expired the option to purchase or renew extended warranties is no longer available. In the case of advanced return material authorization (RMA), the process will work as described herein and Sangoma will ship a replacement unit before receiving the failed unit under the RMA process. If the RMA unit is not shipped back to Sangoma within thirty (30) days, Sangoma will issue an invoice for the advance replacement unit at its standard pricing level. Sangoma will try to ship the replacement product within 48 hours, however in some exceptional cases (e.g. for when devices are missing from the stock), Sangoma cannot guarantee the immediate shipment until restock is done. Because of this, exact timing cannot be provided.

## **Intel® C2XXX Atom™ issue**

Certain Sangoma products are affected by Intel® Atom™ Processor C2000 Low Pin Count clock issue, as identified in February 2017.

Sangoma Product Models that are potentially concerned are based on Intel® Atom™ Processor C2000 product family as the list below:

Vega Enterprise SBC	FreePBX System 300
FreePBX System 100*	PBXact System 300
PBXact UC System 100*	NetBorder SS7 Gateways

For this product range, potentially affected product will have Serial numbers LR201701XXXXXX and below. *\*Note that FreePBX System 100 and PBXact System 100 have historically shipped with 2 different hardware revisions. FreePBX System 100 and PBXact System 100 with serial number starting with S110, which started shipping mid 2016 are not affected by this product notice.*

### **Follow-up actions:**

Sangoma will continue to honor its standard warranties for these products

Sangoma will continue to honor extended support warranty contracts for these products

In addition, Sangoma will provide an extended hardware warranty of 5 years from time of purchase for units that fail because of the Intel® Atom™ Processor C2000 Low Pin Count clock issue.

If there are concerns regarding inventory and RMA related matters, please contact Sangoma representatives to discuss further details.

## **Remedies for Hardware Non-Conformance**

In the event of a Hardware non-conformance, Sangoma reserves the right to repair or replace the defective product with a replacement part which is either new or in like new condition.

Provided that (a) the Hardware is covered under this Policy and (b) Sangoma's support department has accepted a valid RMA case/ticket opened by the End User for the hardware product and (c) End User has provided Sangoma a credit card guarantee until the defective Hardware is returned to Sangoma, then Sangoma will issue a replacement by advance cross-shipping DAP (Delivered at Place). End Users who do not return their defective Product to Sangoma within thirty (30) business days will be charged the then-current list price of the replacement Product.

If Sangoma is unable to repair or replace, Sangoma may refund as set forth below.

Some Channel Partners may have specific terms and procedures regarding the RMA process. End Users who have purchased from a Channel Partner should consult any such documents provided by their Channel Partner.

## **Configuration, Back Ups, and Passwords**

If the Hardware is capable of storing software programs, data, and other information, it is recommended that End User make regular back-up copies of the information contained on the storage media to protect the contents and as a precaution against possible operational failures. Further, Sangoma recommends that End User maintain a separate back up copy of any software and the contents of its storage media, remove all personal. Information that End User wishes to protect and provide Sangoma with the GUI and Telnet/SSH passwords.

During Sangoma's performance of the Warranty Services, it is possible that the contents of the Hardware Products storage media will be lost, replaced, or reformatted. In such event, Sangoma is not responsible for any loss of software programs, data, or other information contained on the storage media or any other part of the Hardware serviced.

Following the provision of the Warranty Services, the repaired Hardware or a replacement Hardware will be returned to End User as the product was configured when originally purchased, subject to applicable updates. End User is responsible for reinstalling all other software programs, data, and information. Recovery and installation of other software programs, data and information are not covered under this Policy.

Certain other requirements pertaining to passwords, backups, and configurations apply to End Users (and in certain circumstances Channel Partners who have a titanium support subscription) who have a Switchvox Support Subscription Agreement or Asterisk Support Agreement or other product or service specific agreement in place with Sangoma.

### **3. Software Warranty**

Please reference the Sangoma End User License Agreement ("EULA") for any warranty that applies to Software Products, which are available on [www.sangoma.com/legal](http://www.sangoma.com/legal). If there is no warranty in the EULA, the Sangoma represents and warrants that the Software will substantially conform to Sangoma's specifications as set forth in the applicable documentation, at and from the date of original retail purchase of the Software for a period of ninety (90) days provided that the Software is properly installed and used as contemplated in its documentation. Sangoma's sole obligation and End User's sole remedy for a breach of the foregoing warranty shall be to replace the non-conforming Software with software substantially conforming to Sangoma's specifications or to refund fees as described below. Sangoma also represents and warrants that Switchvox does not contain any Malicious Code (defined as viruses, worms, time bombs, Trojan horses, and other harmful or malicious code, files, scripts, agents, or programs). Except as otherwise agreed by Sangoma in writing, the replacement Software is subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. If Sangoma determines in its sole discretion that a material non-conformance cannot be corrected, or that it is not practical to replace the nonconforming Software, the price paid by the original licensee for the Software will be refunded by Sangoma to End User and the license grant automatically terminated, in which case End User will promptly return to Sangoma or destroy the Software and any copies in End User's possession.

### **4. Services Warranty**

Sangoma warrants that it will perform services in a manner consistent with generally accepted industry standards. As End User's sole remedy and as Sangoma's sole liability for breach of the foregoing warranty, Sangoma will re-perform or remedy at no charge to End User any non-conforming performance reported by you within ten (10) days of completion of services by Sangoma. Sangoma shall include technical support for the Products in accordance with the policies, terms and conditions set forth on Sangoma's web site, [www.sangoma.com/legal](http://www.sangoma.com/legal), for the Products End User purchases. End User may elect to renew End User's support from Sangoma at Sangoma's then-current rates unless such Products and associated Services are discontinued at Sangoma's sole discretion.

Certain Product or service specific terms may be offered by Sangoma. In the event of a conflict between those terms that are offered by Sangoma and this Policy, the Product or service specific terms shall prevail.

### **5. Restrictions on Warranties**

No warranty shall apply if the Hardware or Software has not been installed, operated, repaired, or maintained in accordance with instructions supplied by Sangoma.



The limited warranties provided by Sangoma do not cover (i) Products that have been subjected to misuse, tampering, modification, experimentation, alteration, negligence, faulty installation, acts of terrorism, or acts of God; (ii) Products with the model or serial number altered, tampered with, or removed; (iii) Initial installation, installation and removal of the Product for repair, and shipping costs; (iv) Configuration of the Product; (v) Damage that occurs in shipment due to act of God, failures due to power surge, and cosmetic damage; (vi) Any hardware, software, firmware or other materials or services provided by anyone other than Sangoma; (vii) Products obtained by fraud or any of the other Excluded Products referenced below; (viii) Repair by anyone other than Sangoma or Sangoma's authorized representative; or (ix) damage caused by power surge, extreme heat or cold, or corrosive environments .

The warranties set forth herein do not apply to: (a) consumable parts such as batteries, unless failure occurred due to a defect in materials or workmanship or (b) to cosmetic damage, including but not limited to scratches, dents and broken plastic ports.

Unless under a current services contract with Sangoma, End User shall not upgrade or update product using software of any origin except commercial versions of the software released to End User by Sangoma or its authorized distributors and/or channel partners from time to time. This warranty extends only to the original End User and is not transferable.

For purposes of clarification, certain Sangoma products are not covered by this Warranty Policy ("Excluded Products"). FOR THE EXCLUDED PRODUCTS, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED BY APPLICABLE LAW, NEITHER SANGOMA, NOR ITS THIRD-PARTY LICENSORS OR SUPPLIERS, NOR ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AFFILIATES MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND TO ANY END USER OR CHANNEL PARTNER, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR NON-INFRINGEMENT, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY AGREED IN WRITING BY SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN NO EVENT SHALL SANGOMA, ITS THIRD PARTY LICENSORS OR SUPPLIERS, NOR ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILLIATES OR LICENSORS BE LIABLE TO END USER FOR ANY DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR ECONOMIC DAMAGE OR INJURY TO PROPERTY, LOST PROFITS OR LOST REVENUES, WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHER THEORY AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY SHALL BE ADVISED OR HAVE REASON TO KNOW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE AGREED IN WRITING BY SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY. SOME COUNTRIES, STATES, OR PROVINCES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR THE LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS APPLIED TO CONSUMERS, OR THE LIMITATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS MAY BE LIMITED IN THEIR APPLICATION TO END USER. IF THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE EXCLUDED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THEY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF SANGOMA'S WARRANTY FOR OTHER SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE PRODUCTS (WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE DEPENDING ON WHICH PRODUCT IS AT ISSUE) AVAILABLE ON WWW.SANGOMA.COM OR THE MINIMUM DURATION REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW- WHICHEVER PERIOD IS SHORTER. The Excluded Products are defined in the following subsections. All terms and conditions other than the warranty provisions of this Policy apply to the Excluded Products as detailed in this Policy.

**Products obtained by Fraud:** Sangoma will not support or offer any warranty on any product obtained fraudulently. End Users who are concerned they may have received their product as the outcome of a fraudulent sale may contact Sangoma's Technical Support Department with the serial number of the Product for a determination of whether their product is excluded from this warranty.

#### **Additional Enhanced Hardware and Software Warranties**

Sangoma, in its discretion, may provide additional enhanced warranties to certain parties via written agreements to extend warranty coverage and duration. The standard warranty contained herein shall always apply unless such a written agreement exists.

## **PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM WARRANTY**

The following Excluded Products are not covered by Sangoma's warranty and Sangoma expressly disclaims any liability arising from use of such Excluded Products:

- FAX for Asterisk
- G.729 for Asterisk
- HPEC for Asterisk
- The Digium Phone Module for Asterisk
- Any Sangoma product obtained by fraud as described in above.

## **6. Returns**

### **Returns of Non-Defective Hardware**

Unless End User is subject to a stock rotation policy as part of a written agreement with Sangoma, Sangoma only accepts returns of unopened non-defective Hardware if the return is made within thirty (30) days following the Start Date. Opened non-defective Hardware returns shall be assessed a 20% restocking fee. Sangoma will accept no returns of non-defective Hardware beyond thirty (30) days. All other returns of Hardware may only be made under the warranty contained herein. Returns of non-defective Hardware only apply to Hardware purchased directly from Sangoma; End Users who have purchased Hardware from a third party should contact that company to discuss their return policies. Sangoma is not obligated to accept returns of any Hardware that has been opened, altered, or is not in resale condition except pursuant to the Policy.

In Sangoma's discretion and on a case by case basis, Software that has not been activated may be returned within ten (10) days following the Start Date, and may, in Sangoma's discretion, be subject to a 20% restocking fee. All other returns of software products may only be made under the warranty contained herein. Sangoma will not be obligated to accept returns of any Software that has been activated or otherwise used.

### **RMA (Return Material Authorization) Process for Defective Hardware**

End Users who wish to return defective Hardware must contact Technical Support for troubleshooting and approval of their return request. You may open a support case/ticket by visiting [www.sangoma.com/support](http://www.sangoma.com/support).

A Technical Support technician will gather the appropriate account and product information and verify warranty status. Technical Support may require that End User respond to questions designed to assist with the diagnosis and resolution of the issue and End User must cooperate.

All RMA approvals are subject to verification of in-warranty status upon receipt. Specifically, Sangoma will not repair or replace any Sangoma product that is not covered by a current, valid warranty. The End User will be contacted by a representative from Sangoma's RMA Department if there is any question or concern about the status of the product warranty.

Once the Technical Support technician confirms that the Hardware is defective and deems it necessary to replace the Hardware, an RMA number will be assigned authorizing the End User to return the defective Hardware. End User is responsible for the cost of shipping the product directly to Sangoma or to the Channel Partner or point of purchase, as directed by Sangoma. Detailed instructions will be provided in the RMA authorization. The RMA number must be included on the outside packaging of the returned Hardware. Shipping costs incurred in connection with the return of a defective item to Sangoma shall be borne by End User, except in the case of a DOA (dead-on-arrival) return.

Sangoma defines a Hardware product as "DOA" when a properly installed product does not immediately perform its primary function as detailed in the product documentation after power is applied for the first time.

DOAs must be reported by End User within three (3) days of receipt of the Hardware. Failure to report within the applicable time limit will exclude it from being qualified as DOA. For DOAs, Sangoma will cover both the return shipping costs and redelivery shipping costs (3-day domestic, 1 week international). In the event the returned Hardware is misrepresented as a DOA, Sangoma will charge the End User for return shipment costs plus a handling fee. When shipping an authorized return to Sangoma, please include only the Hardware and/or accessories authorized along with a copy of Technical Support's authorization. Sangoma will not replace any Hardware and/or accessories for which an authorization has not been issued. End User must use either the original packaging or pack the unit securely to avoid damage during shipping. Each RMA is valid for 30 days after the RMA number is issued, at which time it will expire.

By default, Sangoma will ship a replacement after receiving the defective Hardware from the End User and verifying its warranty status. If the End User would like to expedite the RMA process, Sangoma can cross-ship a replacement product as soon as possible. Cross-ship orders require a valid credit card number to secure the Sangoma product. The End User's credit card will not be charged unless Sangoma does not receive the returned product within thirty (30) days of the date on which Sangoma ships the replacement product.

Any approved RMA should be considered provisional, based on verification of in-warranty status when the Hardware is received at Sangoma. If Sangoma determines that the Hardware is out of warranty, or if the returned product is found to be damage or defect-free (No Trouble Found) the End User will be notified. Sangoma will not cover any shipping, handling, or customs charges for Hardware not authorized for return. At the End User's discretion, Sangoma will either scrap out-of-warranty Hardware or return it to the End User provided the End User agrees to cover shipping costs. Sangoma anticipates receiving returns within 30 days of authorization. If for any reason the return shipment will not arrive at Sangoma within 30 days of the day the RMA was assigned, please contact Sangoma Technical Support so that the expected receive date may be updated or a new RMA number may be issued.

For products that are manufactured by Dell and sold by Sangoma, Dell's return policy is not available. End Users must work with Sangoma and use the return procedures outlined in this document for those products. Returns of all defective or malfunctioning Products by Sangoma will be made at a location determined solely by Sangoma.

Returns are typically shipped via FedEx. See shipping details below for more information.

Sangoma accepts no responsibility for any unauthorized equipment sent to us. Please do not return any product without a valid RMA number, and only return the specific products approved for replacement. Prior to shipping, remove any Hardware modules that were not approved for replacement. Sangoma reserves the right to deny replacement of product that was not approved for replacement prior to shipment.

Note: Please do NOT ship accessories like phone cables, power supply/cables, and certificates, unless the product is still unopened or otherwise specified by Technical Support.

## **7. Shipping**

Sangoma's preferred shipping courier is FedEx, although other couriers may be available in limited circumstances.

We request that you allow a minimum of 48 hours for order processing before orders are scheduled for shipment. For large orders it may take longer due to allocation of the products. If you require same day shipment, please contact sales and we will assist you with your order. Please note that overnight shipping may not be available.

Please include your email address on your order request. Once the order is scheduled for shipment, we will email you the tracking information so that you can follow the status of the shipment. We also email the invoice for your records to the email address you provide.

All of our packages are shipped FCA Sangoma. Once the package leaves our facilities it is the responsibility of the buyer.

Shipping charges do not include any duties, customs or taxes that may be imposed on international shipments. If you have any questions regarding these types of charges, please contact your local government for assistance.

End User is responsible for the cost of shipping the product directly to Sangoma or to the Channel Partner or point of purchase, as directed by Sangoma. If the Product is covered and repaired under warranty, Sangoma will pay to ship the product back to the End User return address on a DAP or DDP basis.

## **8. Refund Policy**

The products and services provided by Sangoma are non-refundable except as explicitly set forth herein. Any refunds or credits issued for reasons other than those specified herein will be at the sole discretion of Sangoma.

Default remedies for non-performing products or services start with Sangoma's Technical Support team. If the End User deems the Sangoma product or service to non-perform as per documentation or written technical specifications for the product, the End User must report the issue to technical support as set out above.

If the issue is related to advertised functionality, software or firmware, or a bug, Sangoma will attempt to repair or provide a work-around to solve the issue as per the appropriate terms at [www.sangoma.com/legal](http://www.sangoma.com/legal) and as set forth herein.

If Sangoma is unable to provide a replacement part or otherwise remedy the defective product after making commercially reasonable efforts, Sangoma reserves the right to refund a pro-rated calculation of the purchase price of the product as its exclusive warranty remedy.

The pro-rated refund shall be based upon the invoiced price of the product and will be calculated by multiplying this amount by the fractional portion of the remaining duration of the warranty period of the purchased product.

## **9. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, SANGOMA IS NOT LIABLE UNDER ANY CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY FOR ANY LOSS OF USE OF THE PRODUCT, INCONVENIENCE OR INDIRECT DAMAGES OF ANY CHARACTER, WHETHER SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF REVENUE OR PROFIT, WORK STOPPAGE, COMPUTER FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION, FAILURE OF CONNECTED EQUIPMENT OR PROGRAMS, LOSS OF INFORMATION OR DATA OR LOSS OF GOODWILL) RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE PRODUCT, RELATING TO WARRANTY SERVICE, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THIS POLICY, EVEN IF SANGOMAHAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THE SOLE REMEDY FOR A BREACH OF THE FOREGOING LIMITED WARRANTIES IS REPAIR, REPLACEMENT OR REFUND OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT. THE MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF SANGOMA UNDER THIS POLICY IS LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT(S) WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE DISPUTE. THE FOREGOING EXPRESS WRITTEN WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER WARRANTIES OR REMEDIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY.

### **Dispute Resolution**

If permitted by applicable law, Sangoma and End User hereby expressly waive any right to a trial by jury and consent to a bench trial. In the event of a dispute, Sangoma and End User agree to attempt to resolve any

dispute by direct communication between representatives of each party who are authorized to finally resolve the dispute prior to filing any legal action against the other party. The parties agree to attempt to resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the first direct verbal communication between the representatives of the parties in which the parties make good faith efforts to attempt to resolve the dispute following written notice of the dispute having been provided to the party not invoking this clause. The party with the dispute must provide the written notice and must provide sufficient detail in the notice as to the nature of the problem and requested remedies so as to permit the party not invoking this clause to make good faith attempts to remedy the dispute. The parties agree not to resort to legal action, other than injunctions, either prior to or during the fourteen-day dispute resolution period. The United Nations Convention on International Sale of Goods, the application of which is expressly excluded, does not govern this Agreement.

#### **Located within the U.S.- Law, venue, and jurisdiction**

If End User is located within the U.S. (such location to be determined primarily by the address listed on the contract and if this is not applicable than by the ship to address), the validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Policy will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States and of the State of Delaware without giving effect to any choice or conflicts of law provision or rule. All disputes arising out of or relating to this Policy will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or federal courts of competent jurisdiction located in Delaware and each party irrevocably consents to such personal jurisdiction and waives all objections to this venue.

#### **Located outside the U.S.- Law, venue, and jurisdiction**

If End User is located outside the U.S. (such location to be determined primarily by the address listed on the contract and if this is not applicable than by the ship to address), the validity, interpretation and enforcement of this policy will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule. All disputes arising out of or relating to this Policy will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or federal courts of competent jurisdiction located in the Province of Ontario and each party irrevocably consents to such personal jurisdiction and waives all objections to this venue.

#### **Conflicting Laws**

Some laws may provide End Users with additional protections that conflict with this Policy. In the event of any such conflicts, the pertaining laws will supersede the provisions of this Policy. The terms not deemed unenforceable will remain effective and only those portions that conflict will be affected.

#### **Modifications**

Sangoma may update this Policy from time to time by publishing a new version on [www.sangoma.com/legal](http://www.sangoma.com/legal). The version of the Policy which was in existence as of the date of the Product or service was ordered is the version which is applicable to End User. Any service billed on a recurring basis will have the updated terms apply commencing on the date the next scheduled payment is due.

#### **Entire Agreement**

This Policy, together with any terms, agreements, or policies that are provided by Sangoma, and the terms contained in any web links listed in this Policy, are the entire agreement between the parties concerning warranty, returns, and shipping. In the event there is any conflict between Product or service specific terms and conditions offered by Sangoma and this Policy, the terms of the Product or service specific shall prevail. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sangoma expressly rejects any conflicting terms submitted in a purchase order. Acceptance of the purchase order is not deemed acceptance of the conflicting terms.

#### **Headings**

The headings of this Policy are inserted solely for reference and are not intended to govern, limit, or aid in the construction of any term or provision herein.

**Waiver**

Sangoma shall not be deemed, by any act or omission, to have waived any of its rights or remedies under this Policy unless such waiver is in writing and signed by an authorized representative. Such a waiver shall be limited specifically to the extent set forth in said writing. Any waiver of a term or condition of this Policy in any instance shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach thereof, or of any other provision. All remedies, rights, undertakings, obligations and agreements contained in this Policy shall be cumulative, and none of them shall be in limitation of any other.

# Ubiquiti - Product Warranty

OUR LIMITED WARRANTY WAS UPDATED ON OCTOBER 9, 2020

**THIS LIMITED WARRANTY CONTAINS A DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ARBITRATION PROVISION, INCLUDING A CLASS ACTION WAIVER THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY AND WITH RESPECT TO DISPUTES YOU MAY HAVE WITH UBIQUITI. YOU MAY OPT OUT OF ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER AS PROVIDED BELOW.**

Products Covered by This Warranty

Ubiquiti Inc.'s ("UBIQUITI") policy is to offer product warranties to end users of our products (the "customer" or "you") only on products purchased from an authorized UBIQUITI distributor or reseller or from an official Ubiquiti webstore<sup>1</sup> (the "Webstores") and, in either case, only accompanied by a Return Materials Authorization ("RMA") as further described below. Unfortunately, there are some websites and dealers who claim to be authorized UBIQUITI resellers but are not. Products sold on these websites or from these dealers do not carry a warranty from UBIQUITI. When you purchase products from an unauthorized website or dealer, you are taking a risk because these products may be counterfeit, used, defective, or may not be designed for use in your country. Please protect yourself and your UBIQUITI product by ensuring that you only purchase UBIQUITI products from an authorized reseller. If you have any questions about authorized distributors or resellers, please visit our website at <https://www.ui.com/distributors/>.

Limited Product Warranty

UBIQUITI warrants that its products (the "Product(s)") shall be free from defects in material and workmanship the duration of the Warranty Period. The "Warranty Period" means (a) for Products purchased by the customer directly from UBIQUITI'S Webstores, two years after the date of delivery of such Product to such customer and (b) for Products purchased from an authorized UBIQUITI distributor or reseller, one year after the date of shipment of such Product to such authorized distributor or reseller. UBIQUITI'S sole and exclusive obligation and liability under the foregoing warranty shall be for UBIQUITI, at its discretion, to replace any Product with a new or refurbished version of the Product that fails to conform to the above warranty during the above warranty period. Such obligation shall be the sole remedy under this warranty and UBIQUITI'S exclusive obligation and the full extent of its liability. The expense of removal and reinstallation of any Product, including labor costs, is not included in this warranty. The warranty period of any replaced Product shall not extend beyond its original term. This warranty does not cover any software applications or programs, non-UBIQUITI products or non-UBIQUITI peripherals. All products and parts that are replaced become the property of UBIQUITI.