



## LEGAL NOTICE

AND

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS P #045-24

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals (hereon "RFP") for the **Purchase of Two Submersible Wastewater Pumps for Lift Station No. 41 until 5:00 PM, May 22, 2024** in the Brownsville PUB Purchasing Office, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas. **RFP received after this time will not be considered.**

RFP's will be acknowledged by BPUB on May 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Firms can call in at 10:00 AM, May 23, 2024 to (956) 214-6020 to listen to the proposal opening.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the following website: [https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp\\_status/open/](https://www.brownsville-pub.com/rfp_status/open/).

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope and on any carrier's envelope: **"P045-24 PURCHASE OF TWO SUBMERSIBLE WASTEWATER PUMPS FOR LIFT STATION NO. 41, MAY 22, 2024, 5:00 PM"**. This envelope shall be addressed to Diane Solitaire; Brownsville Public Utilities Board; Purchasing Department; 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas 78575.

Each proposal shall constitute an offer to the Board, as outlined therein, and shall be irrevocable for at least ninety (90) days after the time announced for the opening thereof. Firm is required to execute a contract and furnish a Supply Bond. The supply bond shall be valid from the notice of award until the acceptance of the submersible wastewater pumps. Additionally, in lieu of supply bond, a letter of credit (LOC) from a Texas institution is acceptable. If the successful firm fails to execute the contract and to furnish a satisfactory Supply Bond within 10 days from the date on which he is notified that his proposal has been accepted, the amount of his check or supply bond shall be forfeited to the Brownsville PUB as mutually agreed to liquidated damages, and not as a penalty.

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not be responsible in the event that the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the sealed proposals to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Office by the given deadline above. **Electronic transmission or facsimile of RFP will not be acceptable**

The Brownsville PUB reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities contained therein and to accept any proposal deemed most advantageous to the Brownsville PUB.

BY:

*Diane Solitaire*

Purchasing

(956) 983-6366 - Phone

**Please submit this page upon receipt.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

P#045-24 Purchase of Two Submersible Wastewater Pumps for Lift Station No. 41

For any clarifications, please contact Diane Solitaire at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board, Purchasing Department at (956) 983-6366 e-mail: [dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com).

Please e-mail this page upon receipt of legal notice. If you only received the legal notice and you want the proposal package mailed, please provide a method of shipment with account number in the space designated below.

Check one:

☐ **Yes, I will be able to send a RFP; obtained RFP package from website.**

☐ **Yes, I will be able to send a RFP; please email the RFP package.**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Yes, I will be able to send a RFP; please mail the RFP package using the carrier & account number listed below:**

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Account: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **No, I will not be able to send a RFP for the following reason:**

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If you are unable to send your bid, kindly indicate your reason for “No bid” above and return this form **via email to [dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com)**. This will ensure you remain active on our vendor list.

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Company Name

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Authorized Signature

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Address

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Type Signatory's Name and Title

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Telephone Number / Fax Number

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory's Email Address

**IF SPECIFICATIONS ARE DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE PLEASE EMAIL THIS PAGE TO E-MAIL ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE**

## Special Instructions

### *Contract Information*

- **Interpretation**

Questions concerning terms, conditions, and technical specifications should be directed to:

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing & Materials Manager  
(956) 983-6366

- **Tentative Time Line**

1. May 6, 2024 through May 22, 2024 - Vendors work on bid.
2. May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM CST - **Vendor must submit 2 sets of sealed proposal documents in an envelope to:**

Diane Solitaire, Purchasing  
1155 FM 511  
Olmito, TX 78575

Proposal P045-24, Purchase of Two Submersible Wastewater Pumps for Lift Station No. 41

**Due on May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM CST**

*The above noted information must be included on bid envelope and on any carrier's envelope/package. The Brownsville Public Utilities Board **will not be held responsible for missing, lost or late mail.** Brownsville Public Utilities Board will not accept facsimile or electronic transmission of sealed bids.*

3. May 14, 2024 – Last day to submit questions
4. May 22, 2024 – Proposal Due at 5:00 PM CST
5. May 23, 2024 – Proposal Acknowledgment at 10:00 AM
6. May 24, 2024 through June 14, 2024 - Evaluate proposal documents
7. June 21, 2024 - Provide Final Recommendations
8. July 8, 2024 - Send to Utilities Board for approval

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO RFP RESPONDENTS**

Firms must submit a signed one (1) paper original and one (1) paper copy (entire document) of the proposal in a sealed package. Proposals shall be submitted to the BPUB Purchasing Office, 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas, no later than **5:00 PM on May 22, 2024.**

Sealed envelope must be clearly labeled as follows:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board

Attention: Diane Solitaire

1155 FM 511

Olmito, TX 78575

**“P045-24 Purchase of Two Submersible Wastewater Pumps for Lift Station No. 41,  
May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM”**

### **CONTRACT WITH FIRM/ENTITY INDEBTED TO BPUB**

It is a policy of the BPUB to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with an individual, sole proprietorship, joint venture, Limited Liability Company or other entity indebted to BPUB.

### **FIRM REPRESENTATIVE**

The successful Firm agrees to send a personal representative with binding authority for the company to the BPUB upon request to make adjustments and/or assist with coordination of all transactions as needed.

### **VENDOR ACH (DIRECT DEPOSIT) SERVICES**

The Brownsville PUB has implemented a payment service for vendors by depositing the payment directly to the vendor's bank account. Successful vendor(s) will be required to receive payments directly through Automated Clearing House (ACH) in lieu of a paper check. **The awarded vendor must agree to receive payments via ACH (Direct Deposit).**

### **TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)**

In accordance with IRS Publication 1220, a W9 form, or a W8 form in cases of a foreign vendor, will be required of all vendors doing business with the Brownsville PUB. If a W9 or W8 form is not made available to Brownsville PUB, the first payment will be subject to income tax withholding at a rate depending on the U.S. status and the source of income as per IRS Publication 1220. **The W9 or W8 form must be included with proposal response.** Attached are sample forms.

### **TAXES**

The BPUB is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax and Local taxes. Do not include tax in the proposal. If it is determined that tax was included in the proposal, it will not be included in the tabulation or any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

### **SIGNING OF PROPOSAL**

**Failure to sign proposal will disqualify it.** Person signing proposal should show title or authority to bind their firm to a contract.

### **EEOC GUIDELINES**

During the performance of this contract, the Firm agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, national origin, age, religion, gender, marital or veteran status or physically challenging condition.

## **CONTRACT AND TERM**

The submersible wastewater pumps shall be delivered FOB to 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas. A contract for the pumps will be placed into effect after evaluation and final approval by BPUB Board of Directors.

## **DELIVERY**

Delivery of the equipment will only be accepted during normal working hours, **Monday thru Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM CDT**. A delivery ticket must be furnished with each delivery by the carrier. The delivery ticket must show the BPUB's Purchase Order, number of crates, packages, etc. being delivered to BPUB. A packing list must be furnished with each delivery by the carrier. The packing list must include the BPUB's Purchase Order number, a brief description of materials and the total number of crates, size, etc. being delivered to BPUB

## **BROWNSVILLE PUB RIGHTS**

1. If only one or no proposal is received by "submission date", the BPUB has the right to reject, re-advertise, accept and/or extend the proposal by up to an additional two (2) weeks from original submission date.
2. The right to reject any/or all proposals and to make award as they may appear to be advantageous to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board.
3. The right to hold proposal for up to 90 days from submission date without action, and to waive all formalities in proposal.
4. The right to extend the total proposal beyond the original 90-day period prior to an award, if agreed upon in writing by all parties (BPUB and Firm/contractor) and if proposer/Firm holds original proposal prices firm.
5. The right to terminate for cause or convenience all or any part of the unfinished portion of the Project resulting from this solicitation within thirty (30) calendar days written notice; for cause: upon default by the Firm/contractor, for delay or non-performance by the Firm/contractor; or if it is deemed in the best interest of the BPUB for BPUB's convenience.
6. The right to increase or decrease services. In proposal, stipulate whether an increase or decrease in services will affect proposal price.

## **CORRECTIONS**

Any interpretation, correction, or change to the RFP will be made by ADDENDUM. Changes or corrections will be issued by the BPUB Purchasing Department. **Addenda will be emailed to all who have returned the Proposal Acknowledgement form.** Addenda will be issued as expeditiously as possible. It is the responsibility of the Firms to determine whether all addenda have been received. It will be the responsibility of all respondents to contact the BPUB prior to submitting a response to the RFP to ascertain if any addenda have been issued, and to obtain any all addenda, execute them, and return addenda with the response to the RFP. Addenda may also be posted on the BPUB website.

## **RFP IS NOT A BASIS FOR OBLIGATIONS**

This request for competitive sealed proposals does not constitute an offer to contract and does not commit the BPUB to the award of a contract to anyone or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals. The BPUB reserves the right to reject any or all

proposals that do not conform to the requirements stated in this document. The BPUB also reserves the right to cancel all or part of this request for proposals for any reason determined by the BPUB to be in the best interest of the rate payers.

### **RIGHTS TO SUBMITTED MATERIALS**

All proposals and material submitted to the BPUB by a firm, in response to this RFP, shall become the property of the BPUB after the proposal submission deadline. The BPUB's return of the proposals/material will be subject to the requirements of the laws of the State of Texas.

### **UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS**

After release of this solicitation, Proposer's contact regarding this RFP with members of the RFP evaluation, interview or selection panels, and employees of the BPUB or officials of the BPUB other than the Purchasing Manager or Purchasing Staff is prohibited and may result in disqualification from this procurement process. No officer, employee, agent or representative of the Proposer shall have any contact or discussion, verbal or written, with any members of the BPUB Board of Directors, members of the RFP evaluation, interview, or selection panels, BPUB staff, or directly or indirectly through others, seek to influence any BPUB Board member, BPUB staff regarding any matters pertaining to this solicitation, except as herein provided. If a representative of any Proposer violates the foregoing prohibition by contacting any of the above listed parties with whom contact is not authorized, such contact may result in the Proposer being disqualified from the procurement process.

### **PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

All proposal envelopes shall contain **one (1) signed original and one (1) copy** (entire document). The original proposals will be opened and only the Firm's name read aloud at the BPUB Purchasing Office located at 1155 FM 511, Olmito, Texas. All proposals will be managed by BPUB in a manner that avoids disclosure of the contents to competing firms and keeps the proposals confidential during any negotiations. All proposals will be open for public inspection as stated in the public information act, after the contract is awarded; however, trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information in the proposals specifically identified by the firms will not be open for public inspection. Accordingly, all pages in the proposal that the Firm considers to be proprietary and confidential should be appropriately marked.

Direct any questions to Diane Solitaire, Purchasing Department, by phone at (956) 983-6366 or by email at [dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com).

Candidates must guarantee their Original Proposal or subsequently clarified proposal for at least ninety (90) days from the Original Proposal opening date. To obtain the best and final offers, the BPUB may require written clarifications and explanations of Firm proposals after Original Proposal submissions when certain candidates have been selected for interviews. The BPUB will not be liable for any of the Firm's costs or expenses incurred in preparation or presentation of the Proposal(s). The BPUB also reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey, or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, or other abilities prior to the award of the contract.

The BPUB will follow Texas Local Government Code procurement procedures found at: Sections 252.021(b)(c); 252.041(b); 252.042; 252.043(h); 252.049(b).

To ensure that the award is made to the Firm whose proposal best meets the needs of the BPUB, discussion may be conducted with the top three (3) rated Firms at BPUB's discretion. After the meeting(s), five (5) working days will be allowed for the Firms to submit all requested additional information and explanations in writing, which shall be deemed a part of their final offer. The Firm shall submit with such clarifications and explanations any revised projected schedule. The Firms shall be treated fairly and equally with respect to any and all opportunities for discussion, clarification, and explanation of proposals.

### **EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA**

All proposals must be completed and convey all of the information requested in order to be considered responsive. If the proposal fails to conform to the essential requirements of the RFP, the Brownsville PUB alone will determine whether the variance is significant enough to consider the proposal susceptible to being made acceptable and therefore a candidate for further consideration, or not susceptible to being made acceptable and therefore not considered for award. Only the information provided with the proposal, subsequent discussions and clarifications provided in writing, and the proposer's written Best and Final Offer, is used in the evaluation process and award determination. Only these criteria will be considered on the award determination.

A BPUB committee will review the proposals submitted in response to this request and will make recommendations. The BPUB committee will review all proposals in light of the following major evaluation criteria with corresponding weights.

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
Conformance with Technical Requirements	50
Availability, quantity, and quality of condition monitoring sensors. Sensors to monitor pump performance and condition through parameters including vibration, temperature, amperage, etc.	10
Proposal Price	40
Total Points	100





## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

General. Pump shall comply with the criteria established in this Section. Each pump shall be capable of connection to 480 volt, 3 phase, 60 hertz. Pump motor shall not overload at any point through the operation range of the pump. The pump/motor shall comply with the following technical specifications:

Submersible Pump  
Acceptable Rated Motor HP: 160 HP - 200 HP  
8" discharge  
Overall (Pump x Motor) BEP  $\geq$  70%  
Duty Point to meet or exceed 3,700 GPM @ 100 TDH  
Minimum Constant Flow to exceed 5,000 GPM  
480 volt/3 phase  
50' pump cable  
Temperature and leak protection  
Temperature and leak sensor relays  
Condition monitoring sensors  
Electrical/electronic integration of protections to be provided by vendor  
Ebara adapter brackets for non-Ebara pumps

Technical Specifications approved by:



Pump Design. The pumps shall be designed for handling raw, unscreened waste-water and all openings shall be large enough to permit the passage of solids 3 inches in diameter. Design should also be such that the pumping unit will be automatically and firmly connected to the discharge piping when lowered into place on a mating discharge connection, permanently installed in the wet-well. **The existing mating discharge connection base ells at Lift Station No. 41 are 8-inch diameter Ebara. The pumps must be compatible for connecting with the existing Ebara base ells and include adapters if necessary as part of the pump price.** Connection shall be the result of a simple linear downward motion of the pumping unit guided by no less than two guide bars. No other motion in the pump, such as tilting or rotating shall be required. The connection shall be compatible to an Ebara or shall be dimensionally interchangeable with an Ebara connection. All pumps supplied shall fit an Ebara discharge connection. Pumps with Ebara adapters will be accepted. Sealing of the discharge interface by means of a diaphragm or similar method of sealing shall not be considered

acceptable or equal to the metal to metal contact of the pump discharge flange and mating discharge connection specified herein.

The impeller shall be of a non-clog design, capable of passing solids, fibrous materials, heavy sludge and other materials commonly found in wastewater. It shall be constructed with a long throughlet without acute turns. It shall be slip fit to the shaft and key driven. All mating surfaces of the pump and motor housing shall be machined and fitted with nitrile o-rings where watertight sealing is required. Machining and fittings shall be such that sealing is accomplished by automatic compression in two planes and o-ring contact made of four surfaces, without the requirements of specific torque limits to affect this. Rectangular cross-sectional gasket requiring specific torque limits to achieve compression shall not be considered adequate or equal. Tolerances of all parts shall be such that would allow replacement of any part without additional machining required to insure sealing as described above. No secondary sealing compounds, greases or other devices shall be used.

Each pump shall be provided with a tandem double mechanical seal running in an oil reservoir having separate constantly hydro-dynamically lubricated seal faces. Each sealing unit shall consist of one stationary and one positively driven rotating tungsten carbide or silicon carbide ring with each pair held in contact by a separate spring. The lower compression spring shall be protected against contact with or exposure to the pumped media. The seals shall require neither maintenance nor adjustment and shall be easily replaceable. Shaft seals without positively driven rotating members or conventional double mechanical seals with a common single or double spring action between the upper and lower units, requiring a pressure differential to offset external pressure and effect sealing shall not be considered acceptable nor equal to the dual independent seal system specified herein. The pump shall be capable of operating out of a liquid environment with no damage to the seals. The seal system shall not rely on the pump media for lubrication.

All motors shall be housed in an air-filled watertight casing and shall have moisture resistant Class H 180 *deg C* insulation. The motor shall be NEMA Design B capable of continuous operation in a totally, partially or non-submerged condition. The cable entry seal design shall be such that specific torque requirements to insure a watertight and submersible seal are precluded. Motor stator leads and power cable connections to the motor shall be the lug type connected to a terminal board in a junction chamber sealed and separated by a sealing gland to isolate the motor interior from foreign particles gaining access during field change of power cable or stator leads. Wire nut connections of power cable to power cable shall not be considered equal to lug and terminal type connections. Pump motor cable installed shall be suitable for submersible pump applications and this shall be indicated by a code or legend permanently embossed on the cable. Cable sizing shall conform to NEC specifications for pump motors and shall be of adequate size to allow motor voltage conversion without replacing cables. A sliding guide bracket shall be an integral part of the pump unit. The volute casing shall have a machined discharge flange to automatically and firmly connect with the cast iron discharge connection, which when bolted to the floor of the wet pit and discharge line, will receive the pump discharge connecting flange without the need of adjustments, fasteners, clamps or similar devices. The discharge connection shall be by Ebara or shall be dimensionally interchangeable with an Ebara discharge connection. All pumps supplied shall have sliding brackets to fit an Ebara discharge connection. Pumps with

Ebara adapters will be acceptable. The guide bracket shall be coated grey iron and all bolts shall be 316 stainless steel.

**Pump Guarantee.** The pump manufacturer shall furnish the owner with a two (2) year written guarantee to warrant the pumps and all components against failure due to defective materials and workmanship. Warranty coverage shall begin on the date the pump is delivered and shall not be pump run time dependent.

**Pump Protection Relay.** One set of over temperature and seal failure relay shall be provided for each supplied pump, unit price of pump to include this item.

The pump and the pump manufacturer shall comply with the following:

- Pump manufacturer shall have a minimum 10,000 heavy-duty submersible wastewater pumps installed and operating for no less than 5 years in the United States.
- Pump manufacturer shall be ISO 9001 Certified (Quality).
- Pump manufacturer shall be ISO 14001 Certified (Environmental).
- Closest Authorized Service Repair Facility shall be within 200 driving miles from Brownsville, Texas.
- Pump shall have a minimum Warranty on all parts and labor as specified in Section 1.1.4. of these specifications.
- Pump shall be Non-Clog Submersible.
- Pump shall be heavy duty, electric submersible, centrifugal non-clog designed for handling raw, unscreened sewage and wastewater.
- All openings in pump impeller and volute pass a 3" sphere.
- Maximum pump/motor operating ambient temperature shall be up to 104 Deg. F
- Impeller shall be Semi-open-multi-vane, 1-vane open, or 2-vane open (vortex or enclosed vane impellers will NOT be accepted).
- Impeller material shall be Gray Cast-Iron/Cast Iron ASTM A-48, Class 30, 35B OR 40.
- Pump case/volute material shall be ASTM A-48 Class 30 or Class 35B, OR ASTM 48 Class 40.
- Exposed bolts material shall be stainless steel 304 or 316.
- Coating on metal surfaces in contact with pumpage, other than stainless steel and brass shall be equal to one of the following: (1) Acrylic dispersion zinc phosphate primer with polyester resin paint finish on exterior of pump or (2) Cast iron castings treated with phosphate and chromate rinse and finished with Sherwin Williams Chem-Aqua 400 waterborne enamel finish or (3) Epoxy Tnemec Series 46-465 applied on three coats. Or Equal system.
- Submersible Cable (SUBCAB) sized according to NEC and meet P-MSHA Approval.
- Cable Length shall be 50-ft single cable.
- Non-oil cooling system. Pump motor shall be non-jacketed and sufficiently cooled by the surrounding environment or pumped media and suitable for continuous operation at full nameplate load while the motor is not totally non-submerged cooled by the pumped media; or pump motors shall have a cooling jacket that encircles the stator where a closed loop (non-oil) cooling liquid passes around the stator housing creating a turbulent flow providing for superior heat transfer. The cooling system shall provide for continuous

pump operation in liquid or ambient temperatures of up to 104°F (40°C) while the motor is not totally non-submerged pump cooled by the pumped media.

- Equipment shall be Explosion Proof. Pump, Motor, and Cable approved for use in areas classified as hazardous in accordance with NEC Class I, Div. 1, Group C and D.
- Pump motor shall be NEMA B design.
- Stator windings insulation shall be moisture resistant Class H rated for 180°C (356°F).
- Bearings shall be sealed and permanently grease lubricated with high temperature grease.
- Minimum bearing life (L10) shall be at least 50,000 hours.
- Pump shall have independent springs for both mechanical seals.
- Upper mechanical seal material shall be Tungsten-Carbide or Silicon-Carbide.
- Lower mechanical seal material shall be Tungsten-Carbide or Silicon-Carbide.
- Pump and motor shaft shall be a single piece unit.
- Shaft Material shall be Stainless Steel 420 or 431.
- Pump temperature protection shall consist of the following: (1) Three thermal switches (one per phase winding) connected in series or (2) Thermal switches for each phase connected to the control panel.
- Pump leakage protection shall consist of the following: (1) A float switch or (2) A double electrode mounted in the seal chamber or (3) A seal minder relay installed to detect moisture or water or (4) A leakage sensor.
- Guaranteed maximum delivery time for pumps ranging from 5 hp to 30 hp from issuance of purchase order shall be ten (10) weeks (excluding holidays).
- Pump shall include a Ebara adaptor bracket for non-Ebara pumps included in the bid item cost for each pump supplied.
- Pump shall include Temperature and Seal Failure Alarm Relays included in the bid item cost for each pump supplied.
- Pump shall be able to convert voltage without needing to access winding housing (i.e. through pump terminal board only).

**COST SHEET**  
**Proposal #045-24**

QTY	U/M	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
2	EA	Submersible Wastewater Pumps		
2	EA	Electrical and electronic integration of pump protection and condition monitoring sensor relays		
1	LS	Pump startup		
1	LS	Other fees, if applicable		
Equipment Delivery in Days				
GRAND TOTAL				

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Brownsville PUB has the right to increase or decrease quantities. In proposal, stipulate whether the increase or decrease will affect proposed price.**

( ) Yes, an increase or decrease in quantity will affect proposed price above.

( ) No, an increase or decrease in quantity will not affect proposed price above.

Company Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Company Representative:\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name and Title)

Authorized Company Representative:\_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE (Failure to sign bid will automatically disqualify bid)**

Company Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #:\_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Twenty-Four Hour Telephone #:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

# REQUIRED FORMS CHECKLIST

The following forms are to be submitted as a part of the Bid/RFP/RFQ document

NAME	FORM DESCRIPTION	SUBMITTED WITH BID	
		YES	NO
Legal Notice	Acknowledgement Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Debarment Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ethics Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	W9 or W8 Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Direct Deposit Form (will be provided to the awarded vendor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Residence Certification Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Instructions	Bid Schedule/Cost sheet completed and signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cashier Check or Bid Bond of 5% of Total Amount of Bid (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OSHA 300 Log (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sub-Contractor Pre-Bid Disclosure completed, signed, and notarized (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
References	Complete the Previous Customer Reference Worksheet for each reference provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addenda			

## ETHICS STATEMENT

(THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)

The undersigned bidder, by signing and executing this bid, certifies and represents to the Brownsville Public Utilities Board that bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by (1.07 (a) (6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment of advantage relating to this bid; the bidder also certifies and represents that the bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this bid, the bidder certifies and represents that bidder has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board concerning this bid on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the bidder also certifies and represents that bidder has not received any information not available to other bidders so as to give the undersigned a preferential advantage with respect to this bid; the bidder further certifies and represents that bidder has not violated any state, federal, or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to bribery, improper influence, collusion or the like and that bidder will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value of any officer, trustee, agent or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in return for the person having exercised their person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this bid; the bidder certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent, or employee of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board in connection with information regarding this bid, the submission of this bid, the award of this bid or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this bid.

**THE BIDDER SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, ALL OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDING, COSTS, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTED WITH, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF CONTRACTOR IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS BID.**

I have read all of the specifications and general bid requirements and do hereby certify that all items submitted meet specifications.

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEFAX: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS IF ANY:

NOTE: QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE RAISED WITH OWNER AND ITS CONSULTANT (IF APPLICABLE) AND RESOLVED IF POSSIBLE, PRIOR TO THE BID SUBMITTAL DATE. ANY LISTED DEVIATIONS IN A FINALLY SUBMITTED BID MAY ALLOW THE OWNER TO REJECT A BID AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS  
ENTIRETY AND SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE)**

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

The prospective participant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that they and their principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three year period preceding this bid been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1) (b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three year period preceding this application/bid had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or Local) terminated for cause or default.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection of this bid or termination of the award. In addition, under 18 USC Section 1001, a false statement may result in a fine up to a \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for up to five (5) years, or both.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

☐ **I am unable to certify to the above statements. My explanation is attached**



THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY & SUBMITTED WITH BID RESPONSE

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> <b>For vendor doing business with local governmental entity</b>		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.</p> <p>A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.</p>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<b>1</b> Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.	Date Received	
<b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)		
<b>3</b> Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.		
_____ Name of Officer		
<b>4</b> Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.		
<div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <p>A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No         </div> </div> <p>B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No         </div>		
<b>5</b> Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.		
<b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).		
<b>7</b>		
_____ Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity		_____ Date

**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.

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

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

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

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

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- (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; or
- or
- (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) A vendor 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.

**BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**  
**RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with Art. 601g, as passed by the 1985 Texas Legislature, the following will apply. The pertinent portion of the Act has been extracted and is as follows:

Section 1. (a)

(1) "Nonresident bidder" means a bidder whose principal place of business is not in this state, but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

(2) "Texas resident bidder " means a bidder whose principal place of business is in this state, and includes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

Section 1. (b)

The state or governmental agency of the state may not award a contract for general construction, improvements, services, or public works projects or purchases of supplies, materials or equipment to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name) is a **resident Texas bidder** as defined in Art. 601g.

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name) is a **nonresident bidder** as defined in Art. 601g. and our principal place of business is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name  
State Law Verifications

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Person's name), the undersigned  
representative of (Company or Business name) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter referred to as the  
"Company") being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by  
the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath as follows:

- **IRAN, SUDAN AND FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS:** By submission of a response to City of Brownsville Public Utilities Board ("BPUB") Request for Qualifications Q018-23 (the "RFQ"), the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission or any contracts executed in response to this proposal constitutes a governmental contract within the meaning of Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, and except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, neither the responding Company, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code.
- **ANTI-BOYCOTT ISRAEL VERIFICATION:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services within the meaning of Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, solely for purposes of compliance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, and subject to applicable federal law, including without limitation, 50 U.S.C. Section 4607, the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (1) does not boycott Israel and (2) will not boycott Israel through the term of any such contract. The term "boycott Israel" as used in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.
- **VERIFICATION REGARDING NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIREARMS:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that it, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of any such contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene

applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2274.001, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session).

- **VERIFICATION REGARDING NO ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTTS:** By submission of a response to the BPUB RFQ, the responding Company represents that, to the extent this proposal submission, or any contracts executed in response to this proposal, constitutes a contract for goods or services for which a written verification is required under Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, the responding Company hereby verifies that the responding Company, as well as any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Firm, (1) does not boycott energy companies and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of any such contract. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002, Texas Government Code (as added by Senate Bill 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), as amended, to the extent such section does not contravene applicable Texas or federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, “boycott energy companies” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 809.001(1), Texas Government Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

On this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared

\_\_\_\_\_, the above-named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date

# Senate Bill 252 Certification Form

## Prohibition on Contracts with Terrorist Organizations

The Texas Legislature approved legislation that will impact all government contracts for goods and services. This addendum requires a certification from any vendor/independent contractor entering into a contract with Brownsville Public Utilities Board to ensure the vendor/contractor complies with the requirements stipulated herein.

***Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 and Section 2252.153:***

*SB 252 prohibits governmental entities from contracting with parties on the State Comptroller's list of companies known to have contracts with, or provide supplies or services to, an organization designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. Secretary of State. As a result of this law, governmental entities are required to certify that vendors/independent contractors are not on the listing of companies on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas which do business with Iran, Sudan, or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.*

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I, (authorized official) \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby depose and certify the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents of the statements submitted on this certification, that the company named below:

- 1) does not do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization; and
- 2) will not do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization during the term of the contract; and
- 3) is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas

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Company Name

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Signature of Authorized Signature

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Title of Authorized Signature

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Date

## Previous Customer Reference Worksheet

Name of Customer:		Customer Contact:
Customer Address:		Customer Phone Number:
		Customer Email:
Name of Company Performing Referenced Work:		

What was the Period of Performance?		What was the Final Acceptance Date?
From:		
To:		
Dollar Value of Contract?		What Type of Contract?
\$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Firm Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Time and Material <input type="checkbox"/> Not to Exceed <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Plus Fixed Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____

[illegible]

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**  
Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

**Before you begin.** For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.	
	<b>3a</b> Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . . <b>Note:</b> Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions)	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____  (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	<b>3b</b> If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code	
	<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)	

<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>  Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> , later.  <b>Note:</b> If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.	<b>Social security number</b> <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <b>or</b> <b>Employer identification number</b> <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>					-				-									-								
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<b>Part II Certification</b>  Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:  1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.  <b>Certification instructions.</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.	<b>Sign Here</b>  <b>Signature of U.S. person</b>  <b>Date</b>
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**General Instructions**

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

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**What's New**

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they



Form **W-8BEN-E**

(Rev. October 2021)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Certificate of Status of Beneficial Owner for  
United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Entities)**

► For use by entities. Individuals must use Form W-8BEN. ► Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.  
► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW8BENE](http://www.irs.gov/FormW8BENE) for instructions and the latest information.  
► Give this form to the withholding agent or payer. Do not send to the IRS.

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**Do NOT use this form for:**

- U.S. entity or U.S. citizen or resident . . . . . W-9
- A foreign individual . . . . . W-8BEN (Individual) or Form 8233
- A foreign individual or entity claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the United States (unless claiming treaty benefits) . . . . . W-8ECI
- A foreign partnership, a foreign simple trust, or a foreign grantor trust (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for exceptions) . . . W-8IMY
- A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, foreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession claiming that income is effectively connected U.S. income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (unless claiming treaty benefits) (see instructions for other exceptions) . . . . . W-8ECI or W-8EXP
- Any person acting as an intermediary (including a qualified intermediary acting as a qualified derivatives dealer) . . . . . W-8IMY

**Instead use Form:****Part I Identification of Beneficial Owner**

<b>1</b> Name of organization that is the beneficial owner	<b>2</b> Country of incorporation or organization
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**3** Name of disregarded entity receiving the payment (if applicable, see instructions)

**4** Chapter 3 Status (entity type) (Must check one box only):

<input type="checkbox"/> Simple trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax-exempt organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Bank of Issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Private foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Complex trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government - Controlled Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> Grantor trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Disregarded entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Government - Integral Part
		<input type="checkbox"/> International organization	

If you entered disregarded entity, partnership, simple trust, or grantor trust above, is the entity a hybrid making a treaty claim? If "Yes," complete Part III. ☐ Yes ☐ No**5** Chapter 4 Status (FATCA status) (See instructions for details and complete the certification below for the entity's applicable status.)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonparticipating FFI (including an FFI related to a Reporting IGA FFI other than a deemed-compliant FFI, participating FFI, or exempt beneficial owner). | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreporting IGA FFI. Complete Part XII.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating FFI.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign government, government of a U.S. possession, or foreign central bank of issue. Complete Part XIII. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Model 1 FFI.   | <input type="checkbox"/> International organization. Complete Part XIV.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Model 2 FFI.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt retirement plans. Complete Part XV.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered deemed-compliant FFI (other than a reporting Model 1 FFI, sponsored FFI, or nonreporting IGA FFI covered in Part XII). See instructions.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Entity wholly owned by exempt beneficial owners. Complete Part XVI.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored FFI. Complete Part IV.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Territory financial institution. Complete Part XVII.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant nonregistering local bank. Complete Part V.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial group entity. Complete Part XVIII.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant FFI with only low-value accounts. Complete Part VI.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial start-up company. Complete Part XIX.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant sponsored, closely held investment vehicle. Complete Part VII.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted nonfinancial entity in liquidation or bankruptcy. Complete Part XX.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified deemed-compliant limited life debt investment entity. Complete Part VIII.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) organization. Complete Part XXI.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certain investment entities that do not maintain financial accounts. Complete Part IX.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit organization. Complete Part XXII.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-documented FFI. Complete Part X.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly traded NFFE or NFFE affiliate of a publicly traded corporation. Complete Part XXIII.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted distributor. Complete Part XI.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted territory NFFE. Complete Part XXIV.   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Active NFFE. Complete Part XXV.  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Passive NFFE. Complete Part XXVI.  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted inter-affiliate FFI. Complete Part XXVII.   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct reporting NFFE.   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsored direct reporting NFFE. Complete Part XXVIII.   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Account that is not a financial account.   |

**6** Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). **Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of address** (other than a registered address).

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.

Country

**7** Mailing address (if different from above)

City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.

Country

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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