



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF KERN
REQUEST FOR QUOTE No. RFQ2023-07**

By: Ms. Leticia Rojo, Supervising Buyer

Date: 6/2/2023

Bid Due Date: June 9th, 2023

The Superior Court of California, County of Kern (the "Court") is considering the purchase and installation of window blinds for offices located at 1430 Truxtun Ave., 5th floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Interested vendors shall complete and sign the quote below and submit it to the Court.

Mandatory Job Walk: A job walk is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. promptly. Interested bidders shall gather outside 1430 Truxtun Ave. (outside the Bank of America entrance on Truxtun). Confirm attendance to Leticia Rojo at Leticia.Rojo@kern.courts.ca.gov by end of day on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023.

NOTE: Vendors not attending this job walk cannot submit bids for this project.

Quote Due Date and Time: No later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023. The Court must receive the quote before the Quote Due Date and Time indicated.

Submit Quote Via:

- E-Mail to: purchasing@kern.courts.ca.gov OR
 Deliver to: 1415 Truxtun Ave., Rm 212, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Court Contact: Leticia Rojo Phone: (661) 868-5462 Email: leticia.rojo@kern.courts.ca.gov

Delivery:

- Installation must be completed by July 9th, 2023.

Award Basis: The Court will award to the lowest bid that meets specifications, including meeting the installation timeline of July 9th, 2023.

Instructions to Bidder:

1. Review description of each required item. Provide quote/unit and calculate the extended cost. Unit Cost quoted is used to calculate extension costs.
2. Review Rules Governing Non-IT and IT Goods and Services RFQs (available at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf>).

Notes:

1. Vendor must submit a copy of its California Sellers's Permit with its quote (see the Rules Governing Non-IT and IT Goods and Services RFQ (available at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf>) for additional details.

Bidders shall provide a lump sum quote to include all labor, materials, equipment, tax and incidentals required to provide and install blinds in accordance with the specifications listed below:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Extension
1	All labor, materials, equipment, tax and incidentals required to provide and install Roller Shade Window blinds in 26 offices located at 1430 Truxtun Ave., 5 th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301 in accordance with the minimum specifications and scope of work below. Breakdown of cost: Labor: \$ _____ Materials: \$ _____ Tax: \$ _____	1	LS	\$ _____	\$ _____
	<u>MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS</u>	COMPLY (YES/NO)		<u>EXCEPTION TAKEN? (YES/NO) provide detail on exception taken to spec.</u>	
A	Blinds shall be Roller shade window blinds				
B	Equinox Solar Screen shades fabric – 3% Medium Gray				
C	Black 4" fascia and black metal chain				
D	Installation completed by July 9, 2023				
<u>Scope of work:</u> 1. Vendor shall remove existing blinds and dispose of them. 2. Supply and install new roller shade window blinds for 26 offices (approximately 42 sets of blinds within the 26 offices depending on the width of the blinds - - we will be covering multiple windows with sets of blinds) 3. Installation must be completed by July 9 th , 2023.					
<u>Contractor License and DIR Requirements:</u> Work under this project requires a C61/D52 Contractor License and payment of prevailing wages Contractor License No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____ DIR Registration No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____					
<u>Insurance: Awarded vendor shall provide insurance in the amounts indicated on Appendix A attached prior to start of installation.</u>					

Make/Model Quoted _____

Warranty: _____

Delivery/installation date: _____

Payment Terms: _____

Additional Information, if applicable:

DVBE CERTIFICATION APPLICABLE YES _____ NO _____

SB CERTIFICATION (small business enterprise) YES _____ NO _____

Please provide documentation and certification number, see terms and conditions attached for instructions.

If selected by the Court, Vendor agrees (i) to sell the requested goods to the Court at the prices specified above, (ii) to deliver the goods to the Court by the dated specified above, and (iii) that the purchase will be governed solely by the Courts Purchase Order Terms and Conditions (attached) without regard to any additional or other terms and conditions proposed by Vendor. Vendor acknowledges that this RFQ is governed by the Court's Rules Governing Non-IT and IT Goods and Services RFQs (attached).

Submitted by: _____

(Print or type name and title)

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

TAX ID: _____

Rules Governing non-IT and IT Goods and Services RFQs

1	<p>Submission of Quotes. Vendor must sign and submit its quote using the Court’s form. Quotes may be submitted by mail (to the address specified on the quote) or by fax (to the fax number specified on the quote). Quotes sent to any other address or fax number will not be considered. The Court must receive the quote on or before the Quote Due Date and Time. Late quotes will not be accepted.</p>
2	<p>Faxed Quotes. All pages of a faxed quote received before the Quote Due Date and Time will be considered the complete quote. Please be advised that there may be a heavy demand placed on the fax machine receiving quotes and the Court assumes no responsibility if Vendor cannot transmit its quote via fax, or if the entire quote is not received before the Quote Due Date and Time.</p>
3	<p>Process. Before the Quote Due Date and Time, the Court may cancel the RFQ for any or no reason. After the Quote Due Date and Time, the Court may reject all quotes and cancel the RFQ if the Court determines that: (i) the quotes received are not really competitive; (ii) the cost is not reasonable; (iii) the cost exceeds the amount expected; or (iv) awarding the contract is not in the best interest of the Court. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the items in the quote, to award the contract in whole or in part and/or negotiate any or all items with a vendor if it is deemed in the Court’s best interest. The RFQ is not an order, agreement, or obligation on behalf of the Court, and in no way is the Court responsible for the cost of preparing the quote.</p>
4	<p>Offer Period. Vendor may withdraw its quote at any time before the Quote Due Date and Time by notifying the Court in writing of its withdrawal. The notice must be signed by Vendor. Quotes cannot be changed or withdrawn after the Quote Due Date and Time; Vendor’s quote is an irrevocable offer for ninety (90) days following the Quote Due Date and Time.</p>
5	<p>Terms. Upon award of the contract, the Court will issue a purchase order (including the Court’s Purchase Order Terms and Conditions) to the selected vendor. Quotes that reference other terms and conditions or propose changes to the Court’s Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, may be rejected. If the selected vendor rejects or attempts to amend or supplement the Court’s purchase order, the Court may cancel the award and award the contract to the next qualified vendor.</p>
6	<p>Award Basis. If the “lowest responsive quote” box is checked, the contract will be awarded (if at all) to the responsible Vendor that submitted the lowest responsive quote. If the “highest scored quote” box is checked, the contract will be awarded (if at all) to the responsible Vendor that submitted the highest scored quote. In the event of a tie, the contract will be awarded to the winner of a single coin toss. The coin toss will be witnessed by two Court employees. The Court will provide notice of the date and time of the coin toss to the affected vendors, who may attend the coin toss at their own expense. During the evaluation process, the Court may require Vendor to answer questions or provide clarifications regarding Vendor’s quote. Failure to answer such questions or provide the requested clarifications may result in the quote being deemed non-responsive.</p>
7	<p>Seller’s Permit and Payee Data Record. Vendor must submit with its quote, for itself and each of its affiliates that make sales for delivery into California, a copy of either (a) a California seller’s permit issued under Revenue and Taxation Code (“RTC”) 6066 et seq. or (b) a certificate of registration issued under RTC 6226. If awarded the contract, Vendor must complete and submit to the Court a Payee Data Record form.</p>
8	<p>Certifications. Vendor certifies: (i) [<i>Darfur Contracting Act</i>] it is not a “scrutinized company” as defined in Public Contract Code (“PCC”) 10476 (applicable if Vendor currently or within the previous three years has had business activities or other operations outside of the United States); (ii) [<i>Congolese Conflict minerals</i>] it is not a “scrutinized company” as defined in PCC 10490(b), or the goods or services Vendor would provide to the Court are not related to products or services that are the reason Vendor must comply with Section 13(p) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; (iii) [<i>DVBE Violation</i>] Vendor is not on the Department of General Services’ (“DGS”) list of firms and persons that have been suspended or debarred from contracting with the state because of a violation of PCC 10115.10, regarding disabled veteran business enterprises (“DVBEs”); and (iv) [<i>Tax delinquency</i>] it is not on the Franchise Tax Board’s list of 500 largest state income tax delinquencies, or the Board of Equalization’s list of 500 largest delinquent sales and use tax accounts.</p>
9	<p>DVBE Incentive. Eligibility for and application of the DVBE incentive are governed by the Court’s DVBE Rules and Procedures. Vendor will receive a DVBE incentive if, in the Court’s sole determination, Vendor has met all applicable requirements.</p> <p>DVBE incentive qualification is optional. Failure to qualify for the DVBE incentive will not render a quote non-responsive.</p> <p>For lowest responsive quote RFQs: if Vendor receives the DVBE incentive, the dollar amount of its quote will be reduced (for evaluation purposes only) by an amount equal to 3% of the lowest responsive quote. For highest scored quote RFQs: if Vendor receives the DVBE incentive, a specified number of points will be added to the score assigned to Vendor’s quote.</p> <p>To receive the DVBE incentive, at least 3% of the contract goods and/or services must be provided by a DVBE performing a commercially useful function. Or, Vendor may have an approved Business Utilization Plan (“BUP”) on file with DGS.</p> <p>If Vendor wishes to seek the DVBE incentive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vendor must complete and submit with its quote the “Bidder Declaration” document (available from the Court upon request). Vendor must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.

	<p>2. Vendor must submit with its quote a "DVBE Declaration" document (available from the Court upon request) completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Vendor is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Vendor will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. NOTE: The DVBE Declaration is not required if Vendor will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.</p> <p>Failure to complete and submit these forms as required will result in Vendor not receiving the DVBE incentive. In addition, the Court may request additional written clarifying information. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in Vendor not receiving the DVBE incentive. If Vendor receives the DVBE incentive: (i) Vendor will be required to complete a post-contract DVBE certification if DVBE subcontractors are used; (ii) Vendor must use any DVBE subcontractor(s) identified in its quote unless the Court approves in writing the substitution of another DVBE; and (iii) failure to meet the DVBE commitment set forth in its quote will constitute a breach of contract. FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DVBE INCENTIVE IS A MISDEMEANOR AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT OR FINE, AND VIOLATORS ARE LIABLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES. SEE MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE 999.9.</p>
10	<p>Errors. If errors are found in a quote, the Court may reject the quote. The Court may, at its sole option, correct arithmetic or transposition errors or both. The Court may or may not waive an immaterial deviation or defect in a quote. The Court's waiver of an immaterial deviation or defect shall in no way modify the RFQ or excuse a Vendor from full compliance with RFQ specifications.</p>
11	<p>Protests. Any protests will be handled in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Judicial Branch Contract Manual (see www.courts.ca.gov/documents/jbcl-manual.pdf). Failure to comply with the protest procedures set forth in that chapter will render a protest inadequate and non-responsive and will result in rejection of the protest. The deadline for the Court to receive a solicitation specifications protest is Quote Due Date and Time. Protests should be sent to the Court Contact on the page 1 of the RFQ.</p>
12	<p>Confidential information. Quotes are subject to disclosure pursuant to applicable provisions of the PCC and Rule 10.500 of the California Rules of Court. Disclosure will be made regardless of whether the quote (or portions thereof) is marked "confidential," "proprietary," or otherwise, and regardless of any statement in the quote (a) purporting to limit the Court's right to disclose information in the quote, or (b) requiring the Court to inform or obtain the consent of Vendor prior to the disclosure of the quote (or portions thereof). Accordingly, Vendor should not include confidential or proprietary information in its quote.</p>
13	<p>Miscellaneous. It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a "loss leader" as defined in Business and Professions Code 17030. It is unlawful to prohibit a printer or copier cartridge that is sold to a judicial branch entity from being recycled or remanufactured.</p>

EXHIBIT A

DARFUR CONTRACTING ACT CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Public Contract Code (PCC) section 10478, if a proposer currently or within the previous three years has had business activities or other operations outside of the United States,

it must either (i) certify that it is not a "scrutinized company" as defined in PCC 10476, or (ii) receive written permission from the JBE to submit a proposal.

To submit a proposal to the JBE, the proposer must insert its company name and Federal ID Number below and complete **ONLY ONE** of the following three paragraphs. To complete paragraph 1 or 2, simply check the corresponding box. To complete paragraph 3, check the corresponding box **and** complete the certification for paragraph 3.

<i>Company Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Federal ID Number</i>
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Checking Box (for paragraph 1 or 2 below)</i>	

1. We do not currently have, and we have not had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States.

OR

2. We are a "scrutinized company" as defined in PCC 10476, but we have received written permission from the JBE to submit a proposal pursuant to PCC 10477(b). *A copy of the written permission from the JBE is included with our proposal.*

OR

3. We currently have, or we have had within the previous three years, business activities or other operations outside of the United States, but we **certify below** that we are not a "scrutinized company" as defined in PCC 10476.

CERTIFICATION FOR PARAGRAPH 3:

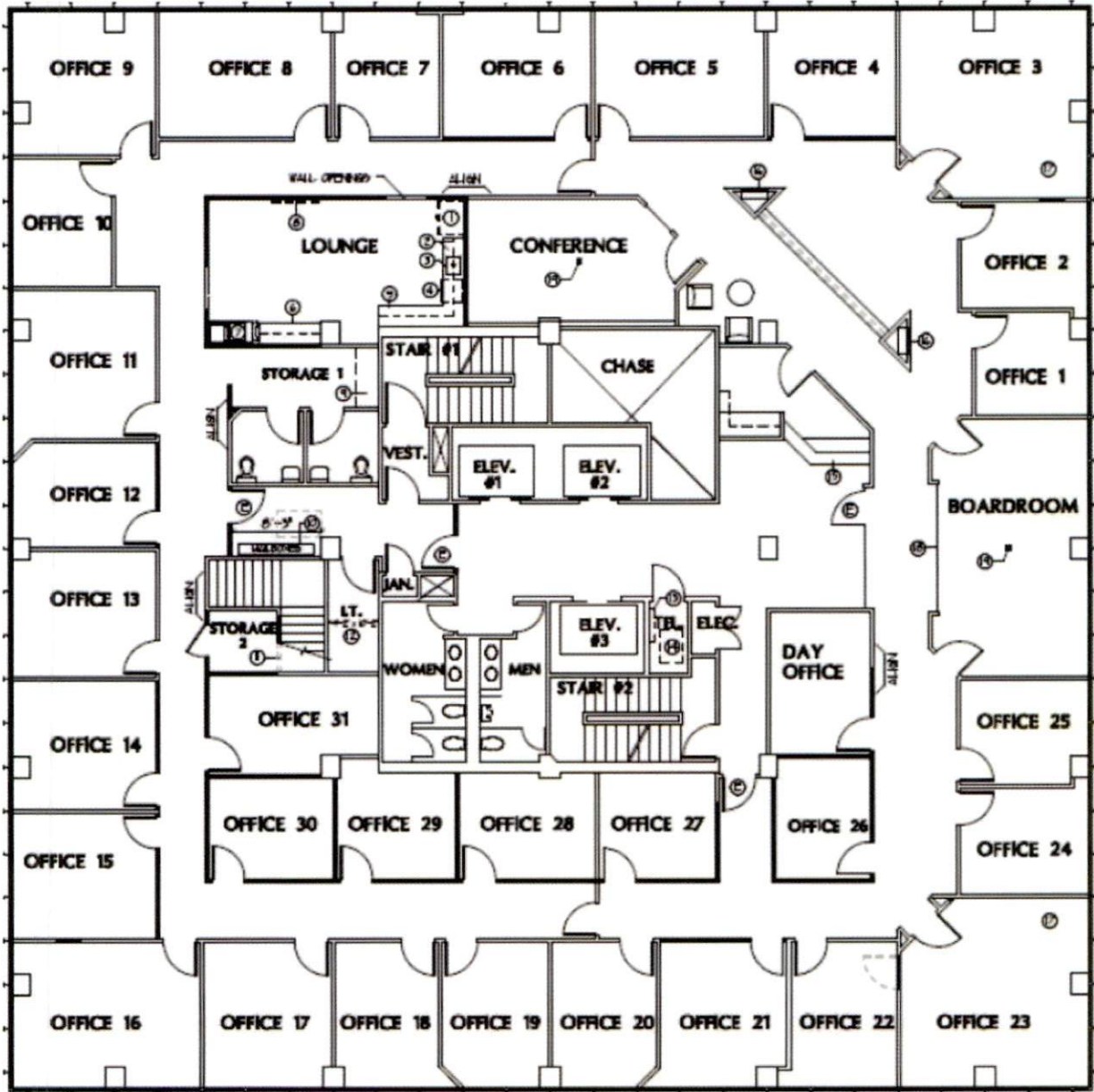
I, the official named below, CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, that I am duly authorized to legally bind the proposer to the clause in paragraph 3. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>Company Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Federal ID Number</i>
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>	
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>	
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County of _____ in the State of _____</i>

Superior Court of California, County of Kern

1430 TRUXTUN AVENUE, 5TH FLOOR

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301



PAYEE DATA RECORD

Required in lieu of IRS W-9 form when receiving payments from
the Judicial Council of California (JCC) on behalf of the Superior Courts of California

**1
Instructions**

See page two for additional instructional information and Privacy Statement. Complete all information on this form, sign, and date. Prompt return of this fully completed form will prevent delays when processing payments. Information provided in this form will be used to prepare Information Returns (1099). Return this form to your court representative who will forward it to the Judicial Council of California.

SECTIONS 2 THRU 5 – VENDOR COMPLETE

**2
Legal
Name**

PAYEE'S LEGAL NAME - AS SHOWN ON FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN		
BUSINESS NAME - IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
REMITTANCE MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		
PHONE NUMBER		

**3
Payee
Entity
Type**

**Complete
One Box
Only**

ENTER FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN)

<input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> EXEMPT (NON-PROFIT)
<input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION – LEGAL	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL)
<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL/SOLE PROPRIETOR	<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION – MEDICAL	<input type="checkbox"/> ESTATE OR TRUST

ENTER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)

Note: If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN; however, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN. For trial court employee vendor number, the SSN is not required

NOTE:
A taxpayer
identification number
is required

**4
Resident
Status**

check the
appropriate box

California Resident - Qualified to do business in California or maintains place of business

California Nonresident (see page 2) – Payment(s) to non-resident for services may be subject to State Income Tax withholding.

No services performed in California

Copy of Franchise Tax Board waiver of State Withholding attached

**5
Certification**

NOTE:
See instructions on
page 2

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, as defined by the IRS.

**I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury that the information provided on this document is true and correct.
Should my information change, I will promptly notify the JCC at the address listed in Section 1.**

**Vendor
Contact
Information
and
Signature**

VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME (Type or Print)	TITLE	E-MAIL
AUTHORIZED VENDOR SIGNATURE	DATE	TELEPHONE

SECTION 6 – COURT COMPLETE

**6
Vendor
Category**

Please choose from the JCC Vendor Category below

<input type="checkbox"/> ARBITRATOR	<input type="checkbox"/> COURT REPORTER	<input type="checkbox"/> MEDIATOR
<input type="checkbox"/> BENEFIT PROVIDER	<input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED FINAL PAYMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RENT
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE	<input type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT/ AWARDS
<input type="checkbox"/> COURT APPT. COUNSEL	<input type="checkbox"/> GARNISHMENT TRUSTEE	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER
<input type="checkbox"/> COURT INTERPRETER	<input type="checkbox"/> GRAND JURY	<input type="checkbox"/> RETIREE – <i>(description required)</i>

**Court
Contact**

COURT CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
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Requirement to Complete Payee Data Record

A completed Payee Data Record (in lieu of the IRS W-9) is required for payments and will be kept on file at the Judicial Council of California, Trial Court Administrative Services Office. Since each state agency with which you do business must have a separate Payee Data Record on file, it is possible for a payee to receive a similar form from various state agencies.

SECTIONS 2 THRU 5 – VENDOR COMPLETE

2	<p>Enter the payee's legal name. Sole proprietorships must also include the owner's full name.</p> <p>An individual must list his/her legal name as it appears on his/her Federal Income tax return. If a different name is used, that name should also be entered, beneath the legal name.</p> <p>The mailing address should be the address at which the payee chooses to receive correspondence. The business address is the physical location of business, if different than mailing address. The phone number, e-mail address, and facsimile number should also be provided.</p>
3	<p>Check the box that corresponds to the payee business type. Check only one box. Corporations must check the box that identifies the type of corporation.</p> <p>The State of California requires that all parties entering into business transactions that may lead to payment(s) from the State provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN is required by the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 18646 to facilitate tax compliance enforcement activities and the preparation of Form 1099 and other information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code Section 6109(a).</p> <p>The TIN for individuals is their Social Security Number (SSN). A sole proprietor may have both a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and a SSN, the IRS prefers that sole proprietors use their SSN. Only partnerships, estates, trusts, and corporations will enter their FEIN.</p>
4	<p>Are you a California resident or non-resident?</p> <p>A corporation will be defined as a "resident" if it has a permanent place of business in California or is qualified through the Secretary of State to do business in California.</p> <p>A partnership is considered a resident partnership if it has a permanent place of business in California.</p> <p>An estate is a resident if the decedent was a California resident at the time of death.</p> <p>A trust is a resident if at least one trustee is a California resident.</p> <p>For individuals and sole proprietors, the term "resident" includes every individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose. Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose that will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a non-resident.</p> <p>Payments to all non-residents may be subject to withholding. Non-resident payees performing services in California or receiving rent, lease, or royalty payments from property (real or personal) located in California will have 7% of their total payments withheld for State income taxes. However, no withholding is required if total payments to the payee are \$1,500 or less for the calendar year.</p> <p>For information on Non-resident Withholding, contact the Franchise Tax Board at the numbers listed below: Withholding Services and Compliance Section: 1-888-792-4900 E-mail address: wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov For hearing impaired with TDD, call: 1-800-822-6268 Website: www.ftb.ca.gov</p>
5	<p><u>This form must be signed.</u> Provide the name, title, e-mail, and telephone number of the individual completing this form. Also, provide the date the form was completed.</p> <p><u>Certification Instructions:</u> You must cross out item 2 if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. If you are not a U.S. Citizen or U.S. person, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, a different form may be required and tax withholdings may apply. See IRS website http://www.irs.gov/businesses/international/index.html for additional information.</p>

SECTION 6 – COURT COMPLETE

6	<p>Please check the box that best describes the type of business/work the vendor provides. This will assist us in processing payment and tax withholdings. If the court is sending the request, please include contact information to assist with processing your request. Not including court contact information may delay processing the request.</p>
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Privacy Statement: Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires that any federal, State, or local governmental agency, which requests an individual to disclose their social security account number, shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by which statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.

It is mandatory to furnish the information requested. Federal law requires that payment for which the requested information is not provided is subject to federal backup withholding and State law imposes non-compliance penalties of up to \$20,000.

You have the right to access records containing your personal information, such as your SSN. To exercise the right, please contact the business services unit or the accounts payable unit of the state agency(ies) with which you transact that business.

APPENDIX A

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Indemnity

Contractor shall indemnify and defend (with counsel satisfactory to the JBE Office of the General Counsel) Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees and costs, founded upon (i) Contractor's performance of, or failure to perform, the Services or Contractor's other duties under this Agreement, or (ii) any other breach by Contractor of this Agreement. Contractor's duties of indemnification exclude indemnifying a party for that portion of losses and expenses that are finally determined by a reviewing court to have arisen out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified party.

2. Insurance

2.1 Basic Coverage. Contractor shall provide and maintain at Contractor's expense the following insurance during the Term:

- A. *Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability.* The policy is required only if Contractor have employees. It must include workers' compensation to meet minimum requirements of the California Labor Code, and it must provide coverage for employer's liability bodily injury at minimum limits of \$1 million per accident or disease;
- B. *Commercial General Liability.* The policy must cover bodily injury and property damage liability, including coverage for the products – completed operations hazard and liability assumed in a contract , personal and advertising injury liability, and contractual liability, at minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence, combined single limit; and
- C. *Commercial Automobile Liability.* The policy must cover bodily injury and property damage liability and be applicable to all vehicles used in your performance of Services under this Agreement whether owned, non-owned, leased, or hired. The minimum liability limit must be \$1 million per occurrence, combined single limit.

2.2 "Claims Made" Coverage. If any required insurance is written on a "claims made" form, Contractor shall maintain the coverage continuously throughout the Term, and, without lapse, for three years beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement and the JBE's acceptance of all Services provided under this Agreement. The retroactive date or "prior acts inclusion date" of any "claims made" policy must be no later than the date that Services commence under this Agreement.

- 2.3 Umbrella Policies.** Contractor may satisfy basic coverage limits through any combination of basic coverage and commercial umbrella liability insurance.
- 2.4 Aggregate Limits of Liability.** The basic coverage limits of liability may be subject to annual aggregate limits. If this is the case the annual aggregate limits of liability must be at least two times the limits required for each policy, or the aggregate may equal the limits required but must apply separately to this Agreement.
- 2.5 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions.** Contractor shall declare to the JBE all deductibles and self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000 per occurrence. Any increases in deductibles or self-insured retentions that exceed \$100,000 per occurrence are subject to the JBE's approval. Deductibles and self-insured retentions do not limit Contractor's liability.
- 2.6 Additional Insured Status.** Contractor shall require Contractor's commercial general liability insurer, Contractor's commercial automobile liability insurer, and, if applicable, Contractor's commercial umbrella liability insurer to name Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's Services under this Agreement.
- 2.7 Certificates of Insurance.** Before Contractor begin performing Services, Contractor shall give the JBE certificates of insurance attesting to the existence of coverage, and stating that the policies will not be canceled, terminated, or amended to reduce coverage without 30 or more days' prior written notice to the JBE. Any replacement certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of the JBE, and, without prejudice to the JBE, Contractor shall not perform work before the JBE approves the certificates.
- 2.8 Qualifying Insurers.** For insurance to satisfy the requirements of this section, all required insurance must be issued by an insurer with an A.M. Best rating of A - or better that is approved to do business in the State of California.
- 2.9 Required Policy Provisions.** Each policy must provide, as follows:
- A. *Insurance Primary; Waiver of Subrogation.* The basic coverage provided is primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel, and the basic coverage insurer waives any and all rights of subrogation against Judicial Branch Entities and Judicial Branch Personnel; and
 - B. *Separation of Insureds.* The commercial general liability policy, or, if maintained in lieu of that policy, the commercial umbrella liability policy, applies separately to each insured against whom a claim is made and/or a lawsuit is brought, to the limits of the insurer's liability.