

# HENDERSON

## Independent School District

January 14, 2019

Henderson ISD is seeking proposals for fiber transport for Internet access. The district is seeking a service agreement of up to five years. This agreement would begin on July 1, 2019.

All proposals will be evaluated using the following items: the cost of goods and services, the costs to the district for acquiring the goods and services, the quality of the goods and services, the extent to which the services meet the district's needs, the vendor's past relationship with the district, and the experience of vendor in providing services.

Proposals must be received by Henderson ISD per the specifications of the RFP on or before February 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. CST. Mail RFPs to: Henderson ISD, 200 North High Street, Henderson, TX 75652. The RFPs should be sent to the attention of Kevin Bryan and marked on the outside of the envelope "RFP for Internet Transport Services." Proposals received after the specified time will not be considered.

The RFP can be downloaded from our web site at <http://www.hendersonisd.org>. Look for the "Required Internet Postings" link in the Community section at the top of the home page. Scroll to the bottom of the Required Internet Postings page and select "Request for Proposals," which is where you will find the RFP.

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**Request for Proposal**  
**Henderson Independent School District, Billed Entity Number 140688**  
**E-rate Funding Year 2019-2020**  
**Form 470 #190015688**

This RFP and the accompanying Form 470 is for fiber transport for Internet Access.

All RFP responses are due by 4:00 p.m. CST on Monday, February 11, 2019, and should be submitted to:

Henderson Independent School District  
Attention: Kevin Bryan, Director of Technology  
200 N. High St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

No faxed or e-mailed responses will be accepted. All responses must be mailed or hand delivered and must include an original signature of a person of authority. Only one copy of the proposal is required.

The vendor must provide their SPIN number as well as the Form 470 application number on their RFP submission document. The vendor must be willing to directly bill USAC for the discounted portion of the costs. Purchase of all services is contingent upon E-rate funding.

**Service - Fiber Transport for Internet Access**

The district has numerous campuses that share Internet bandwidth that originates from the district's network operations center. The district currently has 500Mbps of full duplex Internet bandwidth and this bandwidth is delivered across a fiber optic network connection between the Box One building located at 200 N. High St., Henderson, TX 75652 and the SUPERNet consortium NOC, which is currently at the University of Texas Health Northeast campus at 11937 US Hwy 271, Tyler, TX 75708. **The vendor must provide pricing for a Layer 2 network between Henderson ISD and the UT Health Northeast campus.**

All responses to this RFP should include the following:

- Incremental pricing for bandwidth beginning at a download rate of 500 Mbps up to a maximum of 10Gbps (Upload speed to be at least 50% of download speed, full duplex preferred)
- A description of the fiber transport mechanism, including physical route maps of cabling, to be used to transfer data between the NOC in Henderson and the NOC at UT Health Northeast.

Henderson ISD staff will be responsible for integrating the bandwidth with the existing infrastructure. The vendor is responsible for providing one or more connection(s) to the HISD network.

## **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **CERTIFICATION:** By signature on Bid Document, the vendor certifies that:

- a. The vendor has not paid, or agreed to pay, any person, other than bona fide employees, a fee or brokerage resulting from the award of any contract resulting from this bid.
- b. The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such prices, with any other vendor or potential vendor.

2. **CONTRACT MODIFICATION:** No modification of this contract shall bind buyer unless a formal contract amendment is executed between buyer and vendor.

3. **CONTRACT AND PURCHASE ORDERS:** A response to this Bid Document is an offer to contract with the HISD and its members based upon the Item Specifications and the Standard Terms and Conditions contained in the Bid Document. Bids do not become contracts unless and until they are both accepted by the HISD through an Award Letter to the Bidder, and put into effect by the issuance of a Purchase Order(s) signed by an authorized representative of HISD Administration Building.

This contract shall collectively include (1) the General Terms and Conditions and the Item Specifications included in the Bid Document and any subsequent addenda thereto, (2) the bidder's signed Notice of Bid Document sheet and any other data collection sheets included with the Bid Invitation, (3) the bidder's entire response to the Bid Invitation, (4) the bidder's Notice of Award Letter, (5) and any additional terms, conditions, or instructions contained in each individual Purchase Order. The contract shall be interpreted by and governed under the law of the State of Texas in Rusk County.

4. **PACKING AND SHIPPING:** (If applicable) vendor shall be responsible for industry standard packing which conforms to requirements of carrier's tariffs and ICC regulations. Containers must be clearly marked as to the purchase order number. All shipments are to be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid, to Henderson Independent School District at the specific address on the purchase order. Delivery of configuration of products shall be made during normal working hours only, 8:00am to 4:00pm, unless approval for late delivery has been obtained.

5. **NO REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE TENDER:** (If applicable) every tender of goods must fully comply with all the provisions of this contract as to time of delivery, quantity, assortment, quality, and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and vendor shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender.

6. **DEFAULT IN ONE INSTALLMENT TO CONSTITUTE TOTAL BREACH:** (If applicable) each installment or lot of this contract is dependent on every other installment or lot and delivery of non-conforming goods/services or a default of any nature under one installment or lot will impair the value of the whole contract and constitutes a breach of the contract as a whole.

7. **GRATUITIES:** The buyer may, by written notice to the vendor, cancel this contract if it is found by buyer that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise were offered or given by the

vendor or any agent or representative of the vendor, to any Officer or employee of the Henderson Independent School District with a view toward securing an order or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such order. In the event this contract is canceled by buyer pursuant to this provision, buyer shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold from the vendor the amount of the gratuity.

8. WARRANTIES: (If applicable) vendor warrants that all goods delivered under this contract will conform to the requirements of this contract (including all applicable descriptions, specifications, drawings, and samples), and will be free from defects in design and fit for the intended purposes. Any inspection or acceptance of the goods by buyer shall not alter or affect the obligations of vendor or the right of buyer under the foregoing warranties.

9. ASSIGNMENT-DELEGATION: No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned by vendor without the written permission of buyer, and no delegation of any duty of vendor shall be made without permission of buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.

10. ASSIGNMENT-CLAIMS: Vendor and the Henderson Independent School District recognize that in actual economic practice overcharges resulting from anti-trust violations are in fact borne by the district. Therefore, vendor hereby assigns the district any and all claims for such overcharges.

11. ADVERTISING: Vendor shall not advertise or publish, without the District's prior consent, the fact that the District has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information as provided by appropriate statutes.

12. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS: (If applicable) the title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to the district until the district actually receives the goods at the point of delivery.

13. INSPECTION: (If applicable) all goods are subject to final inspection and acceptable by the district. Material/services failing to meet the requirements of this contract will be held at vendor's risk and may be returned to vendor. If so returned, the cost of transportation, unpacking, inspection, repackaging, reshipping, or other like expenses are the responsibility of the vendor.

14. LIENS: All goods delivered and labor performed under this contract shall be free of all liens, and if the District requests, a formal release of all liens will be delivered to the District.

15. INDEMNIFY: Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold the District harmless from any damage or expense whatsoever resulting to the District from any and all claims and demands on account of infringement or alleged infringement of any patent in connection with the manufacture or use of any product included in this contract. Upon written requests vendor will defend, at its own cost and expense, any legal action or suit against the District involving any such alleged patent infringement, and will pay and satisfy any and all judgments or decrees rendered in any such legal actions or suits. Vendor

will indemnify Henderson Independent School District against all claims for damages to persons or property resulting from defects in materials or workmanship.

16. REMEDIES AND APPLICABLE LAWS: This contract shall be governed by Henderson Independent School District and vendor shall have all remedies afforded each by the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in the State of Texas, except as otherwise provided in this contract or in statutes pertaining specifically to the State. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and suits pertaining to this contract may be brought only in the courts of the State of Texas in Rusk County.

17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: This contract is subject to cancellation by buyer if any person significantly involved initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the contract on behalf of Henderson Independent School District, is at any time while the contract is in effect, an employee of any other party to the contract in any capacity or a consultant to any other party of the contract with respect to the subject matter of the contract.

18. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither party shall be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of any terms or conditions of this contract are delayed or prevented by any other cause not within the control of the party whose performance is interfered with and which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, said party is unable to prevent.

19. RIGHT TO ASSURANCE: Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give a written assurance of this intent to perform. In the event that demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.

20. INTERPRETATION-PAROL EVIDENCE: : This contract is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this agreement. No course of prior dealing between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this contract. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this contract shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this contract even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity to objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in this contract, the definition contained in the Code is to control.

21. COMPLIANCE OF LAWS: The final contract must be in compliance with all federal and Texas State laws and regulations and is subject to termination by the Governing Board of the Henderson Independent School District, termination for non-availability of funding and for prepayment, without penalty.

22. CHOICE OF LAW: The parties hereby agree that this agreement was negotiated, made and entered into in the State of Texas and under the laws of the State of Texas.

23. INFRINGEMENT: Contractor agrees to protect Henderson Independent School District from claims involving infringement or copyrights.

24. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: Technical specifications define the minimum acceptable standard.

25. REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACT, AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: If the vendor cannot comply with the terms and conditions in fulfilling its contract as anticipated, the vendor must supply the same products or services contracted from other sources at the contract price. The vendor's delay in the above will constitute the vendor's material breach of contract, whereupon the HISD may terminate the vendor's contract for cause as provided by the remainder of this section.

If any delay or failure of performance is caused by a Force Majeure event as described in section #18 of this Standard Terms and Conditions document entitled "Force Majeure," the HISD may, in its sole discretion, terminate this contract in whole or part, provided such termination follows the remaining requirements of this section.

Except as otherwise provided for within the Standard Terms and Conditions of this document, this contract may be terminated in whole or in part by either party in the event of substantial failure by the other party to fulfill its obligations under this contract through no fault of the terminating party; provided that no such termination may be implemented unless and until the other party is given

1. at least ten (10) days written notice (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate, and
2. an opportunity for consultation with the terminating party, followed by a reasonable opportunity, of not more than ten (10) working days, to rectify the defects in products or performance, prior to termination.

Valid causes for termination of this contract will include, but are not limited to:

- A. The vendor's failure to adhere to any of the provisions of the General Conditions and Standard Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document.
- B. The vendor delivering any product(s) that fails to meet the Item Specifications included in this Bid Invitation relating to the awarded product(s).
- C. The vendor delivering any substitution(s) of product(s) different than those originally bid and awarded without the written approval of HISD.
- D. The vendor's incomplete response to the Bid Document.
- E. And vendor's noncompliance to any additional terms, conditions, or instructions contained in each individual Purchase Order issued by the HISD.

26. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of conflict, the following precedence shall prevail: 1) terms and conditions set forth on the face of the contract, 2) provisions set forth on specifications, 3) provisions set forth in Referenced Documents; and 4) the general bidding instructions to bidders.

27. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS: The District is not responsible for any bidder's errors or omissions.

28. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: If a vendor believes that a bid, proposal, offer, or specification contains information that shall be withheld from disclosure, a statement advising the procurement officer must be attached and noted on page one of the document.

29. ADDENDUM: In the event that any changes to this Bid Document occur subsequent to the mailing or other delivery of the original Bid Document, the changes or corrections to this Bid Invitation will be made by addendum. It is your responsibility to obtain any addenda that pertains to this bid.

30. EXTENSION/NON-APPROPRIATIONS CLAUSE: This contract may be renewed for four additional one year terms if the vendor and the District agree. Negotiations for additional years and price restructuring must be completed forty-five (45) days before date of renewal.

**AFFIDAVIT OF QUOTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and NON-COLLUSION**

The undersigned certifies that the bid/proposal prices contained in this proposal have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final and if bid/proposal is accepted (within 90 days unless otherwise noted by vendor), agrees to furnish any and/or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the conditions contained in the Specifications. The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this quote in collusion with any other vendor, and that the contents of this as to prices, terms or conditions of said quotation have not been communicated by the undersigned nor any employee or agent or stockholder to any person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position with company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of company official  
authorizing proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Print company official's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Official's position: \_\_\_\_\_



**FELONY CONVICTION NOTIFICATION**

State of Texas Legislative Senate Bill No. 1, Section 44.034, Notification of Criminal History, Subsection (a), states, "A person or business entity that enters into a contract with a school district must give advance notice to the District if the person or owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony." The notice must include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony.

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

**This notice is not required of a publicly held corporation. Please complete the information below:**

I, the undersigned agent for the firm named below, certify that the information concerning notification of felony convictions has been reviewed by me and the following information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

Vendor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Company Official's Name (please print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Company Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Company Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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C. My firm is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony:

Name of Felon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Felon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Conviction(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Company Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor is responsible for the performance of the persons, employees and/or subcontractors Contractor assigns to provide services for the Henderson ISD pursuant to this Contract on any and all Henderson ISD campuses or facilities. Contractor will not assign individuals to provide services at a Henderson ISD campus or facility who have a history of violent, unacceptable, or grossly negligent behavior or who have a felony conviction, without the prior written consent of the Henderson ISD Administration Building.

**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION**

The 1985 Texas Legislature passed HB 620 relating to bids by nonresident contractors. The pertinent portion of the Act has been extracted and is as follows:

Section 1. (a)

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

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

Section 1. (b) The state or a governmental agency of the state may not award a contract for general construction, improvements, services, or public works projects or purchases of supplies, materials, or equipment to a nonresident bidder unless the non-resident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a non-resident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the non-resident's principal place of business is located.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name)

is a Resident Bidder of Texas as defined in HB 620.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company Name)

is a Nonresident Bidder of Texas as defined in HB 620 and our principal place of business is:

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION FORM**

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from contracting with or making sub-awards under covered transaction to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred. Covered transactions include procurement of goods or services equal to or in excess of \$100,000. Contractors receiving individual awards of \$100,000 or more and all sub-recipients must certify that the organizations and its principals are not suspended or debarred.

By submitting this offer and signing this certificate, this bidder:

- Certifies that no suspension or debarment is in place, which would preclude receiving a federally funded contract under the Federal OMB, A-102, Common Rule (§\_.36).

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Company Official's Name: \_\_\_\_\_(printed)

Signature of Company Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE****FORM CIQ**

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

**1** Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**2**  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3** Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C &amp; D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

 Yes  No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

 Yes  No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

 Yes  No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

**4**\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

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.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% 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* above.

## 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

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note.** ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. 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 line 2.

e. **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 Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(ii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should 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 line 1. 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 line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." 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.

**Line 2**

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

**Line 3**

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

**Line 4, Exemptions**

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

**Exempt payee code.**

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 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 U.S. commonwealth or possession, 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 U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 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 reportable under section 6045(f), 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 requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- 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 U.S. commonwealth or possession, 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 Regulations 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 Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(ii)
- 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

**Note.** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**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 this page), 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 SSA 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 line 1 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)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>1</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>1</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 Regulations 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 2.

\*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, 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 (TIGTA) 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.

**DEVIATION/COMPLIANCE FORM**

COMPANY NAME

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ADDRESS, CITY,  
STATE

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PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

If the undersigned bidder intends to deviate from the General Conditions Standard Terms and Conditions or Item Specifications listed in this bid invitation, all such deviations must be listed on this page, with complete and detailed conditions and information included or attached. The District will consider any deviations in its bid award decisions, and the District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid based upon any deviations indicated below or in any attachments or inclusions.

In the absence of any deviation entry on this form, the bidder assures the District of their full compliance with the Standard Terms and Conditions, Item Specifications, and all other information contained in this Bid Invitation.

No Deviation

Yes Deviations

If yes is checked, please list below.

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**NO BID NOTIFICATION**

The Henderson Independent School District is interested in receiving competitive pricing on all items bid. We also desire to keep your firm as a bidder and supplier of materials and equipment. Therefore, it is important for us to determine why you are not bidding on this item. We will analyze your input carefully and try to determine if future changes are needed in our specifications and/or procedures.

I did not bid for the following reason: (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE LISTED REASONS)

Do not supply the requested product

Quantities offered are too small or too large to be supplied by my company.

Specifications are "too tight" or written around a particular product. (Please elaborate on this item)

Cannot bid against manufacturer or jobber

Time frame for bidding was too short for my organization. on this item. (Please circle one)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choice:

I wish to remain on bid list.

I do not wish to remain on bid list.

VENDOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED FORMS CHECKLIST

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – AFFIDAVIT OF QUOTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and NON-COLLUSION

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – Felony Conviction Notice - Form B

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – Bidders Certification – Form C

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – Debarment and Suspension Certification – Form D

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ) – Form E

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – W-9 – Request for Taxpayer Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed – Deviation/Compliance Signature – Form G

or

\_\_\_\_\_ No Bid Notification – Form H

**HENDERSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BID PROPOSAL FORM  
INTERNET TRANSPORT AND VOICE SERVICES**

All proposals are due at the Henderson ISD Administration building no later than 4:00 p.m., February 11, 2019. Mailing address is P.O. Box 728, Henderson, TX 75653. Physical address is 200 N. High St., Henderson, TX 75652.

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of proposed contract: \_\_\_\_\_ years

**Cost of transport services:**

500 Mbps (Minimum): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual or month-to-month pricing (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mbps: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual or month-to-month pricing (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mbps: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual or month-to-month pricing (Circle one)

10 Gbps (Maximum): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual or month-to-month pricing (Circle one)

Brief description of the of the fiber transport mechanism and route to be used to transfer data between the NOC in Henderson and the NOC at UT Health Northeast:

\_\_\_\_\_

The number of public, static IP addresses that will be included with the service: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of voice services:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual or month to month (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Company Official Making Proposal