

BILL NO.: 24-0810

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-0310

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) Groetelce

AN ORDINANCE AWARDING BIDS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDERS AS REFLECTED IN THE RESPONSES TO CERTAIN INVITATIONS FOR BID AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUTOMOTIVE CHEMICALS & SUPPLIES 2024; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS TO EFFECTUATE THE AWARD OF THE BIDS AND PROPOSALS.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Missouri, (hereafter, the "County") in response to certain Invitations for Bids and Requests for Proposals issued by the County, received bids and proposals for the following items or services:

Bid Name

Automotive Chemicals & Supplies 2024

Number of Bids Received

2

Date of Bid Opening

7-23-24

WHEREAS, after reviewing the bids and proposals set forth above, the Department of Public Works, Division of Fleet Services has determined that certain bids

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COUNTY CLERK, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO

and proposals represent the lowest and best bid for the respective items or services and met the bid or proposal specifications issued by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County, Missouri, Council finds it is in the best interest of the County to award the bids and proposals to Torq Distribution for a term from date of approval to 8-11-25 upon approval for **up to \$45,000.00 per term, for total amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the term**, subject to budgetary limitations.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI,
COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The County awards the following bids and proposals which are incorporated by this reference as if fully set out herein, to the lowest and best vendor(s) bidding for each respective item or service as follows:

BID NAME

Automotive Chemicals & Supplies 2024

TERM

date of approval to 8-11-25

AMOUNT

Up to \$45,000.00 per term,

for total amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the term,

subject to budgetary limitations

AWARDED BIDDER

Torq Distribution

Section 2. The Jefferson County, Missouri, Council hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by Reference as Exhibit "A" and any agreements or contracts necessary to effectuate the award of the bids and proposals set forth in this Ordinance. The County Executive is further authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Copies of all Invitations for Bid, Requests for Proposals, responses thereto, and any contracts or agreements shall be maintained by the Department of the County Clerk consistent with the rules and procedures for the maintenance and retention of records as promulgated by the Secretary of State.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of approval. If any part of this Ordinance is invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

**THIS BILL BEING DULY INTRODUCED, THE MEMBERS OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Council Member District 1, Brian Haskins

~~Absent~~ yes

Council Member District 2, Gene F. Barbagallo

yes

Council Member District 3, Lori Arons

yes

Council Member District 4, Charles Groeteke

yes

Council Member District 5, Scott Seek

absent

Council Member District 6, Daniel Stallman

yes

Council Member District 7, Bob Tullock

yes

THE ABOVE BILL ON AUGUST 12, 2024:

PASSED **FAILED**



Charles Groeteke, County Council Chair




Cherlynn Boyer, Council Executive Assistant

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THIS BILL WAS 15 APPROVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND ENACTED AS AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON AUGUST 12, 2024.

THIS BILL WAS _____ VETOED AND RETURNED TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL WITH WRITTEN OBJECTIONS BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ON _____.

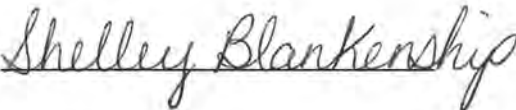


Dennis J. Gannon, Jefferson County, Missouri, Executive

ATTEST:



Jeannie Goff, County Clerk

BY: 

First Reading: 8/12/2024



JEFFERSON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 729 MAPLE ST / PO BOX 100
 HILLSBORO MO 63050
WWW.JEFFCOMO.ORG



ORDINANCE NO.
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BID #: 24-0050

Invitation for Bid: **AUTOMOTIVE CHEMICALS & SUPPLIES 2024**

Date Issued: 06/17/2024

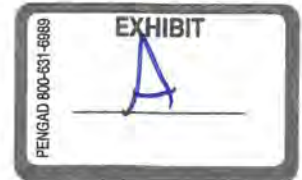
BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL: TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

Specification Contact:

CHRISTINA MARESCHAL
 Department of Public Works – Fleet Services
 636-797-5399
 cmareschal@jeffcomo.org

Contract Contact:

JACKIE DOYLE
 Department of Administrative Services
 636-797-5380



Mail (3) Three Complete Copies With Vendor And Bid Information As Shown In Sample:

SAMPLE ENVELOPE

<i>VENDOR NAME</i>	
<i>VENDOR ADDRESS</i>	
<i>CONTACT NUMBER</i>	DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY CLERK
	JEFFERSON COUNTY MISSOURI
	729 MAPLE ST / PO BOX 100
	HILLSBORO MO 63050-0100
<i>SEALED BID: (BID NAME)</i>	

Contract Term:

ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTION UPON APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The undersigned certifies that he/she has the authority to bind this company in an agreement/contract to supply the commodity or service in accordance with all terms, conditions, and pricing specified. This Bid, if accepted, will constitute an Agreement and Contract with Jefferson County, Missouri, upon approval of the County Council and County Executive. Prices are firm during this agreement term, unless agreed upon in writing by the County. The County has the option to renew this agreement at the same terms and conditions as the original agreement for one (1) additional one-year term with the written consent of the successful Bidder. Price increases for renewals are not authorized unless approved in writing by the County.

Vendor Information:

<i>Torg Distribution</i>	<i>Brad Dinges</i>
Company Name	Authorized Agent (Print)
<i>8854 Frost Ave</i>	<i>Brad Dinges</i>
Address	Signature
<i>ST Louis Mo 63134</i>	<i>Territory Manager</i>
City/State/Zip Code	Title
<i>1-636-326-1974</i>	<i>7/9/24</i>
Telephone #	Date
<i>brad.dinges@Torgdist.com</i>	<i>888-851-2534</i>
E-mail	Fax #

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 1. Current and valid Certificate of Insurance or binder showing required insurance coverage must be provided with each bid.
(County must be added as additional insured if awarded)**
 - 2a. Proof that Bidder does not owe delinquent real or personal property tax in Jefferson County (tax receipts for past 3 years)
Obtain receipts at <http://jeffersonmo.devnetwedge.com>**
- *Or***
- 2b. A notarized affidavit, on company letterhead stating that the applicant does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County, Missouri.**
 - 3. A Notarized affidavit of work authorization and current business entity status with E-verification documentation. (pages 9 & 10)**
 - 4. Agreement to be executed by the County upon approval by the County Council and County Executive. (Bidder is required to complete company information and execute signature)**
 - 5. Cooperative Bid Form (last page)**
 - 6. All pages of the Invitation for Bid/Request for Proposal must be used when submitting your bid/proposal response along with initialing each page with the bid/proposal. Additional information may be included separately.**
 - 7. Bid deposits/bonds must be in the exact amount as stipulated in the bid. (if required)**

***BIDS MAY BE REJECTED IF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS NOT INCLUDED OR COMPLETED AT DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY**

1.0 BID REQUIREMENTS

Bidder shall initial all pages and return where the Bid Document denotes "BIDDER'S INITIALS: 

1.1 BID SUBMISSION:

Submit bid form in original (one original) and two (two copies) with all specification pages, if applicable. No facsimile or electronic bids shall be accepted and shall be rejected. The Vendor prior to the submission deadline as stated on page 1 must submit all bids. Late bids will not be accepted and returned to the vendor unopened. The County reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from Respondents in order to obtain clarification. A fully executed Affidavit is required by Section 285.530 RSMo. and shall be submitted with the bid form. A copy of the Affidavit is attached hereto. Failure to execute the Affidavit shall result in the bid being rejected. Failure to comply with any provision, provide any required documentation, insurance forms or deposits or bonds in exact amounts or any other term or condition that is not in strict conformance shall result in the bid being rejected.

1.2 BASIS OF BID AWARD:

Award may be made on an item-by-item basis to the lowest and best Bidder(s) or award may be made to the lowest and best bid total, whichever provides the greatest value to the County from the standpoint of suitability to purpose, quality, service, previous experience, price, ability to deliver, or any other reason deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Quantities stated herein represent an estimate for the period stated. Orders shall be placed for actual requirements as needed. The County may reject any or all bids for any reason and may waive any informality. Bids submitted from a Missouri State Contract shall include a copy of the State Contract with the bid. Bid award does not constitute an order or obligation to order by the County. The issuance of a Purchase Order Number shall be construed as acceptance of a Contract with all terms, conditions, and prices firm during the length of the agreement terms.

1.3 BID AWARD:

It is further agreed that the Contract shall not be valid and binding upon the County until approved by the County Counselor, as to legal form and is subject to the Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders of Jefferson County, Missouri, and State and Federal Law. If no Bid or Bids have been awarded by the County Council within forty-five (45) days following the opening of the bids then all bids will be deemed Rejected.

1.4 BID PREPARATION:

1. Bidders are responsible for examination of drawings, specifications, schedules and instructions. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk.
2. Each Bidder shall furnish the information required by the invitation. The Bidder shall sign all required documents. All deletions and erasures shall be initialed
3. Alternate bids for supplies or services other than specified shall not be considered unless authorized by invitation.
4. Bidder shall state a definite time for delivery of goods or for performance of services unless otherwise specified in the invitation for bid.
5. When specified, samples must be timely submitted and at no expense to the County.
6. Failure to adhere to all requirements may result in the response being disqualified as non-responsive.

1.5 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bids may be modified or withdrawn prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bids, provided the modification or withdrawal is in writing and is delivered in the same manner as a bid submission.

1.6 LATE BIDS:

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to deliver his bid or bid modification on or before the date and time of the bid closing to the Department of the County Clerk. Bids received late will be rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.

1.7 BID DEPOSITS/BONDS:

Bid Deposits/Bonds are not required unless specified in the specifications. Bid deposits/Bonds must be in the exact amount as stipulated in the bid.

1.8 MATERIAL AVAILABILITY:

Bidders must accept responsibility for verification of material availability, product schedules and other pertinent data prior to submission of bid and delivery time. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to notify the County immediately if the materials specified are discontinued, replaced, or not available for an extended period of time. All materials ordered by the County, shall be as needed. A sample of materials may be requested.

1.9 ALTERNATE BIDS:

Alternate Bids for items will be accepted except when stated "NO SUBSTITUTIONS". Bidders must submit complete specifications on all alternate bids with the bid form. Alternate bids without complete specifications may be rejected. Alternate bids and exceptions to bid clauses must be clearly noted on the bid form. The County may accept or reject alternate bids; whatever is most advantageous to the County.

1.10 INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS:

The terms of the Bid Invitation, Bid Specifications, Bid Form are and shall be incorporated into the contract as if fully set out therein. The Bid, if accepted and approved by the County Council and County Executive shall constitute the terms of a Contract or Agreement with Jefferson County, Missouri, subject to any further Amendments, Memoranda or other documents or specifications which must be set forth in writing and signed by all parties.

1.11 ADDENDA:

Addenda to bid specifications are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein. It is the responsibility of the vendor to insure and verify that they are in receipt of and completed all attached addenda prior to submission of bid forms. Verification is made by contacting the Office of Contracts and Grants at (636) 797-5380, or by reviewing the County Web Site. (www.jeffcomo.org).

1.12 INSURANCE:

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Missouri or in the state where the vendor is incorporated or otherwise licensed to do business and which shall remain, at all times during the term of any contract with the County, in full force and effect. Preference will be given to a Vendor/Contractor who provides insurance with an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Missouri, but in any event said Vendor/Contractor shall provide said insurance at its own expense. Such insurance shall be provided as will protect the Vendor/Contractor from claims which may arise out of or result from the Vendor/Contractor's execution of the work, whether such execution be by himself, his employees, agents, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. If any such work covered by the Contract is to be performed on County owned or leased premises, the Vendor agrees to carry liability and workman's compensation insurance, satisfactory to the County, and to indemnify the County against all liability, loss, and damage arising out of any injuries to persons and property caused by the Vendor, his sub-contractors, employees or agents. The insurance coverage shall be such as to fully protect the County and the general public from any and all claims for injury and damage resulting by any actions on the part of the Vendor/Contractor or its' forces as enumerated above. All policies must name the County as an additional insured and provide for thirty (30) days written prior to any material changes or cancellation. Any disputes regarding a breach, insurance amounts, liability, coverage, lapse or otherwise shall be litigated in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Missouri and the same shall be incorporated into any Contract agreed to by the parties.

THE COUNTY REQUIRES A CURRENT AND VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE OR BINDER SHOWING REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EACH BID. JEFFERSON COUNTY MUST BE ADDED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED AFTER AWARD OF THE BID. ANY LAPSE IN INSURANCE COVERAGE OR CANCELLATION THEREOF BY THE CONTRACTOR OR SUB-CONTRACTORS DURING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE DEEMED A MATERIAL BREACH UNDER THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT.

A. Required Not Required **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance**

The Vendor/Contractor shall maintain and keep in full force and effect during the terms of this Contract such comprehensive general liability insurance as shall protect them from claims which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by themselves or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by them. The amounts of insurance shall be not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit for any one occurrence covering both bodily injury and property damage, including accidental death.

B. Required Not Required **Professional Liability Insurance**

The Vendor/Contractor shall provide the County with proof of Professional Liability Insurance, which shall protect the County against any and all claims, which might arise as a result of the operation of the Vendor/Contractor in fulfilling the terms of this Contract during the life of the Contract. The minimum amounts of such insurance will be \$1,000,000.00. Should any work be subcontracted, these limits will also apply.

C. Required Not Required **Worker's Compensation Insurance:**
per Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 287

The Vendor/Contractor or his sub-contractor or contractors, shall maintain and keep in force of this Contract such worker's compensation insurance limits as required by the statutes of the State of Missouri and Employer's Liability with limits no less than \$500,000.00.

1.13 BID SUBMISSIONS

Bids submitted on separate forms are NOT acceptable unless specified in the Bid Document. Failure to complete bid forms to the satisfaction of the County may result in rejection of your bid. It is the responsibility of each Bidder before submitting a bid to examine ALL documents thoroughly, and request written or oral interpretation of clarifications soon after discovering any conflicts, ambiguities, errors, or omissions in the bidding documents. Request for clarification must be received prior to bid openings.

1.14 BID OPENINGS

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time indicated on page 1. The Bidders and the public are invited but not required to attend the formal opening of the bids. No decisions relating to the award of a contract or agreement will be made at the opening.

1.15 BID TABULATIONS

Bid Tabulations are not available for 5 to 7 business days following the Bid Opening. Bid submissions are open for public review at the time of the Bid Opening. Bid tabulations are posted on the County's web-site address, www.jeffcomo.org. **NO COPIES** of bid tabulations are sent to vendors.

2.0 BID RESPONSE AND CONTRACT

2.1 BIDDER REPRESENTATIONS:

The Bidder, by executing the Bid form certifies that:

- A. The bid complies with Invitation for Bid form and Bid Specifications.
- B. Bidder is not debarred or suspended from participation in Federal Assistance programs.

2.2 TAXES:

No bid or proposal shall be awarded by Jefferson County unless the prospective Bidder provides proof that the Bidder does not owe delinquent real or personal property taxes to Jefferson County. The prospective Bidder is required to provide proof in the form of an original paid tax receipt issued by the Jefferson County Collector or a verified affidavit stating that the applicant does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County. Tax receipts for the past 3 years are required and may be obtained at <http://jeffersonmo.devnetwedge.com/> or a notarized affidavit stating that the applicant does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County on company letterhead.

Section 135.040 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (Ord. No. 10-0411) requires that no bid or proposal shall be awarded by Jefferson County unless the prospective Bidder provides proof that the Bidder does not owe delinquent real or personal property, or that the Bidder does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County. All delinquent real or personal property taxes shall be paid, in-full, prior to the award of any bid, or proof shall be provided that the Bidder does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County prior to the award of any bid. Jefferson County considers that the failure to pay any and all real or personal property taxes due Jefferson County, Missouri, the failure to report all real or personal property owned, held or used in Jefferson County, the failure to provide proof thereof, and/or the failure to keep said tax bills current shall be deemed a material breach of the contract and will subject the contract to immediate cancellation. All taxes, due and owing, must be paid in full at the time the bid is awarded by Jefferson County and remain paid during the entire term of the contract unless the prospective Bidder provides proof that the Bidder does not own real or personal property in Jefferson County. This requirement shall not apply to the award of bids for projects which are funded in whole or in part by Federal funds.

2.3 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:

- A. The prices in the bid shall be independently determined, without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to price with any Bidder or other person.
- B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices shall not have been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder prior to opening.
- C. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid.

2.4 PRICE:

The price(s) specified in this bid shall be firm and not subject to contingency or reservation. If the Vendor fails to honor stated prices as submitted in the Bid Form or Contract, the County reserves the right to obtain the same items from the next lower vendor who submitted a bid price for the item. The original vendor shall be responsible for the difference in price and required to make restitution to the County for the difference in price. The Bidder represents prices specified in the bid do not exceed current selling price for the same or substantially similar good or service, and are the same as or lower than other prices charged to the Bidder's most favored customer. In the event the stated prices are determined to be higher than the prices for which Supplier has sold the items, or services, to others, this contract price shall be reduced accordingly. **Bid prices are ALL INCLUSIVE: (Shipping, Handling, Delivery, and Assembly to locations specified by the County). Prices shall be firm for ALL County departments and locations for term of the agreement.**

2.5 MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCT PROCUREMENT ACT:

Bidder represents that the goods provided comply with Sections 34.350 to 34.359, RSMo., known as the Domestic Product Procurement Act. The Act encourages the purchase of products manufactured or produced in the United States, State of Missouri, and Jefferson County, Missouri. Bidder shall include proof of compliance with the Act with the bid when requested.



2.6 NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT:

The contractor shall understand and agree that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive agreement and further agrees that the County may secure identical and/or similar services or products from other sources at anytime in conjunction with or in replacement of the contractor's services.

2.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. The term "County" means the Jefferson County, Missouri and its designated representatives.
- B. The term "Vendor" means Supplier, Contractor, and Seller and includes designated representatives.
- C. The term "IFB" means Invitation for Bid.
- D. The term "Agreement/Contract" means Binding Agreement, Contract, Request for Purchase, Order.

2.8 INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVALS:

Goods shall at all times and places, including the period of manufacture, are subject to inspection and test by County. County will accept or give notice of rejection of goods delivered within a reasonable time after receipt. Acceptance shall not waive any warranty. All goods supplied are subject to final inspection and acceptance by County notwithstanding payment, prior inspections or approvals. County may require prompt replacement or correction of rejected goods at Supplier's expense, including a reduction in price for rejected goods. Supplier shall not resubmit rejected goods to County without prior written approval and instructions from County. In addition, Supplier shall identify resubmitted goods as previously rejected. Supplier shall provide and maintain a quality assurance and control system acceptable to County.

2.9 WARRANTY:

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties, Supplier warrants that items ordered to specifications will conform thereto and to any drawings, samples or other descriptions furnished or adopted by County, or, if not ordered to specifications will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, and that all items will be new, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defect. Such warranties, together with Supplier's service warranties and guarantees, if any, shall survive inspection, test, acceptance of, and payment for the items and shall run to County and its assigns. Except for latent defects, the County shall give notice of any nonconformity to the Supplier within one (1) year after acceptance. County may return for credit or require prompt correction or replacement of the defective or non-conforming goods or have the defective good corrected or replaced at Supplier's expense. Return to Supplier of any defective or non-conforming goods and delivery to County of any corrected or replaced goods shall be at Supplier's expense. Defective or non-conforming items shall not be corrected or replaced without written authorization by County. Goods required to be corrected or replaced shall be subject to the provisions of this clause and the clause hereof entitled "Inspection, Acceptance and Approvals" in the same manner and to the same extent as goods originally delivered under this contract.

2.10 PAYMENT:

County will pay Supplier for goods upon delivery to, submission of certified invoices with attached tipping fee receipts and acceptance. The County will not be responsible for articles or services furnished without a purchase order. Price is tax-exempt.

2.11 CHANGE ORDER:

County may make changes within the general scope of this contract. If any such changes cause an increase or decrease in the cost of or the time required for the performance of any part of the work, whether changed or not changed by any such order, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the price or delivery schedule or both, and any change order shall be in writing. Any claim by a Supplier for adjustment under this clause shall be asserted within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this written order directing the change, provided, however, County, if it decides that the facts justify such action, may receive and act upon such claim asserted at any time prior to final payment.

2.12 DELIVERIES:

Deliveries shall be made in strict accordance with any delivery schedule contained in the bid specification or contract and in the exact quantity ordered. Failure to adhere to delivery schedule is reason for termination in accordance with the "termination" clause. Deliveries are to be made at locations specified by the County at time of Order.

2.13 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES:

Pursuant to Section 290.560 RSMo, Supplier/Contractor shall employ only Missouri laborers and laborers from nonrestrictive states except that other laborers may be used when Missouri laborers or laborers from nonrestrictive states are not available, or are incapable of performing the particular type of work involved, if so certified by the contractor and approved by the County. Except as otherwise provided, Supplier shall be responsible and bear all risks for loss and damage to goods until delivery at County's facilities, regardless of F.O.B. point, point of inspection or acceptance; and if the goods are rejected.

2.14 SUBCONTRACTS:

Supplier shall not enter into any subcontract(s) in excess of \$25,000 or 20% of this contract price; whichever is less, for any goods without County's prior written approval.

2.15 CHOICE OF LAW:

This bid and contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Venue for any court action shall be in Jefferson County, Missouri.

2.16 TERMINATION:

- A. General: Performance of work may be terminated by the County in whole, or from time to time in part, whenever County shall determine that such termination is in the best interests of County with a thirty (30) day written notice. The Vendor may terminate the Agreement/Contract upon a sixty (60) day prior notice in writing. In the event of any termination of the Agreement/Contract by the Vendor, the County may purchase such supplies and/or services similar to those terminated and for the duration of the Agreement/Contract period the Vendor will be liable for all costs in excess of the established contract pricing.
- B. Bankruptcy or Insolvency: In the event bankruptcy proceedings are commenced by or against Supplier or under any provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Act or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or a general assignment for the benefit of creditors of either party, County shall be entitled to terminate without further cost or liability. The County may cancel the Agreement/Contract or affirm the Contract and hold the Vendor responsible for damages.
- C. **Section 135.040 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (Ord. No. 10-0411) requires that no bid or proposal shall be awarded by Jefferson County unless the prospective Bidder provides proof that the Bidder does not owe delinquent real or personal property, or that the Bidder does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County. All delinquent real or personal property taxes shall be paid, in-full, prior to the award of any bid, or proof shall be provided that the Bidder does not own any real or personal property in Jefferson County prior to the award of any bid. Jefferson County considers that the failure to pay any and all real or personal property taxes due Jefferson County, Missouri, the failure to report all real or personal property owned, held or used in Jefferson County, the failure to provide proof thereof, and/or the failure to keep said tax bills current shall be deemed a material breach of the contract and will subject the contract to immediate cancellation. All taxes, due and owing, must be paid in full at the time the bid is awarded by Jefferson County and remain paid during the entire term of the contract unless the prospective Bidder provides proof that the Bidder does not own real or personal property in Jefferson County. This requirement shall not apply to the award of bids for projects which are funded in whole or in part by Federal funds.**
- D. Default: County may terminate the whole Contract or any part in either of the following circumstances:
 - D-1. If supplier fails to deliver the items required by the contract within the time specified; or
 - D-2. If supplier fails to perform any of the other provisions of the contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days after notice from County specifying such failure. In the event of termination under subparagraph 1, County shall have the right to procure, on such terms and in such manner as it may deem appropriate, items similar to those terminated, and to recover from Supplier the excess cost for such similar items provided, however, Supplier shall not be liable for such excess costs where the failure upon which the termination is based has arisen out of causes beyond the control of Supplier and without the fault or negligence of Supplier. Such causes shall be deemed to include fires, floods, earthquakes, strikes, and acts of the public enemy. The rights of County provided in subparagraph 1 shall be in addition to any other rights provided by law or the contract.
 - D-3. In the event of the Supplier's non-compliance with the provisions as set forth, this Contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the supplier may be declared ineligible for further County contracts. The rights and remedies of the County provided in this paragraph shall not be exclusive but are in addition to any remedies provided in this Contract or as provided for by law.

2.17 NOTICE AND SERVICE THEREOF:

Any notice from the County shall be in writing and considered delivered and the service thereof completed when said notice is posted, by certified or regular mail, to the Supplier, at the address stated on the bid form.

2.18 CONTRACT TERM:

Performance shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions as set forth in the Invitation for Bid, Bid Specifications, Bid Form and the Contract notwithstanding any language contained on any invoice, shipping order, bill of lading or other document furnished the Seller at any time and the acceptance by the County for any goods furnished.

2.19 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:

Supplier warrants it has complied with all applicable laws, rules and ordinances of the United States, Missouri or any other Governmental authority or agency in the manufacture or sale of the goods, including but not limited to all provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, including provisions of the Home Rule Charter of Jefferson County, Missouri requiring all workers performing work under any contract with Jefferson County be paid a wage that is at least the prevailing hourly rate of wages for work of a similar character in Jefferson County.

2.20 ACTS OF GOD:

No party shall be liable for delays, nor defaults due to Acts of God or the public enemy, riots, strikes, fires, explosions, accidents, governmental actions of any kind or any other causes of a similar character beyond its control and without its fault or negligence.

2.21 SELLER'S INVOICES:

Invoices shall contain the following information. Contract number (if any), Purchase Order Number, Item number, contract description of goods or services, sizes, quantities, unit prices and extended totals. Invoices for and inquiries regarding payment should be addressed to the County Accounts Payable Clerk.

2.22 APPROVAL:

It is agreed the acceptance of a Bid shall not be valid and binding upon the County until approved by the County Purchasing Agent, County Council, and the County Counselor.

2.23 RENEWAL OPTION:

The County reserves the right to negotiate the contract for one (1) additional one-year term with the written consent of the awarded vendor. If the contractor/vendor requests an increase in compensation for any renewal period, the vendor shall notify the Office of Contracts and Grants no less than 60 days prior to the end of the contract period. The County shall notify the Vendor of the intent to exercise the renewal option. However, failure to notify the Vendor does not waive the County's right to exercise the renewal option.

Indicate: [] Individual; [] Partnership; Corporation.

2.24 INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS:

Incorporated in the State of Missouri.

2.25 LITIGATION:

This agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Missouri. Any disagreements, questions, controversies, litigation or other causes of action whatsoever arising from or under the terms of this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of 23rd Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Missouri-Hillsboro, Missouri.

2.26 LANGUAGE: Bids and all related documents will only be accepted in the English Language.

AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION

The grantee, sub grantee, contractor or subcontractor who meets the section 285.525, RSMo. definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now Brad Dinges (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as Territory Manager (Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm Torg Distribution (Business Entity Name) is enrolled and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to Torg Distribution (Bid/Grant/Subgrant/Contract/Subcontract) for the duration of the grant, subgrant, contractor, or subcontractor, if awarded in accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that Torg Distribution (Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services related to County of Jefferson (Bid/Grant/Subgrant/Contract/Subcontract) for the duration of the grant, subgrant, contract, or subcontract, if awarded.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)

Brad Dinges Authorized Representative's Signature Brad Dinges Printed Name

Territory Manager Title 7/9/24 7/15/24 Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 of July 2024 am (DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)

commissioned as a notary public within the County of St. Louis, State of (NAME OF COUNTY)

MO and my commission expires on 8.25.2025. (NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

[Signature] Signature of Notary 7/15/24 Date



AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION
(Continued)

CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

I certify that Torg Distribution (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo., pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo., as stated above.

Brad Dinejes
Authorized Business Entity
Representative's Name
(Please Print)

Brad Dinejes
Authorized Business Entity
Representative's Signature

Torg Distribution
Business Entity Name

7/9/24
Date

As a business entity, the grantee, sub grantee, contractor, or subcontractor must perform/provide the following. The grantee, sub grantee, contractor, or subcontractor shall check each to verify completion/submission:

- Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program
(Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify>;
Phone: 888-464-4218; Email: e-verify@dhs.gov) with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein;

AND

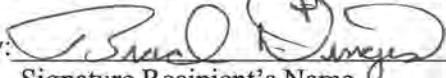
- Provide documentation affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. Documentation shall include a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the grantee's, subgrantee's, contractor's, or subcontractor's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed, at minimum, by the grantee, subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division; (if the signature page of the MOU lists the grantee's, subgrantee's, contractor's, or subcontractor's name, then no additional pages of the MOU must be submitted).

**Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility,
And Voluntary Exclusion**

Contractor Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective contractor of the Recipient, Torg Distribution, certifies, by submission of this document, that neither it nor its representatives is presently disbarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the Recipient's contractor is unable to certify to the above statement, the prospective contractor shall attach and explanation to this form.

CONTRACTOR: Torg Distribution

By: 
Signature Recipient's Name

Brad Diney Territory Manager 314-568-4325 cell
Name and Title Division Contract Number 636-326-1974

8854 Frost Ave
Street Address

Bridgeton Mo 63134
City, State, Zip

7/9/24
Date

DUNS number

Cage Code

BID SPECIFICATIONS for Automotive Chemicals & Supplies

Item # 1:

This request for bid is for the purchase of an Extended Life Concentrated Motor Oil Additive System designed to protect vehicle engines under adverse operating systems. Any concentrated motor oil additive must meet the following specifications:

1. An increase in the end point (minutes) by Thin Film Oxidation Uptake Test (TFOUT), ASTM D4742 for API SN/ ILSAC GF-5 motor oils by a minimum of 75% on average when the oil additive is used at the recommended treatment level. The 75% increase would be based on a random sampling of motor oils with at least ten different motor oils used in the evaluation.
2. An increase in Total Base Number (TBN) as measured by ASTM D2896 by 2 ml 0.1N KOH when the additive is used at the recommended treatment level in an API SN/ILSAC GF-5 motor oil.
3. A demonstrated reduction in deposit formation by the TEOST MHT-4 method.
4. The additive will not include any components considered harmful to the environment such as chlorinated or lead-based compounds.

PRICE PER ADDITIVE CAN \$ 14.68

TOTAL OUNCES PER CAN 11

Item # 2:

This request for bid is for the purchase of a Performance Fuel Additive that must meet the following specifications:

1. Basic Nitrogen Content by ASTM D2896: The basic nitrogen content is measurement of the amount of amine-based dispersant present in the fuel additive assuming the basic component (amine) of the additive is from the dispersant. The minimum basic nitrogen content derived from the amine-based dispersant will be 0.13% or greater by ASTM D2896. The concentration of amine-based polymeric dispersant should also be at a level which would bring the gasoline into the "Top Tier" performance category.
2. Supporting No Harm Data: Product must hold a no harm claim of the fuel additive toward fuel system components, oxygen sensors and catalytic converters. No harm data will also have to be available for the presence of the fuel additive in the crankcase and other portions of the engine in contact with motor oil since blow-by can result in a portion of the additive combining with the motor oil during a drain interval.
3. Fleet Evaluation: A fleet study of 150,000 mile minimum with both control vehicles with gasoline containing no fuel additive and vehicles with the fuel additive. The fleet study will show significantly lower intake valve deposits and reduced emissions with the vehicles using the additive in the gasoline relative to the control vehicles with no additive.

4. Fuel Stability: The fuel additive will contain primary anti-oxidants to extend the life of the gasoline. This will be demonstrated by accelerated oxidation testing and show a significant improvement relative to untreated fuel.
5. Anti-corrosion: Alloys, such as iron and copper based, as well as silver and other alloys in the fuel system will have supporting data showing protection from corrosion in a gasoline which is documented to contain no corrosion inhibitor. The gasoline will be spiked with 2 ppm elemental sulfur (which is known to accelerate the corrosion process) for the copper alloys and silver comparison. The metal coupons will show corrosion from the non-additive fuel and no corrosion when the additive is present.
6. Non-conductive: A dedicated anti-static agent will be added to the fuel additive to promote rapid dissipation of electricity and likewise promote the dissipation process in the gasoline.
7. Standard Industry Tests: Passing results are required by ASTM D5500 and ASTM D6201 with documentation and ASTM D6421 demonstrating keep-clean performance.
8. Oxygen Sensor Response Improvement: Demonstrate catalytic converter efficiency improvement and oxygen sensor response time improvement with an E-Scan or equivalent software after one tank use of the fuel additive.
9. Flash Point: For safety reasons, the flash point of the fuel additive will be greater than 100°F.

PRICE PER ADDITIVE CAN \$ 13.49
TOTAL OUNCES PER CAN 11

Item # 3:

This request for bid is for the purchase of Transmission Flush kit to include a transmission cleaner, synthetic transmission fluid, and transmission conditioner.

1. Total Transmission Flush Kit must be a mineral oil based full synthetic automatic transmission fluid capable of covering all current Asian, Ford, General Motors, Mopar and Allison applications, including TES295 and TES365. It should contain anti-foam ingredients, approved transmission additive technology, and be capable of rating a 1a or 1b on ASTM D-130 Copper Strip Corrosion Test (3 hours at 300° F). Must show a minimum value of 80 minutes or greater measured by PDSC ASTM D-6186. Minimum Flashpoint (ASTM D-92) between 385° – 400° F, and a NOACK Volatility, 5 Loss of no greater than 2.0% as measured by ASTM D-2800 test.
2. Total Transmission Flush Kit must include packaging for the Full Synthetic fluid in 16-quart recyclable cardboard containers. Containers must also contain the transmission cleaner and conditioner within the same packaging.
3. A mineral oil-based transmission cleaner capable of dissolving and dispersing organic deposits resulting from transmission fluid breakdown. Minimum Flashpoint (ASTM D-92) between 130° – 150° F and a base number (ASTM D-2896) of at least 0.30 mg KOH/g
4. A mineral oil based multi-benefit automatic transmission conditioner capable of improving the oxidation stability and seal conditioning of OEM Automatic Transmission Fluid. It should contain anti-foam

ingredients, approved transmission additive technology, and be capable of rating a 1a or 1b on ASTM D-130 Copper Strip Corrosion Test (3 hours at 300° F). Must improve OEM Automatic Transmission Fluid Oxidation Stability by at least 10% or greater as measured by PDSC ASTM D-6186. Minimum flashpoint (ASTM D-92) between 375° -400° F.

PRICE PER KIT \$ 125.16

TOTAL QUARTS PER KIT 16 Plus 22oz's

Item #4

Please indicate the % discount off list price for any other automotive chemicals, supplies, hardware not previously already identified above.

% Discount for all other items 25

Is there a minimum quantity of product that must be ordered? Yes _____ No .

If so, what is the minimum quantity? _____.

All orders must be delivered with no delivery charge to:

**Jefferson County Fleet Services
5275 Highway B, Building E
Hillsboro, MO 63050**

Please contact our Light Fleet Services Manager, Christina Mareschal at 636-797-5399 with any questions.

In Witness thereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, in triplicate, as of this 15 day of August 2024:

Torco Distribution
Company Name

County of Jefferson, State of Missouri

Brad Dinges
Signature

Dennis J. Gannon
Dennis J. Gannon County Executive

Brad Dinges
Print

Company Address: _____

8854 Frost Ave

Bridgeton Mo 63134

Phone: 1-636-326-1974

I hereby certify under section 50.660 RSMo., there is either: (1) a balance of funds, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the obligation contained herein is chargeable, and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the funds from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation contained herein; or (2) bonds or taxes have been authorized by vote of the people and there is a sufficient unencumbered amount of the bonds yet to be sold or of the taxes levied and yet to be collected to meet the obligation in case there is not a sufficient unencumbered cash balance in the treasury.

Kristy L. Arnold
County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
County Counselor

COOPERATIVE BID FORM

Bid Name: Chemical Fluids & Supplies 2024

INSTRUCTIONS: Bidders **MUST** fill out this form as part of the bidding process and attach to your bid response to Jefferson County, Missouri.

COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

This is a cooperating supply contract in accordance with Chapter 130, Section 130.020. K.3., of the Procurement Policy and Procedures, Jefferson County Code of Ordinances.

Will you extend bid prices, cash terms, and all other terms and conditions of any contract resulting from this bid with Jefferson County, Missouri, to any Jefferson County, Missouri, Municipality, government agency, district, sub-district or other tax-supported entity?

Yes No

Although agreeing to the extension of the terms of this contract to municipalities or other tax-supported entities, *is not a prerequisite for award*, Jefferson County, Missouri, may take this factor into consideration if tie bids are received, in addition to the normal Terms and Conditions of the Invitation for Bid, enclosed herewith as a part of this bid.

Bidders are encouraged to extend contract prices to Municipalities and any other tax-supported entities.

If agreeable to the above, state the **minimum** dollar value *per order* you will require from a Municipality or any other tax-supported entity (**this shall not apply to Jefferson County, Missouri Government, Departments or Divisions**):

MINIMUM DOLLAR VALUE PER ORDER: \$ 100⁰⁰

BY: Broad Dringer

TITLE: Territory Manager

COMPANY: Torg Distribution

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Phone 314-568-4325
636-326-1974

E-mail broad.dringer@Torgdist.com

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BID DOCUMENT PACKAGE SUBMITTED TO JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI



8854 FROST AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63134
(636) 326-1974 (OFFICE)
(888) 851-2534 (FAX)
TORQDIST.COM

July 15, 2024

County of Jefferson
PO Box 1000
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Please take note that: TORQ DISTRIBUTION INC, does not have any real estate or property taxes in Jefferson County.

Sincerely,

Carla Girardier
Controller

I confirm that Brad Dinges signed this document in my presence on 7/15/24 in St. Louis Mo.

KAL VASHI



Client#: 72881

TORQDST

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/15/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer any rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER: AssuredPartners of MO LLC, 12645 Olive Blvd, Suite 300, St Louis, MO 63141, 314 523-8800. CONTACT NAME: Claire Moran, PHONE: 314 523-8800, FAX: 314 453-7555, E-MAIL ADDRESS: Claire.Moran@assuredpartners.com. INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE: INSURER A: Travelers Casualty Insurance Co America, NAIC #: 19046. INSURED: TORQ Distribution, Inc., 8854 Frost Ave., Berkely, MO 63134.

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

Table with columns: INSR LTR, TYPE OF INSURANCE, ADDL INSR, SUBR WVD, POLICY NUMBER, POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY), POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY), LIMITS. Rows include Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liab, and Workers Compensation.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required) The above Auto Liability policy provides Automatic Additional Insured coverage to the certificate holder as required by written contract. The certificate holder is listed as loss payee with respects to physical damage coverage. \$1,000 Comp Deductible and \$1,000 Collision

CERTIFICATE HOLDER: County of Jefferson, 729 Maple Street, Suite 36, Hillsboro, MO 63050. CANCELLATION: SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: [Signature]



Company ID Number: 1658056



THE E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR WEB SERVICES EMPLOYERS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The parties to this Agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and BG Services (Web Services Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Web Services Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

A Web Services Employer is an Employer who verifies employment authorization for its newly hired employees using a Web Services interface.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms a newly hired employee's authorization to work in the United States after completion of the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This MOU explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Web Services Employer, DHS, and the Social Security Administration (SSA).

For purposes of this MOU, the "E-Verify browser" refers to the website that provides direct access to the E-Verify system: <https://E-Verify.uscis.gov/emp/>. You may access E-Verify directly free of charge via the E-Verify browser.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

Before accessing E-Verify using Web Services access, the Web Services Employer must meet certain technical requirements. This will require the investment of significant amounts of resources and time. If the Web Services Employer is required to use E-Verify prior to completion and acceptance of its Web Services interface, then it must use the E-Verify browser until it is able to use its Web Services interface. The Web Services Employer must also maintain ongoing technical compatibility with E-Verify.

DHS accepts no liability relating to the Web Services Employer's development or maintenance of any Web Services access system.



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ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WEB SERVICES EMPLOYER

1. By enrolling in E-Verify and signing the applicable MOU, the Web Services Employer asserts that it is a legitimate company which intends to use E-Verify for legitimate purposes only and in accordance with the laws, regulations, and DHS policies and procedures relating to the use of E-Verify.
2. The Web Services Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
 - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
 - b. Notice of Right to Work
3. The Web Services Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Web Services Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Web Services Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
4. The Web Services Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Web Services Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employer is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.
5. The Web Services Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual. The Web Services Employer will ensure that outdated manuals are promptly replaced with the new version of the E-Verify User Manual when it becomes available.
6. The Web Services Employer agrees that any person accessing E-Verify on its behalf is trained on the most recent E-Verify policy and procedures.
7. The Web Services Employer agrees that any of its representatives who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before creating any cases.
 - a. The Web Services Employer agrees that all of its representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.
8. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to obtain the necessary equipment to use E-Verify as required by the E-Verify rules and regulations as modified from time to time.
9. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, commit sufficient personnel and resources to meet the requirements of this MOU.
10. The Web Services Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:



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a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Web Services Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Web Services Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Web Services Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Web Services Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

11. The Web Services Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

12. The Web Services Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Web Services Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the anti-discrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.

a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to a Web Services Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When a Web Services Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, it establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Web Services Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Web Services Employer must notify DHS and the Web Services Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Web Services Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Web Services Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.



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13. The Web Services Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability. If, however, the Web Services interface is unavailable due to no fault of E-Verify, then the three day time period is not extended. In such a case, the Web Services Employer must use the E-Verify browser during the outage.

14. The Web Services Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

15. The Web Services Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Web Services Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

16. The Web Services Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Web Services Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Web Services Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Web Services Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Web Services Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

17. The Web Services Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Web Services Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending



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work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Web Services Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

18. The Web Services Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Web Services Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Web Services Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Web Services Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Web Services Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Web Services Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

19. The Web Services Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Web Services Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Web Services Employer who are authorized to perform the Web Services Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

20. The Web Services Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@uscis.dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident - Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

21. The Web Services Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.



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22. The Web Services Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

a. The Web Services Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS if DHS requests information about the Web Services Employer's interface, including requests by DHS to view the actual interface operated by the Web Services Employer as well as related business documents. The Web Services Employer agrees to demonstrate for DHS the functionality of its interface to E-Verify upon request.

23. The Web Services Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

24. The Web Services Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

25. The Web Services Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see M-795 (Web)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

26. The Web Services Employer agrees to complete its Web Services interface no later than six months after the date the Web Services Employer signs this MOU. E-Verify considers the interface to be complete once it has been built pursuant to the Interface Control Agreement (ICA), submitted to E-Verify for testing, and approved for system access.

27. The Web Services Employer agrees to perform sufficient maintenance on the Web Services interface in accordance with the requirements listed in the ICA. These requirements include, but are not limited to, updating the Web Services interface to ensure that any updates or enhancements are incorporated no later than six months after the issuance of an ICA. Web Services Employers should be aware that this will require the investment of time and resources. Compliance with the requirements of the ICA must be carried out to the satisfaction of DHS and or its assignees.

28. The Web Services Employer agrees that any system or interface it develops will follow the steps for creating E-Verify cases and processing tentative nonconfirmations, as laid out in the ICA, this MOU and the User Manual, including but not limited to allowing an employer to close an invalid case where appropriate, allowing an employer to refer a tentative nonconfirmation only when an employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation (no automatic referrals), and referring a tentative nonconfirmation



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to the appropriate agency at the time the employer prints the referral letter and provides the letter to the employee. The Web Services Employer understands that any failure to make its system or interface consistent with proper E-Verify procedures can result in DHS terminating the Web Services Employer's agreement and access.

29. The Web Services Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Web Services Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. EMPLOYERS THAT ARE FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WITH THE FAR E-VERIFY CLAUSE

NOTE: If you do not have any Federal contracts at this time, this section does not apply to your company. In the future, if you are awarded a Federal contract that contains the FAR E-Verify clause, then you must comply with each provision in this Section. See 48 C.F.R. 52.222.54 for the text of the FAR E-Verify clause and the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors for complete information.

1. If the Web Services Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.
2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Web Services Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Web Services Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.
 - a. A Web Services Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Web Services Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Web Services Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Web Services Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
 - b. Web Services Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Web Services Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Web Services Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires



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of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. A Web Services Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

- c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Web Services Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
- d. Upon enrollment, Web Services Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Web Services Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.
- e. The Web Services Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:
 - i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
 - ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
 - iii. The Web Services Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).
- f. The Web Services Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.10 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:
 - i. The Web Services Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.10,
 - ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
 - iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.A.10, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Web Services Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.



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2. DHS agrees to provide to the Web Services Employer appropriate assistance with operational problems that may arise during the Web Services Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS agrees to provide the Web Services Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to make available to the Web Services Employer at the E-Verify Web site www.E-Verify.gov and on the E-Verify Web browser (<https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/>), instructional materials on E-Verify policies, procedures and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide training materials on E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to provide to the Web Services Employer a notice that indicates the Web Services Employer's participation in the E-Verify program. DHS also agrees to provide to the Web Services Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
5. DHS agrees to issue the Web Services Employer a user identification number and password that permits the Employer to verify information provided by its employees with DHS.
6. DHS agrees to safeguard the information provided to DHS by the Web Services Employer, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification of employees' employment eligibility and for evaluation of the E-Verify program, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security Numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and Federal criminal or anti-discrimination laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
7. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that is designed (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) to provide confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records as necessary) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo non-match tentative nonconfirmations that is designed to provide final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.
9. DHS agrees to provide the Web Services Employer with an Interface Control Agreement (ICA). This document will provide technical requirements that the Web Services Employer must meet to create and maintain a Web Services interface to the Verification Information System (VIS). VIS is a composite information system that provides immigration status verification for government agencies and verification of employment authorization for employers participating in E-Verify.
10. DHS agrees to provide periodic system enhancements to improve the ease and accuracy of E-Verify, as needed. DHS will also provide E-Verify enhancements to comply with applicable laws and regulations. As enhancements occur, Web Services Employers must update their Web Services interface to reflect



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system changes within the timelines specified in Article V.A.1. DHS will provide the Web Services Employer with an ICA to support the E-Verify release whenever system enhancements are required.

11. DHS agrees to provide to the Web Services Employer guidance on breach notification and a means by which the Web Services Employer can report any and all suspected or confirmed breaches of owned or used systems or data spills related to E-Verify cases. At this time, if the Employer encounters a suspected or confirmed breach or data spill, it should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

12. In the event the Web Services Employer is subject to penalties, DHS will issue a Notice of Adverse Action that describes the specific violations if it intends to suspend or terminate the employer's Web Services interface access. The Web Services Employer agrees that DHS shall not be liable for any financial losses to the Web Services Employer, its employees, or any other party as a result of your account suspension or termination and agrees to hold DHS harmless from any such claims.

ARTICLE III REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Web Services Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Web Services Employer must print the notice and promptly provide it to the employee so that the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation. The Web Services Employer must review the tentative nonconfirmation with the employee in private. After the notice has been signed, the Web Services Employer must give a copy of the signed notice to the employee and attach a copy to the employee's Form I-9.
2. The Web Services Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by the automated system based on a tentative nonconfirmation, and only after the Web Services Employer records the case verification number, reviews the input to detect any transaction errors, and determines that the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Web Services Employer will transmit the Social Security Number to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so. The Web Services Employer will determine whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives it.
3. If the employee contests an SSA tentative nonconfirmation, the Web Services Employer will provide the employee with a system-generated referral letter and instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Web Services Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary. The Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
4. The Web Services Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the Social Security Number from the SSA.



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B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Web Services Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Web Services Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Web Services Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Web Services Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Web Services Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Web Services Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. The Web Services Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.
4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Web Services Employer will instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.
5. If the Web Services Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Web Services Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.
6. The Web Services Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Web Services Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:
 - a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
 - b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).
7. The Web Services Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.
8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Web Services Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
9. While waiting for case results, the Web Services Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
10. DHS agrees to provide the Web Services Employer with an Interface Control Agreement (ICA).



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This document will provide technical requirements that the Web Services Employer must meet to create and maintain a Web Services interface to the Verification Information System (VIS). VIS is a composite information system that provides immigration status verification for government agencies and verification of employment authorization for employers participating in E-Verify.

11. DHS agrees to provide periodic system enhancements to improve the ease and accuracy of E-Verify, as needed. DHS will also provide E-Verify enhancements to comply with applicable laws and regulations. As enhancements occur, Web Services Employers must update their Web Services interface to reflect system changes within the timelines specified in Article V.A.1. DHS will provide the Web Services Employer with an ICA to support the E-Verify release whenever system enhancements are required.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer or the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V SYSTEM SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE

A. DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Software developed by Web Services Employers must comply with federally-mandated information security policies and industry security standards to include but not limited to:

- a. Public Law 107-347, "E-Government Act of 2002, Title III, Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)," December 2002.
- b. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum (M-10-15), "FY 2010 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management," April 2010.
- c. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS).
- d. International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 27002, Information Technology — Security Techniques — Code of Practice for Information Security Management.

2. The Web Services Employer agrees to update its Web Services interface to the satisfaction of DHS or its assignees to reflect system enhancements within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services User of the system update. The Web Services User will receive notice from DHS in the form



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of an Interface Control Agreement (ICA). The Web Services Employer agrees to institute changes to its interface as identified in the ICA, including all functionality identified and all data elements detailed therein.

3. The Web Services Employer agrees to demonstrate progress of its efforts to update its Web Services interface if and when DHS requests such progress reports.
4. The Web Services Employer acknowledges that if its system enhancements are not completed to the satisfaction of DHS or its assignees within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services Employer of the system update, then the Web Services Employer's E-Verify account may be suspended, and support for previous releases of E-Verify may no longer be available to the Web Services Employer. The Web Services Employer also acknowledges that DHS may suspend its account after the six-month period has elapsed.
5. The Web Services Employer agrees to incorporate error handling logic into its development or software to accommodate and act in a timely fashion should an error code be returned.
6. The Web Services Employer agrees to complete the technical requirements testing which is confirmed upon receiving approval of test data and connectivity between the Web Services Employer and DHS.
7. DHS will not reimburse any Web Services Employer or software developer who has expended resources in the development or maintenance of a Web Services interface if that party is unable, or becomes unable, to meet any of the requirements set forth in this MOU.
8. Housing, development, infrastructure, maintenance, and testing of the Web Services applications may take place outside the United States and its territories, but testing must be conducted to ensure that the code is correct and secure.
9. If the Web Services Employer includes an electronic Form I-9 as part of its interface, then it must comply with the standards for electronic retention of Form I-9 found in 8 CFR 274a.2(e).

B. INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Web Services Employers performing verification services under this MOU must ensure that information shared between the Web Services Employer and DHS is appropriately protected comparable to the protection provided when the information is within the DHS environment [OMB Circular A-130 Appendix III].

To achieve this level of information security, the Web Services Employer agrees to institute the following procedures:

1. Conduct periodic assessments of risk, including the magnitude of harm that could result from the unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction of information and information systems that support the operations and assets of the DHS, SSA, and the Web Services Employer;



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2. Develop policies and procedures that are based on risk assessments, cost-effectively reduce information security risks to an acceptable level, and ensure that information security is addressed throughout the life cycle of each organizational information system;
3. Implement subordinate plans for providing adequate information security for networks, facilities, information systems, or groups of information systems, as appropriate;
4. Conduct security awareness training to inform the Web Services Employer's personnel (including contractors and other users of information systems that support the operations and assets of the organization) of the information security risks associated with their activities and their responsibilities in complying with organizational policies and procedures designed to reduce these risks;
5. Develop periodic testing and evaluation of the effectiveness of information security policies, procedures, practices, and security controls to be performed with a frequency depending on risk, but no less than once per year;
6. Develop a process for planning, implementing, evaluating, and documenting remedial actions to address any deficiencies in the information security policies, procedures, and practices of the organization;
7. Implement procedures for detecting, reporting, and responding to security incidents;
8. Create plans and procedures to ensure continuity of operations for information systems that support the operations and assets of the organization;
9. In information-sharing environments, the information owner is responsible for establishing the rules for appropriate use and protection of the subject information and retains that responsibility even when the information is shared with or provided to other organizations [NIST SP 800-37].
10. DHS reserves the right to restrict Web Services calls from certain IP addresses.
11. DHS reserves the right to audit the Web Services Employer's application.
12. Web Services Employers agree to cooperate willingly with the DHS assessment of information security and privacy practices used by the company to develop and maintain the software.

C. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

1. Web Services Employers must practice proper Internet security; this means using HTTP over SSL/TLS (also known as HTTPS) when accessing DHS information resources such as E-Verify [NIST SP 800-95]. Internet security practices like this are necessary because Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP), which provides a basic messaging framework on which Web Services can be built, allows messages to be viewed or modified by attackers as messages traverse the Internet and is not independently designed with all the necessary security protocols for E-Verify use.
2. In accordance with DHS standards, the Web Services Employer agrees to maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to appropriately protect the information shared under this MOU



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the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Web Services Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Web Services Employer's business.

3. A Web Services Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Web Services Employer must provide written notice to DHS. If the Web Services Employer fails to provide such notice, then that Web Services Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

4. The Web Services Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Web Services Employer or the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VII PARTIES

A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Web Services Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

C. The Web Services Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.

D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Web Services Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Web Services Employer.

E. The Web Services Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Web Services Employer and DHS respectively. The Web Services Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Web Services Employer,



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requirements as directed by state and local law. The Web Services Employer is subject to applicable state laws regarding data protection and incident reporting in addition to the requirements herein.

E. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS

1. DHS reserves the right to terminate the access of any software developer with or without notice who creates or uses an interface that does not comply with E-Verify procedures.
2. Employers are prohibited from Web Services Software development unless they also create cases in E-Verify to verify their new hires' work authorization. Those pursuing software development without intending to use E-Verify are not eligible to receive an ICA. At this time, E-Verify does not permit Web Services software development without also being a Web Services Employer or Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent.

F. PENALTIES

1. The Web Services Employer agrees that any failure on its part to comply with the terms of the MOU may result in account suspension, termination, or other adverse action.
2. DHS is not liable for any financial losses to Web Services Employer, its clients, or any other party as a result of account suspension or termination.

ARTICLE VI MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.
2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

B. TERMINATION

1. The Web Services Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Web Services Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Web Services Employer, or a failure on the part of either party to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Web Services Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect



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its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Web Services Employer.

Approved by:

Web Services Employer BG Services	
Name (Please Type or Print) Hope A Litzsinger	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 03/22/2021
Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division	
Name (Please Type or Print) USCIS Verification Division	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 03/22/2021



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against loss, theft, misuse, unauthorized access, and improper disclosure, copying use, modification or deletion.

3. Any data transmission requiring encryption shall comply with the following standards:
 - Products using FIPS 197 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithms with at least 256-bit encryption that has been validated under FIPS 140-2.
 - NSA Type 2 or Type 1 encryption.
4. User ID Management (Set Standard): All information exchanged between the parties under this MOU will be done only through authorized Web Services Employer representatives identified above.
5. The Web Services Employer agrees to use the E-Verify browser instead of its own interface if it has not yet upgraded its interface to comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) system changes. In addition, Web Services Employers whose interfaces do not support the Form I-9 from 2/2/2009 or 8/7/2009 agree to use the E-Verify browser until the system upgrade is completed.
6. The Web Services Employer agrees to use the E-Verify browser instead of its own interface if it has not completed updates to its system to the satisfaction of DHS or its assignees within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services Employer of the system update. The Web Services Employer can resume use of its interface once it is up-to-date, unless the Web Services Employer has been suspended or terminated from continued use of the system.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Web Services Employer agrees to develop an electronic system that is not subject to any agreement or other requirement that would restrict access and use by an agency of the United States.
2. The Web Services Employer agrees to develop effective controls to ensure the integrity, accuracy and reliability of its electronic system.
3. The Web Services Employer agrees to develop an inspection and quality assurance program that regularly (at least once per year) evaluates the electronic system, and includes periodic checks of electronically stored information. The Web Services Employer agrees to share the results of its regular inspection and quality assurance program with DHS upon request.
4. The Web Services Employer agrees to develop an electronic system with the ability to produce legible copies of applicable notices, letters, and other written, photographic and graphic materials.
5. All information exchanged between the parties under this MOU will be in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, including but not limited to, information security guidelines of the sending party with respect to any information that is deemed Personally Identifiable Information (PII), including but not limited to the employee or applicant's Social Security number, alien number, date of birth, or other information that may be used to identify the individual.
6. Suspected and confirmed information security breaches must be reported to DHS according to Article V.C.1. Reporting such breaches does not relieve the Web Services Employer from further



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Information Required for the E-Verify Program	
Information relating to your Company:	
Company Name	BG Services
Company Facility Address	8854 Frost Ave Berkeley, MO 63134
Company Alternate Address	
County or Parish	SAINT LOUIS
Employer Identification Number	593446873
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	424
Parent Company	
Number of Employees	20 to 99
Number of Sites Verified for	1 site(s)



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Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

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