

## Certification Regarding the Public Nature of Responses

TRS must adhere to the requirements of Chapter 552 of the TGC (the "Texas Public Information Act") regarding the disclosure of public information. As a result, by participating in this solicitation process Respondent acknowledges that all information, documentation, and other materials submitted in response to this solicitation may be subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Response or the Contract, as applicable, and the Respondent agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Respondent knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

TRS does not have authority to agree that any information submitted will not be subject to disclosure. Disclosure is governed by the Texas Public Information Act. Respondents are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and proprietary or otherwise confidential information. TRS assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by Respondents.

If it is necessary for Respondent to include trade secrets or proprietary or otherwise confidential information in its submittal, Respondent must clearly mark in bold red letters the term "**CONFIDENTIAL**" using at least 14-point font, on that specific part or page of the submittal which Respondent believes to be confidential. All submittals and parts of submittals that are not marked confidential will be automatically considered to be public information. If TRS receives a public information request seeking information marked by Respondent as confidential, Respondent will receive notice of the request as required by the Texas Public Information Act. If TRS receives a public information request for submittals and parts of submittals that are not marked confidential, the information will be disclosed to the public as required by the Texas Public Information Act. Do not mark your entire Response as "**CONFIDENTIAL**."

By signing below, Respondent acknowledges and agrees to the terms of this Certification Regarding the Public Nature of Responses.

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Date Signed