



Request for Proposals - Communication and Media Consulting Services

Issued by the Cook County Land Bank Authority

August 12, 2022

Response Submissions and Bid will be accepted beginning Monday, August 15, 2022

Proposal Deadline: Friday, August 26 , 2022, at Noon

Address Proposal and Bid to:

Cook County Land Bank Authority
Eleanor Gorski, Executive Director
69 W. Washington, Suite 3100
Chicago, IL 60602

Responses and Bid to be submitted in electronic format (Adobe PDF preferred) and submitted to:
info@CookCountyLandBank.org

1. Introduction

The Cook County Land Bank (herein after “CCLBA”) is an agency established by Cook County ordinance in 2013 to address the large inventory of vacant residential, industrial and commercial property across the entire County’s service area.

The mission of CCLBA, its affiliates and instrumentalities (hereinafter, jointly referred to as “CCLBA”) is to create, high quality housing, commercial and industrial development opportunities for Cook County residents and businesses.

2. Solicitation Background & Anticipated Schedule

CCLBA is seeking to obtain proposals from firms qualified to perform services as described within the Scope of Work listed below.

It is the intention of CCLBA to award a contract for a term of one (1) year that is renewable up to three (3) additional years.

3. Reservation of Rights

In the past because CCLBA was largely in development, promotion of the Authority was not needed. As the Authority’s role has evolved from a concept to reality, there is a need to shed the startup image and redefine the CCLBA identity. CCLBA has expanded the population it serves and expanded the products it offers but community perceptions have not always kept pace with those changes.

CCLBA believes that a strong public profile and increased awareness of its expanded mission and of the vital role it plays in the community is critical to the Authority’s ongoing success. Services provided under this RFP should focus on articulating the message that CCLBA is an innovative, responsive, responsible and strategic force in economic development in Cook County.

4. Scope of Work

The scope of work being requested in this RFP is broken up into five areas of expertise as further described below:

- A. Develop a Brand and Pillars
- B. Develop a graphics package
- C. Media relations
- D. Event planning
- E. Crisis Communications

Respondents are asked to respond to those areas where they hold expertise, for there may be one or more successful vendors selected in response to this RFP.

- A. BRAND AND PILLARS. Develop an overall brand for the CCLBA and pillars to support the brand.

- a. Conduct a series of meetings/workshops with staff, board members and president's office
 - b. Review of recent press coverage/releases and social media to assess image of CCLBA and public perception
 - c. Propose up to 5 approaches and through a series of internal meetings, focus in on one approach
 - d. Prepare a message document with pillars for content.
 - e. Determine the quality and cadence of:
 - i. Social media
 - ii. Press strategy
 - iii. Community engagement
 - iv. Partner and organizational outreach
 - v. CCLBA website content and updates
- B. GRAPHICS. Develop an updated graphics package.
- a. Logo
 - b. Letterhead and other branding
 - c. Template for Powerpoint presentations
 - d. Template for on-line documents (graphics, fonts, etc.), including:
 - vi. Public budget documents
 - vii. Committee reports
 - viii. Year-End report
- e. Develop a comprehensive strategy for planning, producing, and releasing video & other animations which will include but is not limited to the following:
- i. Social Media Posts
 - ii. Website Content
 - iii. Educational infographics designed to describe CCLBA processes
 - iv. Interviews/Events
 - v. Any other responsibilities as deemed fit by CCLBA staff or the Executive Director
- C. MEDIA RELATIONS.
- a. With guidance from CCLBA staff and reference to the Brand and pillars, determine a regular cadence or calendar of op-eds, media outreach, etc. to support the agency.
 - b. Draft content and op-eds for CCLBA staff review and collaboration
 - c. Develop and implement proactive communications and public relations strategies to accurately portray the Authority and its programs and improve public acceptance of CCLBA programs and services.

- d. Use established media relationships to assist in securing optimal placement of press releases and other non-paid media to increase coverage and promote the Authority and its programs.
- e. Special attention should be given to development and execution of a strategy for African American and Spanish-speaking Media.
- f. Consult with and assist CCLBA and its housing partners to gain media attention for special events such as ground breakings and ribbon cuttings, for Authority/affiliate developed projects.
- g. Monthly meetings with CCLBA staff to determine larger-format stories to pitch to outlets
- h. Develop fact sheets about the CCLBA programs that can be used on the website and as stand-alone reference documents

D. EVENT PLANNING.

- a. With guidance from CCLBA staff, plan an annual calendar of 4-6 in-person events which could include:
 - ix. Location
 - x. Audio/visual set up
 - xi. Photographer (Maintain a box folder to save any photographs taken by a consultant at CCLBA event. Photographs become the property of the CCLBA.)
 - xii. Possible catering
 - xiii. Press and media coverage
 - xiv. Invitations and mass email marketing
 - xv. Manage live streaming and interview/video guest for future social media posts.

E. CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. With CCLBA staff, outline areas of potential communication that need clarification to build public confidence in the organization
- b. Determine a crisis communication plan for each of the above defined areas
 - i. Media strategy
 - ii. To be updated annually
 - iii. Determine internal communication plan and decision-makers
- c. Develop a communication plan to define the steps in handling an unexpected crisis, which includes a crisis team in place to handle statements, media relations and developing content.
 - i. Plan should also include defining the role of the CCLBA board of directors and the Cook County President's office media relations

5. Cost and Price Information (Submit electronically):

- The Authority is requesting that the Vendor provides a monthly retainer amount to cover requirements as outlined in the Scope of Work, Media Relations, Section 4.
- Price for development of the Brand, Graphics package, event planning, and Crisis communication services shall be listed as separate items, see Section 4.
- Other services or items considered to be reimbursable expenses outside the retainer should be listed and described as appropriate (e.g. mailing costs, photography).

6. Awarded Vendor's Responsibilities

- The selected Vendor shall be responsible for the professional quality, accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all services, as provided for herein, furnished by the Vendor and its principals, officers, employees and agents. In performing such services, Vendor shall follow practices consistent with generally accepted professional standards.
- All employees of the Vendor shall be considered to be at all times the sole employees of the Vendor, under his sole direction and not an employee or agent of CCLBA. CCLBA may require the Vendor to remove an employee if it deems the employee to be careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable and whose continued employment on CCLBA property is not in the best interest of CCLBA.
- CCLBA shall reserve the right to demand and receive a change in personnel assigned to the work if CCLBA believes that such change is in its best interest and in the completion of the assigned work.
- The Vendor shall be responsible for maintaining satisfactory standards of employees' competency, conduct, courtesy, appearance, honesty and integrity, and shall be responsible for taking such disciplinary action with respect to any employee, as may be necessary.
- Vendor shall have in its employ, or under its control, sufficient qualified, experienced and competent personnel to perform work promptly and in accordance with a schedule or work program, as approved by CCLBA. Vendor shall employ only such workers as are skilled in the tasks to which they are assigned. Vendor shall be responsible for overseeing the work of all workers.

7. Response

- **Licensing and Insurance Information**

Before a contract pursuant to this RFP is executed, the apparent successful Vendor must hold all necessary, applicable professional licenses required by the State of Illinois and all other regulatory agencies necessary to complete the services. The Vendor shall

obtain, at the Vendor's expense, any permits, certificates and licenses as may be required in the performance of the work specified. All required licenses shall remain active and valid during the entire duration of the subsequent contract. CCLBA may require any or all vendors to submit evidence of proper licensure.

- i. Proof of Insurance shall be provided to CCLBA prior to the execution of a contract. Unless otherwise stated by CCLBA, the successful proposer(s) will be required to obtain and maintain the insurance coverage described in Exhibit A during the entire Contract Term.
- ii. See attached Exhibit A, County Insurance Requirements.
- iii. The premium cost of all insurance purchased by the Vendor for protection against risks assumed by virtue of the contract shall be borne by the Vendor and is not reimbursable by CCLBA.

- **Client References**

- i. List the name, addresses, services performed, contact persons, as well as contact phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses of at least three clients for whom similar services are being performed currently or within the past two years.
- ii. Include information specifying if the clients are past or current.
- iii. Advise clients being submitted as references that they may be contacted by CCLBA staff in the evaluation of the response.

- **Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Documents**

- i. Respondents must complete and return the enclosed "Economic Disclosure Statement and Forms" ("EDS") along with proposal. All references to "County" in the EDS include the CCLBA. In the event that further clarification is required on any information provided, CCLBA reserves the right to make any necessary inquiry with a respondent for such purpose. Such inquiry, if made, may include a deadline by which time any necessary clarifying information must be submitted.

- **Sample work**

- i. Respondents to 'media relations' must submit at least 2 samples of writing, preferably published or social media pieces.
- ii. Respondents to 'graphic package' must submit at least 3 samples of graphic work.

- **Response Submission**

- i. All responses submitted pursuant to this solicitation shall be separated by numbered dividers and labeled with the corresponding tab.
- ii. All responses shall be submitted to the contact person by the date specified on the first page of this solicitation document.
- iii. CCLBA reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, to extend the submission period, to re-advertise for submissions, or take any

other such actions that may be deemed to be in the best interests of CCLBA.

**COOK COUNTY
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT
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SECTION 1
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT

This Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document (“EDS”) is to be completed and executed by every Bidder on a County contract, every Proposer responding to a Request for Proposals, and every Respondent responding to a Request for Qualifications, and others as required by the Chief Procurement Officer. The execution of the EDS shall serve as the execution of a contract awarded by the County. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to request that the Bidder or Proposer, or Respondent provide an updated EDS on an annual basis.

Definitions. Terms used in this EDS and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, as applicable.

Affiliate means a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the Person specified.

Applicant means a person who executes this EDS.

Bidder means any person who submits a Bid.

Code means the Code of Ordinances, Cook County, Illinois available on municode.com.

Contract shall include any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

Contractor or *Contracting Party* means a person that enters into a Contract with the County.

Control means the unfettered authority to directly or indirectly manage governance, administration, work, and all other aspects of a business.

EDS means this complete Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document, including all sections listed in the Index and any attachments.

Joint Venture means an association of two or more Persons proposing to perform a for-profit business enterprise. Joint Ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and respective responsibility for the Contract

Lobby or *lobbying* means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.

Lobbyist means any person who lobbies.

Person or *Persons* means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, Limited Liability Company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

Prohibited Acts means any of the actions or occurrences which form the basis for disqualification under the Code, or under the Certifications hereinafter set forth.

Proposal means a response to an RFP.

Proposer means a person submitting a Proposal.

Response means response to an RFQ.

Respondent means a person responding to an RFQ.

RFP means a Request for Proposals issued pursuant to this Procurement Code.

RFQ means a Request for Qualifications issued to obtain the qualifications of interested parties.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF
ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

Section 1: Instructions. Section 1 sets forth the instructions for completing and executing this EDS.

Section 2: Certifications. Section 2 sets forth certifications that are required for contracting parties under the Code and other applicable laws. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the statements and certifications contained, and all the facts stated, in the Certifications are true, correct and complete as of the date of execution.

Section 3: Economic and Other Disclosures Statement. Section 3 is the County's required Economic and Other Disclosures Statement form. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the information provided in the EDS is true, correct and complete as of the date of execution, and binds the Applicant to the warranties, representations, agreements and acknowledgements contained therein.

Required Updates. The Applicant is required to keep all information provided in this EDS current and accurate. In the event of any change in the information provided, including but not limited to any change which would render inaccurate or incomplete any certification or statement made in this EDS, the Applicant shall supplement this EDS up to the time the County takes action, by filing an amended EDS or such other documentation as is required.

Additional Information. The County's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking County contracts, work, business, or transactions, and the Applicant is expected to comply fully with these ordinances. For further information please contact the Director of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 (69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040, Chicago, IL 60602) or visit the web-site at cookcountyil.gov/ethics-board-of.

Authorized Signers of Contract and EDS Execution Page. If the Applicant is a corporation, the President and Secretary must execute the EDS. In the event that this EDS is executed by someone other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation, satisfactory to the County that permits the person to execute EDS for said corporation. If the corporation is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of the Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a partnership or joint venture, all partners or joint venturers must execute the EDS, unless one partner or joint venture has been authorized to sign for the partnership or joint venture, in which case, the partnership agreement, resolution or evidence of such authority satisfactory to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a member-managed LLC all members must execute the EDS, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, resolution or other corporate documents. If the Applicant is a manager-managed LLC, the manager(s) must execute the EDS. The Applicant must attach either a certified copy of the operating agreement, resolution or other authorization, satisfactory to the County, demonstrating such person has the authority to execute the EDS on behalf of the LLC. If the LLC is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of a current Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a Sole Proprietorship, the sole proprietor must execute the EDS.

A "Partnership" "Joint Venture" or "Sole Proprietorship" operating under an Assumed Name must be registered with the Illinois county in which it is located, as provided in 805 ILCS 405 (2012), and documentation evidencing registration must be submitted with the EDS.

Effective October 1, 2016 all foreign corporations and LLCs must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office unless a statutory exemption applies to the applicant. Applicants who are exempt from registering must provide a written statement explaining why they are exempt from registering as a foreign entity with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

SECTION 2**CERTIFICATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE APPLICANT IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE APPLICANT THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SET FORTH WITHIN THESE CERTIFICATIONS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED. THE APPLICANT IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

A. PERSONS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION

No person or business entity shall be awarded a contract or sub-contract, for a period of five (5) years from the date of conviction or entry of a plea or admission of guilt, civil or criminal, if that person or business entity:

- 1) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State of Illinois, of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state, federal or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- 2) Has been convicted by federal, state or local government of an act of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*;
- 3) Has been convicted of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids under the laws of federal, state or local government;
- 4) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State, of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.*;
- 5) Has been convicted of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices under the laws the State;
- 6) Has been convicted of defrauding or attempting to defraud any unit of state or local government or school district within the State of Illinois;
- 7) Has made an admission of guilt of such conduct as set forth in subsections (1) through (6) above which admission is a matter of record, whether or not such person or business entity was subject to prosecution for the offense or offenses admitted to; or
- 8) Has entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to charge of bribery, price-fixing, bid-rigging, or fraud, as set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (6) above.

In the case of bribery or attempting to bribe, a business entity may not be awarded a contract if an official, agent or employee of such business entity committed the Prohibited Act on behalf of the business entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an officer, director or other responsible official of the business entity, and such Prohibited Act occurred within three years prior to the award of the contract. In addition, a business entity shall be disqualified if an owner, partner or shareholder controlling, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of the business entity, or an officer of the business entity has performed any Prohibited Act within five years prior to the award of the Contract.

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Applicant has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Applicant would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Applicant nor any Affiliated Entity is barred from award of this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.*

C. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: The Applicant will provide a drug free workplace, as required by (30 ILCS 580/3).

D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *The Applicant is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-171.*

E. HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs (Code Chapter 42, Section 42-30 *et seq.*).

F. ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT: *It is in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Act as part of its contractual obligations.*

G. INSPECTOR GENERAL (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-174 and Section 34-250)

The Applicant has not willfully failed to cooperate in an investigation by the Cook County Independent Inspector General or to report to the Independent Inspector General any and all information concerning conduct which they know to involve corruption, or other criminal activity, by another county employee or official, which concerns his or her office of employment or County related transaction.

The Applicant has reported directly and without any undue delay any suspected or known fraudulent activity in the County's Procurement process to the Office of the Cook County Inspector General.

H. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-585)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning campaign contributions, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 585, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

I. GIFT BAN, (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-574)

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT: It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning receiving and soliciting gifts and favors, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 574, and can be read in its entirety at www.municode.com.

J. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-160;

Unless expressly waived by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Code requires that a living wage must be paid to individuals employed by a Contractor which has a County Contract and by all subcontractors of such Contractor under a County Contract, throughout the duration of such County Contract. The amount of such living wage is annually by the Chief Financial Officer of the County, and shall be posted on the Chief Procurement Officer's website.

The term "Contract" as used in Section 4, I, of this EDS, specifically excludes contracts with the following:

- 1) Not-For Profit Organizations (defined as a corporation having tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code and recognized under the Illinois State not-for -profit law);
- 2) Community Development Block Grants;
- 3) Cook County Works Department;
- 4) Sheriff's Work Alternative Program; and
- 5) Department of Correction inmates.

SECTION 3

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS

List all persons that have made lobbying contacts on your behalf with respect to this contract:

Name	Address

2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE STATEMENT (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-230)

Local business means a Person, including a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in Illinois, having a bona fide establishment located within the County at which it is transacting business on the date when a Bid is submitted to the County, and which employs the majority of its regular, full-time work force within the County. A Joint Venture shall constitute a Local Business if one or more Persons that qualify as a "Local Business" hold interests totaling over 50 percent in the Joint Venture, even if the Joint Venture does not, at the time of the Bid submittal, have such a bona fide establishment within the County.

a) Is Applicant a "Local Business" as defined above?
Yes: _____ No: _____

b) If yes, list business addresses within Cook County:

c) Does Applicant employ the majority of its regular full-time workforce within Cook County?
Yes: _____ No: _____

3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-172)

Every Applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such Applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege, and may revoke any County Privilege.

All Applicants are required to review the Cook County Affidavit of Child Support Obligations attached to this EDS (EDS-5) and complete the Affidavit, based on the instructions in the Affidavit.

4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.

The Applicant must indicate by checking the appropriate provision below and providing all required information that either:

- a) The following is a complete list of all real estate owned by the Applicant in Cook County:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S): _____

(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)

OR:

- b) _____The Applicant owns no real estate in Cook County.

5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.

If the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the Certifications or any other statements contained in this EDS and not explained elsewhere in this EDS, the Applicant must explain below:

If the letters, "NA", the word "None" or "No Response" appears above, or if the space is left blank, it will be conclusively presumed that the Applicant certified to all Certifications and other statements contained in this EDS.



Declaration of Child Support Obligations

This form must be completed by all Applicants seeking issuance or renewal of a County Privilege.

Applicable law provides that every applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege and may revoke any County Privilege.

- **Applicant:** any person or business entity, including all Substantial Owners, seeking issuance of a County Privilege or renewal of an existing County Privilege from the County. This term shall not include any political subdivision of the federal or state government, including units of local government, and not-for-profit organizations.
- **County Privilege:** any business license, including but not limited to liquor dealer’s licenses, packaged goods licenses, tavern licenses, restaurant licenses, and gun licenses; real property licenses or lease; permit, including but not limited to building permits, zoning permits or approvals; environmental certificate; County HOME Loan; and contracts exceeding the value of \$10,000.
- **Substantial Owner:** any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Applicants are required to complete this declaration and comply with the Child Support Enforcement Ordinance. An Applicant's signature on this form constitutes a certification that the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual signing this form has personal knowledge of such information.

Section A: Applicant Information:

If Applicant is a business entity with no Substantial Owners, check Box D in Section B.

If Applicant is a business entity with Substantial Owners as defined above, each Substantial Owner must complete and submit this declaration.

Business Name:

Last Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Social Security Number (last four digits):

Section B: Child Support Obligation Information:

The undersigned Applicant, being duly sworn on oath or affirmation hereby states that, “To the best of my knowledge”: (click check box left of questions “A”, “B”, “C”, or “D” as is appropriate)

- A.** I do not have judicially or administratively ordered child support obligations.
- B.** I have an outstanding judicially or administratively ordered obligation, but is paying it in accordance with the terms of the order.
- C.** I am delinquent in paying judicially or administratively ordered child support obligations.
- D.** I am an authorized representative of the applicant. The applicant does not have any Substantial Owners as described above.

The undersigned Applicant understands that failure to disclose any judicially or administratively ordered child support debt will be grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking County Privilege(s); and, declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

For Internal Office Use Only:

Department Name:

Contact Name:

Date Received:

Contact Email:

Contract/Permit/Application Number:

COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT

The Cook County Code of Ordinances (§2-610 *et seq.*) requires that any Applicant for any County Action must disclose information concerning ownership interests in the Applicant. This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be completed with all information current as of the date this Statement is signed. Furthermore, this Statement must be kept current, by filing an amended Statement, until such time as the County Board or County Agency shall take action on the application. The information contained in this Statement will be maintained in a database and made available for public viewing. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this statement.**

If you are asked to list names, but there are no applicable names to list, you must state NONE. An incomplete Statement will be returned and any action regarding this contract will be delayed. A failure to fully comply with the ordinance may result in the action taken by the County Board or County Agency being voided.

"Applicant" means any Entity or person making an application to the County for any County Action.

"County Action" means any action by a County Agency, a County Department, or the County Board regarding an ordinance or ordinance amendment, a County Board approval, or other County agency approval, with respect to contracts, leases, or sale or purchase of real estate.

"Person" "Entity" or "Legal Entity" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, estate, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, trustee of a land trust, other commercial or legal entity or any beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be submitted by :

- 1. An Applicant for County Action and
- 2. A Person that holds stock or a beneficial interest in the Applicant and is listed on the Applicant's Statement (a "Holder") must file a Statement and complete #1 only under **Ownership Interest Declaration**.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers.

This Statement is being made by the [] Applicant or [] Stock/Beneficial Interest Holder

This Statement is an: [] Original Statement or [] Amended Statement

Identifying Information:

Name _____

D/B/A: _____ FEIN # Only: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Cook County Business Registration Number: _____
(Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture Partnership)

Corporate File Number (if applicable): _____

Form of Legal Entity:

[] Sole Proprietor [] Partnership [] Corporation [] Trustee of Land Trust

[] Business Trust [] Estate [] Association [] Joint Venture

[] Other (describe) _____

Ownership Interest Declaration:

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each Person having a legal or beneficial interest (including ownership) of more than five percent (5%) in the Applicant/Holder.

Name	Address	Percentage Interest in Applicant/Holder

2. If the interest of any Person listed in (1) above is held as an agent or agents, or a nominee or nominees, list the name and address of the principal on whose behalf the interest is held.

Name of Agent/Nominee	Name of Principal	Principal's Address

3. Is the Applicant constructively controlled by another person or Legal Entity? [] Yes [] No
If yes, state the name, address and percentage of beneficial interest of such person, and the relationship under which such control is being or may be exercised.

Name	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship

Corporate Officers, Members and Partners Information:

For all corporations, list the names, addresses, and terms for all corporate officers. For all limited liability companies, list the names, addresses for all members. For all partnerships and joint ventures, list the names, addresses, for each partner or joint venture.

Name	Address	Title (specify title of Office, or whether manager or partner/joint venture)	Term of Office

Declaration (check the applicable box):

- I state under oath that the Applicant has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest in the Applicant nor reserved any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks County Board or other County Agency action.
- I state under oath that the Holder has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest nor reserved any information required to be disclosed.

COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

Title

Signature

Date

E-mail address

Phone Number

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this _____ day of _____, 20__.

My commission expires:

X _____
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION

Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

Additional Definitions:

“*Familial relationship*” means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

Parent	Grandparent	Stepfather
Child	Grandchild	Stepmother
Brother	Father-in-law	Stepson
Sister	Mother-in-law	Stepdaughter
Aunt	Son-in-law	Stepbrother
Uncle	Daughter-in-law	Stepsister
Niece	Brother-in-law	Halfbrother
Nephew	Sister-in-law	Halfsister

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FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: _____

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: _____

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: _____

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: _____

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:

B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY

Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$_____

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: _____

C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed

The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and there is **no familial relationship** between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and there is **no familial relationship** between any member of this business entity’s board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

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The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and **there is a familial relationship** between this individual and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person or persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Individual Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.

The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and **there is a familial relationship** between at least one member of this business entity’s board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity and/or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, on the one hand, and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County, on the other. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Member of Board of Director for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Officer for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Person Responsible for the General Administration of the Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Employee of Business Entity Directly Engaged in Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.

VERIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this disclosure form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure is punishable by law, including but not limited to fines and debarment.

Signature of Recipient

Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: Cook County Board of Ethics
69 West Washington Street, Suite 3040, Chicago, Illinois 60602
Office (312) 603-4304 – Fax (312) 603-9988
CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov

* Spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild by blood, marriage (i.e. in laws and step relations) or adoption.

SECTION 4

COOK COUNTY AFFIDAVIT FOR WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2015, every Person, **including Substantial Owners**, seeking a Contract with Cook County must comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance set forth in Chapter 34, Article IV, Section 179. Any Person/Substantial Owner, who fails to comply with Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance, may request that the Chief Procurement Officer grant a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d).

"Contract" means any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

"Procurement" means obtaining supplies, equipment, goods, or services of any kind.

"Substantial Owner" means any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial Owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Persons/Substantial Owners are required to complete this affidavit and comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance before any Contract is awarded. Signature of this form constitutes a certification the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual(s) signing this form has/have personal knowledge of such information. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify veracity of information contained in this Affidavit.**

I. Contract Information:

Contract Number: _____

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): _____

II. Person/Substantial Owner Information:

Person (Corporate Entity Name): _____

Substantial Owner Complete Name: _____

FEIN# _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____

III. Compliance with Wage Laws:

Within the past five years has the Person/Substantial Owner, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, been convicted of, entered a plea, made an admission of guilt or liability, or had an administrative finding made for committing a repeated or willful violation of any of the following laws:

Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/1 et seq., YES or NO

Illinois Minimum Wage Act, 820 ILCS 105/1 et seq., YES or NO

Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 820 ILCS 65/1 et seq., YES or NO

Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1 et seq., YES or NO

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., YES or NO

Any comparable state statute or regulation of any state, which governs the payment of wages YES or NO

If the Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it is ineligible to enter into a Contract with Cook County, but can request a reduction or waiver under **Section IV**.

IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction

If Person/Substantial Owner answered “Yes” to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction of waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner. YES or NO

Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation. YES or NO

Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default. YES or NO

Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant. YES or NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

V. Affirmation

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Person signing (Print): _____ Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

X _____
Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.

SECTION 5

CONTRACT AND EDS EXECUTION PAGE

The Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all of the statements, certifications and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Applicant is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Applicant with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all facts and information provided by the Applicant in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Applicant agrees to inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing if any of such statements, certifications, representations, facts or information becomes or is found to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect during the term of the Contract or County Privilege.

Execution by Corporation

Corporation's Name

President's Printed Name and Signature

Telephone

Email

Secretary Signature

Date

Execution by LLC

LLC Name

*Member/Manager Printed Name and Signature

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Partnership/Joint Venture

Partnership/Joint Venture Name

*Partner/Joint Venturer Printed Name and Signature

Date

Telephone and Email

Execution by Sole Proprietorship

Printed Name Signature

Assumed Name (if applicable)

Date

Telephone and Email

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____, 20____.

My commission expires:

Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

*If the operating agreement, partnership agreement or governing documents requiring execution by multiple members, managers, partners, or joint venturers, please complete and execute additional Contract and EDS Execution Pages.

**SECTION 6
COOK COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE**

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF COOK, A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS CONTRACT IS
HEREBY EXECUTED BY:

Cook County Chief Procurement Officer

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant State's Attorney
(Required on contracts over \$1,000,000)

Date

CONTRACT TERM & AMOUNT

Contract #

Original Contract Term

Renewal Options (If Applicable)

Contract Amount

Cook County Board Approval Date (If Applicable)

EXHIBIT A
COUNTY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Waiver of Subrogation

All insurance policies shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement in favor of Cook County and the Cook County Land Bank Authority.

Insurance Requirements of the Contractor

No later than the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor, at its cost, shall secure and maintain at all times, unless specified otherwise, until completion of the term of this Contract the insurance specified below.

Nothing contained in these insurance requirements is to be construed as limiting the extent of the Contractor's responsibility for payment of damages resulting from its performance of this Contract. The insurance purchased and maintained by the Contractor shall be primary and not excess or pro rata to any other insurance issued to the County.

Contractor shall require all subcontractors to provide the insurance required in this Contract, or Contractor may provide the coverages for the subcontractors. All subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements as Contractor except paragraph (d) Excess Liability or unless specified otherwise. The Cook County Land Bank Authority maintains the right to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

1. Coverages

(a) Workers Compensation Insurance

Workers' Compensation shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois or any other applicable jurisdiction.

The Workers Compensation policy shall also include the following provisions:

Employers' Liability coverage with a limit of

\$500,000 each Accident

\$500,000 each Employee

\$500,000 Policy Limit for Disease

(b) Commercial General Liability Insurance

The Commercial General Liability shall be on an occurrence form basis to cover bodily injury and property damage including loss of use.

The General Liability limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. The General Liability policy shall include, without limitation the following coverages:

- (1) All premises and operations;
- (2) Contractual Liability;
- (3) Products/Completed Operations;
- (4) Severability of interest/separation of insureds clause.

(c) Automobile Liability Insurance

When any vehicles are used in the performance of the Contract, Contractor shall secure Automobile Liability Insurance to cover all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles, trucks and trailers. The limits of liability shall not be less than the following:

- (1) Liability - All Autos: Bodily Injury & Property Damage - \$1,000,000 per Occurrence
- (2) Uninsured/Motorists: Per Illinois Requirements

(d) Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance

In addition to the coverages and limits specified above, Contractor shall secure and maintain a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for all liability.

(e) Errors and Omissions Insurance

The Errors and Omissions limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate combined single limit.

2. Additional Requirements

(a) Additional Insured

Cook County Land Bank Authority, Cook County, their officials, employees and agents shall be named as additional insureds under the Commercial General Liability policy, Automobile Liability policy, and Errors and Omissions policy. Contractor's insurance shall be primary and non-contributory with any insurance maintained by CCLBA and/or Cook County. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by CCLBA and/or Cook County shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it. The full policy limits and scope of protection shall apply to CCLBA and Cook County as an additional insured even if they exceed the minimum insurance limits specified above.

(b) Qualification of Insurers

All insurance companies providing coverage shall be licensed or approved by the Department of Insurance, State of Illinois, and shall have a financial rating no lower than (A-) VII as listed in A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, current edition or interim report. Companies with ratings lower than (A-) VII will be acceptable only upon written consent of the Cook County Land Bank Authority.

(c) Insurance Notices

All policies of insurance which may be required under terms of this Contract shall be endorsed to provide that the insurance company shall notify the Cook County Land Bank Authority, 69 W Washington Street, Suite 2938, Chicago, Illinois 60602 at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any cancellation or modification of such policies. Prior to the date on which Contractor commences performance of its part of the work, Contractor shall furnish to CCLBA certificates of insurance maintained by Contractor.

In no event shall any failure of CCLBA to receive Certificates of Insurance required hereof or to demand receipt of such Certificates of Insurance be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligations to obtain insurance pursuant to these insurance requirements.

END OF EXHIBIT A