



El Paso County  
Contracts and Procurement  
15 East Vermijo Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #RFP-22-138**  
**COVER SHEET**

Release Date	September 21, 2022
Solicitation Number	RFP-22-138
Solicitation Title	<b>CARPET AND MISCELLANEOUS CLEANING SERVICES</b>
Services to be performed for	El Paso County – Facilities and Strategic Infrastructure Management
Responses will be received until	11:00 A.M., MST, Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Electronically through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System
For additional information please contact	Matthew Marter Procurement Specialist I Email: matthewmarter@elpasoco.com 719-520-6663
Documents included in this package	Request for Proposal Cover Sheet General Terms and Conditions Special Terms and Conditions Scope of Work Response Submittal Requirements Attachments

The undersigned hereby affirms that (1) he/she is a duly authorized agent of the vendor, (2) he/she has read all terms and conditions and technical specifications which were made available in conjunction with this solicitation and fully understands and accepts them unless specific variations have been expressly listed in his/her offer, (3) that the offer is being submitted on behalf of the vendor in accordance with any terms and conditions set forth in this document, and (4) that the vendor will accept any awards made to it as a result of the offer submitted herein for a minimum of ninety calendar days following the date of submission. Offers must contain, in blue ink, a manual signature of an authorized agent of the Vendor or a verifiable electronic time and date stamped signature in the space provided on all appropriate signature lines in this solicitation. **Typed names as signatures are not allowed.**

PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

Company Name: _____	Fax: _____
Address: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____	Title: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
Authorized Representative's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Printed Name: _____	Title: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____

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1. **APPLICABILITY.** These General Terms and Conditions apply, but are not limited, to all bids, proposals, qualifications and quotations (hereinafter referred to as "Offers" and/or "Responses") made to El Paso County (hereinafter referred to as "County") by all prospective suppliers (herein after referred to as "Vendors") in response, but not limited to, Invitations to Bid, Invitations for Bid, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, and Requests for Quotations (hereinafter referred to as "Solicitations").

2. **CONTENTS OF OFFER**

2.1 **General Conditions.** Vendors are required to submit their Offers in accordance with the following expressed conditions:

2.1.1 Vendors shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding the plant and facilities affected by the delivery of materials and equipment as required by the conditions of the Solicitation. No plea of ignorance by the Vendor of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure to fulfill the requirements of the contract documents will be accepted as the basis for varying the requirements or the compensation to the Vendor.

2.1.2 Vendors are advised that all County contracts are subject to all legal requirements contained in County ordinances, the Contracts and Procurement policies and state and federal statutes. When conflicts between the Solicitation and these legal documents occur, the highest authority will prevail.

2.1.3 Vendors are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish to the County via this Solicitation and must indicate any variances to the terms, conditions, and specifications of this Solicitation no matter how slight. If variations are not stated in the Vendor's Offer, it shall be construed that the Vendor's Offer fully complies with all conditions identified in this Solicitation.

2.1.4 El Paso County intends and expects that the contracting processes of the County and its Vendors provide equal opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. Accordingly, the Vendor shall not discriminate on any of the foregoing grounds in the performance of the contract.

2.1.5 All Offers and other materials submitted in response to this Solicitation shall become the property of the County and will be a matter of public record. Vendors must identify, in writing, all copyrighted material, trade secrets and/or other proprietary information that it claims are exempt from disclosure under the Open Records Act.

Any Vendor claiming an exemption must identify the specific provision of the Open Records Act that provides an exemption from disclosure for each item that the Vendor claims is not subject to disclosure and must submit an additional original copy of the Response with each exempt item clearly redacted. Any Vendor claiming an exemption must also state in its Response that the Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees from any action brought against the County for its refusal to disclose any purportedly exempt material, trade secrets and other proprietary information to any party making a request therefore.

Any Vendor who fails to include an exemption statement along with the additional redacted copy of the Response shall be deemed to have waived any right to an exemption from disclosure as provided by the Open Records Act.

## **2.2 Clarification and Modifications in Terms and Conditions**

- 2.2.1** Where there appear to be variances or conflicts between the General Terms and Conditions, the Special Terms and Conditions and the specifications outlined in this Solicitation, the specifications then the Special Terms and Conditions will prevail.
- 2.2.2** If any Vendor contemplating submitting an Offer under this Solicitation is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications, the Vendor must submit a **written request** for clarification to the County's Contracts and Procurement Manager or their designee as outlined in the Special Terms and Conditions. The Vendor submitting the request shall be responsible for ensuring that the request is received by the County's buyer by the date and time listed in the Schedule of Activities for submitting question(s) or as stated in the Special Terms and Conditions.

Any official interpretation of this Solicitation must be made by the County's Contracts and Procurement Manager or their designee. The County shall not be responsible for interpretations offered by other employees of the County.

The County shall issue a written addendum if substantial changes which impact the technical submission of Offers are required. Addenda will be posted on the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System web site (<http://www.rockymountainbidsystem.com>) as well as the El Paso County web site (<http://www.elpasoco.com>). Vendors are responsible for either revisiting one of these websites prior to the due date or contacting the Contracts and Procurement Manager or their designee named on the Cover Sheet of this Solicitation to ensure that they have any addenda which may have been issued after the initial download.

The Vendor shall certify its acknowledgment of the addendum by signing the addendum and returning it with its Offer. In the event of conflict with the original contract documents, addenda shall govern all other contract documents to the extent specified. Subsequent addenda shall govern over prior addenda only to the extent specified.

## **2.3 Prices Contained in Offer-Discounts, Taxes, Collusion**

- 2.3.1** Vendors may offer a cash discount for prompt payment. Discounts will be considered in determining the lowest net cost for the evaluation of Offers; discounts for periods of less than twenty days, however, will not be considered in making the award. If the Vendor does not enter a percentage discount, it is hereby understood and agreed that the payment terms shall be net thirty days, effective on the date that the County receives an accurate invoice or accepts the products, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made on the date of the mailing of the check.
- 2.3.2** Vendors shall not include federal, state, or local excise or sales taxes in prices offered, as the County is exempt from payment of such taxes. Materials purchased directly by the Vendor in conjunction with this contract will, however, be subject to applicable state and local sales taxes. These taxes shall be borne by the vendor. Under no circumstances shall Vendor be authorized to use the County's tax exemption number in acquiring such materials.
- 2.3.3** The Vendor, by affixing its signature to this Solicitation, certifies that its Offer is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection either with any persons, firms or corporations making an Offer for the same items, services, or with the County. The Vendor also certifies that its Offer is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action. To ensure integrity of the County's public procurement process, all Vendors are hereby placed on notice that any and all Vendors who falsify the certifications required in conjunction with this section will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### 3. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF OFFER

#### 3.1 Preparation

- 3.1.1 El Paso County will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any Vendor in preparing and submitting its offer.
- 3.1.2 The Offer must be typed or legibly printed in ink. The use of erasable ink is not permitted. All corrections made by the Vendor must be initialed **in blue ink** by the authorized agent of the Vendor.
- 3.1.3 Offers must contain, in blue ink, a manual signature of an authorized agent of the Vendor or a verifiable electronic time and date stamped signature in the space provided on the Solicitation Cover Sheet. **Typed names as signatures are not allowed.** The original Cover Sheet of this Solicitation must be included in all Offers. If the Vendor's authorized agent fails to appropriately sign and return the original Cover Sheet of the Solicitation, its Offer shall be invalid and shall not be considered.
- 3.1.4 Prices shall be provided by the Vendor on the Solicitation's Pricing Form when required in conjunction with the prescribed method of award and shall be for the unit of measure requested. Prices that are not in accordance with the measurements and descriptions requested shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be considered. Where there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension of prices, the unit price shall prevail.
- 3.1.5 Alternate Offers will not be considered unless expressly permitted in the Specification's Special Terms and Conditions.
- 3.1.6 The accuracy of the Offer is the sole responsibility of the Vendor. No changes in the Offer shall be allowed after the date and time that the Offers are due.

#### 3.2 Submission

- 3.2.1 The Offer shall be submitted via the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System with the Vendor's name, the RFP Number, and the RFP Title. When required in conjunction with the prescribed method of award, the County's Pricing Form must be used when the Vendor is submitting its Offer. The Vendor shall not alter this form (e.g., add or modify categories for posting prices offered) unless expressly permitted in an addendum duly issued by the County. No other form shall be accepted.
- 3.2.2 Offers submitted via facsimile machines, mail, or email will not be accepted unless expressly permitted in the solicitation.
- 3.2.3 Vendors which qualify their Offers by requiring alternate contractual terms and conditions as a stipulation for contract award must include such alternate terms and conditions in their Offers. The County reserves the right to declare Vendors' Offers as non-responsive if any of these alternate terms and conditions are in conflict with the County's terms and conditions, or if they are not in the best interests of the County.

- 3.3 **Late Offers.** Offers received after the date and time set for the opening will not be authorized to enter into the electronic lockbox and will be deemed as non-responsive.

### 4. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

- 4.1. **Modifications to Offers.** Offers may only be modified in the form of a written notice on company letterhead and must be received prior to the time and date set for the Offers to be opened. Each modification submitted to the County's Contracts and Procurement Division must have the Vendor's name and return address and the applicable Solicitation number and title clearly marked on the face of the envelope. If more than one modification is submitted, the modification bearing the latest date of receipt by the County's Contracts and Procurement Division will be considered the valid modification.

## **4.2. Withdrawal of Offers**

- 4.2.1** Offers may be withdrawn prior to the time and date set for the opening. Such requests must be made in writing on company letterhead.
- 4.2.2** In accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, Offers may not be withdrawn after the time and date set for the opening for a period of ninety calendar days after the opening. If an Offer is withdrawn by the Vendor during this ninety-day period, the County may, at its option, suspend the Vendor from the bid list and may not accept any Offer from the Vendor for a six-month period following the withdrawal.

## **5. REJECTION OF OFFERS**

### **5.1. Rejection of Offers.** The County may, at its sole and absolute discretion:

- 5.1.1** Reject any and all, or parts of any or all, Offers submitted by prospective Vendors;
- 5.1.2** Re-advertise this Solicitation;
- 5.1.3** Postpone or cancel the process;
- 5.1.4** Waive any irregularities in the Offers received in conjunction with this Solicitation; and/or
- 5.1.5** Determine the criteria and process whereby Offers are evaluated and awarded. No damages shall be recoverable by any challenger as a result of these determinations or decisions by the County.

### **5.2 Rejection of a Particular Offer.** The County may reject an offer under any of the following conditions:

- 5.2.1** The Vendor misstates or conceals any material fact in its Offer;
- 5.2.2** The Vendor's Offer does not strictly conform to the law or the requirements of the Solicitation;
- 5.2.3** The Offer expressly requires or implies a conditional award that conflicts with the method of award stipulated in the Solicitation's Special Terms and Conditions and/or specifications;
- 5.2.4** The Offer does not include documents, including, but not limited to, certificates, licenses, and/or samples, which are required for submission with the Offer in conjunction with the Solicitation's Special Terms and Conditions and/or specifications; or
- 5.2.5** The Offer has not been executed by the Vendor through an authorized signature on the Specification's Cover Sheet.

### **5.3 Elimination from Consideration**

- 5.3.1** To ensure fair consideration for all Vendors, the County prohibits communication initiated by a Vendor or on a Vendor's behalf regarding the Solicitation to or with any County official or employee during the submission process, except as expressly set forth in this Solicitation. In addition, the County prohibits communications initiated by a Vendor or on a Vendor's behalf to or with any County official or employee evaluating or considering the solicitation prior to the time an award decision has been made. Prohibited communications initiated by a Vendor shall be grounds for eliminating the offending Vendor from consideration for award.
- 5.3.2** An Offer may not be accepted from, nor any contract be awarded to, any person or firm which is in arrears to the County upon any debt or contract or which is a defaulter as surety or otherwise upon any obligation to the County.

- 5.3.3** An Offer may not be accepted from, nor any contract awarded to, any person or firm which has failed to perform faithfully any previous contract with the County, state, or federal government, for a minimum period of three years after this previous contract was terminated for cause.

- 6. AWARD OF CONTRACT.** El Paso County and the successful Vendor shall execute the County's Professional Services Agreement (see Attachment B) to consummate a contract between the parties. This Solicitation and the Vendor's Offer shall be attached and incorporated as part of that contract.

**7. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

- 7.1 Local, State and Federal Compliance Requirements.** Successful Vendors shall be familiar and comply with all local, state, and federal directives, ordinances, rules, orders, and laws applicable to, and affected by, this contract including, but not limited to, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- 7.2 Disposition.** The Vendor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any or all of its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company, or corporation, without prior written consent of the County.

**7.3 Employees.**

- 7.3.1** All employees of the Vendor shall be considered to be, at all times, employees of the Vendor, under its sole direction, and not employees or agents of the County. The County may require the Vendor to remove an employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, and whose continued employment on County property is not in the best interest of the County. In accordance with the County's policy regarding the use of tobacco products, no employee of the Vendor shall be permitted to use tobacco products when performing work on County property.

- 7.4 Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Each contractor and subcontractor shall maintain at his own expense until completion of his work and acceptance thereof by the County, Workers' Compensation Insurance, including occupational disease provisions, covering the obligations of the contractor or subcontractor in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Colorado. The contractor shall furnish the County with a certificate giving evidence that he is covered by the Workers' Compensation Insurance herein required, each certificate specifically stating that such insurance includes occupational disease provisions and provisions preventing cancellation without ten days' prior notice to the County in writing.

- 7.5 Delivery.** Prices, quotes, and deliveries are to be **FOB destination, freight prepaid**, and shall require inside delivery unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation's Special Terms and Conditions. Title and risk of loss shall pass to the County upon inspection and acceptance by the County at its designated point of delivery, unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions. In the event that the Vendor defaults on its contract or the contract is terminated for cause due to performance, the County reserves the right to re-procure the materials or services from the next lowest Vendor or from other sources during the remaining term of the terminated/defaulted contract. Under this arrangement, the County shall charge the Vendor any difference between the Vendor's price and the price to be paid to the next lowest Vendor, as well as any costs associated with the re-solicitation effort.

- 7.6 Material or Service Priced Incorrectly.** As part of any award resulting from this process, Vendor(s) will discount all transactions as agreed. In the event the County discovers, through its contract monitoring process or formal audit process, that material or service was priced incorrectly, Vendor(s) agree to promptly refund all overpayments and to pay all reasonable audit expenses incurred as a result of the non-compliance.

- 8. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS.** Terms and conditions may be added, modified, and deleted upon mutual agreement between the County and the Vendor provided that such terms and conditions remain within the

scope and original intent of the Solicitation. Said terms and conditions may include, but are not limited to, additions or deletions of service levels and/or commodities and/or increases or decreases in the time limits for an existing contract. Any and all modifications must be expressed in writing through an Amendment and executed by authorized agents of the County and the Vendor prior to the enactment of such modifications.

## **9. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

**9.1 Failure to perform.** The County may, by written notice to the successful Vendor, terminate the contract if the Vendor has been found to have failed to perform its service in a manner satisfactory to the County as per specifications, including delivery as specified. The date of termination shall be stated in the notice. The County shall be the sole judge of non-performance.

**9.2 Reasons other than cause.** The County may cancel the contract upon thirty days written notice for reason other than cause. This may include the County's inability to continue with the contract due to the elimination or reduction of funding.



1. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF OFFERS:** El Paso County will only accept electronic bid Responses submitted through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing system. A Submittal Log will be posted after the Opening and after the County has had an opportunity to review and verify the submittals offered to the County.

The original Offer must be received before the due date and time through an electronic package transmitted through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing system. The Vendor is responsible for ensuring its Response is posted by the due date and time outlined in the solicitation document.

If the submittal arrives late, it will not be included in the electronic lockbox.

The Solicitation Opening for RFP-22-138 will take place VIA TELECONFERENCE on October 19, 2022 @ 11:00a.m. utilizing the call-in information below:

Participant-guest login:

1. Dial access number: 1-720-279-0026
2. Enter the participant-guest pass code: 514880#

Proposers are NOT required to participate. No in person entry to our building will be permitted.

2. **SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:** The following activities and dates tentatively outline the process to be used to solicit vendor responses and to evaluate each vendor Response.

September 21, 2022	Release Request for Proposal
October 3, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.	Deadline for Submitting Questions
October 19, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.	Response Submission Deadline
November 2022	Issue Notice of Intent to Award

3. **PURPOSE OF SOLICITATION:** El Paso County is issuing this Solicitation for the purpose of entering into a contract for services as specified herein from a Vendor(s) that will provide prompt and efficient service to the County for Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services. Although this Solicitation specifies an exact location and timeline for these services to be completed, it is understood and agreed that the County may, during the term of the contract, request additional services be performed by the successful Vendor(s) at other locations within El Paso County. This option, if exercised, is the prerogative of the County and shall be honored by the Vendor(s) throughout the contract period. No guarantees are made that additional services will be requested.
4. **TERM OF CONTRACT:** The awarded contract shall commence on January 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2023.
5. **OPTION TO RENEW FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS (WITH PRICE ADJUSTMENT):** The prices or discounts quoted in this Solicitation shall prevail during the specified term of the contract, at which time the County shall have the option to renew the contract for four additional one-year periods. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period is a County prerogative and not a right of the Vendor and will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County. During the option period, the County will consider an adjustment to the pricing structure if the manufacturer or supplier notifies the Vendor of a price adjustment. It shall be understood that such price adjustments shall not exceed the amount passed on to the Vendor/supplier by the manufacturer. The Vendor shall notify the County of such adjustments during the option period at least sixty calendar days prior to the end of the then current contract year and must include detailed justification for the requested adjustment. The County reserves the right to reject any price adjustments submitted by the Vendor and/or to terminate the contract with the Vendor based on such price adjustments.

The County may consider an adjustment to the pricing structure outside of the option period if such adjustment would be detrimental to the Vendor. The Vendor shall submit an immediate request for such an adjustment in writing to the Contracts and Procurement Division and must include detailed justification for the requested adjustment outside of the option period. This consideration is a County prerogative and there is no guarantee that the request will be accepted outside of the option period. The County reserves the right to accept, reject or negotiate any price adjustments submitted by the Vendor and/or to terminate the contract with the Vendor based on such price adjustments.

6. **RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS:** Questions which arise during the Response preparation period regarding issues around this Solicitation, purchasing and/or award should be directed electronically, via the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing system, to Matthew Marter, Procurement Specialist I, Contracts and Procurement Division, El Paso County. The Vendor submitting the question(s) shall be responsible for ensuring that the question(s) is received by the date and time listed above in the schedule of activities for submitting the question(s).

Any official interpretation of this Solicitation must be made by an agent of the County's Contracts and Procurement Division who is authorized to act on behalf of the County. The County shall not be responsible for interpretations offered by employees of the County who are not agents of the County's Contracts and Procurement Division.

7. **SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS:** El Paso County officially distributes solicitation documents through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System and the County's website. ***Copies of solicitations obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.*** Only those vendors who obtain solicitation documents from the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System or El Paso County website will be in receipt of officially posted and relevant information regarding solicitations issued by El Paso County. The County cannot be held responsible for incorrect information, nor can it attest to the accuracy of information, found on websites other than the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System or the County's website.

8. **METHOD OF AWARD - BEST EVALUATIVE SCORE BASED ON WRITTEN RESPONSE:** It is the intent of the County to award this Solicitation to the Vendor who receives the highest score when the Responses submitted by interested Vendors are reviewed by the County's Response Evaluation Committee. For this Solicitation, the Evaluation Committee will score Responses based on the following criteria listed in no particular order:

- Experience and Qualified Personnel
- Equipment
- References
- Fee Schedule

A more detailed description of these criteria can be found on Page 23 of this document.

Evaluation criteria, other than costs, are evaluated first. After rating the written Responses, costs are then considered against trade-offs such as satisfaction of requirements in the Solicitation, qualifications and financial condition of the Vendor, risk, and incentives.

If it is in the best interest of the County, the Evaluation Committee may invite a limited number of Vendors who received the highest scores during the written phase to provide an oral presentation and discussion. The number of Vendors who may be invited to participate in this discussion will be determined by the Evaluation Committee after the written Responses have been scored.

The County reserves the right to conduct negotiations with Vendors and to accept revisions of Responses. During this negotiation period, the County will not disclose any information derived from Responses submitted, or from discussions with other Vendors. Once an award is made, the Solicitation file and the Responses contained therein are in the public record.

- 9. SAMPLES OF SERVICE MAY BE REQUIRED DURING EVALUATION:** After the Responses are opened by the County, the Vendors may be required to demonstrate their competency and ability to provide the quality of service that will be required by the County during the contract period. Such demonstrations will be provided to the County for evaluation by, and at no cost to, the County. If a demonstration of competency is required, the County will notify the Vendor of such and will specify the deadline for providing the demonstration. The County reserves the right to establish its own procedures for evaluating the Vendors' competencies and abilities. On the basis of these evaluation criteria, the County shall be the sole judge of the abilities of each Vendor in conformance with standards established in the Specifications and its decision shall be final.
- 10. PAST PERFORMANCE:** The County may evaluate Past Performance with El Paso County or another entity and/or make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Vendor to perform work outlined in this solicitation. If the County has terminated a contract with the Vendor within the past three (3) years, the Vendor may be asked to furnish information for this investigation as the County requests. Such information includes but not limited to: current/past company references, current licensing information, history of the firm on assessments of liquidated damages, contracts cancelled prior to completion and/or lawsuits and/or pending lawsuits against the firm and/or its principals. The County reserves the right to reject any Response if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Vendor fails to satisfy the County that such Vendor is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Solicitation and to complete the work contemplated herein. Conditional Responses will not be accepted.
- 11. VALUE ADDED PROPOSALS ENCOURAGED:** El Paso County is interested in maximizing the impact of expenditures as it relates to achieving additional value that would further benefit the County and its operations, as well as, its community of citizens and their taxed base funding. As such, Vendors are encouraged to consider, develop, and propose value added concepts, programs, components that would further enhance the services/acquisition represented in this solicitation request. Suggestions for value added components include, but may not be limited to: Incentive and rebate programs, recommendations for enhancements, additional items/ services to be provided to the County, etc.
- 12. LIMITED CONTRACT EXTENSION TO MAINTAIN SERVICE LEVELS:** It is hereby agreed and understood that the awarded contract may be extended for an additional thirty-day transitional period after the contract is scheduled for termination and after any option years have been exercised. During this transitional period, the Vendor agrees to continue the same or a reduced level of service to the County at the same prices while a new contract, also in force, is being mobilized. If the Vendor is supplying equipment in conjunction with the awarded contract, the Vendor agrees to retain its equipment at the designated County premise(s) for an additional thirty calendar days after the termination of the contract, at which time the equipment shall be removed from the premise(s). The Vendor shall be allowed to invoice the County for this additional period on a pro rated basis.
- 13. POST INTENT TO AWARD MEETING:** The Vendor may be required to attend a post intent to award meeting with the County to discuss the terms and conditions of the contract. This meeting will be coordinated by the Contracts and Procurement Division once a Notice of Intent to Award has been issued.
- 14. DEBRIEFING:** Offeror(s) not selected for award may request a debriefing on the selection process as well as discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of their firm's proposal upon the Final Notice of Award being posted on the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing website.
- A debriefing may be scheduled by contacting the Procurement Specialist listed on the Cover Sheet of this Solicitation once the Final Notice of Award has been posted.
- 15. PROOF OF REGISTRATION WITH THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE:** Successful vendors that are corporations or limited liability companies will be required to furnish a Certificate of Good Standing from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office, as proof that they are properly registered to do business in the State of Colorado, prior to finalization of award.

- 16. LOBBYING PROHIBITED:** Vendors are prohibited from directly or indirectly communicating with members of the Board of County Commissioners regarding their qualifications or any other matter related to the eventual award of a contract for the goods and/or services requested in this Solicitation. Vendors are prohibited from contacting County employees or evaluation committee members regarding their qualifications or the award of a contract unless in response to an inquiry from an employee or committee member as part of the formal evaluation process outlined in the Solicitation. Any violation of these provisions will result in the Vendor's immediate disqualification from the selection process.
- 17. CONFLICTS WITHIN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** In the event that conflicts exist within the Contract Documents, the policies stated in the following paragraphs shall govern: A. Addenda shall supersede all other Contract Documents to the extent specified. Subsequent addenda shall supersede prior addenda only to the extent specified. B. Drawings and Specifications are intended to agree and be mutually explanatory and shall be accepted and used as a whole and not separately. Should any item be omitted from either the drawings or Specifications as specified, it shall be implied that such omissions are contained in both the drawings and the Specifications as necessary for the proper construction of the work herein specified. Should any error or disagreement between the Specifications and drawings exist or appear to exist, the Vendor shall not avail itself of such manifestly unintentional error or omission but must have same explained or adjusted by the County's project manager before proceeding with the work in question.
- 18. LOCATION OF WORK:** The work described in this Solicitation shall be performed at various locations throughout El Paso County as listed on Attachment C – County Building Locations.
- 19. LOCAL OFFICE SHALL BE REQUIRED:** Due to the service level required in conjunction with this Solicitation, the Vendor shall maintain an office within the Metro Colorado Springs, Colorado, area. This office shall be staffed by a competent company representative who can be contacted during normal working hours and who is authorized to discuss matters pertaining to the contract. Metro Colorado Springs consists of City of Colorado Springs and surrounding cities and counties, El Paso County, City of Pueblo and surrounding counties, City and County of Denver, Arapahoe County, Jefferson County, Adams County, Boulder County, Douglas County, City and County of Broomfield, Clear Creek County, Gilpin County, Teller County, Colorado, etc.
- 20. SUPERINTENDENT SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY VENDOR:** The successful Vendor shall employ a competent superintendent who shall be the primary representative for the Vendor and all communications given to, and all decisions made by, the superintendent shall be binding to the Vendor. Notwithstanding, the superintendent shall be considered to be, at all times, an employee of the Vendor under its sole direction and not an employee or agent of the County.
- 21. ELIGIBILITY OF VENDORS - MUST BE ENGAGED IN PERFORMING SERVICES RENDERED:** Pre-award inspection of the Vendor's facility may be made prior to award of the contract. Solicitations will only be considered from firms which are engaged in the business of performing services as described in this Solicitation. The Vendors must be able to produce evidence that they have an established satisfactory record of performance for a reasonable period of time and have sufficient financial support, equipment, and organization to ensure that they can satisfactorily execute the services if awarded a contract. The term equipment and organization as used herein shall be construed to mean a fully equipped and well-established company in line with the best business practices in the industry and as determined by the proper authorities of the County. The County reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require a Vendor to submit such evidence of its qualifications as it may deem necessary and may consider any evidence available to it (including, but not limited to, the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of the Vendor, including past performance and experience with the County) in making the award in the best interest of the County.
- 22. CJIS BACKGROUND CHECK:** Vendor and all subcontractors must submit to a CJIS Background Check prior to entering the facility. The Vendor shall submit a list of all employees, within two (2) days of Notice to Proceed or Notice of Award or within fourteen (14) days prior to appearance on the work site to include full name, date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number for background check. Any record indicating felony violations, questionable character or possible security risk shall be just cause for denial of access for that person

to the facility. Final approval of employees' list shall be at the sole discretion of the County and shall not be cause for additional payment.

**When working within the Criminal Justice Center, all tools will be checked in and out by the job site Foreman and verified by appointed Sheriff's Office staff or Facilities Maintenance personnel. Workday one, all employees will receive a safety briefing given by a member of the Sheriff's Office staff. Working crew will not, at any time while at the Criminal Justice Center, interact with inmates and will always follow established safety procedures.**

- 23. CONSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT NOT ALLOWED:** Responses will only be considered from firms which are directly engaged in the business of performing the services described in this Solicitation. Accordingly, no part of this contract can be consigned to another vendor.
- 24. CURRENT PERMITS REQUIRED:** Vendor must obtain and pay for all required permits, licenses, inspection fees, etc., and will comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations regarding Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services. Damages, penalties and/or fines imposed by the County on the Vendor for failure to obtain required permits, licenses or fees shall be borne by the Vendor. Vendor shall enclose a current copy of their permits, licenses, and inspection certificates with their Response.
- 25. LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE VENDOR:** Unless otherwise provided in this Solicitation, the Vendor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for satisfactory contract performance. When not specifically identified in this Solicitation, such materials and equipment shall be of a suitable type and grade for the intended purpose. All materials, workmanship, and equipment shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the County's Project Manager.
- 26. STANDARDS OF QUALITY OR PERFORMANCE:** The goods and/or services supplied by the Contractor in conjunction with this Solicitation shall either meet or exceed the standards of quality and/or performance that have been established by IICRC Carpet Cleaning Standards.
- 27. DEFICIENCIES IN WORK TO BE CORRECTED BY CONTRACTOR:** The successful Contractor shall promptly correct all deficiencies and/or defects in work and/or any work that fails to conform to the Contract Documents or any Red Tag that may be received by the County. All corrections shall be made within 24-hours after such rejected defects, deficiencies, and/or non conformances are verbally reported to the Contractor by the County's Project Manager. The Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the Contractor fails to correct the work within the period specified in this Solicitation, the County reserves the right to penalize the Contractor either by a fee equal to the employee's hourly rate plus twenty-percent (20%) for administration cost or by placing the Contractor in default of its contractual obligations, obtaining the services of another contractor to correct the deficiencies, and charging the Contractor for these costs, either through a deduction from the final payment over to the Contractor or through invoicing.
- 28. ADDITIONAL SERVICES MAY BE PURCHASED DURING CONTRACT PERIOD:** Although this Solicitation specifies an exact number of locations where services are to be performed for the County, it is understood and agreed that the County may, during the term of the awarded contract, request additional services for the same or other locations from the successful Vendor. This option, if exercised, is the prerogative of the County and shall be honored by the Vendor as a condition of contract award.
- 29. ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDER(S) PLACED WITH VENDOR DURING CONTRACT:** Annual Purchase Orders bearing a unique Purchase Order number shall be issued by the County's Contracts and Procurement Division. The Vendor shall not fill any requests for materials or supplies until a Purchase Order has been received from the County. This Purchase Order may be updated periodically based on changes/adjustments to the anticipated quantities throughout the year. A verbal Purchase Order number, however, may be issued to the Vendor by an agent of the Contracts and Procurement Division under emergency circumstances in advance of a written Purchase Order. All verbal Purchase Orders issued under emergency circumstances will be followed up by a written Purchase Order once the emergency circumstance has expired.

- 30. SALES TAX:** The County is exempt from paying State or Local Sales Taxes. Vendors should be aware of CONTRACTOR APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE Pursuant to Statute Section 39-26.708(1)(a)(XIX) sales tax exemption for construction and building materials. State tax I.D. # 09-803308-0000, Federal tax I.D. # 84-6000764.
- 31. METHOD OF PAYMENT MONTHLY INVOICES:** The successful Vendor(s) shall submit monthly invoices by the tenth day of each month. These invoices shall be submitted to the County's Project Manager. The invoice shall reflect the appropriate Purchase Order number, the service location(s) and the type of service provided to the County in the prior month.
- 32. FUEL ADJUSTMENTS (SURCHARGES):** The County will not accept fuel adjustments from the Vendor unless a negotiated request for such adjustments are agreed by both parties as to amount and very specific timeframe. Such an agreement must be documented before the assessment date; the County will not honor such adjustments invoiced without the attachment of such agreement to the invoice.
- 33. ACCIDENT PREVENTION:** The Vendor shall be required to take safety precautions in an effort to protect persons and County property. All contractors and sub-contractors shall conform to all OSHA, State and County regulations while performing under the terms and conditions of the awarded contract. Any fines levied by the above-mentioned authorities because of inadequate compliance with these requirements shall be borne solely by the Vendor which is responsible for same. Barricades shall be provided by the Vendor when work is performed in areas traversed by persons or when deemed necessary by the County's Project Manager.
- 34. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:** All existing structures, utilities, services, roads, trees, shrubbery, etc. located on County property shall be protected against damage or interrupted services at all times by the Vendor during the term of the awarded contract. The Vendor shall be held responsible for repairing or replacing any and all property which is damaged by reason of the Vendor's operation on the property to the satisfaction of the County.
- 35. CLEAN UP AFTER PROJECT IS COMPLETED:** All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the County premises. At completion, the successful Vendor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the County's Project Manager.
- 36. INSURANCE:**
- A. The Vendor agrees to procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, a policy, or policies of insurance against all liability, claims, demands and other obligations assumed by the Vendor, pursuant to Attachment A. Such insurance shall be in addition to any other insurance requirements imposed by this Agreement or by law. The Vendor shall not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands or other obligations assumed pursuant to Attachment A, by reason of its failure to procure or maintain, during the life of this Agreement, insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types.
  - B. The Vendor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, for itself and any subconsultants, the minimum insurance coverages listed below. Such coverages shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to the County. All coverages shall be continuously maintained to cover all liability, claims, demands and other obligations assumed by the Vendor, pursuant to Attachment A. In the case of a claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Vendor requires a subconsultant to obtain insurance coverage, the types and minimum limits of this coverage may be different than those required, as stated herein for the Vendor.
    - a. The certificate of insurance provided by the Vendor shall be completed by the Vendor's insurance agent as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits are in full force and effect and **shall be reviewed and approved by the County prior to commencement of the Agreement**. No other form of certificate shall be used. The certificate shall identify this Agreement and the coverages afforded under the policies. **The certificate of insurance must be on file with the County two (2) weeks prior to commencement of the Agreement**. The completed certificate of insurance shall be named and sent to:

El Paso County  
Board of County Commissioners  
Attn: Contracts and Procurement Division  
15 East Vermijo Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

- b. It is the affirmative obligation of the Vendor to notify the County's Contract Specialist, as provided in this Agreement, including e-mailing (PURCOI@elpasoco.com) a copy of the notice to the Contracts and Procurement Division, within two (2) business days of the cancellation or substantive change to any insurance policy required under this Agreement, and failure to do so shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.
- c. Failure on the part of the Vendor to procure or maintain policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the County may immediately terminate this Agreement or, at its discretion, the County may procure or renew any such policy or any extended reporting period thereto and may pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and all monies so paid by the County shall be repaid by Vendor to the County upon demand, or the County may offset the cost of the premiums against any monies due to Vendor from the County.
- d. The County reserves the right to request and receive a certified copy of any policy and any endorsement thereto.
- e. The parties hereto understand and agree that the County, its officers and employees, are relying on and do not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this Agreement the monetary limitations (presently Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$387,000) per person, and One Million Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,093,000) per occurrence), which amounts shall be adjusted by an amount reflecting the percentage change over a four-year period in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley, All Items, All Urban Consumers, or its successor index, or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, *et seq.*, as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to the County, its officers or employees.

**37. INDEMNIFICATION: Indemnification – General.** The Consultant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, Board of County Commissioners, officials, officers, directors, and employees, from and against all liability, claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind that are not the result of or directly related to the performance of professional services, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with this Agreement, including workers' compensation claims, in any way resulting from or arising from the services rendered by the Consultant, its employees, agents or subconsultants, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, under this Agreement; provided, however, that the Consultant need not indemnify or save harmless the County Board of County Commissioners, its officers, agents and employees, from damages resulting from the negligence of the County's Board of County Commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents, and their insurers, and employees. The County cannot and by this Agreement does not agree to indemnify, hold harmless, exonerate, or assume the defense of the Consultant or any other person or entity whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever.

Indemnification for Professional Services. The Consultant shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless the County, Board of County Commissioners, and any of its officials, officers, directors, agents, and their insurers, and employees, from and against damages, liability, losses, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, but only to the extent caused by or arising out of the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Consultant, its employees, agents or subconsultants, or others for whom the Consultant is legally liable, in the performance of professional services under this Agreement. The Consultant is not obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the County for the negligent acts of the County, Board of County Commissioners, or any of its officials, officers, directors, agents, and employees.

Indemnification – Costs. The Consultant shall, to the extent provided by law, investigate, handle, respond to, and provide defense for and defend against, any such liability, claims or demands at the sole expense of the Consultant or, at the option of the County, agrees to pay the County or reimburse the County for the defense costs incurred by the County in connection with any such liability, claims or demands. The Consultant shall, to the extent provided by law, bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, including court costs and attorney fees, whether or not any such liability, claims or demands alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. If it is determined by the final judgment of a court of any competent jurisdiction that such injury, loss or damage was caused in whole or in part by the act, omission or other fault of the County, Board of County Commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees, the County shall reimburse the Consultant for the portion of the judgment attributable to such act, omission or other fault of the County, Board of County Commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

- 38. FEDERAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE:** All services to be purchased in conjunction with this Solicitation shall be in accordance with all governmental standards to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Office of Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- 39. VARIATIONS ALLOWED IF INDICATED:** For purposes of Response evaluation, Vendors must indicate any variances to the Specifications, terms, and conditions, and attached Sample Agreement no matter how slight. If variations are not stated in the Vendor's Response, it shall be construed that the Response fully complies with the Specifications, terms, and conditions, and attached Sample Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, it is hereby agreed and understood that the County reserves the right to reject these variations if they individually, or as a whole, do not meet the standards established in the Specifications.
- 40. NON-APPROPRIATION.** Pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-1-110, as amended, the financial obligations of the County as set forth herein after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for the purpose being appropriated, budgeted and otherwise available. The awarded agreement will automatically terminate on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated. The County shall give the Vendor written notice of such non-appropriation.
- 41. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** El Paso County intends and expects that the contracting processes of the County and its Vendors provide equal opportunity without regard to gender, race, creed, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, national origin, or disability and that its Vendors make available equal opportunities to the extent third parties are engaged to provide goods and services to the County as subcontractors, vendors, or otherwise. Accordingly, the Vendor shall not discriminate on any of the foregoing grounds in the performance of the contract and shall make available equal opportunities to the extent third parties are engaged to provide goods and services in connection with performance of the contract (**joint ventures are encouraged**). The Vendor shall disseminate information regarding all subcontracting opportunities under this contract in a manner reasonably calculated to reach all qualified potential subcontractors who may be interested. The Vendor shall maintain records demonstrating its compliance with this article and shall make such records available to the County upon the County's request.
- 42. PURCHASE BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:** Each governmental unit which avails itself of this Solicitation will establish its own contract, place its own orders, issue its own purchase orders, be invoiced there from, make its own payments, and issue its own exemption certifications as required by the Vendor. It is understood and agreed that El Paso County is not a legally binding party to any contractual agreement made between any other governmental unit and the Vendor as a result of this Solicitation.
- 43. CONFIDENTIALITY:** Responses to this Solicitation are considered to be working documents while they are under consideration and, as such, are not subject to official bid openings. The only information released at the public opening of Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications or Request for Quotes that are not cost driven, will be the names of the respondents. Only after staff makes an official recommendation of award and a contract is fully executed will Responses to this Solicitation be available as public record.

In consideration of Invitation for Bids or for Request for Quotes that are cost driven, the only information that will be released is the names of the respondents, the total cost of the bids, and the apparent responsible, responsive vendor. Only after staff makes an official recommendation of award and a contract is fully executed will Responses to this Bid be available as public record.



Responses submitted to the County for consideration shall be subject to the Colorado Open Records Law, Section 24-72-201, et seq., C.R.S., after award is made. Any confidential information in the Vendor's Response shall be identified as such. Should the County receive a request for the release of any information in the Vendor's Response identified as confidential in accordance with the open records law, the County will notify the Vendor of the request and will exercise best efforts in assisting the Vendor in taking all legally available steps to resist or narrow such request. If, in the opinion of County's legal counsel, the County is nonetheless compelled to disclose any portion of such information to anyone or else stand liable for contempt or suffer censure or penalty, the County may disclose such information without liability.

- 44. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee (within six months of termination from County employment), or for any employee or former employee (within six months of termination from County employment) to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding of application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.

It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime vendor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order. In the event that any gratuities or kickbacks are offered or tendered to any El Paso County employee, the proposal shall be disqualified and shall not be reinstated.

- 45. BUDGET:** Budget will not be disclosed.

- 46. DEBARMENT:** By submitting this Response, the Vendor warrants and certifies that they are eligible to submit a Response because they are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in a transaction by any Federal, State, or local department or agency.

- 47. LOGOS:** The County logo is trademarked and property solely of El Paso County. Vendors do not have permission to use our logo on any documentation or presentation materials and to do so would be a violation of our trademark. We also prefer your company does not utilize its trademark as to not influence an evaluator's evaluation.

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## 1. SPECIFICATIONS

El Paso County is soliciting responses from qualified Vendors to furnish all materials and labor as necessary for the Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services for El Paso County Facilities and Strategic Infrastructure Management.

It is expected that the business and their team members have significant experience with this type of project. It is expected that the individuals overseeing and managing this project are licensed professionals. The successful Vendor shall be considered and shall remain an independent contractor throughout the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this Solicitation.

The successful Vendor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating work of the sub-contractors, suppliers, and other individuals or entities performing or furnishing any of the work under direct or indirect contract with the successful Vendor.

The successful Vendor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for performance, testing, start up, and completion of the services outlined in this Solicitation.

Although this Solicitation specifies an exact location for these services, it is understood and agreed that the County may, during the term of the contract, request additional Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services from the successful Vendor. This option, if exercised, is the prerogative of the County and shall be honored by the Vendor throughout the contract period. No guarantees are made additional services will be requested.

## 2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Failure to provide required information may deem your submittal non-responsive. Submittals must contain, in blue ink, a manual signature of an authorized agent of the Vendor or a verifiable electronic time and date stamped signature in the space provided on all appropriate signature lines in this solicitation. **Typed names as signatures are not allowed.**

- Vendor Information Form
- Proprietary / Confidential Statement
- Exhibit 1 – Exception Form
- Exhibit 2 – Debarment Certification
- Exhibit 3 – Lobbying Certification
- Exhibit 4 – Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Exhibit 5 – Minimum Insurance Requirements

## 3. SCOPE OF WORK

### Supervision

- a. The successful Contractor(s) shall furnish all necessary trained personnel, supervision, scheduling, equipment and materials necessary to satisfactorily clean carpets, upholstered furniture, and workstation panels located in various County Buildings. All routine cleaning of carpets will be on a scheduled basis. Workstation panels and upholstered furniture will be on an as needed basis, but, if possible, should be scheduled with the carpet cleaning. These specifications are to be considered a minimum and should not limit the quality of the services.

- b. The Contractor must provide on-site supervision to assure competent performance of the work during scheduled hours. The Contractor's supervisors must be literate in the English language because of the necessity to read chemical labels, job instructions and signs, as well as the need for conversing with County's Facilities personnel. If the Contractor uses non-English speaking personnel, the supervisor must be able to effectively communicate with his/her personnel and be available to County personnel during scheduled work hours.
- c. The Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that its employees working under this contract understand the contents of these specifications and perform as per the specifications.
- d. Inspections of the premises shall be made prior to and within twenty-four (24) hours after completion of cleaning by the County's Representative and a quality assurance representative of the Contractor. If an inspection results in an unsatisfactory rating, the Contractor will have forty-eight (48) hours to correct the discrepancy. If not corrected, the County reserves the right to initiate appropriate action as stated in PENALTY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE.
- e. A management representative of the Contractor will attend a quarterly compliance review with the Facilities Maintenance Section staff members. The Contractor will be notified of the exact time and place of each meeting.

### **Penalty for Non-Performance**

- a. The County has the right to immediately complete the work to its satisfaction, through the use of County employees at the rate equal to the employee's hourly rate plus twenty-percent (20%) for administration cost, or through use of outside Contractor(s) at the rate charged to the County plus twenty-percent (20%) and shall deduct that amount from any balances due or which may become due to the Contractor.
- b. If the Contractor receives two (2) deductions within any thirty (30) workday period or more than twelve (12) deductions during a twelve (12) month period, the contract may be terminated for default.
- c. Repeated incidents of unsatisfactory cleaning performance, or failure to comply with any other terms of the contract, will result in a recommendation for termination for cause by the County Representative.
- d. Termination for cause of any portion of the contract shall result in termination of the entire contract for cause.

### **Employment Standards**

- a. The Contractor agrees that trained, certified and competent employees shall perform the cleaning services covered by the contract using industry-accepted carpet cleaning standards.
- b. The Contractor agrees that upon request by the County it will remove from County's premises any employee, when in the opinion of the County, does not follow proper conduct or appears to not be suited to perform the work assigned. The Contractor further agrees to provide the County with a dependable work force.
- c. The Contractor shall use the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Vendor Management Program and provide CJIS certified personnel for the contract. Additional background will be required by the County District Attorney for access into the Professional Building.
- d. A valid Government picture ID, and social security card must be submitted to the Facilities dispatcher for verification.
- e. **The Contractor understands that none of their staff can work in any County facility without a CJIS certificate.**
- f. Processing time for CJIS background checks may take several weeks. Therefore, the Contractor must ensure that enough personnel are cleared to work in any assigned County facility.
- g. Employees reporting to the work site without prior clearance, proper ID, uniform or other contract requirements will be denied access to the work site by security personnel.
- h. While working in County facilities, Contractors' personnel shall adhere to the same standards in place for county employees with regard to: harassment, alcohol and a drug free workplace, violence in the workplace, as well as all security rules, regulations policies and procedures. Compliance with said rules, etc. shall be enforced by members of the Security Department who represent the County during all non-business hours.

- i. Contractor shall furnish a copy of the Federal I-9 form for all foreign-born employees to the County Representative prior to starting work.
- j. Compliance with all County ID requirements will be monitored and inspected by members of the County Security Department and/or Facilities Maintenance Section. Contractor personnel found not in compliance with any established County ID or work site security requirements will be subject to immediate ejection from the work site.

### **Qualifications of Personnel**

- a. All supervisory personnel engaged in directing the work to be performed under the contract shall possess at least two (2) years of recent (within the past five (5) years) experience in directing carpet cleaning operations in a supervisory capacity for buildings of the approximate size as those to be cleaned under the contract.
- b. Supervisory personnel must also be certified in carpet cleaning in accordance with current IICRC Carpet Cleaning Standards.
- c. A resume containing the information specified below must be submitted to the County Representative for prior approval of any supervisors working in County buildings. This information must be provided for both new and replacement supervisors.
  - 1. The full name of the supervisor and contact number
  - 2. A detailed description of the previous five (5) years of employment history
  - 3. Copies of current certifications
- d. Personnel employed by the Contractor shall be capable employees, certified in carpet cleaning work in accordance with current IICRC Carpet Cleaning Standards.
- e. Contractor will provide to the County Facilities Department representative the names, reason for, and a copy of ID card of all employees terminated within twenty-four (24) hours of termination.
- f. Any disclosure of County information or removal of any item or property by the Contractor's personnel shall be cause for immediate cancellation of the contract. Any liability, including but not limited to, Attorney's fees resulting from any action or suit brought against the County as a result of the Contractor's willful or negligent release of information, documents, or property contained in the building shall be borne by the Contractor.
- g. The Contractor will be required to sign out some keys on a permanent basis and other keys on an as needed basis from the Facilities representative. If the Contractor loses a key, the Contractor will be required to pay the County's cost to replace the key, plus a twenty-percent (20%) administration cost. These charges will be deducted from monthly payments due to the Contractor.
- h. If a breach of security results from the loss of keys, requiring that locks be changed or re-keyed, the Contractor will be charged the County's cost plus twenty-percent (20%) for administration cost. These charges will be deducted from monthly payments due to the Contractor.
- i. Contract personnel will not prop open, block open, or leave unlocked any County facility door, window, or other access point and will not allow anyone into a secured County facility without a Security officer being present. County employees authorized access to a secured facility will have keys, card key, etc. pre-issued to them for that purpose. Contract personnel observing anyone trying to enter a County facility shall report this to the Security Department immediately. Contract personnel observing suspicious people in or around County Facilities shall report same to Security Department at once.

### **Qualifications of Contractor**

- a. Must have an excellent reputation in the cleaning of carpet, furniture and workstation panels in the commercial office space setting.
- b. Must prove availability to provide appropriate number of qualified staff to accomplish the required cleaning for a contract of this size.
- c. Must provide information on product line being used for cleaning.
- d. Must provide a listing of all equipment that will be furnished to accomplish the required services.
- e. Must provide a resume for the key individual(s) that will be responsible for overseeing the operation of this contract.
- f. Must provide a minimum of three (3) references of similar contracts in reference to scope of services and size.

### **Furnished by the Contractor**

- a. The Contractor shall furnish all labor, supplies, materials and equipment necessary for the performance of the work covered by this contract unless otherwise specified herein. Contractor shall not use any material that the County Representative determines would be unsuitable for the intended purpose.
- b. The Contractor shall furnish to the County representative, within fifteen (15) working days of the contract, a detailed work schedule showing how the Contractor will accomplish the requirements of this contract. This work schedule shall indicate the number of personnel, tasks to be performed by each person and the frequency and time scheduled to accomplish each task. This schedule shall be presented to the County Representative for approval the 2nd week of every month for the coming month. The schedule shall be kept current throughout the duration of this contract and be modified and resubmitted to the County as required. Any work to be performed contrary to this schedule, either in task content or time, shall be approved by the County representative prior to such an occurrence. The Contractor shall turn in a monthly report of periodic tasks to the County Representative.
- c. The Contractor shall furnish all necessary cleaning equipment needed for the performance of the work under the contract. Such equipment shall be in good working condition and also should be the size and type customarily used in work of this kind and shall meet the approval of the County Representative.
- d. Contractor shall submit at the time of bid submittal, a list of **all** proposed equipment and chemicals including MSDS sheets to be used in the performance of this contract. This list will be used as part of the evaluation criteria for awarding this bid.
- e. The Contractor shall produce a company identification badge for each employee, to be visibly displayed above the waist at **all** times when employees are working in County buildings. The Contractor shall require **all** its employees to dress neatly, commensurate with the tasks being performed and to wear a uniform shirt or blouse with the Contractor's name on the front and back.
- f. Contractor shall provide a one (1) Hour Emergency Response process. The cleaning schedule shall not be impacted due to the emergency. Emergencies may include cleaning additional carpet, chairs or panels.

### **County Inspection of Services**

- a. All carpet cleaning services including material and equipment used or furnished and workmanship, shall be subject to inspection by the County representative at any time during the term of this contract. All inspections by the County shall be made in such a manner as to not unduly delay the work.
- b. A daily report log shall be maintained, signed and dated daily by each Contractor employee and must contain the following information as a minimum:
  1. Discrepancies from the routine work schedule and an explanation of the circumstances involved.
  2. Any property or equipment not in serviceable or operating condition, listed by description and location.
  3. Damage, vandalism or broken windows, listed by description and location.
  4. A summary of all problems or complaints of a minor nature, or similar isolated incidences and the resolutions that were handled directly between the Contractor's representative and the County Representative.

### **Carpet Cleaning Procedures**

- a. **The use of dry-foam cleaners and bonnet cleaning methods are prohibited.** The Contractor shall use the industry-approved standard by the manufacture for the proper cleaning method.

### **Working Hours**

- a. All routine (regular cycles as stated in the solicitation and out of cycle cleaning requests) carpet cleaning shall be scheduled during non-business hours. All scheduling of cleaning will be coordinated through the County Representative for final approval.

## **Termination**

- a. El Paso County retains the right to terminate the entire contract, in whole or in part, for unsatisfactory performance upon issuance of a thirty (30) day written notice.

## **Adjustment of Services**

- a. The County reserves the right to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise adjust the scope of services provided by the Contractor and as defined in the Exhibits of the Contract with the appropriate adjustment in dollars paid to the Contractor.

## **Non-Exclusive Contractor**

- a. The County reserves the right to obtain extra or additional services not specifically covered by the basic specifications of this contract, from other contractors as it deems in the best interest of the County.

## **Billing and Payments**

- a. The Contractor shall be responsible for invoicing the County at the end of each calendar month for services provided during the preceding month. The invoice will list each building as a separate line item on the invoice. Disputed claims will be negotiated by the Contractor and the County Representative and resolved prior to approval of the invoice by the County for payment.

The County will not be responsible for payments unless a document supporting the bidder's invoice has been issued by El Paso County Facilities and Strategic Infrastructure Management Department (Department). The Department reserves the right to not approve payment wherein the work claimed on the invoice is not, in the Department sole opinion, satisfactory or cannot be adequately verified by the Department. Payment may be withheld by the County due to failure by the Contractor to comply with these specifications as determined by the Department's inspection. The County shall notify the awarded bidder of any unsatisfactory items as soon as practicable so delivery can be corrected without delaying payment, if possible. Payment is Net 30 after receipt of invoice. The County prefers to pay by VISA credit card. Please indicate on the Bid Form if you can accept payment by credit card, and if there is an additional cost or restrictions.

## **Compliance**

- a. In the conduct of the services/work or the supplies, equipment or materials contemplated hereunder, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable state, federal, and local law, rules and regulations, technical standards or specifications issued by the County. Contractor must qualify for and obtain any required licenses prior to commencement of work.

## **Conduct**

- a. All employees, representatives, and officials of the Contractor shall be expected to maintain favorable relations with the public, and County officers and employees, by practicing courtesy in all contracts. Any display of offensive, discourteous, or rude behavior toward County officers, employees, or members of the public, by the Contractor, subcontractor, or any of their employees or representatives, may be cause for contract cancellation.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Contract personnel are not to show up for work under the influence or in any other condition, which will detract from the performance of their duties. Use of any form of drug or narcotic on duty or being under their influence when appearing for duty is prohibited.

## **Use of County Property/Equipment**

- a. Contractor's employees are not to use any County property/equipment such as typewriters, computers, copy machines, TV's, video machines, radios, telephones, etc., unless use of such equipment is required as a job function. Any exceptions must be in writing and authorized by the County representative.

## Safeguard of County Property

- a. The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to safeguard and protect County property. In the event there is loss, theft or damage reported to the County's representative and there is reasonable cause to believe contract personnel may have been involved: the County may require Polygraph Tests for those so implicated, the tests are to be administered by a Polygraphist that has been approved by the Security Manager. All cost for such test is the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

## 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation committee will score Responses based on the following criteria:

- Experience and Qualified Personnel; Minimum of three (3) years of service with other government agencies of the same size and scope as El Paso County. Detail the qualifications, experience licenses, and certifications held by the Contractor. In addition, provide a list of all personnel who will be involved in providing these services. Be sure to provide resumes for each individual including qualifications, experience, and any certifications.
- Equipment; Provide a detailed list of all equipment to be used in the performance of this contract. List should include manufacturer and model information as well as the quantity of machines to be used.
- References; Provide a minimum of three (3) references from agencies or companies where the Contractor provided similar services as outlined in this solicitation, one (1) of which must be a government agency.
- Fee Schedule; Complete Attachment E – Fee Schedule and attach with the proposal.

## 5. RESPONSE FORMAT

Failure to respond in the required format or failure to provide required information may deem your submittal non-responsive.

**To facilitate an effective evaluation process, responses must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" inch paper, single-sided pages with a minimum font of 10, and all pages should be numbered in the following manner: page \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ pages with a maximum of seventy-five (75) pages. All acronyms in the response must be defined.**

Attachments/Exhibits included in this solicitation that require signature and/or are a required document to be returned with your Responses shall be included as an exhibit to your Responses and will not be included in the 75-page limit. Schedules, if applicable, may be submitted on 11" x 17" sheets and are counted as one page (limit of five pages).

Submittals should be prepared simply and economically providing a straightforward, concise description of the Vendor's ability to perform the requirements of this Solicitation.

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The original Offer must be received before the due date and time through an electronic package transmitted through the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing system. The Vendor is responsible for ensuring its Response is posted by the due date and time outlined in the solicitation document.

If the submittal arrives late, it will not be included in the electronic lockbox.

To enable the County to conduct a uniform review of the information submitted in response to this Solicitation, Vendors must address the following information, numbered to directly correspond with the number of the Table of Contents section of the submitted Response. The County reserves the right to reject submittals that do not follow the required format. Include concise, complete information which will demonstrate that your firm is uniquely qualified to provide the products and services specified in this Solicitation.

**ALL signatures on required documents must be in blue ink or a verifiable electronic time and date stamped signature in ONE PDF document.**

- A. Provide response without reference to El Paso County logo or company logo in **one** PDF document
- B. Submit response in a tab format that follows a clearly outlined Table of Contents that identifies all material and attachments that comprise your response by section and by page number. I.e. – Required Documentation section, Evaluation Criteria section, etc. as outlined on the Response Submittal Requirements page
- C. Cover Letter, one-page limit. Submit a Cover Letter on official business letterhead that:
  - a. Positively states your willingness to comply with all work requirements and other terms and conditions as specified in this Solicitation
  - b. Provides, in brief concise terms, a summation of your submittal and identifies the points that make your firm uniquely qualified for this project
  - c. Is signed by an Authorized Representative of your firm who has the authority to commit to the proposed work
- D. Provide documentation that satisfies the Required Document Requirements
- E. Provide documentation that satisfies the criteria to be evaluated
- F. Provide the completed and signed Cover Sheet
- G. Addendum(s) Acknowledgement, if applicable
- H. Submission Form
- I. Pricing Form
- J. Completed W9
- K. Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) Number
- L. Additional Attachments, if applicable



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**Please complete Attachment E – Fee Schedule and attach with the proposal.**

**1. VENDOR**

- a. Legal Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Business Name or DBA (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. LOCAL COLORADO ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)**

- a. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
- b. City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**3. ORDER ADDRESS**

- a. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
- b. City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Online (website) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. PAYMENT ADDRESS**

- a. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
- b. City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**5. CONTACT INFORMATION**

- a. Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Toll Free Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. OWNERSHIP STATUS** (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit	

**8. PRIMARY BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> Broker	<input type="checkbox"/> Retailer
<input type="checkbox"/> Distributor	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Jobber	<input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor (trades)
<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Contractor (trades)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**9. OFFICERS, OWNERS, PARTNERS**

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

**10. COMPANY PROFILE**

- a. Date Firm Was Established \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Under the Laws of What State \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Approximate Yearly Sales Volume \_\_\_\_\_

**11. PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office/Warehouse  
\_\_\_\_\_ Office Building \_\_\_\_\_ Warehouse  
\_\_\_\_\_ Office Complex \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**12. STAFF EXPERIENCE** (key members of your company's staff who will be assigned to this project)

- a. Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year Hired \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Industry Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year Hired \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Industry Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year Hired \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Industry Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year Hired \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Industry Experience \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year Hired \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Industry Experience \_\_\_\_\_

**13. REFERENCES** (customers similar to El Paso County to whom services similar in size and scope have been provided)

- a. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State /Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

14. **BONDING.** Is your firm able to obtain bonding up to and including an amount equal to the estimated project cost?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
15. **INSURANCE.** Is your firm able to obtain insurance as specified in the Special Terms and Conditions of this RFP?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
16. **PURCHASE ORDERS.** Do you accept purchase orders?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
17. **CREDIT CARDS.** Do you accept credit cards?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
18. **INFORMATION** (if you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, attach a separate page explaining your response clearly labeled with the corresponding question number).
- a. In the past five years, has there been any change in ownership of your company?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18a)
- b. In the past five years, has your firm operated under any other name?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18b)
- c. Are any corporate officers, owners or partners currently connected with any other firm in the same line of business?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18c)
- d. In the past five years, has your firm been in bankruptcy?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18d)
- e. In the past five years, has your firm been assessed and paid liquidated damages?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18e)
- f. In the past five years, has your firm, or any firm with which your company's officers, owners or partners are associated, been barred, disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from bidding on, or competing for any government project for any reason?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18f)
- g. In the past five years, has your firm been denied an award of any contract based on a finding by a public agency that your company was not a responsible bidder?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18g)
- h. In the past five years, has any claim against your firm concerning your firm's work on a project been filed in court or arbitration?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18h)
- i. Has your firm made any claim against a project owner concerning work on a project or payment for a contract and filed that claim in court or arbitration?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18i)
- j. Has your firm, or any of its officers, owners, or partners, ever been found liable in a civil suit or found guilty in a criminal action for making any false claim or material misrepresentation to any public agency or entity?
- \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18j)

- k. Has your firm, or any of its officers, owners, or partners, ever been convicted of a crime involving any federal, state, or local law related to your business dealings?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18k)
- l. Has your firm, or any of its officers, owners, or partners, ever been convicted of a federal or state crime of fraud, theft, or any other act of dishonesty?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18l)
- m. In the past five years, has any surety company made any payments on your firm's behalf as result of a default, to satisfy any claims made against a performance or payment bond issued on your firm's behalf?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18m)
- n. Has your firm ever been denied bond coverage by a surety company, or has there ever been a period of time when your firm had no surety bond in place during a project when one was required?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18n)
- o. Have you ever had insurance terminated by a carrier?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18o)
- p. In the past five years, has any insurance carrier, for any form of insurance, refused to renew an insurance policy for your firm?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18p)
- q. In the past five years, has OSHA cited and assessed penalties against your firm?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach explanation labeled 18q)

**19. Licenses.** Does your company have current and valid licenses for the services being requested? Please provide copies.

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No (if "yes," attach licenses labeled 18)

**20. Certification.** The undersigned hereby affirms (1) that he/she is a duly authorized agent of the vendor and (2) that the information submitted in/with this form is true and correct. Any information submitted herein that is later found to be false shall serve as grounds for disqualifying the vendor's Response.

- a. Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Printed Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- Authorized Representative's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Attach all requested exhibit items to the end of this document and clearly label each exhibit with the corresponding question number.

'I/We acknowledge that subsequent to award of this solicitation, all of, or part of this submittal may be released to any person or firm who may request it, as prescribed by the State of Colorado Open Records Act CRS 24-72-201 et seq., as amended, and that:

\_\_\_\_\_ None of this submittal is considered proprietary and/or confidential

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ The portions/pages of this submittal identified below are proprietary and/or confidential for the reasons stated (cite the specific exemptions allowed by the Colorado Open Records Act/Government Code). **A clearly identified redacted softcopy of the original Response is required if this section is selected.**

Page:	Code:	Reason:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

**General reference to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) is not sufficient justification. The County has the final discretion in determining whether information is subject to disclosure under CORA.**

I/We acknowledge that the above statements may be subject to legal review and challenge.

Signature below indicates that applicant has read all the information provided above and agrees to comply in full. This form is considered as a section of the Request for Proposal, RFP-22-138 and therefore, this signed document shall become consideration and fully submitted with the original package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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

El Paso County values your input. Your input assists us in building competitive solicitations and ensuring our solicitations are cutting edge and relevant. Please spend a few minutes to complete this form and return to the Contracts and Procurement Division.

Please send to: El Paso County  
Matthew Marter  
RFP-22-138; Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services  
matthewmarter@elpasoco.com

Specifications too "strict" (i.e. – geared toward one brand or manufacturer only, etc.). Please explain.

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Specifications are unclear. Please explain.

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Other. Please explain in detail.

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- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation
- ☐ Our schedule would not permit us to perform within the required time
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance and/or bonding requirements
- ☐ We do not offer this product or service

**PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Authorized Representative's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Vendor shall check (✓) to confirm that the following documentation has been submitted:**

- ☐ Signed Cover Sheet from this Solicitation
- ☐ Vendor Information Form
- ☐ Proprietary / Confidential Statement
- ☐ Signed copies of any addenda issued regarding this Solicitation
- ☐ W9 Documentation / Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) Number
- ☐ Exhibit 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
- ☐ Pricing Form

Does your offer comply with all of the **terms and conditions** of this solicitation and the attached Agreement?

☐ Yes ☐ No     If not, indicate exceptions on Exhibit 1.

Does your offer meet or exceed all of the **specifications** of this solicitation and the attached Agreement?

☐ Yes ☐ No     If not, indicate exceptions on Exhibit 1.

**Vendor's response to the following question will not be considered in awarding this Solicitation.**

El Paso County actively participates in purchasing between and among government agencies to combine purchasing power and resources and to obtain lower costs of procurement for quality goods and services. As such, we hereby request that other agencies of government be permitted to avail themselves of any award resulting from this solicitation and purchase any and all items specified herein from the successful Vendor(s) at the contract price(s) established herein. Each agency would establish its own contract, issue its own orders, be invoiced therefrom, make its own payments, and issue its own exemption certificates as required by the Vendor. It is understood and agreed that El Paso County would not be a legally binding party to any contractual agreement made between any other agency and the Vendor as a result of this Solicitation.

**May other units of government avail themselves of this contract and purchase any and all items specified.**

☐ Yes ☐ No



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**EXHIBIT 1: EXCEPTIONS**

Print the words "no exceptions" (here)\_\_\_\_\_ if there are no exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of these Response documents or contract.

If there are exceptions taken to any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of the Response document or contract, they must be clearly stated on a separate sheet of paper attached to this sheet and returned with your Response.

Note: All potential Offerors are hereby advised that exceptions taken may be considered during the evaluation phase which may affect the final scoring of Responses. Offerors stipulating that the County must use their contract or agreement may be determined non-responsive and their Response determined unacceptable.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(County, State and Zip Code)

Federal Tax ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT 2: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

The undersigned duly authorized official of the proposer certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its 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. **Are presently active and in good standing on SAMs.gov**
- C. **Are required to be in good standing throughout the contract term**
- D. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Response 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.
- E. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (B) of this certification; and
- F. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/Response had one or more public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- G. Are not on the Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders or any similar list maintained by any other governmental entity.

Where the proposer is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this Response.

(Check One)

**I DO CERTIFY** ☐

**I DO NOT CERTIFY** ☐

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT 3: RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to United States Public Law 101-121, Section 319, the undersigned duly authorized official of the proposer hereby certifies, to the best of her/his knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person or agency for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit a Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned duly authorized official shall require and ensure that the language of this certification be included in any award documents for subcontracts, grants, loans, and cooperative agreements, and that all subcontractors shall so certify and disclose accordingly.

This Certification is a material representation of fact, upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. The submission of this Certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction, imposed by Title 31 USC Section 1352. Any proposer (person) who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to civil penalty of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each such failure to file.

**I DO CERTIFY** ☐

**I DO NOT CERTIFY** ☐

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT 4: NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned duly authorized official of the proposer hereby certifies, to the best of her/his knowledge and belief, that:

1. That I am an officer or employee of \_\_\_\_\_ (proposing entity) having the authority to sign on behalf of the corporation, and,
2. That the prices in the attached Response were arrived at independently by \_\_\_\_\_ (proposing entity) without collusion, consultation, communication, or any agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such prices with any other proposer or with any other competitor regarding an understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or service described in the RFP/IFB designed to limit independent Responses or competition; and
3. That unless otherwise required by law, the contents and prices contained in the Response have not been communicated by \_\_\_\_\_ (proposing entity) or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of \_\_\_\_\_ (proposing entity), or its surety on any bond furnished with the Response, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the Response; and,
4. That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

**I DO CERTIFY** ☐

**I DO NOT CERTIFY** ☐

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT 5: MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

For this contract, the following provisions for insurance shall apply:

The Vendor agrees to procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, a policy, or policies of insurance against all liability, claims, demands and other obligations assumed by the Vendor, pursuant to Attachment A. Such insurance shall be in addition to any other insurance requirements imposed by this Agreement or by law. The Vendor shall not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands or other obligations assumed pursuant to Attachment A, by reason of its failure to procure or maintain, during the life of this Agreement, insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types.

The Vendor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, for itself and any subconsultants, the minimum insurance coverages listed in Attachment A. Such coverages shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to the County. All coverages shall be continuously maintained to cover all liability, claims, demands and other obligations assumed by the Vendor, pursuant to Attachment A. In the case of a claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Vendor requires a subconsultant to obtain insurance coverage, the types and minimum limits of this coverage may be different than those required, as stated herein for the Vendor.

1. The certificate of insurance provided by the Vendor shall be completed by the Vendor's insurance agent as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits are in full force and effect and **shall be reviewed and approved by the County prior to commencement of the Agreement**. No other form of certificate shall be used. The certificate shall identify this Agreement and the coverages afforded under the policies. **The certificate of insurance must be on file with the County two (2) weeks prior to commencement of the Agreement**. The completed certificate of insurance shall be sent to:

El Paso County  
Board of County Commissioners  
Attn: Contracts and Procurement Division  
15 East Vermijo Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

2. It is the affirmative obligation of the Vendor to notify the County's Contract Specialist, as provided in this Agreement, including e-mailing (PURCOI@elpasoco.com) a copy of the notice to the Contracts and Procurement Division, within two (2) business days of the cancellation or substantive change to any insurance policy required under this Agreement, and failure to do so shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.

3. Failure on the part of the Vendor to procure or maintain policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the County may immediately terminate this Agreement or, at its discretion, the County may procure or renew any such policy or any extended reporting period thereto and may pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and all monies so paid by the County shall be repaid by Vendor to the County upon demand, or the County may offset the cost of the premiums against any monies due to Vendor from the County.

4. The County reserves the right to request and receive a certified copy of any policy and any endorsement thereto.

5. The parties hereto understand and agree that the County, its officers and employees, are relying on and do not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this Agreement the monetary limitations

(presently Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$387,000) per person, and One Million Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,093,000) per occurrence), which amounts shall be adjusted by an amount reflecting the percentage change over a four-year period in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley, All Items, All Urban Consumers, or its successor index, or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, *et seq.*, as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to the County, its officers or employees.

**El Paso County must be included on the General Liability insurance as an additional insured.** Certificates of Insurance must be submitted before commencing work and provide 30 days' notice prior to any cancellation.

It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to ensure that all sub-Vendors carry insurance of not less than those coverages and limits specified herein. Proper evidence of this compliance must be forwarded to appropriate department prior to the inception of any work by sub-Vendor.

The undersigned certifies and agrees to carry and maintain the insurance requirements indicated above throughout the contract Period of Performance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Company)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date)

## ATTACHMENT A INSURANCE CHECKLIST

**SOLICITATION NUMBER:** 22-138  
**TITLE OF SOLICITATION:** Carpet and Miscellaneous Cleaning Services

Insurance items checked below have been identified as necessary requirements for this Contractor per the desired scope of work.

Insurance Item:	Required	Waived
Contractor shall obtain and maintain, and ensure that each Subcontractor shall obtain and maintain, insurance as specified in this section and per <b>EXHIBIT 5</b> at all times during the term of this Contract. All insurance policies required by this Contract shall be issued by insurance companies as approved by the County.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Workers' Compensation:</b> Workers' compensation insurance as required by state statute, and employers' liability insurance covering all Contractor or Subcontractor employees acting within the course and scope of their employment.	<b>X</b>	
<b>General Liability:</b> Commercial general liability insurance covering premises operations, fire damage, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury, and advertising liability with minimum limits as follows: \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$2,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate; and \$50,000 damage to premises rented to you – any one premises.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Automobile Liability:</b> Automobile liability insurance covering any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos) with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Subrogation Waiver:</b> All insurance policies secured or maintained by Contractor in relation to this contract shall include clauses stating that each carrier shall waive all rights of recovery under subrogation or otherwise against the County, its agencies, institutions, organizations, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.	<b>X</b>	
<b>Umbrella Liability Insurance:</b> Commercial Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance for bodily injury and property damage liability must sit over Contractor's primary Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability and Commercial Automobile Liability with limits of: \$1,000,000 each occurrence and aggregate. Higher or Lower limits may be required or determined acceptable at the sole discretion of County.		<b>X</b>
<b>Protected Information:</b> If Contractor's scope of work will include access to Confidential Information, such as PII, PHI, PCI, Tax Information, and CJI, Contractor shall maintain Cyber/ Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence; and \$2,000,000 general aggregate to cover civil, regulatory and statutory damages, contractual damage, as well as data breach management exposure, and any loss of income or extra expense as a result of actual or alleged breach, violation or infringement of right to privacy, consumer data protection law, confidentiality or other legal protection for personal information, as well as confidential information of County.		<b>X</b>
<b>Pollution Liability:</b> If Contractor's scope of work includes any pollution liability exposure, Contractor must provide and maintain a separate Pollution Liability Insurance policy. Such insurance shall include coverage for the Hold-Harmless or Indemnification Clause contained in this Agreement. Coverage shall include Additional Insured status in favor of County, its agents and employees and a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of additional insured parties the policy shall be written with a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and aggregate.		<b>X</b>
<b>Professional Liability Insurance:</b> If Contractor's scope of work includes the performance of professional services, Contractor shall provide and maintain, for the statute of repose, Professional liability insurance covering any damages caused by an error, omission in performance of the professional services with minimum limits as follows: \$1,000,000 each claim; and \$1,000,000 general aggregate.		<b>X</b>
<b>Crime Insurance:</b> If Contractor's scope of work includes Contractor or Contractor's employees' involvement with money or securities of County, Contractor shall provide and maintain Commercial Crime coverage for a loss arising out of or in connection with any fraudulent or dishonest act committed by employees of the Contractor, in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 single limit. Commercial Crime Coverage shall include third party liability coverage and list County as a loss payee		<b>X</b>
<b>Builders Risk:</b> The Contractor shall purchase and maintain All Risk Builder's Risk insurance upon the entire Project to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the insurable value thereof for the benefit of the Owner and the Contractor. Such insurance shall include any and all direct damage to all structures under construction (including temporary structures) and all materials, supplies, machinery, and equipment at the work site which are or will be incorporated in the work, which is caused by hazards such as but not limited to, the hazards of fire, lightning, wind, earthquake, flood, vandalism, malicious mischief, and other hazards included in a standard Extended Coverage Endorsement.		<b>X</b>

The Sample Professional Services Agreement is included in this solicitation for information and reference purposes only.

It is the responsibility of the Vendor to provide any exceptions to this Solicitation and/or Sample Professional Services Agreement with its response for evaluation by El Paso County. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to provide the Solicitation and Sample Professional Services Agreement to their Legal Counsel for review and notation of any exceptions prior to submitting a proposal.

Following the determination of award, El Paso County and the successful Vendor will execute this document to consummate a contract between the parties. The Solicitation and the Vendor's Offer will be attached and incorporated as part of the contract.

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In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China Income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

### Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

**What is FATCA reporting?** The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(ii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

## Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.



**Exempt payee code.** Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>3</sup>  The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>4</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

**\*Note.** Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

**Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN.
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.** Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

**Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.