

**DURHAM COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**

**RFP NO. 24-041**

**Proposals Due:**

**May 2, 2024  
2:00 P.M. Eastern Time**

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# Administrator for Durham County Food Security Grants Program

RFP No. 24-041

## **PROPOSAL SCHEDULE**

(Note: The below dates are subject to change)

Advertisement Date	April 14, 2023
Last Date for Questions	April 23, 2024 3:00 PM EST
Proposal Due Date	May 2, 2024 2:00 PM EDST



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**

**RFP No. 24-041**

**ISSUE DATE:**

**Date: April 14, 2024**

**ISSUING DEPARTMENT:**

**County of Durham Purchasing Division of  
Finance, 201 Est Main Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Room 703, Durham, NC 27701**

Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM, Eastern Time on May 2, 2024. The purpose and intent of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals from qualified firms to administer the County of Durham's Food Security Grants program.

All inquiries concerning the Scope of Services, Proposal Submission Requirements or Procurement Procedures should be directed to:

**Procurement Specialist: Godfrey Herndon**

**Purchasing Division**

**Email: [purchasinggroup@dconc.gov](mailto:purchasinggroup@dconc.gov)**

**Telephone: (919) 560-0741**

Sealed proposals shall be mailed and/or hand delivered to the Issuing Department shown above, and the envelope shall bear the name and number of this Request for Proposals (RFP). It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that his/her Proposal reaches the Purchasing Division by the designated date and hour indicated above.

**In compliance with this Request for Proposals and to all the terms and conditions imposed herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the goods and services described in accordance with the attached signed proposal.**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name Typed/Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature in Ink)

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



## **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

#### **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**

#### **RFP No. 24-041**

The County of Durham will receive sealed proposals for an administrator for the Durham County Food Security Grants Program on **May 2, 2024, at 2:00 PM EST** in the Durham County Purchasing Division, 201 East Main Street, 7th Floor, Room 703, Durham, North Carolina 27701. No proposals will be accepted after the official time and date.

An electronic copy of this Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained from Durham County's eBid System located under Bid Opportunities at <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-finance/bid-opportunities>. Proposers can download a copy of the solicitation and all addenda without registering in the system. However, in order to **automatically** receive email notifications of solicitations and addenda issued by the Purchasing Division, Proposers **MUST** register in the eBid system.

**Proposals are encouraged and welcome from historically underutilized businesses (HUBs).**

The County reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, such proposals as appears in its judgment to be in the best interest of the County.

Publication Date: April 14, 2024

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

### **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**

#### **RFP No. 24-041**

1. In order for a proposal to be considered, it must be based on terms, conditions and scope of services contained herein and must be a complete response to this RFP. **One (1) hard copy Original, and seven (7) hard “copies” of the Original (for a total of eight documents) shall be submitted to the Issuing Department. The original Proposal should be marked “Original”. The copies must consist of all documents that are included in the “Original” Proposal.** No other distribution of the Proposal shall be made by the Proposer. Proposals shall be limited to thirty (30) double-sided or sixty (60) single-sided pages or less and must be signed by an authorized representative. Each Proposal should be bound in a single volume with all relevant documentation. The letter of introduction, section dividers, detailed Résumés, forms and dividers are not included in this page limit. The County may elect to require oral presentations after receipt of the proposals.
2. **COMMUNICATION WITH PROPOSERS:** All communications between the Purchasing Division and prospective Proposers shall be in writing. E-mailed questions will be accepted and can be sent to [purchasinggroup@dconc.gov](mailto:purchasinggroup@dconc.gov). Any inquiries, requests for interpretation, technical questions, clarification, or additional information shall be directed to Godfrey Herndon, Procurement Specialist, at the email address above. All questions concerning this RFP shall reference the RFP number, section number and paragraph. Questions and responses affecting the Scope of Services will be provided to all Proposers by issuance of an Addendum. **All questions shall be received by the Purchasing Division no later than 3:00 PM, Eastern Time on April 23, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** Proposals will be received until **2:00 PM, Eastern Time, on May 2, 2024**. Proposals must be mailed, or hand delivered to:  
  
Durham County Purchasing Division  
Attn: Godfrey Herndon  
201 East Main Street, 7th Floor, Room 703, Durham, NC 27701  
  
**Proposals shall be duly marked and/or identified with Proposer name, address, and RFP number.**
4. **LATE PROPOSALS:** Proposals received after the date and time specified will not be considered for award and will be returned to the Proposer unopened.
5. **VENDOR APPLICATION:** All Proposers shall complete and submit the Vendor Application along with the W-9 Form. This information will be used to create or update the County’s electronic vendor database upon award of contract.

6. **MWBE REQUIRMENTS:** Proposals are required to make a good faith effort to include Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs) as part of their Proposal to provide services to the County.

Durham County hereby establishes the following goals for the expenditure of funds with MWBE firms. Questions concerning MWBE should be directed to Rick Greene, Assistant Procurement Manager, at [rgreene@dconc.gov](mailto:rgreene@dconc.gov) or (919) 560-0059.

Categories	Construction	Architect/ Engineer	Services	Goods	MWBE Availability % <i>(Median Availability)</i>
Black American	14.6	9.8	10.9	2.8	<b>10.4%</b>
Asian American	1.3	3.0	1.1	.43	<b>1.3%</b>
Hispanic American	4.2	1.8	1.1	.43	<b>1.5%</b>
American Indian	.65	.75	1.0	.5	<b>.70%</b>
White Female	13.8	11.0	9.5	7.1	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Overall MWBE Participation Goal =</b>					<b>25.0%</b>

MWBE is a business that is at least 51% owned and controlled by minority group members or women. MWBE is bona fide only if the minority group or female ownership interests are real and continuing and not created solely to meet the MWBE requirement. In addition, the MWBE shall itself perform satisfactory work or service or provide supplies under the contract and not act as a conduit. The contractual relationship shall be bona fide owned and controlled as: (1) a sole proprietorship legitimately owned by an individual who is a minority group member or female; (2) a partnership or joint venture controlled by minorities and/or females; (3) a corporation or other entities controlled by minorities or females, and in which at least 51% of the voting interests and 51% of the beneficial ownership interests are legitimately held by minorities and/or females. These persons shall control the management and operations of the business on a day-to-day basis:

A person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

“Black American”; a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

“Asian American”; A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, Asia, Indian continent, or Pacific islands;

“Hispanic American”; a person of Spanish culture with origins in Mexico, Central or South America, or the Caribbean, regardless of race;

“Native American Indian tribe”; a federally recognized Indian tribe means an Indian tribe, or band, nation, rancheria, pueblo, colony, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village, which is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior on October 1, 1985 as having special rights and is recognized as eligible for service provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians, a tribe that has a pending application for Federal recognition on October 1, 1985.

7. **DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS:** Should a Proposer find discrepancies in, or omissions from the documents, or should be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she should at once notify the County, and a written Addendum shall be issued. The County will not be responsible for any oral instructions. Acknowledgment of any Addendum received shall be noted on the Addendum Acknowledgement Form included in the Proposal. In closing of a contract, any Addendum issued shall become a part thereof.
  
8. **SECURITY OF NON-PUBLIC RECORDS:** Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 132-1.7, entitled, “Sensitive Public Security Information”, public records, as defined in G.S. 132-1, shall not include information containing specific details of public security plans and arrangements or the detailed plans and drawings of public buildings and infrastructure facilities. Therefore, all information provided, received, gathered or obtained by BIDDER containing specific details of public security plans and arrangements or the detailed plans and drawings of public buildings and infrastructure facilities shall be held confidential and shall be used by the BIDDER only for the purpose of responding to this bid. All plans and drawings shall be returned to the County. Any breach of this paragraph by the BIDDER may result in BIDDER being barred from being awarded any contracts with the COUNTY.
  
9. **E-VERIFY:** As a condition of payment for services rendered under this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes. Further, if CONTRACTOR provides the services to the County utilizing a subcontractor, CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes as well. CONTRACTOR shall verify, by affidavit, compliance of the terms of this section upon request by the COUNTY.

**END OF INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**



## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- A. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, handicap, age, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, handicap, age, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruiting advertising, layoff or termination rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
- B. The contractor will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, handicap, age, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice to be provided advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under the Equal Employment Opportunity section of this contract and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any such rules, regulations or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further County contracts.
- E. The contractor will include the provisions of this section in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Durham, North Carolina so that such provisions will be binding such Subcontractor or Proposer.

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**

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The Proposal must include all of the information set forth in this Section and other Sections of this RFP and should be organized and tabbed appropriately. Unnecessary elaborate brochures or other materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective response to this solution are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the Proposer's lack of cost consciousness. Therefore, elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, etc., are strongly discouraged.

**One (1) Original hard copy, seven (7) hard copies of the Original (for a total of eight documents) of your proposal shall be submitted to the Issuing Department.**

#### **Tab 1 – Signed Forms**

This Tab should include the following forms and information.

- ✓ **Proposal Form**
- ✓ **No Proposal Reply Form (if applicable)**
- ✓ **Addendum Acknowledgement Form**
- ✓ **Non-Collusion Affidavit Form (*Notarized*)**
- ✓ **Affidavit of Compliance (E-Verify) Form (*Notarized*)**
- ✓ **Vendor Application/W-9 Form**
- ✓ **MWBE Forms:**

##### **Affidavit A – List of the Good Faith Efforts**

###### **DUE WITH BID**

**All Bidders** are required to make good faith efforts and to demonstrate that they have made such efforts. Affidavit A is a tool for Bidders to use to show that they have made good faith efforts. Affidavit A is required to be submitted with your bid.

##### **Affidavit B – Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce**

###### **DUE WITH BID**

Affidavit B is required if your company has no opportunity to sub-contract and will complete all work with Bidder's own workforce. Even if utilizing your own workforce, Affidavit A is also required.

##### **Affidavit C - Portion of Work to be Performed by Certified MWBE Businesses**

###### **DUE WITH BID**

Bidders shall complete Affidavit C to identify the minority business that it will use on the project. Affidavit C is required to be submitted with your bid. Even if your company has MWBE participation, Affidavit A is also required.

##### **Affidavit D – Good Faith Efforts**

###### **DUE 72 HOURS AFTER NOTIFICATION**

Affidavit D is to be submitted **only** by the apparent lowest, responsible, responsive bidder within 72 hours after notification.

The apparent lowest, responsible, responsive Bidder shall file within 30 days after the award of the contract, a list of all identified subcontractors that the Contractor (Bidder) will use on the project.

**IMPORTANT MWBE INSTRUCTIONS:** It is mandatory for all Bidders to demonstrate their good faith efforts in seeking MWBE participation and provide supporting documentation upon request. The MWBE supporting documentation and information is still required even if using your own workforce. MWBE Prime Contractors will also be required to document good faith efforts.

**The above information must be provided as required. Failure to submit these MWBE documents may be grounds for rejection of the bid.**

### **Tab 2 – Executive Summary**

This Tab should provide a brief summary of the Proposer’s understanding of the Scope of Services presented in this RFP and emphasize any unique aspects or strengths of the Proposal.

### **Tab 3 – Corporate Overview**

This Tab should present an overview of the Proposer’s organization and should include the firm’s name, address, phone and fax numbers, firm history, email address and phone number of the firm’s representative for the Proposal.

### **Tab 4 – Approach**

This Tab should present the Proposer’s approach to providing the services specified in this RFP. This Tab should describe the services to be provided, who will provide the services, how the services will be provided, etc. This Tab should include a description of activities, such as the project methodology and timeline for project completion, etc. The Proposer should also include in this Section its plan for managing the work requirements. Most of the proposed responses to the requirements found in Work Requirements, should be included under this Tab.

### **Tab 5 – Organization and Staffing**

This Tab should present the Proposer’s proposed organization structure and staffing chart showing specific job classifications, number of employees and full-time equivalent employees by position and reporting relationships. Résumés for all managerial and key personnel should be provided in sufficient detail to be able to determine the nature and depth of each individual’s relevant experience. This Tab should also identify any of the required services that the Proposer intends to subcontract, if any, providing for each (i) the reasons for subcontracting, (ii) the proposed subcontractor’s responsibilities, and (iii) information identifying proposed subcontractor’s name, location, relevant personnel and experience. The Proposer’s proposed MWBE utilization and explanation of their involvement on this project must also be included under this Tab.

### **Tab 6 – Qualifications and Experience**

In this Tab, the Proposer should describe its track record in performing services comparable to those specified in this RFP and other information relevant to making a determination as to the ability of the Proposer to perform these services. This tab should also include a list of all similar work performed by your firm over the past five (5) years. This list should include the name of each client, the client's contact and telephone number, the size and Scope of Work provided, effective dates of the contract(s) with this client, and the annual contract amount.

### **Tab 7 – MWBE Participation**

Describe the program (plan) that your firm has developed to encourage participation by MWBEs to meet or exceed the goals set by the County of Durham's MWBE Program Ordinance. If your firm has no opportunity to contract with MWBEs please explain why.

### **Tab 8 – Conflict of Interest**

In this Tab the Proposer should describe any involvement that your firm, its employees, or its owner(s) have that may constitute a conflict of interest.

### **Tab 9 – Budget and Budget Narrative**

In this Tab the Proposer should describe budget expenses, including personnel and fringe benefits, travel, supplies, subcontractors, other (direct costs), and indirect charges. A specific budget format is not required.

Proposers should include a Budget Narrative justifying all budget items and costs. Detail how the costs were determined and provide a description for every cost line item. Descriptions should demonstrate a clear connection between the costs and the proposed project. For example, the narrative should describe the positions, related duties, rates, and the percentage of time to be spent on the project, the number of travel trips, rates, and the average cost per trip, the types of supplies to be purchased, subcontractor tasks, etc.

Budget/Budget Narrative is not included in the thirty (30) double-sided or sixty (60) single-sided page limits.

# **EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

## **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program RFP No. 24-041**

Based on the evaluation criteria outlined below, all Proposals will be evaluated and scored by the Evaluation Committee designated by the County of Durham. Written or oral discussions may be requested to resolve issues relating to individual proposals.

### **1. Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- a) Demonstrated ability to meet commitments requested in the RFP
- b) Experience in providing this type of service for this size contract.
- c) Qualifications of staff to be assigned to this project
- d) Specific plans and methodology for providing the proposed services
- e) Demonstrated commitment to equity
- f) Financial stability
- j) Price

### **2. Award of Contract**

The County reserves the right to award to a single contractor or multiple Contractors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposals. Price shall be considered but shall not be the sole determining factor. Once the proposals are ranked and the most qualified firm(s) are determined, the County may conduct further negotiations, and/or request presentations from firm(s) to further assist in the clarification of information and selection process.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, such proposals as appears in its judgment to be in the best interest of the County.

## **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program RFP No. 24-041**

This Scope of Services will become an integral part of the contract between the County of Durham and the Contractor. The Contractor hereby agrees to provide services and/or materials to the County pursuant to the provisions set forth below.

- 1.0 **PURPOSE:** The purpose and intent of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals from qualified firms to operate the County of Durham's Food Security Grant program. The Durham County Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Food Security Grants program is intended to strengthen Durham County's social safety-net providers that serve food insecure families, as well as support organizations working toward system changes that will support long-term food security. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted many working-class Durham County residents and this funding will help the County continue to support these residents recover from the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.
- 2.0 **INVOICE PAYMENT:** Invoices submitted will be paid net 30 days. Invoices shall be forwarded to the County's Designated Representative for review and payment approval.
- 3.0 **TERMS OF CONTRACT:** The initial term of the contract will be from **Date of Award** through **March 31, 2025**, with the option to renew by the County for one (1) successive one (1) year period under the same terms and conditions for up to two (2) years (initial year plus one extension). Any renewal shall be based on satisfactory performance by the Contractor(s) during the previous year for the services provided. The budget ceiling for this contract is \$532,000.00.
- 4.0 **CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The County of Durham reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract(s), in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 30 days written notice to the Contractor. Any contract cancellation shall not relieve the Contractor(s) of the obligation to deliver and/or perform services on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- 5.0 **COUNTY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES:**

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- 6.0 **BACKGROUND:**

Due to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 combined with increased costs of food, housing, and other essentials, food pantry utilization in Durham County was 152% higher in 2021 and 2022 compared to 2019 (Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC, December 2022). This indicates that residents' urgent need for food assistance has not begun to decline. Furthermore, according to the [USDA](#), food-at-home prices (grocery store food purchases) are predicted to increase about 5.1% in 2023. Many residents who receive food assistance

through federal programs, like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), run out of benefits before the end of the month and need the support of emergency food providers. Other families do not qualify for such programs. Furthermore, at the end of February 2023, SNAP emergency allotments (that maximized household benefits during COVID) ended, resulting in a monthly reduction of at least \$95 per household.

Following the Great Recession (Dec. 2007 - June 2009), it took about 10 years for food insecurity rates to reach pre-recession rates (USDA ERS). While economic recovery from COVID-19 may not take as long as the Great Recession, with repeated variants and continued economic impacts, it is reasonable to believe that economic recovery may be slower than expected, especially for working-class families. In fact, several neighborhoods in Durham have a high number of risk factors (3+) that reduce their resiliency to disasters, like COVID-19. According to the Census, "Community resilience is the capacity of individuals and households within a community to absorb the external stresses of a disaster." Durham has six Census tracts, totaling 25,675 people, with low resiliency scores and estimated population risk factors significantly higher than the national rate. These residents have limited capacity to weather stresses like COVID-19 and will need continued support from our community-based safety-net providers, most likely for several years.

Additionally, direct federal support to food assistance agencies has declined since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and it continues to be important for County government to help fill the gap in resources. To address this gap, in FY21-22 and FY22-23 the Board of County Commissioners approved Fund Balance expenditures of \$400,000 and \$475,000, respectively, to be used for Food Security Grants. In the FY21-22 application process, 38 nonprofit organizations applied for over \$1.1 million, and the County funded 26 organizations for \$400,000. Most organizations were awarded less funding than what was requested. Of the 26 awardees, 15 (58%) were new community partners that had never worked with the County. Emergency food assistance organizations were able to use the funding for food, infrastructure, materials/supplies, and other operational funding needs. The funding was able to support organizations in providing over 680,000 meals for over 6,200 unduplicated individuals. Furthermore, the grants have helped organizations build stronger relationships and collaborations with each other. For example, one grantee collaborated with 5 other organizations to accomplish their goals. These collaborations helped grantees accomplish their goals for this project and helped connect them to other resources and funding opportunities. Even more, it helped residents better find food resources, for example, one grantee reported, "This is the first year that 100% of our raised bed gardens have been rented and in use by residents to grow their own food."

The FY21-22 grant program was operated by Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) from February – August 2022: <http://www.dcia.org/durham-food-security-grants-2022/>. The FY22-23 grant program is being operated by Communities in Partnership (CIP) from November 2022 – current: <https://communitiesinpartnership.org/grants-and-funding>.

## 7.0 **WORK REQUIREMENTS:**

The Contractor will operate the Durham County Food Security Grant program on behalf of Durham County Government. The total contract amount includes grant funding and operating costs.

## Develop Grant Application

The Contractor will draft a grant opportunity announcement and application, including a brief description of the grant program, eligible applicants, grant criteria, project examples, allowable expenses, and how to apply. The Contractor will also develop draft evaluation criteria to review applications. The Contractor shall submit all draft materials to County Designated Representatives for review and input prior to publicizing the grant opportunity.

To be eligible, grant applicants must:

- Be an organized group of people or an organization that is a nonprofit with 501(c)3 status as determined by the IRS or is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3.
- Be doing work that is happening and impacting communities in Durham or Durham County.
- Be working to improve food security, food sovereignty, or the root causes of food system inequities.
  - Efforts to improve food security may include a wide range of strategies, including but not limited to direct food assistance, addressing economic security or stability, efforts to develop generational wealth, etc. Applicants must clearly make the connection between their work and its impact on food security in their applications.

Funding preference will be given to organizations or projects that:

- Demonstrate shared decision-making with the community they propose serving, especially people who are most directly affected by food insecurity.
- Are embedded/located in the community they plan to serve and have a history working in that community.
- Prioritizes the leadership of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and other marginalized communities.
- Collaborate or partner with other local organizations.
- Focus on “depth over breadth, quality over quantity, [and] seventh generation thinking over instant ‘results’” ([Soul Fire Farm](#)).

Example allowable grantee expenses include:

- Food (food gift cards are allowable if part of a larger project)
- Transportation (e.g., mileage reimbursement, gas cards)
- Materials and supplies (e.g., bags, waxed boxes, cleaning products)
- Equipment (e.g., cold storage, freezer, shelving, hand truck, cart, tables)
- Compensation or stipends for employees and key workers or volunteers
- Technological resources (e.g., hotspot)
- Staff time and expenses for reflection, strategic planning, and staff development
- General operating support (e.g., utility, overhead, rent, etc.) is allowable, but cannot be more than 20% of the total proposed grant budget.



As a minimum, grant applicants must submit the following information to complete an application:

- Organizational information including 501(c)3 letter or fiscal sponsorship agreement and 501(c)3 letter,
- Information that indicates their ability to responsibly manage the grant funds,
- A description of project goals and activities and how they support short or long-term food security,
- Project timeline, and
- Project budget.

The grant application may include written and non-written components. The Contractor may determine the format of applications, such as written, video submission, interview, presentation/pitch, etc. The Contractor may also incorporate character references as part of the grant application.

County Designated Representatives will review and provide feedback on the announcement(s), application, and evaluation criteria within 2 weeks of receipt.

The Contractor will make revisions and provide a copy of the final versions to the County Designated Representatives. County Designated Representatives will provide the Contractor with a copy of the final announcement and application translated into Spanish. The Contractor will ensure the online application is available in English and Spanish. As needed, the Contractor will provide telephone support to applicants in English and Spanish.

### **Promote Grant Opportunity & Receive Applications**

The Contractor will work with County Designated Representatives and local organizations to publicize the grant opportunity announcement and application link via e-mail, Durham County press release, social media, and other methods. The grant program shall be promoted as “Durham County Food Security Grants operated by Contractor Name.”

The application window must remain open for a minimum of 4 weeks. In advance of the application due date, the Contractor will host an informational webinar for prospective applicants to obtain a better understanding of the grant application and grant process. The webinar must have simultaneous Spanish translation available for participants. During the informational webinar, the Contractor will provide a primer with example strategies or case studies on how to work towards equitable food systems change while providing direct food assistance. The Contractor shall encourage prospective applicants to submit questions to the Contractor’s staff via email at least 3 days prior to the webinar.

After the webinar, the Contractor will post a summary of all questions and answers online and broadly disseminate the link to the summary. The questions and answer document must be available in English and Spanish. Additionally, the Contractor will

post the webinar recording online and share a link to the webinar recording via email.

The Contractor shall accept grant applications only via a web-based platform, NOT email. As needed, the Contractor can assist applicants with entering application information online and submitting final materials. The Contractor will determine what platform (e.g., Submittable, Qualtrics) is most appropriate and cost effective for the submission process.

### **Review & Select Grantees**

The Contractor will convene a diverse committee from across Durham County to review and evaluate grant applications and make final selections. Grant review committee members must not review applications for which they have a conflict of interest (or think they have a conflict), potential bias, or cannot be objective in their review. Reviewers that believe they have a conflict of interest must disclose the conflict/potential conflict and will be prohibited from reviewing and scoring that application. A minimum of two to three reviewers will score each application using the evaluation criteria. The final application score will be an average across the reviewers.

The Contractor will notify all applicants of a decision within 60 days of the application close. The Contractor shall offer feedback to all applicants that were not selected for funding. The Contractor will disperse funding to selected grantees within 3 weeks of decision notification. Within 8 weeks of award notice, the Contractor will conduct small group or one-on-one, in-person or virtual onboarding meetings with selected grantees to discuss any project changes, review reporting requirements, and address questions.

Costs included in grant applications must be directly associated with project activities and goals. Below is a list of example allowable expenses; this list does NOT represent all the ways funding can be spent.

Example allowable expenses include:

- Food (food gift cards are allowable if part of a larger project)
- Transportation (e.g., mileage reimbursement, gas cards)
- Materials and supplies (e.g., bags, waxed boxes, cleaning products)
- Equipment (e.g., cold storage, freezer, shelving, hand truck, cart, tables)
- Compensation or stipends for employees and key workers or volunteers
- Technological resources (e.g., hotspot)
- Staff time and expenses for reflection, strategic planning, and staff development
- General operating support (e.g., utility, overhead, rent, etc.) is allowable, but cannot be more than 20% of the total proposed grant budget

Unallowable expenses:

- More than 10% of budget on overhead to a fiscal sponsor or nonprofit receiving funding
- Regranting funding to another organization
- Lobbying

### **Grantee Support & Training**

The Contractor will convene meetings with awarded grantees three times during the grant period. The Contractor will cover the expenses for all the supplies and materials needed for the convenings, as part of operating costs for the grant. The cohort meetings are intended to build community and create a community of practice to share updates, resources, and ideas on how to create more equity in the food system. The cohort meetings can also be used to provide targeted technical assistance for grantees to help them accomplish their organizational goals.

The Contractor will work with grantees to determine the focus of cohort convening. The Contractor may use funding to hire an outside facilitator or speaker for the cohort convening; however, it is not required. Examples of trainings may include food equity principles, as well as capacity development including project management, fundraising, development planning, budgeting, strategic planning, board development, proposal writing, website development, marketing, consulting, legal, networking, accounting, and reporting.

The Contractor will record and compile notes from grantee cohort meetings and disseminate them to the grantees and County Designated Representatives.

### **Grantee Reporting**

The Contractor will work with each grantee to define “success” for their work. The Contractor will require that grantees submit data at the mid-point of the grant and at the end of the grant.

For each reporting period, grantees must submit to the Contractor a narrative and financial report. Financial reporting must document how grant funds were spent. Example questions of the narrative reports are provided below. The Contractor may allow grantees to provide narrative reporting via a written report or verbally via a meeting/interview with the Contractor’s staff. The Contractor shall give grantees at least 30 days after their grant period ends to submit final reporting.

#### ***Example Grantee Interim Report Questions***

- Describe how you are engaging in shared decision-making with the community you are serving, especially people who are most directly affected by food insecurity.

- Describe to what extent you have used this grant to collaborate or partner with other local organizations.

***Example Grantee Final Report Questions***

- **CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESSES:** Reflecting on your original vision of success, were you successful? Did you achieve the goal you set out to achieve? Why or why not?

Use quantitative and qualitative data to share your stories: how many people/families were engaged/reached? What stories can you share that speak to your successes and accountability?

- **ADAPTATIONS AND GROWTH:** Please share reflections on things you learned during this process that you want to share with others.

What would you have done differently? What would you do again? Did you have to pivot? Please share what happened, and what you learned from the pivot.

- **LASTING IMPACTS:** What are the lasting impacts of your project? What new practices, programs, policies, culture shifts, relationships, etc. will continue past the end of the grant program?
- **FUTURE DREAMING:** What are you excited about next? How can we support you in what's next?
- **COHORT MEETINGS:** Please share any reflections about the cohort meetings. What did you take away from them? What would you have liked to see more of? What was missing?
- **FINAL THOUGHTS:** Please share anything else you'd like us to know. This can be related to any step in the grant process, your project, or anything else.

**Contractor Meetings**

***Post-award Kickoff Meeting***

The Contractor shall attend a post-award kickoff meeting with the County Designated Representatives within 4 weeks of contract execution. Specific items to be covered in the kickoff meeting include the scope of the contract, technical and reporting requirements, potential problem areas, and invoicing requirements and payment procedures. The meeting will not be used as an avenue to change the terms of the contract.

***Other Meeting Requirements***

The Contractor shall meet with the County Designated Representatives at least every 3 months. The Contractor shall take meeting notes, including the date, people in attendance, and a summary of subjects discussed and decisions made. The

Contractor shall email meeting notes to the County Designated Representatives within 5 business days of the meeting.

8.0 **SCHEDULES/TIMELINES:**

*All reports are to be submitted via email to the County Designated Representatives.*

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Reporting</b>
Contract fully executed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
Post-award kickoff meeting, within 4 weeks of contract execution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated project timeline</li> <li>• Notes from kickoff meeting</li> </ul>
Grant application open, no later than 3 months after award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final copies of the grant opportunity announcement, application, and evaluation criteria</li> </ul>
Grant funds disbursed, no later than 6 months after award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to informational webinar recording</li> <li>• Copy of all grantee applications and scored evaluations</li> <li>• Detailed report with list of applicants and amount requested, awardees and amount funded, brief narrative description of each funded project.</li> <li>• Descriptive information about grantees, including % of projects that are led by people who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and list and number of zip codes grantee organizations represent</li> </ul>
No later than 12 months after award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of all grantee interim reports</li> <li>• Document summarizing grantee interim reports</li> </ul>
No later than 60 days after the end of the contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report describing cohort meetings</li> <li>• Copy of all grantee final narrative reports, including photographs with release forms</li> <li>• Report summarizing grantee final reports</li> <li>• Final report addressing the questions below</li> </ul>

## **ATTACHMENTS AND AFFIDAVITS**

Attachment A



**PROPOSAL FORM**  
**Administtor for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**  
**RFP No. 24-041**

In accordance with the attached instructions, terms, conditions, and Scope of Services we submit the following proposal to the County of Durham.

**TOTAL PROPOSED COST**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Total Proposed Cost in Writing)*

**The above Total Proposed Cost should be based on being awarded the entire project.**

I certify that the contents of this proposal are known to no one outside the firm, and to the best of my knowledge all requirements have been complied with.

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

Authorized Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name

**Attachment B**

**NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM**

TO: Durham County  
Purchasing Division  
201 East Main Street, 7th Floor  
Durham, NC 27701

PROPOSAL #: RFP 24-041

PROPOSAL TITLE: Administrator for The Durham  
County Food Security Grants Program

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received an invitation, but does not wish to submit a proposal, state their reason(s) below and return to this office. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Bidders' List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. We do not wish to submit a proposal under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. We do not wish to sell to the Durham County. Our objections are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRM NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE

- \_\_\_\_\_ We wish to remain on the Bidders' List.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We wish to be deleted from the Bidders' List.



**Attachment C**

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
**Administrator for The Durham County Food Security Grants Program**  
RFP No. 24-041

Receipt of the following Addendum is acknowledged:

Addendum no. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Addendum no. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Addendum no. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Addendum no. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment D**

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

State of North Carolina  
County of Durham

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the Proposer that has submitted the attached proposal;
2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;
3. Such Proposal is genuine and is not a **collusive** or **sham** Proposal;
4. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners agents, representatives, employees or parties of interest, including this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm or person to submit a **collusive** or **sham** Proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or of any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Proposal price of any other Proposer or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of Durham or any person interested in the proposed contract; and
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affidavit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Proposer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me,  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

*(Seal)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment E**

**M/WBE FORMS**

(Affidavits A-D and Appendix E)

**Affidavit A**

**ATTACH TO BID**

**State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT A - List of the Good Faith Effort**

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

**I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:**  
(A minimum of 5 areas must be checked in order to have achieved a "good faith effort")

- 1-Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government-maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- 2-Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- 3-Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- 4-Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority business.
- 5-Attended pre-bid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- 6-Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- 7-Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- 8-Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the Bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- 9-Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- 10-Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cashflow demands.

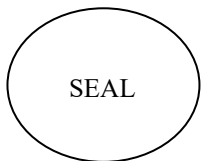
In accordance with GS 143-128.2(d) the undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_  
Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Affidavit B**

**ATTACH TO BID – IF YOU ARE NOT UTILIZING SUBCONTRACTORS**

**State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT B - Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce**

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for  
he \_\_\_\_\_ contract.  
(Name of Project)

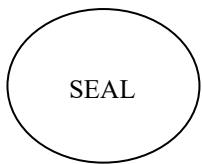
In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces; and agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the owner in support of the above statement.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read this certification and is authorized to bind the Bidder to the commitments herein contained.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Affidavit C**

**ATTACH TO BID - IF YOU HAVE MWBE PARTICIPATION**

**State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT C - Portion of the Work to be Performed by Minority Firms**

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

Durham County Goals for MWBE Participation in the Procurement of Goods, Services and Construction

Categories	Construction	Architect/ Engineer	Services	Goods	MWBE Availability % (Median Availability)
Black American	14.6	9.8	10.9	2.8	<b>10.4%</b>
Asian American	1.3	3.0	1.1	.43	<b>1.3%</b>
Hispanic American	4.2	1.8	1.1	.43	<b>1.5%</b>
American Indian	.65	.75	1.0	.5	<b>.70%</b>
White Female	13.8	11.0	9.5	7.1	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Overall MWBE Participation Goal =</b>					<b>25.0%</b>

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_ I do hereby certify that on the

(Name of Bidder)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Project Name)

Project ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Bid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will expend a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_% of the total dollar amount of the contract with minority businesses enterprises. Work will be subcontracted to the following firms listed below. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Firm Name (Street Address/Zip/Telephone)	*Minority Category	Work Description	Dollar Value	Percentage of Goal

**\*Minority categories:** Black, African American (**B**), Hispanic (**H**), Asian American (**A**), American Indian (**I**), Female (**F**)

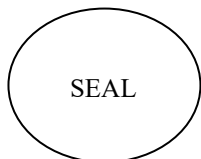
Pursuant to GS 143-128.2(d), the undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with Minority Firms for work listed in this schedule conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to fulfill this commitment may constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_  
 Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SUBMIT WITH THE BID      DO NOT SUBMIT WITH THE BID      DO NOT SUBMIT WITH THE BID**  
**(NOTE: This form is to be submitted only by the apparent lowest responsible, responsive bidder.)**

If you do not meet the MWBE Goal, the Bidder shall provide the following documentation of his Good Faith Efforts within **72 hours** after notification of being the low bidder.

**State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT D – Good Faith Efforts**  
**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

Durham County Goals for MWBE Participation in the Procurement of goods, Services, and Construction

Categories	Construction	Architect/ Engineer	Services	Goods	MWBE Availability % (Median Availability)
Black American	14.6	9.8	10.9	2.8	<b>10.4%</b>
Asian American	1.3	3.0	1.1	.43	<b>1.3%</b>
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White Female	13.8	11.0	9.5	7.1	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Overall MWBE Participation Goal =</b>					<b>25.0%</b>

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bidder)

I do certify the attached documentation as true and accurate representation of my good faith efforts.

I will expend a minimum of \_\_\_\_% of the total dollar amount of the contract with minority businesses enterprises. Work will be subcontracted to the following firms listed below. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Name and Phone Number	*Minority Category	Work description	Dollar Value	Percentage of Goal

**\*Minority categories:** Black, African American (**B**), Hispanic (**H**), Asian American (**A**), American Indian (**I**), Female (**F**)

Documentation of the Bidder’s good faith efforts to meet the goals set forth in the provisions. Examples of documentation include, but are not limited to, the following evidence:

- A. Copies of solicitation for quotes to at least three (3) minority business firms from the source list provided by the State for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or more firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall contain a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location where bid documents can be reviewed, representative of the Prime Bidder to contact, and location, date and time when quotes must be received
- B. Copies of quotes or responses received from each firm responding to the solicitation.
- C. A telephone log of follow-up calls to each firm sent a solicitation.
- D. For subcontracts where a minority business firm is not considered the lowest responsible sub-bidder, copies of quotes received from all firms submitting quotes for that particular subcontract.
- E. Documentation of any contacts or correspondence to minority business, community, or contractor organizations in an attempt to meet the goal.
- F. Copy of pre-bid roster.
- G. Letter documenting efforts to provide assistance in obtaining required bonding or insurance for minority business.
- H. Letter detailing reasons for rejection of minority business due to lack of qualification.
- I. Letter documenting proposed assistance offered to minority business in need to equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letter of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required.

Failure to provide the documentation as listed in these provisions may result in rejection of the bid and award to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

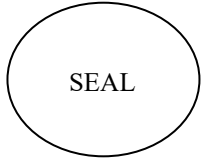
Pursuant to GS143-128.2(d), the undersigned will enter into a formal agreement with Minority firms for work listed in this schedule conditional upon execution of a contract with the Owner. Failure to fulfill this commitment may constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of this commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_  
Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



**Appendix E**

**MWBE DOCUMENTATION FOR CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Prime Contractor/Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay Application #: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a list of payments to be made to minority business contractors on this project for the above-mentioned period.

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>*Minority Category</b>	<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	<b>Amount Paid this Period</b>	<b>Total Payment Amount to date</b>	<b>Percentage of Work Completed</b>	<b>Scheduled Start Date</b>	<b>Scheduled End Date</b>

**\*Minority categories:** Black, African American (**B**), Hispanic (**H**), Asian American (**A**), American Indian (**I**), Female (**F**)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved/Certified By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**\*THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH PAY REQUEST & FINAL PAYMENT\***

**Attachment F**

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM**

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE  
with N.C. E-Verify Statutes**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter the "Affiant"), being duly authorized by and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Contractor") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Contractor understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and
2. Contractor understands that an "Employer", as defined in NCGS§64-25(4), is required by law to use E-Verify to verify the work authorization of its employees through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a). The term "Employer" does not include State agencies, counties, municipalities, or other governmental bodies.
3. Contractor is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in the state of North Carolina. (mark Yes or No)
  - a. YES \_\_\_\_
  - b. NO \_\_\_\_
4. Contractor will ensure compliance with E-Verify to the extent applicable and will ensure compliance by any subcontractors subsequently hired by Contractor to perform work under Contractor's contract with Durham County.

This \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

Print or Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

|||  
(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)

**Attachment G**

**SAMPLE**

**NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY**

**SERVICE CONTRACT**

**THIS CONTRACT** is made, and entered into this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20xx, by and between the **COUNTY of DURHAM**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”), and \_\_\_\_\_ a corporation duly authorized to do business in the state of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”).

For and in consideration of mutual promises to each as herein after set forth, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide the services and/or materials under this contract pursuant to the provisions and specifications identified in “Attachment 1” (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Services”). Attachment 1 is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this contract. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this contract that specify a time for performance.

The COUNTY will perform on-going contract monitoring to ensure that the terms of this contract are complied with. CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate with the COUNTY in its monitoring process and provide documentation and/or information requested during the term of this Agreement for the purpose of monitoring the services provided by CONTRACTOR.

- 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF CONTRACT.** The “effective date” of this Contract shall be the date first set forth above in the preamble to this Contract, irrespective of the date of execution by the parties. The first date written above is \_\_\_\_\_, **20XX**. All renewal or non-renewal periods or deadlines stated in this Contract, if any, shall be calculated based on the “effective date” indicated above.

The Term of this contract for services is from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

- 3. PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR.** CONTRACTOR shall receive from COUNTY an amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) as full compensation for the provision of Services. COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR at the rates specified for Services performed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY, in accordance with this contract, and Attachment 1. Unless otherwise specified, CONTRACTOR shall submit an itemized invoice to COUNTY by the end of the month during which Services are performed. A Funds Reservation number may be assigned to encumber the funds associated with this contract and must appear on all invoices and correspondence mailed to Purchaser. Payment will be processed promptly upon receipt and approval of the invoice by COUNTY.
- 4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree that CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of COUNTY for any purpose in the performance of CONTRACTOR’s duties under this Contract. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state and local taxes as well as business license fees arising out of CONTRACTOR’s activities in accordance with this Contract. For purposes of this contract taxes shall include, but not be limited to, Federal and State Income, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance taxes.

CONTRACTOR, as an independent contractor, shall perform the Services required hereunder in a professional manner and in accordance with the standards of applicable professional organizations and licensing agencies.

**5. CONFIDENTIALITY, DATA SECURITY, TRAINING AND NON-DISCLOSURE.** CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that, in the course of its engagement with COUNTY, CONTRACTOR or its licensors, subcontractors or suppliers in connection with the services to be rendered under this Contract may receive or have access to “confidential information” or “personal identifiable information”.

CONTRACTOR or its licensors, contractors or suppliers has obtained or may need to obtain confidential information from the COUNTY in connection with the provision of services to the COUNTY or the discussions of such a proposed relationship.

The COUNTY and CONTRACTOR desire to stipulate and agree that any disclosure of confidential information in connection with the provision of services or the discussion of such a proposed relationship has occurred or will occur under circumstances and conditions that will protect and preserve the confidentiality of the information.

In consideration of the pursuit of current discussions and payment for the services, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the covenants and representations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**5.1 DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Contract, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

**Confidential Information.** The term “Confidential Information” shall mean any information, in any medium, whether written, oral or electronic, not generally known in the relevant trade or industry, which falls within any of the following general categories:

- a. Trade Secrets. For purposes of this Contract, trade secrets consist of information of the COUNTY or CONTRACTOR or any of its suppliers, contractors or licensors: (a) that Derives value from being secret; and (b) that the owner has taken reasonable steps to keep confidential. Examples of trade secrets include information relating to proprietary software, new technology, new products or services, flow charts or diagrams that show how things work, manuals that tell how things work and business processes and procedures.
- b. Highly Restricted Information. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that certain Highly Restricted Information is subject to legal restrictions beyond those imposed by this Contract, and agrees that: (a) all provisions in this Contract applicable to Confidential Information shall apply to Highly Restricted Information; and (b) CONTRACTOR will also comply with any more restrictive instructions or written policies that may be provided by the COUNTY from time to time to protect the confidentiality of Highly Restricted Information, as defined below:
  1. Information of the COUNTY or its suppliers, contractors or licensors marked “Confidential” or “Proprietary.”
  2. Information relating to criminal investigations conducted by the COUNTY, and records of criminal intelligence information compiled by the COUNTY.
  3. Information contained in the COUNTY’s personnel files, as defined by NCGS §153A-98. This consists of all information gathered by the COUNTY about employees, except for that information which is a matter of public record under North Carolina law.
  4. Citizen or employee social security numbers collected by the COUNTY.
  5. Computer security information of the COUNTY, including all security features of electronic data processing, or information technology systems, telecommunications networks and electronic security systems. This encompasses but is not limited to passwords and security standards, procedures, processes, configurations, software and codes.
  6. Local tax records of the COUNTY that contained information about a taxpayer’s income or receipts.

7. Any attorney/client privileged information disclosed by either party.
8. Any data collected from a person applying for financial or other types of assistance, including but not limited to their income, bank accounts, savings accounts, etc.
9. The name or address of individual homeowners who, based on their income, have received a rehabilitation grant to repair their home.
10. Protected Information (PHI), as defined in the Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and any other information that is designated as confidential under federal or state law.

The parties acknowledge that in addition to information disclosed or revealed after the date of this Contract, the Confidential information shall include information disclosed or revealed within one year prior to the date of this Contract.

**Personal Identifiable Information.** The term “Personal Identifiable Information” shall mean information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone or when combined with other information that is linked to a specific individual.

**5.2 RESTRICTIONS.** CONTRACTOR shall keep the Confidential Information in the strictest confidence, in the manner set forth below:

- a. Not copy, modify, enhance, compile or assemble (or reverse compile or disassemble), or reverse engineer Confidential Information, except as authorized by the COUNTY in writing.
- b. Not directly or indirectly, disclose, divulge, reveal, report or transfer Confidential Information to any third party, other than an employee, agent, subcontractor or CONTRACTOR of the COUNTY or CONTRACTOR having a need to know such Confidential Information for purpose or performing work contemplated by this Contract between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR, and who has executed a confidentiality agreement incorporating substantially the form of this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not directly or indirectly, disclose, divulge, reveal, report or transfer Highly Restricted Information to any third party without the County’s prior written consent.
- c. Not use any Confidential Information for its own benefit or for the benefit of a third party, except to the extent such use is authorized by this Contract or other written contracts between the parties hereto, or is for the purpose for which such Confidential Information is being disclosed.
- d. Not remove any proprietary legends or notices, including copyright notices, appearing on or in the Confidential Information.
- e. Use reasonable efforts (including but not limited to seeking injunctive relief where reasonably necessary) to prohibit its employees, agents and subcontractors from using or disclosing the Confidential Information in a manner not permitted by this Contract.
- f. In the event that any demand is made in litigation, arbitration or any other proceeding for disclosure of Confidential Information, CONTRACTOR shall assert this Contract as a ground for refusing the demand and, if necessary, shall seek a protective order or other appropriate relief to prevent or restrict and protect any disclosure of Confidential Information.
- g. All materials which constitute, reveal or derive from Confidential Information shall be kept confidential to the extent disclosure of such materials would reveal Confidential Information, and unless otherwise agreed, all such materials shall be returned to the COUNTY or destroyed upon satisfaction of the purpose of the disclosure of such information.
- h. Restrict employee access to the Confidential Information to those employees having a need to know for purposes of their jobs.

- i. Take all reasonable measures to prevent the use or disclosure of Confidential Information by its employees in a manner not permitted by this Contract.

**5.3 EXCEPTIONS.** The COUNTY agrees that CONTRACTOR shall have no obligation with respect to any Confidential Information that CONTRACTOR can establish was:

- a. Already known to CONTRACTOR prior to being disclosed by the COUNTY;
- b. Or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of CONTRACTOR;
- c. Rightfully obtained by CONTRACTOR from a third party without similar restriction and without breach hereof;
- d. Used or disclosed by CONTRACTOR with the prior written authorization of the COUNTY;
- e. Disclosed pursuant to the requirement or request of a governmental agency, which disclosure cannot be made in confidence, provided that, in such instance, CONTRACTOR shall first give to the other party notice of such requirement or request;
- f. Disclosed pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction or a lawfully issued Subpoena, provided that CONTRACTOR shall take reasonable steps to obtain an agreement or protective order providing that this Agreement will be applicable to all disclosures under the court order or subpoena.

**5.4 REMEDIES.** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the unauthorized disclosure of the Confidential Information will diminish the value of the COUNTY's proprietary interests therein. Accordingly, it is agreed that if CONTRACTOR breaches its obligations hereunder, the COUNTY shall be entitled to equitable relief to protect its interests, including but not limited to injunctive relief, as well as monetary damages.

**5.5 DATA SECURITY.** The CONTRACTOR shall adopt and apply data security standards and procedures that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules.

The CONTRACTOR shall report a suspected or confirmed security breach to the COUNTY Department within twenty-four (24) hours after the breach is first discovered, provided that the CONTRACTOR shall report a breach involving Social Security Administration data or Internal Revenue Service data within one (1) hour after the breach is first discovered.

If any applicable Federal, State, or local law, regulation, or rule requires the CONTRACTOR to give written notice of a security breach to affect persons, the CONTRACTOR shall bear the cost of the notice.

**5.6 TRAINING AND NON-DISCLOSURE.** Upon request by the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR agrees to ensure compliance and the security of "confidential information" and "personal identifiable information", by having its employees, agents and subcontractors take online privacy and security awareness training provided by COUNTY, by way of an internet link or some other electronic method to be provided by COUNTY. CONTRACTOR, at the request of COUNTY, shall execute a non-disclosure agreement if, and when submitted by COUNTY.

**6. INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, COUNTY hereby reserves the right to recover legal expenses including attorney fees, litigation expenses and court costs as well as actual damages or losses suffered by COUNTY, if CONTRACTOR is found to be a proximate cause of damages or losses suffered by COUNTY, resulting from CONTRACTOR's performance during the execution of this Contract.

7. **INSURANCE.** CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract the following insurance coverage from an insurance company(s) possessing a rating of A-VII or higher from the A.M. Best Company and licensed to do business in North Carolina. All of the policies required of the CONTRACTOR shall contain a waiver of subrogation provision to waive all rights of recovery under subrogation or otherwise against the COUNTY. In the event CONTRACTOR'S Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance conflicts with the aforesaid language concerning "waiver of subrogation" this contract shall govern. CONTRACTOR shall advise the COUNTY of any cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in any policy within ten (10) days of notification of such action and provide updated certificates of insurance evidencing renewals within fifteen (15) days of expiration. CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be primary and any insurance or self-funded liability programs maintained by the COUNTY shall not contribute with respect to the CONTRACTOR's insurance. COUNTY shall not be listed as an additional insured on any Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance of the CONTRACTOR. In the event CONTRACTOR'S Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance conflicts with the aforesaid language concerning "additional insured" this contract shall govern.

**7.1 Commercial General Liability:** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence and **\$2,000,000** aggregate.

**7.2 Commercial Automobile Liability:** ISO Form CA 00 01 covering any auto with limit not less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

**7.3 Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability:** as required by The State of North Carolina, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

By requiring insurance herein, the COUNTY does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect CONTRACTOR, and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation on CONTRACTOR's liability under the indemnities granted to the COUNTY in this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY a valid certificate of insurance, in advance of the performance of any work, exhibiting coverage required. CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein.

The failure of the COUNTY at any time to enforce the insurance provisions, to demand such certificates of insurance, or to identify a deficiency shall not constitute a waiver of those provisions, nor reduce obligations of the CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance or to meet its obligations under the indemnification provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the governmental immunity of the COUNTY, which immunity is hereby reserved to the COUNTY.

## 8. TERMINATION.

**8.1 EVENT OF DEFAULT.** Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder:

- a. Failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule,
- b. Failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- c. Failure to perform any other covenant, term, or condition of this Agreement.

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the COUNTY may take one or more, or all of the following actions:

- a. Give Contractor written Notice of the Event of Default, specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of greater or lesser specification of time, seven (7) calendar

- days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate the agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor written Notice of Termination; and/or
- b. Deduct any and all expenses incurred by the COUNTY for damages caused by the Contractor's Event of Default; and/or
  - c. Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both, including damages and specific performance.

**8.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.** This Contract may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. This termination notice period shall begin upon receipt of the Notice of Termination.

Termination of this Contract, under either section 8.1 or 8.2, shall not form the basis of any claim for loss of anticipated profits by either party.

- 9. COUNTY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES.** COUNTY shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any expenses paid or incurred by CONTRACTOR, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 10. EQUIPMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall supply, at its sole expense, all equipment, tools, materials, and/or supplies required to provide Services hereunder, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** CONTRACTOR shall abide by all statutes, rules, regulations, laws, and executive orders Federal, State and Local as they relate to, but are not limited to, (i) services in general, (ii) payment of employees, subcontractors and agents, (iii) the Fair Labor Standards Act and (iv) the Wage and Hour Division. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of a court or appropriate agency to be in violation of any Federal, State or Local statute, rule, regulation, law or executive order or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts.
- 12. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs required by OSHA and all other regulatory agencies while providing Services under this Contract.
- 13. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed and that employees are treated fairly and legally during employment with regard to their age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of an appropriate agency or court to be in violation of any non-discrimination provision of federal, state or local law or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts.
- 14. EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS.** CONTRACTOR shall post local job openings, in connection with this contract, with the City of Durham's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the North Carolina Department of Commerce-Division of Employment Services (formerly ESC, Employment Security Commission) and with the Durham COUNTY Department of Social Services throughout the term of this Agreement; provided that the foregoing requirement does not limit CONTRACTOR'S ability to advertise and/or otherwise post job openings with other organizations or media outlets.
- 15. E-VERIFY.** As a condition of payment for services rendered under this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Further, if CONTRACTOR provides the services to the COUNTY utilizing a subcontractor, CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes as well. CONTRACTOR shall verify, by affidavit, compliance of the terms of this section upon request by the COUNTY.



**16. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REQUIREMENTS (Applicable Only to Staffing Agencies).** Beginning in 2015, employers with 100 or more full-time equivalent employees (50 or more beginning in 2016) must offer health insurance coverage that is affordable and provides “minimum value” to full-time employees and dependents as defined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or face penalties. Staffing companies under contract with Durham COUNTY are required to provide affordable minimum essential coverage as defined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to indemnify Durham COUNTY against any 4980H penalties that result from their failure to provide the appropriate coverage. By signing this contract as a Staffing Company, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the aforementioned health insurance coverage requirements of the Affordable Care Act and to indemnify the COUNTY against any associated 4980H penalties. **Please complete Exhibit A and return with this contract.**

**17. SECURITY BACKGROUND CHECKS.** The Contractor is responsible for requesting and paying for criminal history checks on all individuals providing services under this contract who will be obtaining COUNTY identification badges and allowed unescorted access to COUNTY facilities. Background checks can be provided by any vendor, or from a North Carolina State agency, providing that the criminal history check is done nationwide. The Sheriff’s Office will conduct background investigations for those Contractor employees who will be working at the Courthouse or Detention Center. A criminal history will not automatically disqualify a Contractor employee from employment on a COUNTY contract unless explicitly mandated by law.

The Contractor will send the results of the background checks, prior to commencing work at Durham County Government, to their County point of contact who will provide them to the Durham County Security Manager. The Security Manager will individually assess and determine the degree to which the nature of a person's criminal conduct has a direct and/or specific negative bearing on a person's fitness or ability to perform contract services in Durham County buildings. The Security Manager will consult the Legal Office, as needed, on any negative determinations. The Security Manager will notify the Contractor's County point of contact of the results of the review. A Contractor can appeal a negative determination by the Security Manager to the County Manager or his designee for final disposition. Appeals need to be submitted in writing to the contract point of contact within 30 days of notice of a decision to remove or deny an individual from working the County contract due to adverse information in the background check.

This information shall be updated annually by the Contractor, 90 days prior to the renewal or extension of the contract and submitted to their County point of contact who will provide them to the Durham County Security Manager. Personnel without a currently approved background check will have their access to those buildings disabled.

Additional background screening may be necessary at specific COUNTY buildings. The Contractor shall provide names of all individuals in the Contractor communications log and to the COUNTY Representative. This information will be reviewed annually.

For those Contractor employees who will be working at the Courthouse or Detention Center, the Sheriff’s Office will make the security determination. The Contractor will provide the results of their background check to the Major for Support Services who will conduct an additional investigation and then individually assess and determine the degree to which the nature of a person's criminal conduct has a direct and/or specific negative bearing on a person's fitness or ability to perform contract services in the Courthouse or Detention Facility. A Contractor can appeal a negative determination to the Chief Deputy for final disposition. Appeals need to be submitted in writing to the Chief Deputy within 30 days of notice of a decision to remove or deny an individual from working the contract due to adverse information in the background check. While an appeal is pending, the employee will not be allowed access to the Courthouse or Detention Facility.

This information will be updated by the Contractor and submitted to the Sheriff’s Office annually, 90 days prior to the renewal or extension of the contract. Personnel without a currently approved background check will have their access to those buildings restricted.

**18. AUDIT RIGHTS.** For all Services being provided hereunder, COUNTY shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of any and all books, accounts, invoices, records and other writings relating to the performance of the Services. Audits shall take place at times and locations mutually agreed upon by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONTRACTOR must make the materials to be audited available within one (1) week of the request for them.

**19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.** To prevent disputes and litigation, it is agreed by the parties that any claim or dispute between COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, arising from this Agreement or the services and/or materials being provided by the CONTRACTOR, shall be sent to the Durham COUNTY Manager who shall appoint a qualified mediator to address the issue. Such request shall be submitted to the COUNTY Manager in writing within ten (10) days of the claim or dispute. Upon receipt of a timely written claim, the Manager, or his designee, shall notify the Mediator who will conduct a mediation and notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the decision within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the submission of the claim or dispute, unless the Mediator requires additional time to gather information or allow the parties to provide additional information. The Mediator's orders, decisions and decrees shall be non-binding. Mediation, pursuant to this provision, shall be a pre-condition to initiating litigation concerning the dispute. During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, parties to the dispute shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages including utilization of schedule changes and alternate means of providing services and/or materials. The costs of mediation shall be divided equally between parties to the dispute.

The mediation session shall be private and shall be held in Durham COUNTY, North Carolina. Mediation under this provision shall not be the cause for a delay of services and/or materials being provided which is the focus of the dispute.

If the disputed issue cannot be resolved in mediation or either party disagrees with the results of the mediation, the parties may seek resolution in the General Court of Justice in the COUNTY of Durham and the State of North Carolina. If a party fails to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this provision, the non-complying party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under State law.

**20. EXISTENCE.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it is a corporation or otherwise legal entity duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and is duly qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina and has full power and authority to enter into and fulfill all the terms and conditions of this contract.

**21. CORPORATE AUTHORITY.** By execution hereof, the person signing for CONTRACTOR below certifies that he/she has read this contract and that he/she is duly authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the CONTRACTOR.

**22. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** CONTRACTOR shall not assign its interest in this Contract without the written consent of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR has no authority to enter into contracts on behalf of COUNTY.

**23. NOTICES.** All notices which may be required by this contract or any rule of law shall be effective when received by certified mail sent to the following addresses:

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**  
**ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**7TH FLOOR, 201 EAST MAIN STREET**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27701**

**CONTRACTOR**  
**ATTN: \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**24. HEADINGS.** The subject headings of the sections are included for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions. This contract shall be deemed to have been drafted by both parties and no interpretation shall be made to the contrary.

25. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Contract shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. All actions relating in any way to this Contract shall be brought in the General Court of Justice in the COUNTY of Durham and the State of North Carolina.
26. **REQUIRED PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS.** Pursuant to the Federal Uniform Guidance Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200, if Federal Funds are involved in this Contract/Agreement/Grant Agreement, by executing this Contract/Agreement/Grant Agreement, the Contractor/Vendor/Grantee, certifies that it agrees to and is in compliance with the provisions specified in **Exhibit B – Federal Uniform Guidance Contract Provisions Certification.**
27. **MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE) PROGRAM.** It is the policy of the County to provide minorities and women-owned businesses equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of the County’s contracting programs, including but not limited to, the procurement of construction, goods and services consistent with law. The County has established an ordinance and implements an MWBE Program based on the ordinance, that promotes, increases and works towards eradicating the underutilization of minorities and women-owned businesses in the County’s contracting programs.
28. **ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This contract, including Attachment 1, and if applicable Exhibit A and Exhibit B, shall constitute the entire understanding between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR and shall supersede all prior understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof and may be amended only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** the parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Service Contract to be executed by their duly authorized officer or agent.

**COUNTY OF DURHAM**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Durham County Chief Financial Officer**

**CONTRACTOR**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments to follow

**Attachment H**

**VENDOR APPLICATION & W-9 FORM**



# VENDOR APPLICATION

IT IS CRITICAL TO THE COUNTY THAT YOU COMPLETE ALL DATA - PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE  
(A W-9 FORM IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM)

1. Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a 1099? Yes      No

2. Mailing address for payments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing address for purchase orders, proposals and bids: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

5. In what City and State is your firm licensed? \_\_\_\_\_  
If licensed in NC, indicate County (for tax purposes) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Partnership  Corporation  Governmental Agency  Other

6. Is your firm a large business? Yes  No       7. Is your firm a small business? Yes  No

8. Is your firm 51 percent or more owned and operated by a woman? Yes      No  
If yes, with what governmental agencies are you certified? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is your firm 51 percent or more owned and operated by a minority? Yes      No  
10. If yes, with what governmental agencies are you certified? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Identify appropriate minority group:  
Black American      Native American      Hispanic      Asian/Pacific      Asian Indian

12. Is your firm incorporated? Yes      No

13. Is your firm a not-for-profit concern? Yes      No

14. Is your firm a handicapped business concern? Yes      No

15. Give a brief description of goods or services your firm provides:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions concerning this form, email Durham County Purchasing Division at [purchasinggroup@dconc.gov](mailto:purchasinggroup@dconc.gov)

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**DCo DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE** (Prior to Vendor Distribution)

If the below info. is not completed, return this form to the email address of the DCo departmental contact that sent this form to you.

Email to: \_\_\_\_\_ or Fax to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Department Contact Email) (Department Contact Fax No.)

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**PURCHASING TO COMPLETE** (when received from the department)

Listed as Debarred or Suspended Vendors?

<https://www.sam.gov> Yes  No  <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/documents/nc-debarred-vendors> Yes      No

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

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.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/estate

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.

Other (see instructions) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)*

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

## 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**

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**Employer identification Number**

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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 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
- 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
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 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 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

## General Instructions

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

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

## 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-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 <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)(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](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. Go to [www.irs.gov/Forms](http://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](http://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), ABLÉ 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.

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

<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*, 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.

**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 <sup>1</sup>
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 <sup>2</sup>
5. 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>
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor <sup>*</sup>

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 <sup>4</sup>
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

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 report them at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). You can contact the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) and Pub. 5027.

Visit [www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft](http://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.