

**City of San Antonio**  
**Finance Department - Procurement Division**  
**Local Preference Program Identification Form**

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The City of San Antonio Local Preference Program, described in the San Antonio City Code Chapter 2, Article XII, establishes a local preference for specific contracting categories. Each time a bidder or respondent submits a bid for a solicitation, this Local Preference Program Identification Form must be completed and turned in with the solicitation response in order to be identified as a City Business and receive the preference described below. The City will not rely on Local Preference Program Identification Forms submitted with prior or contemporaneous bids or proposals.

The Local Preference Program allows the City to grant a preference to a business meeting the definition of *City Business* in the award of the following types of contracts, when selection is made based on price alone:

- Personal Property (Goods / Supplies): The local bidder's price must be within 5% of the price of the lowest non-local bidder for contracts of \$50,000 to under \$500,000; or within 3% of the price of the lowest non-local bidder for contracts of \$500,000 or more
- Non-professional Services: The local bidder's price must be within 5% of the price of the lowest nonlocal bidder for contracts of \$50,000 to under \$500,000;
- Construction Services: The local bidder's price must be within 5% of the price of the lowest non-local bidder for contracts of \$50,000 to under \$100,000, excluding contracts awarded using alternative delivery methods.

The Local Preference Program also allows the award of additional points, when multiple evaluation criteria are used in the award of professional service contracts, where the selection process is not governed by statute and in revenue generating and concession contracts. A business meeting the definition of *City Business* stated below may be awarded 10 points for being headquartered within the city, or 5 points for having a local office within the city.

Moreover, the program recognizes joint venture agreements and allows for apportioning of points based upon the percentage of ownership of joint ventures by *City Businesses* responding to solicitations for which discretionary points are applied. For solicitations where selection is made based on price alone, all members of a joint venture must be *City Businesses* for the preference to be applied.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Local Preference Program may be applicable to federally funded contracts where federal statutes or the federal grantor expressly mandates or encourages local geographic preference.

**City Business** is defined as a business, or non-profit organization, headquartered within the incorporated San Antonio city limits for one year or more OR one that meets the following conditions:

- Has an established place of business for one year or more in the incorporated limits of the City:
  - (a) from which at least 100 of its employees OR at least 20% of its total full-time, part-time and contract employees are regularly based; and
  - (b) from which a substantial role in the business' performance of a commercially useful function or a substantial part of its operations is conducted by those employees.

A location utilized solely as a post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any similar combination, with no other substantial work function, is not a *City Business*.

For the purposes of this program, Headquartered is defined as the place where a business entity's officers direct, control, and coordinate the entity's activities.

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NOTE: Bidders / Respondents are required to submit documentation to substantiate that the requirements of a City Business have been met. Examples of documentation may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Existence of local headquarters or office: For corporations, Texas Comptroller's listing of names/addresses of officers and directors. For partnerships, partnership agreement and any documents identifying the current managing partners and their current work addresses
2. Evidence of local headquarters or office in existence for one year or more: Utility bills, real property lease agreements, equipment leases, personal property taxes, real property taxes
3. Evidence of number of employees: Organizational charts, payroll records by location

CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO VALIDATE BIDDERS'/RESPONDENTS' DESIGNATION AS A CITY BUSINESS.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR RESPONSE EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SEEKING A LOCAL PREFERENCE. THE BIDDER / RESPONDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A CITY BUSINESS. IF BIDDER / RESPONDENT IS SUBMITTING AS A JOINT VENTURE, EACH CITY BUSINESS THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT VENTURE MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM.

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF BIDDER/ RESPONDENT IS SUBMITTING AS PART OF A JOINT VENTURE.** Joint Venture means a collaboration of business or non-profit entities, in response to a solicitation, which is manifested by a written agreement, between two or more independently owned/governed and controlled business firms to form a third business entity solely for purposes of undertaking distinct roles and responsibilities in the completion of a given contract. Under this business arrangement, each joint venture partner shares in the management of the joint venture and also shares in the profits or losses/surplus or deficits of the joint venture enterprise commensurately with its contribution to the venture.

STATE BIDDER'S / RESPONDENT'S PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN THE JOINT VENTURE: \_\_\_\_\_%

SUBMIT A COPY OF THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT. SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED BY CITY TO SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTANCE OF AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT VENTURE. NO PREFERENCE POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO A JOINT VENTURE THAT FAILS TO SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

SOLICITATION NAME/NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDER'S / RESPONDENT'S HEADQUARTERS:**

Name of Business or Non-Profit Entity:	
Physical Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Provide the total number of full-time, part-time, and contract personnel employed by Bidder / Respondent: _____	

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Is Business or Non-Profit Entity headquartered within the incorporated San Antonio city limits? (circle one)	Yes	No
Has the business or non-profit entity been headquartered in the incorporated San Antonio city limits for one year or more? (circle one)	Yes	No
If the answers to the questions above are "Yes", stop here. If the answer to either of the above questions is "No", provide responses to the following questions:		

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDER'S / RESPONDENT'S LOCAL OFFICE (IF APPLICABLE):**

Name of Business or Non-Profit Entity:		
Physical Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
Provide the total number of full-time, part-time, and contract personnel employed by Bidder / Respondent in the local office: _____		
Is the business or non-profit entity located in the incorporated San Antonio city limits? (circle one)	Yes	No
Has the business been located in the incorporated San Antonio city limits for one year or more? (circle one)	Yes	No
Are at least 100 full-time, part-time or contract employees regularly based in the San Antonio office? (circle one)	Yes	No
Are at least 20% of the business' total full-time, part-time or contract employees regularly based in the San Antonio office? (circle one)	Yes	No
Do the employees in the San Antonio office perform a substantial role in the business' performance of a commercially useful function or are a substantial part of the business' operations conducted in the San Antonio office? (circle one)	Yes	No

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

I certify that my responses and the information provided on this Local Preference Program Identification Form are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief and that I have made no willful misrepresentations on this form, nor have I withheld any relevant information in my statements and answers to questions. I am aware that any information given by me on this Local Preference Program Identification Form may be investigated and I hereby give my full permission for any such investigation, including the inspection of business records and site visits by City or its authorized representative. I fully acknowledge that any misrepresentations or omissions in my responses and information may cause my offer to be rejected or contract to be terminated. I further acknowledge that providing false information is grounds for debarment.

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BIDDER'S / RESPONDENT'S FULL NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) Authorized Representative of Bidder / Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) Authorized Representative of Bidder / Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This Local Preference Identification Form must be submitted with the bidder's /  
respondent's bid/proposal response.**