

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MARSH BUGGY WITH ROTARY CUTTER

# RFP-2025-02 MARSH BUGGY WITH ROTARY CUTTER

Issued: October 8, 2025

Due Date: October 27, 2025, at 12:00 pm



#### ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 (409) 745-3225 Telephone (409) 745-3004 Facsimile

October 8, 2025

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Re: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR MARSH BUGGY WITH ROTARY CUTTER

Dear Providers:

Attached is a copy of the Orange County Drainage District's Request for Proposals for a MARSH BUGGY WITH ROTARY CUTTER (RFP 2025-02 MARSH BUGGY WITH ROTARY CUTTER)

The submission requirements for this proposal are included on the attached Request for Proposal (RFP) form. Please submit a sealed proposal to:

Orange County Drainage District Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo - District Purchaser 8081 Old Highway 90 Orange, Texas 77630

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is **Monday, October 27, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.** Please provide one (1) original and four (4) copies of your sealed proposal. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

Sincerely,

Joe Escobedo District Purchaser

#### **Notice Published:**

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#### **Proposal Submissions**

Proposer is responsible for submitting:

- One (1) original proposal to include a completed copy of this specifications packet, in its entirety.
- Four (4) numbered proposal copies to include, at a minimum, all pages requiring completion and/or marked with instructions to be returned with the Proposal submission and any other documentation requested within these specifications.

Additionally, the Proposer must monitor the District Website (below) to check for any posted addenda or additional instructions. Failure to return all required forms could result in a response being declared as non-responsive. You can access the website using the following link: <a href="https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing">https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing</a>.

#### **Instructions To Proposers**

#### 1. Proposal Submission

Proposals must be submitted in complete original form by mail or messenger to the following address:

Orange County Drainage District Attn: District Purchaser 8081 Old Highway 90 Orange, Texas 77630

Proposals will be accepted at the above address until the specified time and date, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All proposals shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope and plainly marked with the Proposal Number, Proposal Name, Proposal Due Date, and the Proposer's Name and Address; and shall be addressed to Joe Escobedo, Purchaser.

Late proposals will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the Proposer.

All proposals submitted in response to this invitation shall become the property of the District and will be a matter of public record available for review.

#### 2. Proposal Submissions during Time of Inclement Weather, Disaster, or Emergency

In the event of inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstance that causes the District to close for business on the date of a proposal submission deadline, the proposal closing will automatically be postponed until the next business day that the District offices are open to the public. Should inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen event cause delays in courier service operations, the District may issue an addendum to all known Proposers interested in the project to extend the deadline. It will be the responsibility of the Proposer to notify the District of their interest in submitting a proposal, should these conditions impact their ability to submit a proposal before the stated deadline. The District reserves the right to make the final judgement call to extend any deadline. Should an emergency or unanticipated event interrupt normal District processes and proposal submissions cannot be received by the District Purchasing Department by the exact time specified in the RFP and urgent District requirements preclude amendment to the RFP, the time specified for receipt of proposals will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first business day on which normal District processes resume.

#### 3. Preparation of Proposals

Proposals shall be legibly printed in ink or typed. The District requests that proposals NOT be bound by staples or glued spines. If a unit price or extension already entered is to be

altered, it shall be crossed out and initialed in ink by the Proposer. The proposal shall be legally signed and shall include the complete address of the Proposer. The District is exempt from Federal and State Sales Taxes, and such taxes shall not be included in proposal prices.

#### 4. Signatures

All proposals, notifications, claims, and statements must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the proposal. The individual signing certifies, under penalty of perjury, that he or she has the legal authorization to bind the proposer.

#### 5. Rejection or Withdrawal

Submission of additional terms, conditions, or agreements with the proposal is grounds for deeming the proposal non-responsive and may result in its rejection. The Orange County Drainage District reserves the right to reject any proposals and to waive any informalities, minor irregularities, or defects in proposals. Proposals may be withdrawn in person by a Proposer or authorized representative, provided their identity is made known and a receipt is signed for the proposal, but only if the withdrawal is made before the time set for receipt of proposals. Proposals constitute an irrevocable offer and may not be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after the date of opening.

#### 6. Award

The proposal will be awarded to the responsible and responsive Proposer(s) whose proposal, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the District, considering price and other factors. Unless otherwise specified in this RFP, the District reserves the right to accept a proposal as a whole or in part, and to award by item or by group, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the District. Any Proposer who is in default to the District at the time of submittal of the Proposal shall have that proposal rejected. The District reserves the right to clarify any contractual terms with the concurrence of the Proposer; however, any substantial nonconformity in the offer, as determined by the District, shall be deemed non-responsive and the offer rejected.

In evaluating proposals, the District shall consider the reputation of the Proposer, as well as, where applicable, operating costs, delivery times, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of materials and equipment. In addition, the District may conduct such an investigation as it deems necessary to assist in evaluating a proposal and to establish the Proposer's responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability to fulfill the contract.

The District reserves the right to award this contract based on the lowest and best proposal in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one Proposer, and/or to reject any or all proposals. In the event the lowest dollar proposer meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the Proposer

may appear before the Board of Directors and present their case after officially notifying the Purchaser of the Proposer's intent to appear.

#### 7. Contract

A proposal submitted in response to this RFP is an offer to contract with the District based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this RFP. Proposals do not become contracts unless and until they are accepted and executed by the Orange County Drainage District Board of Directors, thereby eliminating the need for a formal signing of a separate contract. For this reason, all terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the RFP, unless modified by a contract amendment or mutually agreed-upon terms and conditions in the contract documents.

#### 8. Proposal Results

Proposal results are not provided in response to telephone inquiries. A preliminary tabulation of the proposals received will be posted on the Purchasing website (<a href="https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing">https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing</a>) as soon as possible after the proposals are opened. A final tabulation will be posted following the proposal award and will also be available for review in the Purchasing Department. Following the proposal evaluation, all proposals submitted are available for public review.

#### 9. Changes and Addenda to Proposal

If there is a change or addenda issued in conjunction with this RFP, documents for each change or addendum issued in relation to this RFP document will be on file in the Office of the Purchaser. All such modifications or addenda shall become part of the contract, and such addenda shall bind all Proposers. Information on all changes or addenda issued will be available at the Office of the Purchaser and on the District's website at: <a href="https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing">https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing</a>.

#### 10. Specifications

Unless otherwise stated by the Proposer, the proposal will be considered in accordance with the District's applicable standard specifications and any special specifications outlined in the proposal. References to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalogue, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the Proposer in interpreting the requirements of the District. They should not be construed as excluding proposals on other types of equipment or items. However, the Proposer's submission, if selected, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in the specifications or description unless departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the proposal. The District reserves the right to determine whether the proposed equipment/product is an acceptable alternative. All items shall be new unless otherwise stated in the proposal. Any unsolicited alternate proposal, or any changes, insertions, or omissions to the terms and conditions, specifications, or any other requirements of the proposal, may be considered non-responsive.

#### 11. Delivery

Proposals shall include all charges for delivery, packing, crating, containers, etc., unless otherwise stated by the Proposer (in writing on the included Proposal Form). The prices in the proposal will be considered as being based on F.O.B. destination/delivered freight included. All deliveries will be made to the District during regular working hours, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, unless otherwise authorized by the Purchaser or his designee. However, no delivery shall be attempted or made on any of the District's published holidays. A true and correct copy of the District's holidays may be found on the District's website at <a href="https://ocddtx.com/about/">https://ocddtx.com/about/</a>.

#### 12. Interpretation of Proposal and/or Contract Documents

All inquiries shall be made within a reasonable time before the date and time fixed for the proposal opening, so that a written response in the form of an addendum, if required, can be processed before the proposals are opened. Inquiries received that are not made in a timely fashion may or may not be considered.

#### 13. Currency

Prices calculated by the Proposer shall be stated in U.S. dollars.

#### 14. Pricing

Prices shall be stated in units of quantity specified in the Proposal documents. In the event of a discrepancy in computing the proposal amount, the unit price shall prevail.

#### 15. Purchase Order

The District Purchaser shall generate a purchase order to the successful Proposer, The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips.

#### 16. Prompt Payment

The District will make payment under terms of net thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed upon by the successful Proposer and the District Purchaser.

#### 17. Submission Requirements

- Proposal
- Proposer Information Form
- Vendor References
- Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

- Israel Anti-Boybott Verification
- Foreign Terrorist Organization Certification
- Proposal Affidavit
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ)

#### 18. **Definitions**

- **A. District.** This term shall mean the Orange County Drainage District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas.
- **B. Vendor.** Where used, if at all, this term shall mean the Proposer whose proposal is accepted in response to this solicitation by Orange County Drainage District.

# 19. Historically Underutilized Business and Minority-Women Business Enterprise Participation

The District aims to increase the participation of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women-Owned Businesses (WBEs), in its contracting and procurement programs. While the District does not have any preference or set-aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms.

#### **Minimum Specifications**

#### **Questions or Comments?**

**Contact:** Joe Escobedo, Purchaser **E-mail:** jescobedo@ocddtx.com

**Phone:** (409) 745-3362

**Reference:** Proposal Number RFP 2025-02 Marsh Buggy with Rotary Cutter

- **1. Objective.** Orange County Drainage District seeks to purchase a new Marsh Buggy with Rotary Cutter.
- **Scope.** The Purchasing Department will receive sealed proposals for the Marsh Buggy with Rotary Cutter on October 27, 2025. Prices are requested by unit and should be priced as delivered to the Orange County Drainage District's office located at 8081 Old Hwy. 90, Orange, Texas 77630.
- **3. Minimum Specifications. The proposed** Marsh Buggy with Rotary Cutter shall have the following minimum specifications:
  - 15' 10" Long x 8'-6" Wide x 8'10" High, weighing approximately 7200 lbs.
  - All Welded 1/8" Aluminum Body with 3/16" High Strength Pontoon Bottoms
  - 1800 lb. Floating Load Capacity
  - Overhead Cargo Rack with 100 lb. capacity
  - 38.5" Ground Clearance
  - All Stainless-Steel Fasteners throughout the machine
  - Rear-mounted hydraulic three-point lift hitch with quick tach system for mower with Quick Connect hydraulic hoses.
  - 84" Rotary cutter with 2-blade, 3" cutting capacity, ¼" thick aluminum deck with adjustable skids and replaceable wear pads on skids.
  - A fold-out windshield and porthole window for winch operation
  - 4-cylinder liquid-cooled turbo diesel engine with 74 hp Tier 4.
  - Hydrostatic transmission with oil bath final drives
  - 7 mph on land, 1 mph in water
  - Front-mounted 10,000 lb. hydraulic winch
  - 2 LED Front Lights/2 LED Rear Lights

- 28" Wide Aluminum Cleats on 4" centers on 2, 10" wide low-stretch rubber belts per track
- Four Rows of Urethane Drive Lugs/Track Guides per Track
- Low flow aux hydraulics 6gpm at 2000psi and High flow aux hydraulics 30gpm at 3500psi
- 1 Year/1000 hr. Full warranty, including engine warranty of 3 years/2000 hours, covering parts and labor.

#### **Special Requirements/Instructions**

- 1. Operator's Or Maintenance Handbook. The successful Proposer shall furnish at least one (1) operator and maintenance handbook, including at least one (1) handbook for any special equipment, with each item upon delivery of the item to the District.
- **Repair Manual.** The successful Proposer shall furnish at least one (1) manual containing an illustrated parts list, operating, repair, troubleshooting, and service instructions for the unit, engine, and all components of the body, which shall be delivered with the units. The manual shall be as detailed as possible, outlining all necessary service and operating instructions for each unit delivered. Parts list(s) shall cover all components of the unit. Necessary warnings and safety precautions shall be included.
- **3. Additional Information.** The successful Proposer shall provide the following additional information at the time of delivery if it is not included in the manuals required above:
  - Manufacturer's recommended service/preventive maintenance intervals.
  - Recommended fluids, lubricants, and their SAE equivalents.
  - Complete electrical diagrams/schematics for truck and body/equipment.
  - Diagrams/schematics to show every electrical component in the unit (at least one set).
  - Complete hydraulic circuit diagrams.
  - One comprehensive service manual containing powertrain control and emissions diagnostics.
- **4. Delivery of Manuals.** These manuals and equipment literature shall be delivered with the unit.
- **5. Warranty Period, Terms and Conditions.** The Proposer shall offer the longest warranty period available against defects in materials and workmanship for the unit and all its

- components. The manufacturer's warranty will be considered as part of the criteria in determining the best proposal for Orange County Drainage District.
- **4. Right to Reject Different Specifications.** All specifications should be considered a minimum. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any differences in the sole discretion of the District.
- 5. All Standard Equipment Shall Be Included. All equipment listed as standard in printed literature shall be included, and all guarantees applicable to specific vehicles and equipment shall be in force.
- **6. Compliance With Emissions and Other Regulations.** Equipment and engine shall comply with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency governing control of air pollution from new motor vehicles and engines in effect on the date of manufacture, as well as any ancillary statute, rule, or regulation of the State of Texas.
- 7. **Discretionary Rejection of Proposals.** The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals received at its sole discretion.

### **Proposer Information Form**

**Instructions.** Complete the form below. Please provide legible, accurate, and complete contact information. **PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.** 

Proposal Name & Number:	RFP 2025-02 Marsh Buggy with Rotary Cutter
Proposer's Company/Business Name	e:
Proposer's TAX ID Number:	
Contact Person:	Title:
Phone Number (with area code):	
Alternate Phone Number if available	e (with area code):
Fax Number (with area code):	
Email Address:	
Mailing Address (Please provide a pl	hysical address for Proposal bond return, if applicable)
Address, City, State and Zip code	

PROPOSER SHALL RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH THE PROPOSAL

### **Vendor References**

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies (preferably a municipality) where the same or similar items as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

REFERENCE ONE		
Government/Company Name:		
Address:		
Contact Person and Title:		
Phone:	Fax:	
Contract Period:	Scope of Work:	
REFERENCE TWO		
Government/Company Name:		
Address:		
Contact Person and Title:		
Phone:	Fax:	
Contract Period:	Scope of Work:	
REFERENCE THREE		
Government/Company Name:		
Address:		
Contact Person and Title:		
Phone:	Fax:	
Contract Period:	Scope of Work:	

# PROPOSER SHALL RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH THE PROPOSAL

### **Anti-Collusion Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS	§ §
COUNTY OF	_
BEFORE ME, the undersigned	authority, on this day personally appeared
know	wn to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the
following, who, upon his or her o	oath, did depose and say:
affidavit is attached, and I have fu in this same line of business, and	tive of the Proposer in the matter of the proposal to which this all knowledge of the relations of the Proposer with the other firms I the Proposer is not a member of any trust, pool or combination in this proposal, or to influence any person to submit a proposal on.
hereafter any economic opportun	r has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time ity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, ant in connection with the submitted proposal."
AFFIANT FURTHER SAYET	H NAUGHT
	AFFIANT
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIB	BED BEFORE ME by the above Affiant, who, upon his or her
	tained in the above are true and correct, this day of
, 2025.	
	NOTARY PUBLIC – STATE OF TEXAS
Proposer:	
Signed By:	
Title:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
PROPOSER SHA	LL RETURN THE COMPLETED AFFIDAVIT WITH THE PROPOSAL

### **Certificate of Interested Parties**

CERTIFICATE OF INTE	ERESTED PARTIES			FORM 1295
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if th Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6	ere are interested parties. 6 if there are no interested partie	es.		CEUSEONLY
Name of business entity filing form, entity's place of business.	and the city, state and country of th	e business		mFile
Name of governmental entity or sta which the form is being filed.	ame of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for nich the form is being filed.		Mil.	
Provide the identification number u and provide a description of the ser	vices, goods, or other property to be	e provided un	track of ide	ntify the contract, ract.
A Name of Interested Posts	City, State, Country	Natu	re of Interest (check applicable)	
Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	. co	ntrolling	Intermediary
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	1,400			
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	x03			
	Vice			
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5 Check only if there is the interes	sted Party.			
G UNSWORN DECLARATION  My name is	, and m	y date of birth is _		
My address (street)	(cit	y) (sta	te) (zip cod	e) (country)
I while under penalty of perjury that the fo	regoing is true and correct.			
Executed in County,	State of, on the	day of(mo	nth) (	year)
	Signature of auth	orized agent of c (Declarant		ness entity
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orm provided by Texas Ethics Commission	www.ethics.state.tx.us			Revised 5/14/2025

#### **Prohibition On Contracts With Companies Boycotting Israel**

Pursuant to Section 2271 of the Texas Government Code, Proposer certifies that either (i) it meets an exemption criteria under Section 2271; or (ii) it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract resulting from this solicitation. The proposer shall state any facts that exempt it from the boycott certification in its proposal.

Exemption criteria includes the following:

- 1. Company is a sole proprietorship;
- 2. Company employs less than 10 full-time employees;
- 3. Value of the contract is less than \$100,000

"Boycott Israel" is defined to mean refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

"Proposer" is defined to mean a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit.

	undersigned designated representative of the oser to the Orange County Drainage District	ne Proposer, do hereby verify on behalf of said that said Proposer (check one):
	Does not Boycott Israel and will not Bo Government Code Section 808.001) during	bycott Israel (as that term is defined in Texas g the term of this contract; or,
	Proposer is a sole proprietorship; or,	
	Proposer employs less than 10 full-time er	nployees; or,
	The value of the contract made the basis o	f this proposal is less than \$100,000.
Signat	ture of Official and Title	Date of Certification

# PROPOSER SHALL RETURN THE COMPLETED CERTIFICATION WITH THE PROPOSAL

#### **Prohibition on Doing Business With Foreign Terrorist Organization**

I, the undersigned designated representative of the Proposer, do hereby certify on behalf of said Proposer to the Orange County Drainage District that said Proposer is not identified on the Texas Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, a foreign organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U. S. Secretary of State.

not do business with any of these organizations
County Drainage District.
Date of Certification

PROPOSER SHALL RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH THE PROPOSAL

### **Proposal Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS  SCOUNTY OF  SBEFORE ME, the Notary Public, on this day personally appeared who, after being by me duly sworn by me, did depose and say:  "I, as the designated representative of the Proposer in the matter of the proposal to whattached, and have been duly authorized to execute the (name of firm) foregoing on Proposer.  "I hereby certify that the foregoing proposal has not been prepared in collusion with an other person or persons engaged in the same line of business before the official openin Further, I certify that the Proposer is not now, nor has been for the past six (6) months, deconcerned in any pool or agreement or combination, to control the price of services/coi on, or to influence any person or persons to proposal or not to proposal thereon.  "I further certify that the proposal prices contained in this proposal have been carefull submitted as correct and final. Proposer further certifies and agrees to furnish any an which prices are extended at the price offered, and upon the conditions contained in the the Request For Proposals."  AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT  AFFIANT  SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME by the above Affiant, who, upon his that the facts contained in the above are true and correct, this day of	
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Proposer: Signed By: Title: Address: Phone:	his or her oath, states
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WITH THE PROPOSAL

## Form CIQ

CONFLICT OF INTEREST For vendor doing business with local		FORM CIQ
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the	law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chahas a business relationship as defined by Section 17 vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a). By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records	apter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who 6.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the	Date Received
than the 7th business day after the date the vendor bed filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Co	de.	
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly vi offense under this section is a misdemeanor.	lolates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An	
Name of vendor who has a business relation	ship with local governmental entity.	
completed questionnaire with the appropriate you became aware that the originally file	te to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law re briate filing authority not later than the 7th busines led questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)	s day after the date on which
3 Name of local government officer about who	om the information is being disclosed.	
	Name of Officer	
Complete subparts A and B for each employ CIQ as necessary.	2)(A). Also describe any family relationship wit ment or business relationship described. Attac	h additional pages to this Form
other than investment income, fro	om the vendor?	
Yes	No	
	y to receive taxable income, other than investment a family member of the officer AND the taxable in	
Yes	No	
	lationship that the vendor named in Section 1 m ch the local government officer serves as an o e.	
	in the local government officer or a family member (2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.0	
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Name of signatory	Signature	Date
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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

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

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
  - (2) the vendor:
    - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
    - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

- (a) Avendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
  - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
  - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
  - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
  - (1) the date that the vendor:
    - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
    - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
  - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
    - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
    - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
    - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

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