



CITY OF LAWTON

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

February 9, 2024

Interested Vendor:

SUBJECT: Special Instructions for Submission of Bid Packet

If you desire to submit a bid for **CL24-013 NUISANCE ABATEMENT**, this letter is provided to clarify problem areas.

The bid packet is composed of the following documents:

- Invitation for Bid and Contract with General Conditions for Submitting Proposals
- Affidavit for Payments in Excess Of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)
- Contractor's Certificate of Compliance with Non-Discrimination Provisions
- Department Specifications
- Price Sheet
- W-9 Form

You must include the following items in your bid submission, or your bid shall not be considered:

- Page 1 of the Invitation for Bid/Contract must be returned. It must be the **original, properly signed and notarized.**
- Affidavit For Payments in Excess Of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), **original properly signed and notarized.**
- Contractor's Certificate of Compliance with Non-Discrimination Provisions, **original properly signed.**
- Department Specification and Price Bid Sheet (with vendor's comments, if applicable)
- W-9 Form, **original properly signed.**

Please, submit two (2) copies of any additional documentation such as descriptive literature, samples, material safety data sheets or references. Please, note that in some specifications, the submittal of the additional documents is required. If the documents are required, and are not submitted, your bid may be considered non-responsive.

Bid openings are held at 212 SW 9th Street Lawton, OK 73501 in the 2nd floor Conference Room @ 2:00 pm. Bid results may be obtained by attending the bid opening, making a written request and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, or by email. Bid results are not available by telephone. Please, specify if you desire the bid results, or the results of who received the contract. Contract award information will not be available until the City Council awards the contract. Information will be mailed or emailed to the requester.

City Hall | 212 SW 9th Street | Lawton, Oklahoma 73501 | 580-581-3328

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Examine your bid packet carefully as soon as you receive it. Please, submit any questions regarding specific information of the bid to BidSync: prod.bidsync.com/city_of_lawton or Bidnet Direct: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/oklahoma/cityoflawton> If any of the requested items are missing or if you have questions about the bid packet, email colbie.garrett@lawtonok.gov

Sincerely,

Colbie Garrett

Colbie Garrett
Buyer, Financial Services

City of Lawton

INVITATION TO BID AND CONTRACT

MAIL SEALED BIDS TO: City Clerk City of Lawton 212 SW 9th Street Lawton, OK 73501		DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Colbie.Garrett@lawtonok.gov QUESTIONS REGARDING BID: www.bidsync.com/bidsync-cas/	
Date Bid Typed:	Dates Bid Advertised:	No Bids Received After: <b style="text-align: right;">2 : 00pm	
Contract Number and Title:		Requirements-type Contract:	Contract Period: 12 months
Bid Openings are held at Lawton City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room 212 SW 9th Street Lawton, OK 73501 @ 2:00 pm			
Vendor Name and Point of Contact:		Reason for No Bid:	
Mailing Address:		Terms:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Delivery:
Area Code and Phone Number:		Email Address:	
Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number			

THIS BID INVALID IF NOT SIGNED AND NOTARIZED

AFFIDAVIT: STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____,

_____ of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that:

1. Affiant is the duly authorized agent of the bidder/vendor and/or contractor submitting the competitive bid and executing the contract which is attached to this statement, and that as such agent Affiant has the authority to bind the bidder/vendor, whether an individual, partnership, or corporation, for the purpose of negotiating and entering into said agreement, and for certifying the facts pertaining to the existence of collusion among bidders and between bidders and City officials or employees, as well as facts pertaining to the giving or offering of things of value to government personnel in return for special consideration in the letting of any contract pursuant to the bid to which this statement is attached; 2. Affiant is fully aware of the facts and circumstances surrounding the making of the bid and/or the procurement of the contract to which this statement is attached and has been personally and directly involved in the proceedings leading to the submission of such bids; 3. Neither the bidder/vendor nor anyone subject to the bidder/vendor's direction or control has been a party: a. to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding, b. to any collusion with any municipal official or employee as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract, or as to any other terms of such prospective contract, c. in any discussions between bidders and any municipal official concerning exchange of money or other thing of value for special consideration in the letting of a contract, nor d. to paying, giving or donating or agreeing to pay, give or donate to any officer or employee of the City of Lawton, any money or other thing of value, either directly or indirectly, in procuring the contract to which his statement is attached. 4. Affiant further agrees to be held personally liable in the event that Affiant has misrepresented the scope or extend of Affiant's authority to bind the bidder herein, and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Lawton its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions, and all employees of the aforementioned from all damages based upon such misrepresentation, including but not limited to all costs and attorney fees incurred, in addition to any other remedies available by law.

Firm: _____
 Address: _____

 (City, State, Zip)
 Phone: _____

 SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT

 PRINT/TYPE NAME/TITLE

Subscribed & sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

 Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

[AFFIX SEAL]

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING REQUIREMENTS CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA.

BIDDER – TO INSURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID, CAREFULLY FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR BID WITHOUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OR NOTICE TO YOU.

SEALED BIDS: All bid sheets and this form must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. (DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE BID PER ENVELOPE). The face of the envelope shall contain, in addition to the address on page one (1) of this document, the date and time of the bid opening and the contract number. Bids not submitted on this bid form shall be rejected. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. **Those which do not comply with these conditions are subject to rejection.** Bids will be considered only on first quality products. Bid files which include copies of specifications, drawings, schedules or special instructions are on file with the City Clerk and may be examined during normal working hours.

1. **EXECUTION OF BID AND CONTRACT:** Bid and contract documents must contain an original signature of authorized representative in the space provided. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink is not permitted. ALL CORRECTIONS MADE BY BIDDER/VENDOR TO BID PRICE MUST BE INITIALED. Do not use white out, correction tape or some other method of masking a correction.
2. **NO BID:** If not submitting a bid, respond by returning page one (1), marking it "NO BID" and explain the reason in the space provided above. Failure to respond 3 times in succession shall be cause for removal of the supplier's name from the bid mailing list, without further notice. NOTE: To qualify as having responded, bidder/vendor must submit a "NO BID", and it must be received no later than the stated bid opening date and hour.
3. **OBJECTIONS/CHALLENGE:** Should a bidder/vendor have an objection to or challenge the specifications, the bidder/vendor is responsible for making this known in writing so as to reach the City Clerk no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the bid opening date. The envelope shall be marked in such a way to alert the City Clerk of the urgency in order to immediately notify the Purchasing Division. The envelope will be marked indicating that the content is a challenge to a specified Invitation to Bid. For all challenges considered valid by the Purchasing Supervisor, all vendors on the original mailing list will be provided an addendum which addresses the challenge. Challenges/Objections not considered valid will be so stated to the objecting party.
4. **BID OPENING:** Bid opening occurs at the time specified on the bid form. It is the bidder/vendor's responsibility to assure that the bid is delivered at the proper time and place of the bid opening. Bids, which for any reason are not delivered, will not be considered. Offers by telegram, facsimile or telephone are not acceptable. NOTE: Bid files may be examined during normal working hours by appointment, after the date and time of bid opening. Bid tabulations WILL NOT be provided by telephone. Bid tabulations will be provided by mail at the written request of the bidder/vendor. Bid and contract documents are the property of the City and are subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
5. **WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the bid opening date and time. After bids are opened, all bids will be considered firm and valid until award of contract is made.

6. **AWARDS:**
- a. As the best interest of the City may require, the right is reserved to:
 - 1. Award by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof.
 - 2. Award based upon a geographical district basis with one or more suppliers.
 - 3. To reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received.
 - b. Bidder/vendors are cautioned to make no assumptions regarding their success on the awarding of any contract unless their bid has been evaluated as being responsive, the contract awarded by City Council, and appropriate documents executed. The City of Lawton reserves the right to add or delete any item from this contract when deemed to be in the City's best interest.
7. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** This document constitutes only the bidder/vendor's bid until it is accepted by the City Council for the City of Lawton and is executed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City of Lawton.
8. **WAIVER:** The City of Lawton reserves the right to waive any General Provisions, Special Provision, or minor specification deviation when considered to be in the best interest of the City.
9. **CHANGES TO SPECIFICATIONS:** Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the specifications provided. Any exceptions to the specifications must be indicated in the place provided on the specification page(s) or by separate letter from the bidder/vendor, if a place is not provided in the specifications. Changes in specification reducing the quality, versatility or applicability of the product or service shall cause the rejection of the bid. The City shall make the final determination. Failure to notice the City of the deviation from the specification may cause the bid to be rejected at the discretion of the City.
10. **MISTAKES:** Bidder/Vendors are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices and all instructions pertaining to supplies and services. Failure to do so will be at bidder/vendor's risk. In all cases, the UNIT PRICE WILL GOVERN.
11. **INFORMATION:** The bidder/vendor must provide information pertinent to items you are bidding. Complete catalogues are not necessary. If furnished, however, the bidder/vendor must identify the exact location in the catalogue and circle or identify clearly the item being bid.
12. **MANUFACTURERS' NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS:** Any manufacturers' names, trade name brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. The bidder/vendor may offer any brand for which he is an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and model number. Bidder/Vendor shall submit with his proposal sketches, descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications. References to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The bidder/vendor shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Bids, which do not comply with these requirements, are subject to rejection. Bids lacking any written indication of intent to quote an alternate brand will be received and considered to be in complete compliance with the specifications as listed on the bid form.

13. **SAMPLES:** Samples of items, when called for, must be furnished free of charge and at no expense to the City. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder/vendor's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, contract number and item reference, or as specified in the attached special conditions. Samples will not be returned.
14. **TESTING:** When testing is required to determine if a sample or an awarded product meets specifications and it is determined that the product fails to meet specifications, the cost of testing shall be borne by the vendor, both on samples and delivered products.
15. **NONCONFORMANCE TO CONTRACT CONDITIONS:** Items may be tested for compliance with specifications by appropriate testing laboratories or by the City. The data derived from any tests for compliance with specifications are public records and open to examination thereto in accordance with Oklahoma Statutes. Items delivered not conforming to specifications will be rejected and returned to the bidder/vendor at the bidder/vendor's expense. Any violation of these stipulations may result in supplier's name being removed from the City of Lawton Purchasing bidder/vendor mailing list, and the City may pursue any and all other remedies available either in equity or by law.
16. **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered for shipped as a result of this bid shall be new (current model at the time of the bid). All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.
17. **INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE and TITLE:** Inspection and acceptance will be at the destination unless otherwise provided. "Destination: shall mean delivered to the receiving dock, department stockroom, or other point specified. The City accepts no responsibility for goods until accepted at the receiving point in good condition. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the bidder/vendor until accepted by the ordering agency. The bidder/vendor shall be responsible for filing, processing and collecting all damage claims. However, to assist him in the expeditious handling of damage claims the ordering department will:
 - a. Record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's Bill of Lading.
 - b. Report damage (whether visible or concealed) to the carrier and bidder/vendor, conforming such reports, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of delivery, requesting that the carrier inspects the damaged merchandise.
 - c. Retain the item and it's shipping container including inner packaging material, until inspection is performed by the carrier, and disposition given by the bidder/vendor, or for a reasonable time after notification to the bidder/vendor.
 - d. Provide the bidder/vendor with a copy of the carrier's Bill of Lading and damage inspection report.
18. **SAFETY STANDARDS:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items or fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act and any standards thereunder.
19. **SERVICE AND WARRANTY:** Unless otherwise specified, the bidder/vendor shall define any warranty service and replacements that will be provided during and subsequent to this contract. Bidder/Vendors must explain on an attached sheet to what extent warranty and service facilities are provided. Unless otherwise indicated in this agreement, upon acceptance

of this contract by the City, bidder/vendor expressly warrants that all articles, materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services covered in this contract will conform to the specification attached hereto and made a part hereof; and further warrants that same shall be good material and workmanship, and free from defects.

20. **REMEDIES:** Failure to make delivery or to meet specifications authorizes the City to seek replacement goods or services elsewhere and to seek legal remedies against the defaulting bidder/vendor. If any of the goods and/or work performed fails to meet the warranties contained herein, bidder/vendor upon notice thereof from the City shall promptly correct or replace the same at bidder/vendor's expense. If bidder/vendor shall fail so to do, the City may cancel this order as to all such goods and in addition, may cancel the remaining balance of this order and pursue all other remedies available. After notice to the bidder/vendor, all such goods will be held at bidder/vendor's risk. The City may and at bidder/vendor's direction shall, return such goods to bidder/vendor at bidder/vendor's risk, and all transportation charges, both to and from original destination, shall be paid by bidder/vendor. Any payment for such goods shall be refunded by bidder/vendor unless bidder/vendor promptly corrects or replaces the same at its expense.
21. **AUTHORIZED USERS:** Bids shall cover requirements during the specified period for all Municipal Departments, Boards, Commissions, Agencies, and Institutions.
22. **LIABILITY:** The bidder/vendor shall hold and save the City of Lawton, its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions and all employees of the aforementioned harmless against the claims by third parties resulting from the supplier's breach of this contract or the supplier's negligence.
23. **PRICES AND TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the bid specifications, firm fixed prices shall be bid F.O.B Lawton at the indicated department's address and include packing, handling and shipping charges fully prepaid by the vendor. Bid prices shall be valid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening.
24. **ACCEPTANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS:** Bidder/vendor are to accept only those purchase orders issued by the City of Lawton, its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions and all employees of the aforementioned, prepared on Accounting Division Forms unless instructed otherwise in the invitation to bid or executed contract agreement.
25. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:** Manufacturer's price increases, or other increases in the cost of doing business MAY NOT be passed on to the City of Lawton, its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions and all employees of the aforementioned, nor may the vendor withdraw or cancel the proposal, or any resulting agreement, or any part of the proposal or agreement for these reasons. Vendors may only cancel the contract, pursuant to the cancellation clause, if one is included as a part of the Invitation to Bid, and then only if the contractual obligation has been fulfilled by the bidder/vendor in accordance with the terms stated. Bids which reflect that the price of an item is based upon "market price" or is "subject to increase" based upon some event, or otherwise indicates that prices reflected are infirm or subject to change will be deemed non-conforming unless the bid specifications specifically provide for price escalation.
26. **SUMMARY OF TOTAL SALES:** The bidder/vendor agrees to furnish City of Lawton Purchasing Division a summary of sales, including total dollar amount, made under the contract at the end of each quarter, or as stipulated in the attached special conditions.
27. **PAYMENT:**

- a. **INVOICING:** The vendor shall be paid within a reasonable time after submission of proper certified invoices to the City at the prices stipulated on the contract. Invoices shall contain the contract number and purchase order number. Failure to follow these instructions may result in delay of processing invoices for payment. The Company or Corporation bidding shall be the only office authorized to receive orders, do the billing and invoicing and receive payment. If the bidder/vendor wishes to ship or service from a point other than the home office he will furnish a list of these locations. HOWEVER, NO ORDERS WILL BE PRESENTED TO, BILLING WILL NOT BE DONE FROM NOR WILL PAYMENT BE MADE TO THESE LOCATIONS.
 - b. **REQUIREMENTS ONLY PURCHASES:** The proposed Contract shall be for the quantities actually ordered during the life of the contract only. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL CONTACTS ARE REQUIREMTNS-TYPE CONTRACT, meaning that quantities indicated are only estimates of those actually needed, and actual quantities may be greater or less than those indicated. Billing shall be made in accordance with instructions by department or division issuing the purchase order, and only for quantities actually ordered and delivered. The City does not promise to purchase the quantity shown. The City reserves the right to purchase none of the product or more than shown.
 - c. **Taxes:** Purchases by the City of Lawton are not subject to any Sales Tax or Federal Excise Tax. Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request.
 - d. **Discounts:** Bidder/Vendors may offer a cash discount for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall not be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes. Bidder/Vendors are encouraged to reflect cash discounts in the unit prices quoted. Discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery at place of acceptance or from receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever is later.
 - e. All provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code shall be adhered to.
28. **EXTENSION:** At the end of the contract period, or upon the conclusion of a maximum of one (1) extension thereof, the contract may be extended for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months at the same price and conditions as in the original contract, by mutual agreement between the City and the bidder/vendor. The extended contract shall, upon the signing by both parties, become a binding agreement and shall remain in force and effect until terminated by either party, provided that either party to the contract shall have the option to terminate said extended contract upon thirty days' prior written notice of termination by one party to the other.
29. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The Invitation to Bid hereunder is subject to the provisions of City of Lawton Charter and City Code. All bidder/vendors must disclose with the bid the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the City of Lawton or any of its agencies or subdivisions. Further, all bidder/vendors must disclose the name of any City employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder/vendor's firm or any of its branches.
30. **PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The bidder/vendor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Lawton, its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions and all employees of the aforementioned from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract including its use by the City of Lawton. If the bidder/vendor uses any design, device or

materials covered by letters, patent copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost rising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

31. **FACILITIES:** The City reserves the right to inspect the bidder/vendor's facilities at any time with reasonable prior notice.
32. **BANKRUPTCY:** If the bidder/vendor becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed against the bidder/vendor, or if a receiver is appointed for the bidder/vendor, the City shall have the right to terminate this contract upon written notice to the bidder/vendor without prejudice to any claim for damages or any other right of the City under this contract at the time of such termination.
33. **ASSIGNMENT:** This contract shall not be assigned by the bidder/vendor without written consent of the City.
34. **INSURANCE:** If insurance is required in the specifications to this agreement, unless otherwise specifically stated, proof of the following types and amounts shall be furnished to the City, showing the City as an additional insured thereunder without cost to the City of Lawton, prior to the awarding of the contract:
 - a. **General Liability:** The bidder/vendor shall procure and maintain in full force and effect, for the term of the Contract, a policy or policies under a comprehensive form as required by state law. In addition, the bidder/vendor shall have, during the term of the Contract, insurance in the minimum amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) property damages, arising from a single occurrence. One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for personal injuries arising from a single occurrence, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any number claims arising out of a single occurrence or accident. This policy or policies shall hold harmless and indemnify the City of Lawton its department boards, commissions, agencies, institutions and all employees of the aforementioned. A current certificate showing that the bidder/vendor has in force and effect such insurance shall be maintained on file with the City Clerk of the City.
 - b. **Automobile Liability:** The bidder/vendor shall procure and maintain in full force and effect, for the term of the Contract, vehicle liability coverage in the amounts specified in subparagraph A of this section. In addition, the bidder/vendor shall have, during the term of the Contract, vehicle liability coverage as outlined in the attached specifications. If higher coverage is required by any regulatory entity with oversight of the bidder/vendor's business, the City Code, or other authority, then proof of the higher coverage must be provided. This policy or policies shall hold harmless and indemnify the City of Lawton, its departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions, and all employees of the aforementioned. A current certificate showing that the bidder/vendor has a policy shall be maintained on the file with the City Clerk of the City.
 - c. **Worker's Compensation:** The bidder/vendor shall procure and maintain in full force and effect for the period of the Contract, full workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma to protect himself and the City against liability under the workers' compensation and occupational disease statutes of the State of Oklahoma. A current certificate showing that the bidder/vendor has in force and effect the aforesaid insurance or a current certificate showing exemption from the requirement shall be maintained on file with the City Clerk of the City.

35. **BONDS:** Neither Bidder's Bonds or Performance Bonds are required unless specifically set forth in the specifications attached hereto. If Bonds are required, the same shall be held under the following requirements and specifications unless otherwise indicated:
- a. Bidder's Bonds: If required as a part of the specifications on this contract, bids filed with the Municipal Clerk must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond, certified check or cashier's check in the amount state made payable to the City of Lawton. This amount will be retained by the City as damages in the event successful bidder/vendor fails to comply with the terms of this agreement, but shall in no way act as a remedy or limitation on damages available to the City, which may pursue any and all other remedies available either in equity or at law. All Deposits and Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder/vendor's within a reasonable time after the contract has been awarded, and to the successful bidder/vendor upon full performance of the contract. Bonds or funds deposited do not accrue interest while held.
 - b. Performance Bonds: If a performance Bond is required under the specifications of this agreement, the successful bidder/vendor must, prior to the award of the contract, post the bond, certified check or cashiers ck in the amount stated made payable to the City of Lawton. The Bidder's bond posted will be returned to the successful bidder/vendor upon posting of the Performance Bond and completion of any additional requirements for execution of the contract by the bidder/vendor. The performance bond will be released or returned to the bidder/vendor, as appropriate, after satisfactory completion of the contract and the performance period as stated in the specifications attached or any amendments thereto.
36. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Unless otherwise stated time shall be considered of the essence to this agreement.
- a. Bidder/vendor specifically agrees that it shall be liable for failure to deliver or delay in delivery occasioned by and including, without limitations, strikes, lockouts, inability of obtaining material or shipping space, breakdowns, delays of carrier's or suppliers, and pre-existing governmental regulations of the federal and state government or any subdivisions thereof, unless governmental acts and regulations affecting delivery could not be found, recognized, or discovered by due diligence on the part of the bidder/vendor prior to submission of his bid and the City Council's acceptance thereof.
 - b. When time is not of the essence this contract shall be inoperative during such period of time that aforesaid delivery or acceptance may be rendered impossible by reason of fire, strike, Acts of God, or government regulation. Provided, however, to the extent that the bidder/vendor has any commercially reasonable alternative method of performing his contract by purchase on the market or otherwise, he shall not be freed of his obligation hereunder by this clause.
37. **DISCRIMINATION:** Bidder/vendor agrees, in connection with the performance of work under this contract, as follows:
- a. Bidder/Vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, or physical or mental impairment. The bidder/vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or physical or mental impairment. Such actions

shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruiting or recruitment, advertising, lay-off, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The bidder/vendor agrees to post in a conspicuous place available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth provisions of this section.

- b. The bidder/vendor agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any subcontract connected with the performance under this contract.
 - c. In the event of the bidder/vendor's non-compliance with the above nondiscrimination clause, this contract may be terminated by the City. The bidder/vendor may be declared by the City ineligible for further contracts with the City until satisfactory proof of intent to comply is made by the bidder/vendor.
38. **DISTRIBUTION OF CONTRACT:** One (1) copy of the contract or award letter shall be furnished to each successful bidder/vendor as a result of this bid. It shall be the bidder/vendor's responsibility to reproduce and distribute copies of the contract to all distribution points listed in this bid whom will accept orders and complete deliveries. No additions, deletions or changes of any kind shall be made to this contract by the bidder/vendor.
39. **ADVERTISING:** In submitting a proposal, bidder/vendor agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising.
40. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE CITY:**
- a. The performance of work and/or delivery of ordered materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services under this contract may be terminated by the City, in whole or in part, whenever it is determined to be in the best interest of the City.
 - b. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery to the bidder/vendor of a notice of termination specifying the extent to which performance of work and/or delivery of ordered materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services are terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.
 - c. After receipt of a notice of termination, the bidder/vendor shall stop work and/or place no further orders under the contract on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination.
41. **VENUE:** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.
42. **OKLAHOMA STATE CONTRACT:** Some items which the City solicits bids for are on the Oklahoma State Contract. The City is eligible to purchase from the State Contract and will check the prices on the State Contract and may elect to purchase under that contract without termination of this agreement.
43. **INTEGRATED AGREEMENT:** This writing, with the attachments hereto, and any associated purchase orders constitute the entire agreement of the parties. No separate promises or agreements have been made other than those contained herein. This agreement may not be modified except in writing signed by both parties.

44. **ENERGY SAVINGS:** Oklahoma is an energy conservation State and we welcome any comments on your bid that would indicate energy savings. Energy savings will be considered on all bids where specifications call for Life Cycle Cost Analysis.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000.00
CITY OF LAWTON, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF _____

SS

COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned (architect, contractor, supplier or engineer), of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that this contract is true and correct. Affiant further states that the (work, services or materials) will be (completed or supplied) in accordance with the plans, specifications, orders or requests furnished the affiant. Affiant further states that (s) he has made no payment directly or indirectly to any elected official, officer or employee of the City of Lawton, any county or local subdivision of the state, of money or any other thing of value to obtain or procure the contract or purchase order.

Business Name / Contractor Name

[AFFIX SEAL]

Signed
Print : _____

Attested to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____ 20____.

NOTE: Copy of this Affidavit must be attached to any invoice submitted by an architect, contractor, or engineer or supplier for work, services, or materials completed or supplied under the terms of the contract or contracts in excess of \$25,000.00.



CITY OF LAWTON
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
(580) 581-3500

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
WITH NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT

In accordance with the provisions of this Contract relating to non-discrimination, it is hereby certified that I/we have complied with the provisions of Section 10-1-112 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawton in the performance of any work in connection with this Contract.

Contract Number

Name of Contractor (Print)

Date

Signature, Member of Firm or Officer of Corporation

Title

CITY OF LAWTON SPECIFICATION

SPECIFICATION NUMBER: S-131

SPECIFICATION TITLE Supplemental Nuisance Abatement

INTENT

1. When the City finds private property within the corporate limits of the City of Lawton in violation of certain provisions of Chapter 15 of Lawton City Code prohibiting a public nuisance, the City will cause the nuisance to be abated and removed. The City will contract with up to five (5) private firms to provide the services necessary for this nuisance abatement under this specification title. This specification title presents the scope of work and requirements for the contracts to provide this nuisance abatement.

DEFINITIONS

2. The words, terms or phrases used in this specification title shall have the same meaning of the like words, terms or phrases as defined and used in Chapter 15, Lawton City Code. Without limitation, some of the words, terms or phrases as defined and used therein include: “cleaning”, “dead tree limb”, “junk”, “low hanging limb”, “nuisance”, “private property”, “trash”, and “weeds”. In addition, the following terms as used herein shall have the meaning ascribed:

- City: The City of Lawton, Oklahoma
- Contract: The written agreement made and entered into by and between the City and the Contractor to provide the services for nuisance abatement pursuant to this specification
- Contractor: Any private firm awarded a Contract
- Department: The City of Lawton, Community Services Department
Neighborhood Services Division
- Front feet: The width of lot along the street right-of-way; if a lot borders two streets, front feet shall be the narrower width.
- City Official: Neighborhood Services Supervisor

3. In addition, all of these words, terms or phrases referenced in this paragraph, or pronouns used in their stead, shall have their indicated meanings wherever used in any related document or instrument, to include without limitation: any Contract awarded under these specifications; any advertisement made for awarding such a Contract, or in any document or instrument used by the City to facilitate the administration or awarding of such a Contract.

TERM AND EXTENSIONS

4. The Contract will have an initial term of one (1) year; provided, for administrative purposes, the City Official may establish initial term of less than one year for a given Contract by setting an early termination date. The City, at its sole option may extend a Contract as provided in the therein. The City may allow up to two (2) contract extensions of one year each.

BIDDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS BID SCHEDULE

5. The City will award up to Five (5) Contracts pursuant to this specification title. The City will solicit bids from private firms by following the competitive bidding procedure in Lawton City Code. The City will award the Contracts to the lowest responsive bidders.

6. The City Official will hold a pre-bid conference on N/A in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

7. When submitting a bid, bidders must submit bid prices based on an hourly rate. The City will calculate payment under the Contract based on a minimum bid of one (1) for the first hour or part thereof and by the half hour for any additional time exceeding the first hour, rounding up to the next higher half hour. A successful bidder must, within seven (7) days from the award, execute and deliver to the City Official the Contract, all bonds, all proofs of insurance and all other such documents related to the Contract as may be required. Should a bidder fail to do so, the City may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the bid and select a substitute Contractor with the next lowest responsive bid.

8. As part of the administrative process to abate a public nuisance, such as provided in Article 15-2 of Lawton City Code, the City will assess an administrative fee upon the property owner. This administrative fee does not constitute any part of the Contract remuneration. The Contractor *should not* consider this administrative fee in computing the firm's bid under these specifications.

SCOPE OF WORK

9. The Contract made pursuant to this specification title will require Contractors to mow, clean and remove certain material (clippings, junk, trash, deadfall limbs, weeds, debris, etc.) from private property deemed to be a public nuisance. The geographic area under all Contracts will be the municipal corporate limits of the City of Lawton in its entirety. The location of the property, the size of the work area (if smaller than the whole property) and the scope and type of the services to be provided by the Contractor will be described in a written work order issued by the City Official.

10. The City estimates that it may issue up to 1,600 work orders annually. The City Official will determine all work order requirements and the frequency of issuing work orders based on the City Official's determination for the need to abate a nuisance on a particular property and based on available funding. The City makes no guarantee as to the number of work orders that the City Official will issue during the contract term.

11. The Contractor shall be available to the City to provide the services necessary for nuisance abatement under the Contract Monday through Friday; provided, this requirement shall exclude the following holidays: New Years Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Contractor may determine the schedule for fulfilling the work order (within the parameters of this specification title), provided the work is performed at times (preferably daylight hours) when the peace and privacy of neighboring property occupants will not be disturbed.

12. The City Official will issue written work orders. The Contractor must check with the City Official and pick up work orders. The contractor who submits the lowest bid will be issued work orders before higher bidding contractors. Once the lowest bid contractor has accepted the maximum amount of work that can be completed within a seven (7) day period, the City Official will then issue work orders to the next lowest bid contractor. This process will continue until the lowest bid contractor can accept more work orders. All work described in the work order must be completed within seven (7) calendar days after the Contractor receives the work order from the City Official. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required (unexpected weather delays and holidays excepted), the City Official may withdraw the work order and reissued the order to an alternative contractor. In such case, the Contractor shall receive no payment for any work performed. In the event that the contractor submits an invoice for completed work and payment, and the work is found to be unsatisfactory to the City Official, and the original seven (7) calendar days have expired, the contractor will be given two (2) additional business days to correct the unsatisfactory work.

13. Each Contractor will provide all the following three (3) types of services: (a) cutting, mowing, and removal of grass and weeds; (b) removal of junk (not to include junk vehicles), debris, trash, rubble, fallen trees and limbs, low-hanging limbs (dead or living) or other material, and; (c) removal of brush, hedges and other obstructive vegetation not related to the first two types of services. The provision of any of these three services may also require the Contractor to remove a limited amount of rubble and debris in order to accomplish the work ordered. The Contractor should figure the cost of this additional work into the firm's bid under these specifications.

14. A Contractor shall not begin work prior to receiving a written work order from the City Official. The City will not pay for work performed prior to the City Official issuing a written work order to a Contractor for a specific location. The City will pay only for the scope of work described on the written work order.

15. The Contractor shall be responsible for prompt removal and disposal of all material creating the nuisance at an approved location. The Contractor shall bear all the costs, to include disposal fees, for the removal and disposal of all material creating the nuisance. This material includes without limitation: grass and weed clippings, tree limbs, other vegetation, trash, junk, debris, scrap, rubble, and the like. The Contractor should figure this additional cost into the firm's bid under these specifications. The Contractor shall maintain copies of all dumping and disposal tickets for one (1) year after contract termination and shall make these readily available for inspection by the City.

16. The Contractor shall supply, and bear all the costs related to, all labor, equipment, tools, materials and supplies needed to complete the work order and shall supply, and bear all the costs

related to transportation to and from the job sites for its workers and equipment. The Contractor should figure these costs into the firm's bid under these specifications.

17. The Contractor shall photograph the work area immediately before and after the work is performed. The Contractor must submit the photographs, with date of work performed and address together with each invoice for services rendered together with a copy of the associated work order. Camera and development costs are the responsibility of the Contractor and should be calculated into the bid. Digital photographs are also acceptable. The before and after photographs shall be taken from the same location on the property and must document the areas where abatement activities occurred. The photographs shall also clearly document all material creating the nuisance removed from the premises. Where the work order requires cutting, mowing, and removal of grass and weeds, the before-work photographs must clearly show the measure of the grass and weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches in height prior to mowing; the after-work photographs must clearly show the measure of the grass and weed cut no lower than two (2) inches and no higher than four (4) inches. Failure to follow these photograph provisions may result in non-payment for the work completed.

PAYMENT AND INSPECTION

18. Upon completion of the work ordered, the Contractor shall provide the City Official with a written invoice together with a completed copy of the work order and the required photographs of the property. Payment for work pursuant to a work order shall be conditioned upon the Contractor's satisfactory performance and compliance with the terms and requirements of the Contract. No payment shall be made until the work is inspected and approved by the City Official. Upon completion of the work, the Contractor must notify the City Official and request an inspection. Failure to request an inspection may delay payment or may result in the City making no payment if the City Official in good faith cannot verify that the work was satisfactorily completed because of the Contractor's delay in making a request for inspection.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

19. Independent Contractor. The Contractor shall be an independent contractor of the City with regard to performing and preparing to perform the services specified in the Contract. Contractor agrees to conduct itself in a manner consistent with such status. The Contractor further agrees that the Contractor, its officials, principals, agents and employees will neither hold themselves out as, nor claim to be, an official, agent or employee of the City by reason of the Contract. The Contractor, its officials, principals, agents and employees shall make no claim, demand or application for any right or privilege applicable to an official, agent or employee of the City, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage or retirement membership or credit.

20. Capability. The Contractor must demonstrate that it has the resources and ability to field up to One (1) mowing crews to ensure the work is completed in accordance with the terms of the contract. The City will make the determination as to the Contractor's resources and ability

21. Indemnification. Contractor and/or its insurer shall forever release, defend, indemnify and hold the City and its officers, employees, agents and representatives harmless from and against, and will solely and exclusively bear and pay, any and all claims, suits, liabilities, losses, penalties and damages and the associated costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees, experts' fees and costs of investigation), arising from or relating to (a) the bodily injury to or death of any person or damage to real and/or tangible personal property caused by any willful or negligent act or omission of the Contractor or its employees, officers, agents, or representatives; (b) gross negligence or willful misconduct in any act, error, or omission by the Contractor or its employees, officers, agents or representatives in the performance of this Agreement. So much of the money due the Contractor under and by virtue of this Contract at the time a claim is made or a suit or action instituted may be retained and held by the City as indemnity bond. Such amount shall be forfeited in the event Contractor and/or its insurer fails to immediately fulfill its obligations as set forth in this paragraph.

22. Insurance. The Contractor shall not commence work under this Contract until the Contractor has obtained all insurance required under these specifications, and such insurance has been approved by the Department. The Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on his sub-contract until all similar insurance required of the sub-contractor has been obtained and approved. Any sub-contractor employed or contracted by the Contractor shall have the same insurance requirements as the Contractor and shall provide to the City all required evidence of this insurance.

A. The Contractor shall maintain, during the life of this Contract, Workers' Compensation insurance as prescribed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

B. The Contractor shall maintain, during the life of this Contract, such Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance as well as protect himself from claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as claims from property damages, which may arise from operations under the Contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any sub-contractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and the amounts of such insurance shall be as follows:

i. Comprehensive General/Public Liability Insurance including, but not limited to, products liability:

1.	Bodily injury - each person	\$ 125,000
2.	Property damage - each person	\$ 25,000
3.	Aggregate, Bodily injury and property damage	\$1,000,000

ii. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with the minimum liability as set out for Comprehensive General/Public Liability Insurance.

C. The policies of insurance required by this paragraph 22 shall be carried by insurance companies or indemnity carriers authorized to do business in the State of Oklahoma. The Contractor shall furnish certificates evidencing such insurance. The Contractor shall not allow the policies of insurance required by this paragraph to lapse during any term of the

Contract. The Contractor shall not alter these policies' coverage nor change insurance companies or indemnity carriers without giving the City thirty (30) days prior written notice.

23. No Discrimination. During the performance of the Contract, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, qualifying disability or national origin, against any employee or applicant for employment with such Contractor in any matter involving employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruiting, advertising, layoff, termination of employment, rates of pay or other form of compensation, or selection for training or apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to execute an approved form of a Certificate of Non-Discrimination certifying same to the City.

24. Sub-contracting. The Contractor shall not employ any sub-contractor on the work, or any portion of the work, without the prior written consent of the City.

25. Legal Compliance. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal and State laws and all City ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect the conduct of the work to be performed pursuant to these specifications and in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

26. Termination for Convenience. The Contractor at all times shall satisfactorily perform all work obligations, terms, and conditions required under the Contract. The City may terminate any Contract made pursuant to this specification title, whether for cause or for no cause, upon ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor. During any time that a recommendation for termination a Contract is pending, the City Official in his or her discretion may suspend issuing work orders to the Contractor.

27. Time of the Essence. The Contractor shall provide all services provided under the Contract in a prompt and timely manner. Time is of the essence with respect Contractor's performance under the Contract.

CL24-013
Bid Title: Nuisance Abatement
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Neighborhood Services

Vendor Name: _____
(PLEASE COMPLETE ABOVE INFORMATION)

Price Bid
(THIS SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH BID)

Bidders must submit bid prices based on an hourly rate. The City will calculate payment under the Contract based on a minimum bid of one (1) for the first hour or part thereof and by the half hour for any additional time exceeding the first hour, rounding up to the next higher half hour.

PRICE PER HOUR: \$ _____

Notes:

1. As per accompanying specifications.
2. This is a requirements contract.
3. There are insurance requirements for this contract.
4. Please submit two copies of any additional documents, such as descriptive literature.
5. WARRANTY: N/A

If there are any questions pertaining to the attached specifications, please contact Joshua White, Neighborhood Services Division, at 580-581-3371 or Joshua.white@lawtonok.gov.

Disclaimer: The City of Lawton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.</p> <hr/> <p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above</p> <hr/> <p>3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____ </p>	<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.</p> <hr/> <p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> <hr/> <p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>	<p>Requester's name and address (optional)</p> <hr/>

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number										
				-			-			
or										
Employer identification number										
				-						

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶ _____	Date ▶ _____
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General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

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 Pub. 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 24% 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 instructions for Part II 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*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

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*, later, 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 (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a 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)(iii). 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 on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on 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 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² 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)(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

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. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, 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 *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, 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. 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 and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates 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), ABLA accounts (under section 529A), 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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. 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 ¹ The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³ The grantor*
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. 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
15. 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

¹ 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.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ 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.

⁴ 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*, earlier.

*Note: The 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 Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic 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. 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 or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft 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.