

# **PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO**



**AGREEMENT**

**CONTRACT NUMBER PS1447**

**WITH**

**THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE, INC.**

**TO PROVIDE**

**MAUNUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE**

**FOR**

**VARIOUS PROJECT SITES**

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Mayor Richard M. Daley

Chairman

Erin Lavin Cabonargi

Executive Director

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**EXECUTION PAGE**  
**MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE**  
**FOR VARIOUS PROJECT SITES**  
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**THIS AGREEMENT** to manufacture and install construction signage is effective as of January 16, 2009 but actually executed on the date witnessed, is entered into by and between the **Public Building Commission of Chicago**, a municipal corporation of the State of Illinois, having its principal office at Room 200, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (the "**Commission**"), and **The Blueprint Shoppe, Inc.** with offices at 5130 N. Elston Avenue., Chicago, IL 60630, (the "**Contractor**").

**Background Information – Recitals**

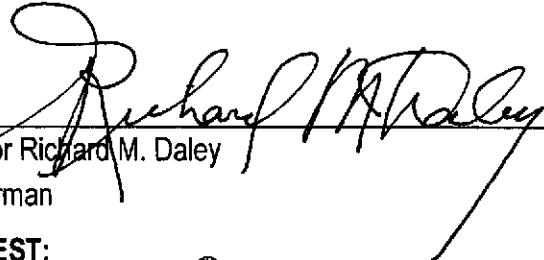
**Whereas**, the Commission requires the manufacture and installation of construction signage described in the Agreement, in connection with various Projects and desires to retain the Contractor on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement to perform such Services. The Contractor desires to be so retained by the Commission and has represented to the Commission that the Contractor has the knowledge, skill, experience and other resources necessary to manufacture and provide construction signage and the Services in the manner provided by the Agreement.

**Whereas**, the Contractor has consulted with the Commission, reviewed this Agreement, and taken such other actions as the Contractor deemed necessary or advisable to make itself fully acquainted with the scope and requirements of the Project and the Services. The Contractor represents that it is qualified and competent by education, training and experience to manufacture, provide construction signage and rendering the services necessary to complete the Project in accordance with standards of reasonable professional skill and diligence.

**Whereas**, the Commission has relied upon the Contractor's representations in selecting the Contractor.


NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree on the terms and conditions that follow:

**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Richard M. Daley  
Chairman


Date: 2/20/09

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Edgwick Johnson  
Secretary

Date: 2/23/09

**THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE, INC.:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gus Caicedo  
President

Date: 2-9-09

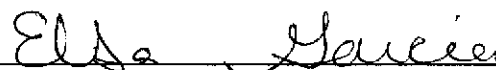
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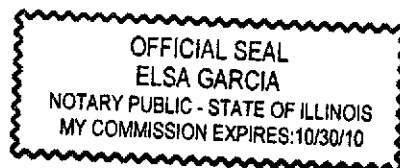
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State of: ILLINOIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me by GUS Caicedo and \_\_\_\_\_  
on behalf of Contractor this 9 day of February 2009.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:  
(SEAL OF NOTARY)



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE  
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1. Definitions. The following phrases have the same meanings for purposes of this Agreement.

a. **Agreement** means this agreement for the manufacture and installation of construction signage, including all exhibits or documents attached hereto and/or incorporated by reference herein, and all amendments, modifications, or revisions made in accordance with the terms hereof.

b. **Commission** as herein referred to shall include the Public Building Commission of Chicago, the Commission's Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Executive Director, Director of Construction, Managing Architect, Project Manager, or designated consultant or consultants, acting on behalf thereof, as designated by the Commission in writing, for the purpose of giving authorizations, instructions, and/or approval pursuant to this Agreement.

c. **Key Personnel** means those job titles and persons as identified in those positions as identified in Contractor's proposal and accepted by the Commission.

d. **Contractor** means the company or other entity identified in this agreement, and such successors or assigns, if any, as may be authorized by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

e. **Project** means the manufacture and installation of construction signage as specified in this Agreement.

f. **Services** means, collectively, the services, duties and responsibilities that are necessary to allow the Contractor to provide the Services required by the Commission under this agreement.

g. **Sub-consultant** means a firm hired by the Contractor to perform professional services related to the fabrication and/or installation of the proof and/or construction sign of the Project.

h. **User Agency** means the municipal corporation that requested the Commission to undertake the construction and/or improvement of the Project.

2. Incorporation of Documents. The documents identified below in this paragraph are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement. By executing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Contractor is familiar with the contents of each of such documents and will comply fully with all applicable portions thereof in performing the Services.

a. Project Documents. The plans and specifications for the Project, to the extent that plans and specifications for the Project have been prepared, as set forth and described in this Agreement (the "Project Documents").

b. Policies Concerning MBE and WBE. The Commission's policies concerning utilization of minority business enterprises ("MBE") and women business enterprises ("WBE"), as the same may be revised from time to time.

3. Engagement and Standards for Performing Services.

a. Engagement. The Commission hereby engages the Contractor, and the Contractor hereby

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accepts such engagement, to provide the Services described in this agreement, as the same may be amended, in writing, from time to time by mutual agreement of the Commission and the Contractor.

b. Performance Standard. The Contractor represents and agrees that the Services performed under this Agreement will proceed with efficiency, promptness and diligence and will be executed in a competent and thorough manner, in accordance with reasonable professional standards in the field consistent with that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by Contractors performing services of a scope, purpose, and magnitude comparable with the Services to be provided under this Agreement. If in the course of performing the Services, Contractor identifies any condition, situation, issue or problem that may impact the performance of the Services or the Project, Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Commission. The Contractor further promises that it will assign at all times during the term of the Agreement the number of experienced, appropriately trained employees necessary for the Contractor to perform the Services in the manner required by the Agreement.

c. Contractor's Personnel. Contractor must ensure that all Services that require the exercise of professional skills or judgment are accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. Contractor must maintain current copies of any such licenses and provide these copies upon request by the Commission. Contractor remains responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services furnished, whether by the Contractor or others on its behalf. All deliverables will be prepared in a form and content satisfactory to the Commission and delivered in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of the Agreement.

d. Confidentiality. Contractor acknowledges that it is entrusted with or has access to valuable and confidential information and records of the Commission and User Agency. Contractor must at all times use its best efforts on behalf of the Commission to assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of its Services. Contractor must at all times act in the best interests of the Commission and User Agency consistent with Contractor's professional obligations assumed by Contractor in entering into this Agreement. Contractor promises to cooperate with the officials, employees and agents of the Commission and User Agency in furthering the Commission's and User Agency's interests. Contractor must perform all Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commission.

e. Independent Contractor. In performing the Services under this Agreement, Contractor shall at all times be an independent contractor, and does not and must not act or represent itself as an agent or employee of the Commission or the User Agency. As an independent contractor, Contractor is solely and wholly responsible for determining the means and methods for performing the Services. The Agreement will not be construed as an agreement of partnership, joint venture, or agency.

f. Limitations on Sub-Consultants. Contractor must not use any business or individual who is disqualified by the Commission or debarred under any other governmental agency's procedures to provide the Services under the Agreement.

g. Failure to Meet Performance Standard. If the Contractor fails to comply with its obligations under the standards of the Agreement, the Contractor must perform again, at its own expense, all Services required to be re-performed as a direct or indirect result of that failure. Any review, approval, acceptance or payment for any of the Services by the Commission does not relieve Contractor of its responsibility to render the Services and deliverables with the professional skill and care and technical accuracy required by the Agreement. This provision in no way limits the Commission's rights against the Contractor, either under the Agreement, at law or in equity.

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h. Changes to the Services. The Commission may from time to time, request changes to the terms of the Agreement or in the Scope of Services of the Contractor to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of compensation and revisions to the duration of the Services, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Commission and Contractor, shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The Commission shall not be liable for any changes absent such written amendment.

4. Duties and Obligations of Contractor

a. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor agrees that in performing this Agreement it shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant for employment, or any member of the public, because of race, creed, gender, color, national origin or disability, or otherwise commit an unfair labor practice. Attention is called to applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 88-352, July 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 241 et. Seq. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12010 et. Seq. the Illinois Human Rights Act 775 ILCS 5/1-101 et. Seq. and the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act 775 ILCS 10/0.0 1 through 10/20, inclusive and a Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Building Commission of Chicago on October 1, 2004, concerning participation of Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises on contracts awarded by the Commission. The Contractor will furnish such reports and information as requested by the Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Relations or any other administrative or governmental entity overseeing the enforcement, administration or compliance with the above referenced laws and regulations.

b. Employment Procedures, Preferences and Compliances. Salaries of employees of Contractor performing work under this Agreement shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory or permitted by the applicable law or regulations. Attention is called to Illinois Compiled Statutes, 1992 relating to Wages and Hours including 820 ILCS 130/0.01 through 130/12 thereof (Prevailing Wage Act), 30 ILCS 570/1 through 570/7 (Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act) and 30 ILCS 560/0.01 through 560/7 (Public Works Preference Act). The Contractor shall comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" laws and regulations, including the "Anti-Kickback" Act of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 948; 62 Stat. 740; 63 Stat. 108; 18 U.S.C. § 874; 40 U.S.C. § 276c) and the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 et. seq. If, in the performance of this Agreement, there is any direct or indirect kickback, the Commission shall withhold from the Contractor, out of payments due to it, an amount sufficient to pay employees underpaid the difference between the salaries required hereby to be paid and the salaries actually paid such employees for the total number of hours worked. The amounts withheld shall be disbursed by the Commission for and on account of the Contractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

c. Compliance with Policies Concerning MBE and WBE. Without limiting the generality of the requirements of the policies of the Commission referred to in paragraph 2 above, the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to utilize minority business enterprises for not less than twenty five percent (25%) for MBE and five percent (5%) for WBE of the value of the Services, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on October 1, 2004, concerning participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises on contracts awarded by the Commission and to furnish to the Commission, such reports and other information concerning compliance with such Resolution as may be requested by the Commission from time to time.

d. Delays. The Contractor agrees that no charges for damages or claims for damages shall be asserted by it against the Commission for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of the Services. Such delays or hindrances, if any, shall be compensated for by an

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extension of time to complete the Services, for such reasonable period as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties, it being understood, however, that the agreement of the Commission to allow the Contractor to complete the Services or any part of them after the time provided for the completion thereof herein shall in no way operate as a waiver on the part of the Commission of any of its rights hereunder.

e. Records. The Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete records of expenditures, costs and time incurred by Contractor in connection with the Project and the Services. Such records shall be maintained in accordance with recognized commercial accounting practices. The Commission may examine such records at Contractor's offices upon reasonable notice during normal business hours. Contractor shall retain all such records for a period of not less than five calendar years after the termination of this Agreement.

f. Time of Essence. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement and that timely completion of the Services is vital to the completion of the Project by the Commission. Contractor agrees to use its best efforts to expedite performance of the Services and performance of all other obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement and any other agreements entered into by the Commission which are managed or administered by the Contractor as a result of the Contractor's engagement hereunder.

g. Compliance with Laws. In performing its engagement under this Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to, those referenced in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above and in the documents referred to in paragraph 2 of this Agreement.

h. Progress Meetings. Meetings to discuss the progress of the Project and/or to review the performance of the Contractor may be scheduled upon the Commission's request, at mutually agreeable times and locations, and the Contractor agrees to cause such meetings to be attended by appropriate personnel of the Contractor engaged in performing or knowledgeable of the Services.

i. Defects in Project. The Contractor shall notify the Commission immediately in the event the Contractor obtains knowledge of a defect in the Project or circumstances which could result in a Project delay or cost overrun.

5. Term.

a. The term of this Agreement shall begin upon the final execution of this Agreement, and, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (b) below, shall expire upon completion of the Services and acceptance thereof by the Commission or, if the Services are of an ongoing nature, on the completion date specified in such Request for Services. The Commission and the Contractor may, from time to time, by mutual agreement, extend the term of this Agreement by amending this Agreement.

b. The Commission shall have the right, at any time, to terminate the term of this Agreement, with or without cause, by written notice given to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. In addition, the Commission shall have the right, at any time and from time to time, with or without cause, to suspend the performance of the Contractor hereunder with respect to all or any part of the Services, by written notice given to the Contractor at least five (5) days prior to the effective date of suspension. Termination or suspension of this Agreement shall not relieve the Contractor from liability for the performance of any obligation of the Contractor under this Agreement performed or to have been performed by the Contractor on or before the effective date of termination or suspension. Provided the Contractor is not in default under this Agreement at the time of termination or suspension, the Commission agrees to pay to the Contractor, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, all compensation and reimbursements due to the Contractor for periods up to the effective date of termination or suspension. In no event shall the Commission be liable to the Contractor for any

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loss, cost or damage which the Contractor or any other party may sustain by reason of the Commission terminating or suspending this Agreement as provided herein; provided, however, that the Commission may, in its sole discretion, reimburse the Contractor for actual expenses approved by the Commission.

c. If the Project, in whole or substantial part, is stopped for a period longer than thirty (30) days under an order of any court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction of the Project, or as a result of an act of government, such as a declaration of national emergency making materials unavailable, through no act or fault of the Contractor, or if the Commission fails to make any payment or perform any other obligation hereunder, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this agreement, by written notice given to the Commission at least seven (7) days prior to the effective date of termination, and shall have the right to recover from the Commission all compensation and reimbursements due to the Contractor for periods up to the effective date of termination.

6. Compensation of Contractor; Reimbursement for Expenses. The Commission shall compensate the Contractor for the Services in the manner set forth Schedule B of this Agreement.

7. Rights and Obligations of Commission. In connection with the administration of the Project by the Commission and the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor, the Commission shall have the following rights and obligations, in addition to those provided elsewhere in this Agreement:

a. Information. The Commission shall provide the Contractor all reasonably requested information concerning the Commission's requirements for the Project and the Services.

b. Review of Documents. Subject to the provisions of subparagraph 4 (d) above, the Commission agrees to make a reasonable effort to examine documents submitted by the Contractor and render decisions pertaining thereto with reasonable promptness.

c. Designated Representatives. The Commission may designate, at its sole discretion, one or more representatives authorized to act in its behalf.

d. Ownership of Documents. All documents, data, studies and reports prepared by the Contractor or any party engaged by the Contractor, pertaining to the Project and/or the Services shall be the property of the Commission including copyrights.

e. Audits. The Commission shall have the right to audit the books of the Contractor on all subjects relating to the Project and/or the Services.

8. Indemnification of Commission. The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify, keep and save harmless the Commission and the User Agency and their respective commissioners, board members, officers, agents, officials and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, the fees and expenses of attorneys, that may arise out of or be based on any injury to persons or property that is or is claimed to be the result of an error, omission or act of the Contractor or any person employed by the Contractor to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

9. Insurance to be Maintained by Contractor. The Contractor shall purchase and maintain at all times during the performance of Services hereunder, for the benefit of the Commission, the User Agency and the Contractor, insurance coverage as set forth in Schedule C of this agreement.

10. Default.

a. Events of Default. Any one or more of the following occurrences shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

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i. Failure or refusal on the part of the Contractor duly to observe or perform any obligation or agreement on the part of the Contractor contained in this Agreement, which failure or refusal continues for a period of ten (10) days (or such longer period as the Commission, in its sole discretion, may determine if such failure is not capable of being cured within such ten (10) day period) after the date on which written notice thereof shall have been give to the Contractor by the Commission;

ii. Failure of Contractor to perform the Services to the standard of performance set forth in this Agreement;

iii. Any representation or warranty of the Contractor set forth herein or otherwise delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall have been false in any material respect when so made or furnished;

iv. The Contractor becomes insolvent or ceases doing business as a going concern, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or generally fails to pay, or admits in writing its inability to pay, its debts as they become due, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or is adjudicated a bankrupt or an insolvent, or files a petition seeking for itself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar arrangement under any present or future statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or files an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, or applies for, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator or other custodian of it or of all or any substantial part of its assets or properties, or if it or its principals shall take any action in furtherance of any of the foregoing; or

v. There shall be commenced any proceeding against the Contractor seeking reorganization, arrangement, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief under any present or future statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy which is not vacated, stayed, discharged, bonded or dismissed within sixty (60) days thereof, or there shall be appointed, without the Contractor's consent or acquiescence, any trustee, receiver, liquidator or other custodian of Custodian or of all or any substantial part of the Contractor's assets and properties, and such appointment shall not have been vacated, stayed, discharged, bonded or otherwise dismissed within sixty (60) days thereof.

b. Remedies. If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, then the Commission may exercise any right, power or remedy permitted to it by law or in equity and shall have, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the Contractor, in which event the Commission shall have no further obligations hereunder or liability to the Contractor except as to payment for Services actually received and accepted by the Commission through the effective date of termination. No course of dealing on the part of the Commission or delay or failure on the part of the Commission to exercise any right shall operate as a waiver of such right or otherwise prejudice the Commission's rights, powers or remedies.

c. Remedies not Exclusive. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Commission is exclusive of any right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and may be enforced concurrently therewith or from time to time.

11. Disputes.

a. General. All disputes arising under, related to or in connection with the terms of this Agreement or its interpretation, whether involving law or fact or both, including without limitation questions

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concerning permissibility of compensation, and all claims for alleged breach of contract, shall be presented in writing to the Executive Director for final determination.

b. Procedure. Requests for determination of disputes will be made by the Contractor in writing specifically referencing this Section, and will include: 1) the issue(s) presented for resolution; 2) a statement of the respective positions of the Contractor and the Project Manager; 3) the facts underlying the dispute; 4) reference to the applicable provisions of the Agreement by page and section; 5) identify any other parties believed to be necessary to the resolution; and 6) all documentation which describes and relates to the dispute. Contractor will promptly provide the Executive Director with a copy of the request for determination of the dispute. The Project Manager will have thirty (30) business days to respond in writing to the dispute by supplementing the submission or providing its own submission to the Executive Director. Failure by the Project Manager to respond will not be deemed to be an admission of any allegations made in the request for dispute resolution, but will be deemed to constitute a waiver of the opportunity to respond to such allegation(s), if any. The Executive Director's decision may thereafter be reached in accordance with such other information or assistance as she or he may deem reasonable, necessary or desirable.

c. Effect. The Executive Director's final decision will be rendered in writing no more than forty-five (45) business days after receipt of the response by the Project Manager was filed or was due unless the Executive Director notifies the Contractor that additional time for the decision is necessary. The Executive Director's decision will be conclusive, final, and binding on all parties. Contractor must follow the procedures set out in this Section and receive the Executive Director's final decision as a condition precedent to filing a complaint in the Circuit Court of Cook County or any other court.

The Contractor will not withhold performance of any Services required by the Commission under this Agreement during the dispute resolution period. The Executive Director's written determination will be complied with pending final resolution of the dispute.

12. Confidentiality. All of the reports, information, or data prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Agreement are confidential, and the Contractor agrees that such reports, information or data shall not be made available to any party without the prior written approval of the Commission. In addition, the Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the Commission, prepare or distribute any news releases, articles, brochures, advertisements or other materials concerning this Agreement, the Project or the Services.

13. Assignment. The Contractor acknowledges that the Commission is induced to enter into this Agreement by the personal qualifications of the principals, staff and employees of the Contractor and agrees, therefore, that neither this Agreement nor any right or obligation hereunder may be assigned by the Contractor, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Commission. The Commission expressly reserves the right to assign or otherwise transfer all or any part of its interests hereunder without the consent or approval of the Contractor.

14. Personnel. The Contractor further acknowledges that the Contractor has represented to the Commission the availability of certain members of the Contractor's staff who will be assigned to the Project, and agrees, therefore, that in the event of the unavailability of such members, the Contractor shall so notify the Commission in writing, and, upon the approval of the Executive Director, shall assign other qualified members of the Contractor's staff, to the Project.

15. Relationship of Parties. The relationship of the Contractor to the Commission hereunder is that of an independent contractor, and the Contractor, except to the extent expressly provided to the contrary in this agreement, shall have no right or authority to make contracts or commitments for or on behalf of the

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Commission, to sign or endorse on behalf of the Commission any instruments of any nature or to enter into any obligation binding upon the Commission. This Agreement shall not be construed as an agreement of partnership, joint venture, or agency.

16. Miscellaneous.

a. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, any of which shall be deemed an original.

b. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous oral or written representations or communications with respect to the subject matter hereof, all of which communications are merged herein. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended or in any way altered except by an instrument in writing signed by both of the parties hereto.

c. Force Majeure. Neither of the parties shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure in performance hereunder due to causes which are beyond the control of the party unable to perform. If a force majeure occurs, the party delayed or unable to perform shall give prompt notice to the other party, and the Commission may, at any time during the continuation of the force majeure event, elect to suspend the performance of the Contractor under this Agreement for the duration of the force majeure. The Commission shall not be obligated to pay for Services to the extent and for the duration that performance thereof is delayed or prevented by force majeure, but, provided the Contractor is not in default of any obligation of the Contractor hereunder, the Commission shall pay to the Contractor, according to the terms hereof, all compensation and reimbursements due to the Contractor for periods up to the effective date of suspension.

d. Governing Law. This Agreement has been negotiated and executed in the State of Illinois and shall be construed under and in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois.

e. No Waiver. The waiver by either party of any breach of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver as to any succeeding breach.

f. Notices. All notices required to be given hereunder shall be given in writing and shall be hand delivered or sent by United States certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to Commission and to the Contractor at their respective addresses set forth above. If given as herein provided, such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery, if delivered by hand, and on the second business day after mailing, if given by mail. The Commission or the Contractor may, from time to time, change the address to which notices hereunder shall be sent by giving notice to the other party in the manner provided in this subparagraph.

g. Severability. In the event that any provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

h. Successors and Assigns. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

i. Contractor's Authority. Execution of this Agreement by the Contractor is authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, if a corporation, or similar governing document if a partnership or a joint venture, and the signatures(s) of each person signing on behalf of the Contractor have been made with complete and full authority to commit the Contractor to all terms and conditions of this Agreement,

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including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained or incorporated by reference in it.

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**SCHEDULE A  
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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The Contractor will provide Services of manufacturing and installing construction signage as determined by the Commission. The term of this Agreement will expire when all Services required by this Agreement have been completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commission.

The contractor must identify a primary point of contact for the Services and provide contact information to the Commission.

The Commission will designate various individuals as Authorized Commission Representatives. The Authorized Commission Representative will assist the Contractor in managing the Services and will have the authority, as specifically directed by the Commission, to act on its behalf.

In this Schedule A, regardless of whether a time limit is specified for particular tasks or duties, it is intended that the Consultant will perform its Services promptly, with sufficient staffing, and all in accordance with the standard of performance in this Agreement.

**A.1 TERM**

<b>Commencement Date of Services</b>	<b>January 1, 2009</b>
<b>Completion Date of Services</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>

The Commission retains the options to exercise up to 2 one-year extensions of this contract.

**A.2 SPECIFICATIONS**

Signage will be manufactured and installed as follows:

- Sign will be Medium Density Overlay (MDO) wood sign only 4' x 8' x ½" – Four color process with photos and renderings
- Sign to be mounted to a height requested by the Commission, with the top of the sign not to be mounted higher than 12 feet above ground level.

Manufacturing and installation options as directed by the Commission may include one or more of the following:

- Application of Graffiti Guard
- UV resistant four color process with photos and renderings.
- Installation into soft ground with sign mounted on 4" x 4" posts.
- Fence mounting of sign.
- Wall mounting of sign.

**A.3 ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Provide such additional Services as required by the Commission.

**SCHEDULE B  
COMPENSATION OF THE CONSULTANT**

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**C.1. MAXIMUM COMPENSATION.**

The Commission shall pay the Contractor for the satisfactory performance of the Services per sign manufactured and installed at a not to exceed amount ("Fee") of \$12,000.00 per year. The Contractor is not entitled to compensation beyond the amount of \$36,000.00 for the three year contract term, based on a maximum \$12,000.00 per year, without a written amendment to this Agreement. .

**C.2. METHOD OF COMPENSATION**

The Contractor will be compensated as follows:

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| ▪ Fabrication of 4' x 8' x 1/2" MDO wood sign four color process with photos and renderings                        | <b>\$424.00 per sign</b> |
| ▪ Installation on 4' x 8' x 1/2" sign into soft ground onto 4"x4" post   | <b>\$60.00 per sign</b>  |
| ▪ Installation on 4' x 8' x 1/2" sign into soft ground onto 4"x4" post With top of sign 12 feet above ground level | <b>\$90.00 per sign</b>  |
| ▪ Installation of 4' x 8' x 1/2" sign onto wall or fence   | <b>\$234.00 per sign</b> |
| ▪ Installation of 4' x 8' x 1/2" sign onto wall or fence With top of sign 12 feet above ground level               | <b>\$350.00 per sign</b> |
| ▪ Application of Graffiti Guard to 4' x 8' x 1/2" sign.  | <b>Included</b>          |

**C.3. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

**C.3.1. Invoices.** Upon completion of each manufactured and installed construction sign, the Contractor will submit to the Commission an invoice for Services performed. Each invoice must reference the contract number and be supported with such reasonable detail and data as the Commission may require, including detail and data related to any Subcontractor costs. In accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Contractor must maintain complete documentation of all costs incurred for review and audit by the Commission or its designated audit representative(s). Each invoice must be submitted in the format directed by the Commission.

**C.3.2. Payment.** Payment will be processed within 30 days after Commission receives an acceptable invoice from the Contractor.

**C.3.3. Invoice Disputes.** If the Commission disputes certain items in the Contractor's invoices, the amount not disputed will be paid in full. The amount in question must be resolved in accordance with the Disputes provisions of this Agreement.

**C.3. INVOICING**

The Contractor will submit one original of its invoice to the Commission's Accounts Payable Department clearly noting the contract numbers for approval.

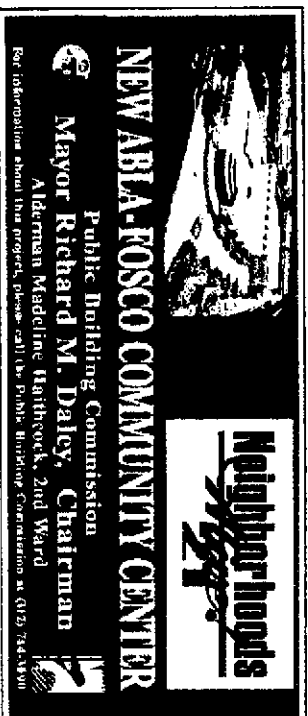
**(CONTRACTOR'S PRICE PROPOSAL FOLLOWS THIS PAGE.)**

September 19, 2008

# REQUEST FOR PRICING

Company Name: THE Blueprint Shoppe, Inc  
Contact Name: GUY CALERO  
Contact Title: PRESIDENT

Scope: Manufacture and installation of construction signs for various project sites  
Description: PBC Construction Signage  
Size: 36" W x 48" H  
(SAMPLE SIGN BELOW)



Material: 1/2" (wood) board  
Print: 4-color as photos and renderings will be used on the signs  
Artwork: To be supplied electronically by PBC

Provide price for: 4'x8'x1/2"	
MDO (medium density overlay) wood sign ONLY.	
4-color process w/photos and renderings.	
Price: To install 4x8 Post 1/2" Channel	\$ 424.00
Price: To install 4x8 Post 1/2" Channel	\$ 60.00 (posts) (\$90.00 over 10ft+)
Price: To install Fence Mounted up to 10' high	\$ 234.00
Price: To install Wall Mounted up to 10' high	\$ 234.00 (12ft. \$350)
Price: To apply Graffiti Guard	\$ Included in Sign price
Specify Delivery Time	1 week max artwork is received
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDO <input type="checkbox"/> WBE <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Specify Payment Terms	Net 30 day
Specify Ink (photos & renderings)	ECOSOL max ink (Silkprint)
Specify Time Frame	3 wks. without feeding
Comments:	

revised pricing

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**SCHEDULE C  
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS  
MAUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE  
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The Contractor must provide and maintain at Contractor's own expense, the minimum insurance coverage and requirements specified below, insuring all operations related to the Contract. The insurance must remain in effect from: the date of the notice to proceed until installation of the signage, as well as any time Contractor returns to perform additional work regarding warranties or for any other purpose.

**D.1. INSURANCE TO BE PROVIDED**

**D.1.1. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability**

Workers' Compensation Insurance, as prescribed by applicable law covering all employees who are to provide a service under this Contract and Employers Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$100,000 each accident, illness or disease.

**D.1.2. Commercial General Liability (Primary and Umbrella)**

Commercial General Liability Insurance or equivalent with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage liability. Coverage must include the following: All premises and operations, products/completed operations, separation of insureds, defense, and contractual liability with no limitation endorsement. The Public Building Commission and the User Agencies are to be named as additional insureds on a primary, non-contributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the work.

**D.1.3. Automobile Liability (Primary and Umbrella)**

When any motor vehicles (owned, non-owned and hired) are used in connection with work to be performed, the Contractor must provide Automobile Liability Insurance, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The Public Building Commission and the User Agencies are to be named as additional insureds on a primary, non-contributory basis.

**D.1.4. Property**

The Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage to Public Building Commission and the User Agencies property at full replacement cost. The Contractor is responsible for signage thru installation and acceptance. The Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage to personal property including but not limited to materials, equipment, tools, and supplies owned, rented, or used by Contractor.

**D.2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor must furnish the Public Building Commission Procurement Department, Richard J. Daley Center, Room 200, Chicago, IL 60602, original Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, to be in force on the date of this Contract, and Renewal Certificates of Insurance, or such similar evidence, if any insurance policy has an expiration or renewal date occurring during the term of this Contract. The Contractor must submit evidence of insurance to the Public Building Commission prior to Contract award. The receipt of any certificate does not constitute agreement by the Commission that the insurance requirements in the Contract have been fully met or that the insurance policies indicated on the certificate are in compliance with all Contract requirements. The failure of the Commission to obtain certificates or

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other insurance evidence from Contractor is not a waiver by the Commission of any requirements for the Contractor to obtain and maintain the specified insurance. The Contractor will advise all insurers of the Contract provisions regarding insurance. Non-conforming insurance does not relieve Contractor of the obligation to provide insurance as specified in this contract. Nonfulfillment of the insurance conditions may constitute a breach of the Contract, and the Commission retains the right to stop work until proper evidence of insurance is provided, or the Contract may be terminated.

The Commission reserves the right to obtain copies of insurance policies and records from the Contractor and/or its subcontractors at any time upon written request.

The insurance must provide for 60 days prior written notice to be given to the Commission in the event coverage is substantially changed, canceled, or non-renewed.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions on referenced insurance must be borne by Contractor.

The Contractor agrees that insurers waive their rights of subrogation against the Public Building Commission and the User Agencies and their respective Board members, employees, elected officials, officers, or representatives.

The insurance coverage and limits furnished by Contractor in no way limit the Contractor's liabilities and responsibilities specified within the Contract or by law.

Any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the Public Building Commission and the User Agencies will not contribute with insurance provided by the Contractor under the Contract.

The required insurance to be carried is not limited by any limitations expressed in the indemnification language in this Contract or any limitation placed on the indemnity in this Contract given as a matter of law.

If contractor is a joint venture or limited liability company, the insurance policies must name the joint venture or limited liability company as a named insured.

The Contractor must require all subcontractors to provide the insurance required herein, or Contractor may provide the insurance for subcontractors. All subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements of Contractor unless otherwise specified in this Contract.

If Contractor or subcontractor desires additional coverage, the party desiring the additional coverage is responsible for the acquisition and cost.

The Public Building Commission maintains the rights to modify, delete, alter or change these requirements.

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EXHIBIT A  
DISCLOSURE OF RETAINED PARTIES

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MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE  
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A. Definitions and Disclosure Requirements

1. As used herein, "Consultant" means a person or entity who has any contract or lease with the Public Building Commission of Chicago ("Commission").
2. Commission bids, leases, contracts, and/or qualification submittals must be accompanied by a disclosure statement providing certain information about lobbyists whom the Consultant has retained or expects to retain with respect to the contract or lease. In particular, the Consultant must disclose the name of each such person, his or her business address, the name of the relationship, and the amount of fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Consultant is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Consultant's regular payroll.
3. "Lobbyists" means any person (a) who for compensation or on behalf of any person other than himself undertake to influence any legislative or administrative action, or (b) any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action.

B. Certification

Consultant hereby certifies as follows:

1. This Disclosure relates to the following transaction: PS447 PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT. SERVICE  
Description of goods or services to be provided under Contract: MANUFACTURE & INSTALL CONSTRUCTION SIGNS / VARIOUS SITES.
2. Name of Consultant: THE BLUE PRINT SHOPPE INC.
3. EACH AND EVERY lobbyist retained or anticipated to be retained by the Consultant with respect to or in connection with the contract or lease is listed below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Retained Parties:

Name	Business Address	Relationship (Attorney, Lobbyist, etc.)	Fees (indicate whether paid or estimated)


Check Here If No Such Persons Have been Retained or Are Anticipated To Be Retained: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The Consultant understands and agrees as follows:


- a. The information provided herein is a material inducement to the Commission execution of the contract or other action with respect to which this Disclosure of Retained Parties form is being executed, and the Commission may rely on the information provided herein. Furthermore, if the Commission determines that any information provided herein is false, incomplete, or inaccurate, the Commission may terminate the contract or other transaction, terminate the Consultant's participation in the contract or other transactions with the Commission.
- b. If the Consultant is uncertain whether a disclosure is required, the Consultant must either ask the Commission's Representative or his or her manager whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.
- c. This Disclosure of Retained Parties form, some or all of the information provided herein, and any attachments may be made available to the public on the Internet, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, or otherwise. The Consultant waives and releases any possible rights or claims it may have against the Commission in connection with the public release of information contained in the completed Disclosure of Retained Parties form and any attachments.

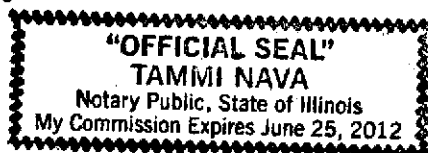
Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am authorized to execute this Disclosure of Retained Parties on behalf of the Consultant and that the information disclosed herein is true and complete.

<u></u>	<u>2-5-09</u>
Signature	Date
<u>GUSTAVO CAICEDO</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>
Name ( Type or Print)	Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 4th day of Feb 2009

  
Notary Public



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EXHIBIT B  
DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

MANUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE  
FOR VARIOUS PROJECT SITES

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Name: THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC.  
Address: 5130 N. ELSTON AVE. CHICAGO 60630  
Telephone No.: 773-545-0308  
Federal Employer I.D. #: 36-3286027 Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Transaction:

- ☐ Sale or purchase of land  
☐ Construction Contract  
☒ Professional Services Agreement  
☐ Other

**Instructions:** FOR USE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE TRANSACTIONS. Any firm proposing one of the above transactions with the Public Building Commission of Chicago must complete this Disclosure Affidavit. Please note that in the event the Contractor is a joint venture, the joint venture and each of the joint venture partners must submit a completed Disclosure Affidavit.

The undersigned Antonio Corrales, as PRESIDENT  
(Name) (Title)  
and on behalf of THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC.  
("Bidder/ Proposer" or "Contractor") having been duly sworn under oath certifies that:

**I. DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS**

Pursuant to Resolution No. 5371 of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, all bidders/proposers shall provide the following information with their bid/proposal. If the question is not applicable, answer "NA". If the answer is none, please answer "none".

Bidder/Proposer/Contractor is a: ☒ Corporation ☐ LLC  
☐ Partnership ☐ LLP  
☐ Joint Venture ☐ Not-for-Profit Corporation  
☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Other

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SECTION 1. FOR PROFIT CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

a. State of Incorporation or organization ILLINOIS.

b. Authorized to do business in the State of Illinois: Yes ☒ No ☐

c. Names of all officers of corporation or LLC (or attach list): Names of all directors of corporation or LLC (or attach list):

Name (Print or Type) Title (Print or Type) Name (Print or Type) Title (Print or Type)

<u>GUSTAVO CAICEDO</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>		
<u>ELLEN CAICEDO</u>	<u>V.P.</u>		

d. Indicate here or attach a list of names and addresses of all shareholders owning shares equal to or in excess of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the proportionate ownership of the corporation and indicate the percentage interest of each.

Name (Print or Type)	Address	Ownership Interest
<u>GUSTAVO CAICEDO.</u>	<u>2629 MARIAN LANE WILMETTE ILL.</u>	<u>51</u> %
<u>ELLEN CAICEDO</u>	<u>" " "</u>	<u>49</u> %
		%

e. For LLC's, state whether member-managed or identify managing member:

f. Is the corporation or LLC owned partially or completely by one or more other corporations or legal entities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes" provide the above information, as applicable, for each such corporation or entity such that any person with a beneficial ownership interest of 7.5% or more in the corporation contracting in the PBC is disclosed. For example, if Corporation B owns 15% of Corporation A, and Corporation A is contracting with the PBC, then Corporation B must complete a Disclosure Affidavit. If Corporation B is owned by Corporations C and D, each of which owns 50% of Corporation B, then both Corporations C and D must

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complete Disclosure Affidavits.

SECTION 2. PARTNERSHIPS

- a. If the bidder/proposer or Contractor is a partnership, indicate the name of each partner and the percentage of interest of each therein. Also indicate, if applicable, whether general partner (GP) or limited partner (LP)

Name of Partners (Print or Type)	Percentage Interest
	_____ %
	_____ %
	_____ %

SECTION 3. SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

- a. The bidder/proposer or Contractor is a sole proprietorship and is not acting in any representative capacity on behalf of any beneficiary: Yes [ ] No [ ]

If NO, complete items b. and c. of this Section 3.

- b. If the sole proprietorship is held by an agent(s) or a nominee(s), indicate the principal(s) for whom the agent or nominee holds such interest.

Name(s) of Principal(s). (Print or Type)

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- c. If the interest of a spouse or any other party is constructively controlled by another person or legal entity, state the name and address of such person or entity possessing such control and the relationship under which such control is being or may exercised.

Name(s)	Address(es)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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SECTION 4. LAND TRUSTS, BUSINESS TRUSTS, ESTATES & OTHER ENTITIES

If the bidder/proposer or Contractor is a land trust, business trust, estate or other similar commercial or legal entity, identify any representative, person or entity holding legal title as well as each beneficiary in whose behalf title is held including the name, address and percentage of interest of each beneficiary.

Name(s)

Address(es)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 5. NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS

a. State of incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name of all officers and directors of corporation (or attach list):

Name (Print or Type)	Title (Print or Type)	Name (Print or Type)	Title (Print or Type)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The Public Building Commission of Chicago may require additional information from any entity or individual to achieve full disclosure relevant to the transaction. Further, any material change in the information required above must be provided by supplementing this statement at any time up to the time the Public Building Commission of Chicago takes action on the contract or other action requested of the Public Building Commission.

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**II. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION**

**A. CONTRACTOR**

1. The Contractor, or any affiliated entities of the Contractor, or any responsible official thereof, or any other official, agent or employee of the Contractor, any such affiliated entity, acting pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official thereof has not, during a period of three years prior to the date of execution of this certification:
  - a. Bribed or attempted to bribe, or been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, any agency of the federal government or any state or local government in the United States (if an officer or employee, in that officer's or employee's official capacity); or
  - b. Agreed or colluded, or been convicted of agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price or otherwise; or
  - c. Made an admission of such conduct described in 1(a) or (b) above which is a matter of record but has not been prosecuted for such conduct.
2. The Contractor or agent, partner, employee or officer of the Contractor is not barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of bid-rigging<sup>2</sup> in violation of Section 3 of Article 33E of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (720 ILCS 5/33E-3), or any similar offense of any state or the United States which contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rigging during a period of five years prior to the date of submittal of this bid, proposal or response.<sup>3</sup>
3. The Contractor or any agent, partner, employee, or officer of the Contractor is not barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of bid-rotating<sup>4</sup> in violation of Section 4 of Article 33E of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (720 ILCS 5/33E-4), or any similar offense of any state or the United States which contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rotating.
4. The Contractor understands and will abide by all provisions of Chapter 2-56 of the Municipal Code entitled "Office of the Inspector General" and all provisions of the Public Building Commission Code of Ethics Resolution No.5339, as amended by Resolution No. 5371.
5. The Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal, state or local department or agency.

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- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid or proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (5)(b) above; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid or proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

**B. SUBCONTRACTORS**

1. The Contractor has obtained from all subcontractors being used in the performance of this contract or agreement, known by the Contractor at this time, disclosures substantially in the form of Section 1, and certifications substantially in the form of Section 2, of this Disclosure Affidavit. Based on such disclosures and certification(s), and any other information known or obtained by the Contractor, is not aware of any such subcontractor or subcontractor's affiliated entity or any agent, partner, employee or officer of such subcontractor or subcontractor's affiliated entity having engaged in or been convicted of (a) any of the conduct describe in Section II(A) (1)(a) or (b) of this certification; (b) bid-rigging, bid-rotating, or any similar offense of any state or the United States which contains the same elements as bid-rigging or bid-rotating, or having made an admission of guilt of the conduct described in Section II(A)(1)(a) or (b) which is matter of record but has/have not been prosecuted for such conduct.
2. The Contractor will, prior to using them as subcontractors, obtain from all subcontractors to be used in the performance of this contract or agreement, but not yet known by the Contractor at this time, certifications substantially in the form of this certification. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written permission of the Commission, use any of such subcontractors in the performance of this contract if the Contractor, based on such certifications or any other information known or obtained by Contractor, became aware of such subcontractor, subcontractor's affiliated entity or any agent, employee or officer of such subcontractor or subcontractor's affiliated entity having engaged in or been convicted of (a) any of the conduct describe in Section II(A)(1)(a) or (b) of this certification or (b) bid-rigging, bid-rotating or any similar offenses of any state or the United States which contains the same elements as bid-rigging or bid-rotating or having made an admission of guilt of the conduct described in Section II(A)(1)(a) or (b) which is a matter of record but has/have not been prosecuted for such conduct. The Contractor shall cause such subcontractors to certify as to Section II(A)(5). In the event any subcontractor is unable to certify to Section II(A)(5), such subcontractor shall attach an explanation to the certification.

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3. For all subcontractors to be used in the performance of this contract or agreement, the Contractor shall maintain for the duration of the contract all subcontractors' certifications required by Section II(B)(1) and (2) above, and Contractor shall make such certifications promptly available to the Public Building Commission of Chicago upon request.
4. The Contractor will not, without the prior written consent of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, use as subcontractors any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other entity from whom the Contractor is unable to obtain a certification substantially in the form of this certification.
5. The Contractor hereby agrees, if the Public Building Commission of Chicago so demands, to terminate its subcontractor with any subcontract if such subcontractor was ineligible at the time that the subcontract was entered into for award of such subcontract. The Contractor shall insert adequate provisions in all subcontracts to allow it to terminate such subcontract as required by this certification.

**C. STATE TAX DELINQUENCIES**

1. The Contractor is not delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue or, if delinquent, the Contractor is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate Revenue Act, its liability for the tax or amount of the tax.
2. Alternatively, the Contractor has entered into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue for the payment of all such taxes that are due and is in compliance with such agreement.
3. If the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the above statements [(Section II (C))], the Contractor shall explain below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NA

If the letters "NA", the word "None" or no response appears on the lines above, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to the above statements.

4. If any subcontractors are to be used in the performance of this contract or agreement, the Contractor shall cause such subcontractors to certify as to paragraph (C)(1) or (C)(2) of this certification. In the event that any subcontractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this certification.

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**D. OTHER TAXES/FEEES**

1. The Contractor is not delinquent in paying any fine, fee, tax or other charge owed to the City of Chicago.
2. If Contractor is unable to certify to the above statement, Contractor shall explain below and attach additional sheets if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A.  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the letters "NA", the word "None" or no response appears on the lines above, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to the above statements.

**E. PUNISHMENT**

A Contractor who makes a false statement material to Section II(A)(2) of this certification commits a Class 3 felony. 720 ILCS 5/33E-11(b).

**F. JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

1. The Contractor is not a party to any pending lawsuits against the City of Chicago or the Public Building Commission of Chicago nor has Contractor been sued by the City of Chicago or the Public Building Commission of Chicago in any judicial or administrative proceeding.
2. If the Contractor cannot certify to the above, provide the (1) case name; (2) docket number; (3) court in which the action is or was pending; and (4) a brief description of each such judicial or administrative proceeding. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A.  
\_\_\_\_\_

If the letters "NA", the word "None" or no response appears on the lines above, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to the above statements.

**CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

- A. Neither the Contractor nor any affiliated entity of the Contractor has, during a period of five years prior to the date of execution of this Affidavit: (1) violated or engaged in any conduct which violated

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federal, state or local Environmental Restriction<sup>5</sup>, (2) received notice of any claim, demand or action, including but not limited to citations and warrants, from any federal, state or local agency exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions relating to a violation or alleged violation of any federal, state or local statute, regulation or other Environmental Restriction; or (3) been subject to any fine or penalty of any nature for failure to comply with any federal, state or local statute, regulation or other Environmental Restriction.

If the Contractor cannot make the certification contained in Paragraph A of Section III, identify any exceptions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

(Attach additional pages of explanation to this Disclosure Affidavit, if necessary.)

If the letters "NA", the word "None" or no response appears on the lines above, it will be conclusively presumed that the Undersigned certified to the above statements.

- B. Without the prior written consent of the Public Building Commission of Chicago, Contractor will not employ any subcontractor in connection with the contract or proposal to which this Affidavit pertains without obtaining from such subcontractor a certification similar in form and substance to the certification contained in Paragraph A of this Section III prior to such subcontractor's performance of any work or services or furnishing any goods, supplies or materials of any kind under the proposal or the contract to which this Affidavit pertains.
- C. Until completion of the Contract's performance under the proposal or contract to which this Affidavit pertains, the Contractor will not violate any federal, state or local statute, regulation or other Environmental Restriction, whether in the performance of such contract or otherwise.

**III. INCORPORATION INTO CONTRACT AND COMPLIANCE**

The above certification shall become part of any contract awarded to the Contractor set forth on page 1 of this Disclosure Affidavit and are a material inducement to the Public Building Commission of Chicago's execution of the contract, contract modification or contract amendment with respect to which this Disclosure Affidavit is being executed and delivered on behalf of the Contractor. Furthermore, Contractor shall comply with these certifications during the term and/or performance of the contract.

**VERIFICATION**

Under penalty or perjury, I certify that I am authorized to execute this Disclosure Affidavit on behalf of the Contractor set forth on page 1, that I have personal knowledge of all the certifications made herein and that the same are true.

The Contractor must report any change in any of the facts stated in this Affidavit to the Public Building

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Commission of Chicago within 14 days of the effective date of such change by completing and submitting a new Disclosure Affidavit. Failure to comply with this requirement is grounds for your firm to be deemed non-qualified to do business with the PBCC. Deliver any such new Disclosure Affidavit to: Public Building Commission of Chicago, Director of Procurement, 50 W. Washington, Room 200, Chicago, IL 60602.

Gustavo Caicedo  
Signature of Authorized Officer

GUSTAVO. CAICEDO  
Name of Authorized Officer (Print or Type)

PRESIDENT

Title  
773-545-0308  
Telephone Number

State of ILLINOIS

County of COOK

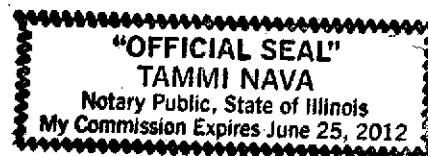
Signed and sworn to before me on this 4th day of February 2009 by

Gustavo Caicedo (Name) as President (Title) of

The Blueprint Shoppe (Bidder/Proposer or Contractor)

Tammi Nava

Notary Public Signature and Seal



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1. Business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one controls or has the power to control the other, or if a third person controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control include without limitation: interlocking management or ownership; identity of interests among family members; shared facilities and equipment; common use of employees; or organization of another business entity using substantially the same management, ownership or principals as the first entity.
2. For purposes of Section II (A) (2) of this certification, a person commits the offense of and engages in bid-rigging when he knowingly agrees with any person who is, or but for such agreement should be, a competitor of such person concerning any bid submitted or not submitted by such person or another to a unit of state or local government when with the intent that the bid submitted or not submitted will result in the award of a contract to such person or another and he either (1) provides such person or receives from another information concerning the price or other material term or terms of the bid which would otherwise not be disclosed to a competitor in an independent non-collusive submission of bids or (2) submits a bid that is of such a price or other material term or terms that he does not intend the bid to be accepted. see 720 ILCS 5/33-E-3.
3. No corporation shall be barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of a conviction, under either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Article 33 of the State of Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended, of any employee or agent of such corporation if the employee so convicted is no longer employed by the corporation and: (1) it has been finally adjudicated not guilty or (2) it demonstrates to the governmental entity with which it seeks to contract and that entity finds that the commission of the offense was neither authorized, requested, commanded, nor performed by a director, officer or a high managerial agent on behalf of the corporation as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 5-4 of the State of Illinois Criminal Code.
4. For purposes of Section II(A) of this certification, a person commits the offense of and engages in bid rotating when, pursuant to any collusive scheme or agreement with another, he engages in a pattern over time (which, for the purposes hereof, shall include at least three contract bids within a period of ten years, the most recent of which occurs after January 1, 1989) of submitting sealed bids to units of state or local government with the intent that the award of such bids rotates, or is distributed among, persons or business entities which submit bids on a substantial number of the same contracts. See 720 ILCS 5/33E-4.
5. "Environmental Restriction" means any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, permit, permit condition, order or directive relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning the release or threatened release of hazardous materials, special wastes or other contaminants into the environment, and to the generation, use, storage, transportation, or disposal of construction debris, bulk waste, refuse, garbage, solid wastes, hazardous materials, special wastes or other contaminants including but not limited to (1) Section 7-28-440 or 11-4-1500 or Article XIV of Chapter 11-4 or Chapter 7-28 or 11-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago; (2) Comprehensive Environment Response and Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*) the Hazardous Material Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. § 1801 *et seq.*); (4) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*); (5) the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*); (6) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*); (7) the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*); (8) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f); (9) the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. § 651 *et seq.*); (10) the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (42 U.S.C. § 11001 *et seq.*); and (10) the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/1 through 5/56.6).

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**EXHIBIT C  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS REGARDING THE UTILIZATION OF  
MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

**MAUFACTURE AND INSTALLATION OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE  
FOR VARIOUS PROJECT SITES  
PS1447**

**1. Policy Statement**

- a. It is the policy of the Commission to ensure competitive business opportunities for MBE and WBE firms in the performance of Contracts, to prohibit discrimination in the award of or participation in Contracts, and to abolish arbitrary barriers to full participation in Contracts by all persons, regardless of race, sex or ethnicity. Therefore, during the performance of this Contract, the Contractor must agree that it will not discriminate against any person or business on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, unfavorable discharge from military service, parental status, sexual orientation, national origin or sex, in the solicitation or the purchase of goods and services or the subcontracting of work in the performance in this Contract.
- b. The Commission requires the Contractor also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that MBE and WBE firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts with respect to this Contract.
- c. The Commission requires the Contractor to notify MBE and WBE firms, utilized on this contract, about opportunities on contracts without affirmative action goals.

**2. Aspirational Goals**

- a. Upon the effective date of these Special Conditions, the bi-annual aspirational goals are to award 24% of the annual dollar value of all Commission Construction Contracts to certified MBEs and 4% of the annual dollar value of all Commission Construction Contracts to qualified WBEs.
- b. Further, the Contractor must agree to use its best efforts to include MBE and WBE firms in any Contract modification work that increases the Contract value by 10% of the initial Contract value or \$50,000, whichever is less. Where the proposed contract modification involves work which can be performed by MBEs and WBEs already performing work on the contract such MBEs and WBEs will participate in such work specified in the contract modification..
- c. Failure to carry out the commitments and policies set forth in this Program constitute a material breach of contract and may result in termination of the Contractor or such other remedy, as the Commission deems appropriate.

**3. Definitions**

- a. For purposes of this Special Condition, the following definitions applies:

(1) "Certified Minority Business Enterprise" means a person or entity granted certification by the City of Chicago, County of Cook, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Chicago

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Minority Business Development Council, Central Management Service of the State of Illinois, METRA, and Women's Business Development Center.

(2) "Certified Women's Business Enterprise" means a person or entity granted certification by the City of Chicago, County of Cook, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Central Management Service of the State of Illinois, METRA, and Women's Business Development Center.

(3) "Construction Contract" means a contract for the construction, repair, alteration, renovation or improvement of any building, facility or other structure.

(4) "Contract Specific Goals" means the subcontracting goals for MBE and WBE participation established for a particular contract based upon the availability of MBEs and WBEs to perform and anticipated scope of work of the contract and the Commission's progress towards meeting the aspirational goals.

(5) "Contractor" means any person or business entity that seeks to enter into a Construction Contract with the Commission and includes all partners, affiliates and joint ventures of such person or entity.

(6) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Commission or his duly designated representative as appointed in writing.

(7) "Good faith efforts" means actions undertaken by a Contractor to achieve a Contract Specific Goal that by their scope, intensity and appropriateness to the objective can reasonably be expected to fulfill the Program's requirements.

(8) "Joint venture" means an association of two or more persons or entities or any combination of two or more business enterprises and persons numbering two or more, proposing to perform a single for-profit business enterprise, in which each joint venture partner contributes property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge, and in which the MBE or WBE is responsible for a distinct, clearly-defined portion of the work of the contract and whose share in the capital contribution, control, management, risks and profits of the joint venture is equal to its ownership interest. Joint ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationships between the parties and their relationship and responsibilities to the contract.

(9) "Minority" means:

- a. Any individual in the following racial or ethnic groups, members of which are rebuttably presumed to be socially disadvantaged:
  - i. African-Americans or Blacks, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
  - ii. Hispanics, which includes persons of Spanish culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race; and
- b. Individual members of other groups, including but not limited to Asian-Americans, Arab-Americans and Native-Americans, found by the Commission to be socially disadvantaged by having suffered racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias within American society, without regard to individual qualities, resulting in decreased opportunities to compete in Chicago area markets or to do business with the

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### Commission.

(10) "Minority-owned business enterprise" or "MBE" means a small local business enterprise which is at least 51% owned by one or more economically disadvantaged minority persons, or in the case of a publicly held corporation at least 51% of all classes of the stock of which is owned by one or more economically disadvantaged minority persons whose management, policies, major decisions and daily business operations are independently managed and controlled by one or more economically disadvantaged minority persons.

(11) "Program" means the minority- and women-owned business enterprise construction procurement program established in this special condition.

(12) "Women-owned business enterprise" or "WBE" means a small local business enterprise which is at least 51% owned by one or more economically disadvantaged women or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51% of all classes of the stock of which is owned by one or more economically disadvantaged women, whose management, policies, major decisions and daily business operations are independently managed and controlled by one or more economically disadvantaged women.

#### 4. Determining MBE/WBE Utilization

The methodology for determining MBE and WBE utilization will be determined for purposes of analysis with respect to this contract as follows:

- a. The total dollar value of the contract awarded to the certified MBE or WBE firm will be credited to such participation. Only minority business participation may be counted toward MBE participation and only women business participation may be counted toward WBE participation.
- b. The total dollar value of a contract with a firm owned and controlled by minority women is counted toward either the MBE or WBE goal, but not both. The Contractor employing the firm may choose the goal to which the contract value is applied. Various work done by one and the same subcontractor will be considered, for the purpose of this principle, as work effectively done under one subcontract only, which subcontractor may be counted toward only one of the goals, not toward both.
- c. A Contractor may count toward its MBE or WBE goal the portion of the total dollar value of a contract with an eligible joint venture equal to the percentage of the ownership and control of the MBE or WBE partner in the joint venture. A joint venture seeking to be credited for MBE participation may be formed among certified MBE and WBE firms, or between certified MBE and WBE firms and a non-MBE/WBE firm. A joint venture satisfies the eligibility standards of this Program if the certified MBE or WBE participant of the joint venture:
  - (1) Shares in the ownership, control, management responsibilities, risks and profits of the joint venture; and
  - (2) Is responsible for a clearly defined portion of work to be performed in proportion to the MBE or WBE ownership percentage.
- d. A Contractor may count toward its MBE and WBE goals only expenditures to firms that perform a commercially useful function in the work of a contract. A firm is considered to perform a commercially-useful function when it is responsible for execution of a distinct element of the

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work of a contract and carries out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To determine whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function, the Commission will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices and other relevant factors.

- e. Consistent with normal industry practices, a MBE or WBE firm may enter into subcontracts. If a MBE or WBE contractor subcontracts a significantly greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practices, the MBE or WBE will be rebuttably presumed not to be performing a commercially-useful function.
- f. A Contractor may count toward its goals expenditures to MBE or WBE manufacturers (i.e., suppliers that produce goods from raw materials or substantially alters them before resale).
- g. A Contractor may count toward its goals expenditures to MBE or WBE suppliers provided that the supplier performs a commercially useful function in the supply process.

### 5. Submission of Bid Proposals

- a. The following schedules and documents constitute the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal and must be submitted at the time of the bid or proposal or within such extended period as provided in Article 23.

(1) Evidence of Certification: Affidavit of MBE/WBE. A copy of each proposed MBE and WBE firm's Letter of Certification from the City of Chicago, Department of Procurement Services or any other entity listed in Section 23.03.3.a(1) must be submitted.

(2) Schedule B: Affidavit of MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE Joint Ventures. Where the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal includes participation of any MBE or WBE as a joint venture participant, the Bidder must submit a "Schedule B: Affidavit of MBE/Non-MBE or WBE/Non-WBE Joint Venture" with an attached copy of the joint venture agreement proposed among the parties. The Schedule B and the joint venture agreement must clearly evidence that the MBE or WBE participant will be responsible for a clearly defined portion of the work to be performed and that the MBE or WBE firm's responsibilities are in proportion with its ownership percentage.

(3) Schedule C: Letter of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor, Subconsultant, or Material Supplier, Schedule C, executed by the MBE/WBE firm (or Joint Venture Subcontractor) must be submitted by the Bidder for each MBE/WBE included on the Schedule D. Schedule C must accurately detail the work to be performed by the MBE or WBE firm and the agreed rates and prices to be paid.

(4) Schedule D: Affidavit of Prime Contractor Regarding MBE or WBE Utilization. A completed Schedule D committing to the utilization of each listed MBE or WBE firm. Unless the Bidder has submitted a completed request for a waiver of participation by MBE/WBE firms (See Request for Waiver procedures in Section 23.01.10), the Bidder must include the specific dollar amount of participation of each MBE/WBE firm listed on its Schedule D. The total dollar commitment to proposed MBE firms must at least equal the MBE goal, and the total dollar commitment to proposed WBE firms must at least equal the WBE goal. Bidders are responsible for calculating the dollar equivalent of MBE or WBE utilization as percentages of their total base bid.

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- b. The submittals must have all blank spaces on the Schedule pages applicable to the contract correctly filled in. Agreements between a Bidder and a MBE/WBE in which the MBE/WBE promises not to provide subcontracting quotations to other Bidders are prohibited.

### **6. Evaluation of Compliance Proposals**

- a. During the period between bid opening and contract award, the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal will be evaluated by the Commission. The Bidder agrees to provide, upon request, earnest and prompt cooperation to the Executive Director or his designee in submitting to interviews that may be necessary, in allowing entry to places of business, in providing further documentation, or in soliciting the cooperation of a proposed MBE or WBE firm in providing such assistance. A bid may be treated as non-responsive by reason of the determination that the Bidder's proposal did not contain a sufficient level of Certified MBE or WBE participation, that the Bidder was unresponsive or uncooperative when asked for further information relative to the proposal, or that false statements were made in the Schedules.
- b. If the Commission's review of a Bidder's proposal concludes that the MBE or WBE proposal was deficient, the Commission will promptly notify the Bidder of the apparent deficiency and instruct the Bidder to submit (within 3 business days of such notice given by the Commission) a modification of the MBE or WBE Proposal, in proper format, which remedies the deficiencies cited. Failure to correct all deficiencies cited by the Commission will be cause for rejection of the Bidder's proposal as non-responsive.
- c. Bidders will not be permitted to modify their MBE/WBE compliance proposal except insofar as directed to do so by the Commission. Therefore, all terms and conditions stipulated for prospective MBE and WBE subcontractors or suppliers should be satisfactorily negotiated prior to the submission to the Commission of the Bidder's MBE/WBE compliance proposal with the bid. If circumstances should arise, however, where a proposed MBE/WBE is no longer available, the process described in Section 23.01.62 should be followed.

### **7. Request for Waiver**

- a. If a Bidder is unable to identify qualified MBE and WBE firms to perform sufficient work to fulfill the MBE or WBE percentage goals for this Contract, the bid or proposal must include a written request for waiver. A request for waiver must be sent to the Executive Director and must set forth the Bidder's inability to obtain sufficient MBE and WBE firms notwithstanding good faith attempts to achieve such participation.
- b. Good Faith efforts to achieve participation include but are not limited to:
  - (1) Attendance at the Pre-bid conference;
  - (2) The Bidder's general affirmative action policies regarding the utilization of MBE and WBE firms, plus a description of the methods used to carry out those policies;
  - (3) Advertisement in trade association newsletters and minority and woman-oriented and general circulation media for specific sub-bids;

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- (4) Timely notification of specific sub-bids to minority and woman contractor assistance agencies and associations;
  - (5) Description of direct negotiations with MBE and WBE firms for specific sub-bids, including:
    - i. The name, address and telephone number of MBE and WBE firms contacted;
    - ii. A description of the information provided to MBE and WBE firms regarding the portions of the work to be performed; and
    - iii. The reasons why additional MBE and WBE firms were not obtained in spite of negotiations.
  - (6) A statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by MBE and WBE firms (such as sub-supplier, transport, engineering, distribution, or any other roles contributing to production and delivery as specified in the contract) in order to increase the likelihood of achieving sub participation.
  - (7) As to each MBE and WBE contacted which the Bidder considers to be not qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Bidder's conclusion.
  - (8) Efforts made by the Bidder to expand its search for MBE and/or WBE firms beyond usual geographic boundaries.
  - (9) General efforts made to assist MBE and WBE firms to overcome participation barriers.
- c. The Executive Director, after review and evaluation of the request provided by the Bidder, may grant a waiver request upon the determination that:
- (1) Sufficient qualified MBE and/or WBE firms capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract are unavailable despite the good faith efforts of the Bidder;
  - (2) The price(s) quoted by potential MBE and/or WBE firms for goods or services is above competitive levels to an extent unwarranted by any increased cost of doing business attributable to the present effects of disadvantage or discrimination.
8. Failure To Achieve Goals
- a. If the Contractor cannot achieve the contract specific goals, as the Project proceeds, it must have documented its good faith efforts to do so. In determining whether the contractor has made such good faith efforts, the performance of other contractors in meeting the goals may be considered. The Executive Director or his designee shall consider, at a minimum, the Contractor's efforts to do the following:
    - (1) Soliciting through reasonable and available means the interest of MBEs or WBEs that Provide interested MBEs or WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract, including addenda, in a timely manner to assist them in responding to the solicitation.

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(2) Provide interested MBEs or WBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract, including addenda, in a timely manner to assist them in responding to the solicitation.

(3) Negotiating in good faith with interested MBEs or WBEs that have submitted bids. Documentation of negotiation must include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of MBEs or WBEs that were solicited; the date of each such solicitation; a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting; and evidence as to why agreements could not be reached with MBEs or WBEs to perform the work. That there may be some additional costs involved in solicitation and using MBEs and WBEs is not a sufficient reason for a contractor's failure to meet the goals, as long as such costs are reasonable.

(4) Not rejecting MBEs or WBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on the thorough investigation of a their capabilities. The MBEs' or WBEs' standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations are not legitimate cases for rejecting or not soliciting bids to meet the goals.

(5) Making a portion of the work available to MBE or WBE subcontractors and suppliers and to select those portions of the work or material consistent with the available MBE or WBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate meeting the goals.

(6) Making good faith efforts despite the ability or desire of a Contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization. A Contractor that desires to self-perform the work of a contract must demonstrate good faith efforts unless the goals have been met.

(7) Selecting portions of the work to be performed by MBEs or WBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the goals will be met. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE or WBE participation even when the Contract might otherwise prefer to perform these items with its own forces.

(8) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs or WBEs in obtaining bonding lines of credit or insurance as required by the Commission or Contractor.

(9) Making efforts to assist interested MBEs or WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related assistance or services, including participation in a mentor-protégée program; and

(10) Effectively using the services of the Commission; minority or women community organizations; minority or women contractors' groups; local, state and federal minority or women business assistance offices; and other organizations to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of MBEs or WBEs.

- b. In the event the Public Building Commission Procurement Officer determines that the Contractor did not make a good faith effort to achieve the goals, the Contractor may file a Dispute to the Executive Director as provided in Section 18.02. Disputes Book 2.

### **9. Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements**

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- a. The Contractor, within 5 working days of contract award, must execute a formal subcontract or purchase order in compliance with the terms of the Contractor's bid proposal and MBE/WBE assurances, and submit to the Commission a copy of the MBE and WBE subcontracts or purchase orders, each showing acceptance of the subcontract or purchase order by the MBE and WBE firms. During the performance of the contract, the Contractor will submit partial and final waivers of lien from MBE and WBE subcontractors and suppliers indicating the current payment amount and the cumulative dollar amount of payments made to date. The Contractor will file regular MBE and WBE utilization reports on the form entitled "Status Report of MBE and WBE (Sub) Contract Payments" at the time of submitting each monthly Payment Estimate, which reflects the current status of cumulative and projected payments to MBE and WBE firms.
  - b. The Contractor must maintain records of all relevant data with respect to the utilization of MBE and WBE firms, including without limitation payroll records, tax returns and records, and books of account in such detail as the Commission requires, and retain such records for a period of at least 3 years after final acceptance of the work. Full access to such records will be granted to the Commission and/or its designees, on 5 business days' notice in order for the Commission to determine the Contractor's compliance with its MBE and WBE commitments and the status of any MBE or WBE firm performing any portion of the contract.
10. Disqualification of MBE or WBE
- a. The Contract may be terminated by the Executive Director upon the disqualification of the Contractor as an MBE or WBE if the Contractor's status as an MBE or WBE was a factor in the award and such status was misrepresented by the Contractor.
  - b. The Contract may be terminated by the Executive Director upon the disqualification of any MBE or WBE if the Subcontractor's or supplier's status as an MBE or WBE was a factor in the award of the contract and the status of the subcontractor or supplier was misrepresented by the Contractor. If the Contractor is determined not to have been involved in any misrepresentation of the status of the disqualified subcontractor or supplier, the Contractor shall make good faith efforts to engage a qualified MBE or WBE replacement.
11. Prohibition On Changes To MBE/WBE Commitments
- The Contractor must not make changes to its contractual MBE and WBE commitments or substitute such MBE or WBE subcontractors without the prior written approval of the Executive Director. Unauthorized changes or substitutions, including performing the work designated for a subcontractor with the Contractor's own forces, is a violation of this section and a breach of the contract with the Commission, and may cause termination of the contract for breach, and/or subject the Contractor to contract remedies or other sanctions. The facts supporting the request must not have been known nor reasonably should have been known by the parties prior to entering into the subcontract.
12. MBE/WBE Substitution Requirements and Procedures
- a. Arbitrary changes by the Contractor of the commitments earlier certified in the **Schedule D** are prohibited. Further, after once entering into each approved MBE and WBE sub-contract agreement, the Contractor shall thereafter neither terminate the subcontract, nor reduce the scope of the work to be performed by the MBE or WBE, nor decrease the price to the MBE or WBE, without in each instance receiving the prior written approval of the Executive Director. In some cases, however, it may become necessary to substitute a new MBE or WBE in order to actually fulfill the MBE or WBE requirements. In such cases, the Executive Director must be

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given reasons justifying the release by the Contractor of prior specific MBE or WBE commitments established in the contract, and will need to review the eligibility of the MBE or WBE presented as a substitute. The substitution procedure will be as follows:

(1) The Contractor must notify the Executive Director immediately in writing of an apparent necessity to reduce or terminate a MBE or WBE subcontract and to propose a substitute firm for some phase of work, if needed in order to sustain the fulfillment of the MBE/WBE contract requirements.

(2) The Contractor's notification should include the specific reasons for the proposed substitution. Stated reasons which would be acceptable include any of the following reasons: a) Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed; b) failure of performance; c) financial incapacity; d) refusal by the subcontractor to honor the bid or proposal price or scope; e) mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a solicitation where a reasonable price cannot be agreed; f) failure of the subcontractor to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements; g) the subcontractor's withdrawal of its bid or proposal; or h) decertification of the subcontractor as MBE or WBE.

The Contractor's position must be fully explained and supported with adequate documentation. Stated reasons which will not be acceptable include: replacement firm has been recruited to perform the same work under terms more advantageous to the Contractor; issues about performance by the committed MBE or WBE were disputed (unless every reasonable effort has already been taken to have the issues resolved or mediated satisfactorily); an MBE or WBE has requested reasonable price escalation which may be justified due to unforeseen circumstances.

(3) The Contractor's notification should include the names, address and principal official of any proposed substitute MBE or WBE and the dollar value and scope of work of the proposed subcontract. Attached should be all the same MBE/WBE affidavits, documents and Letters of Intent which are required of the proposed MBE or WBE firms, as enumerated above in Section 20.5. Submission of Bid Proposals.

(4) The Executive Director will evaluate the submitted documentation, and respond within fifteen (15) working days to the request for approval of a substitution. The response may be in the form of requesting more information, or requesting an interview to clarify or mediate the problem. In the case of an expressed emergency need to receive the necessary decision for the sake of job progress, the Executive Director will instead respond as soon as practicable.

(5) Actual substitution of a replacement MBE or WBE to fulfill contract requirements must not be made before the Executive Director's approval is given of the acceptability of the substitute MBE or WBE. This subcontract must be executed within five (5) working days, and a copy of the MBE WBE subcontract with signatures of both parties to the agreement should be submitted immediately to the Executive Director.

- b. The Executive Director will not approve extra payment for escalated costs incurred by the Contractor when a substitution of subcontractors becomes necessary for the Contractor in order to comply with MBE/WBE contract requirements.
- c. No relief of the MBE/WBE requirements will be granted by the Executive Director except in exceptional circumstances. Requests for complete or partial waiver of the MBE/WBE

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requirements of this contract must be made in writing, stating all details of the request, the circumstances, and any additional relevant information. The request must be accompanied by a record of all efforts taken by the Contractor to locate specific firms, solicit MBE and WBE bids, seek assistance from technical assistance agencies, and other good faith efforts undertaken to achieve compliance with the MBE/WBE goals.

### **13. Non-Compliance**

- a. The Executive Director has the authority to apply suitable sanctions to the Contractor if the Contractor is found to be in non-compliance with the MBE and WBE requirements. Failure to comply with the MBE or WBE terms of this contract or failure to use MBE or WBE firms as stated in the Contractor's assurances constitutes a material breach of the contract, and may lead to the suspension or termination of the contract in part or in whole. In some cases, monthly progress payments may be withheld until corrective action is taken.
- b. When the contract is completed, if the Executive Director has determined that the contractor did not comply in the fulfillment of the required MBE and/or WBE goals, and a grant of relief of the requirements was not obtained, the Commission will be damaged in the failure to provide the benefit of participation to minority or women business to the degree set forth in this Special Condition. In that case, the Commission may disqualify the Contractor from entering into future contracts with the Commission.

### **14. Severability**

- a. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, provision or application of these Special Conditions is held invalid by any court, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision will not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

**SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (1 of 3)**

*This form need not be filled in if all joint venturers are MBE/WBE firms. In such case, however, a written joint venture agreement among the MBE/WBE firms should be submitted. Each MBE/WBE joint venturer must also attach a copy of their current certification letter.*

1. Name of joint venture \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of joint venture \_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone number of joint venture \_\_\_\_\_

4. Identify the firms that comprise the joint venture

A. Describe the role(s) of the MBE/WBE firm(s) in the joint venture. (Note that a "clearly defined portion of work" must here be shown as under the responsibility of the MBE/WBE firm.)

B. Describe very briefly the experience and business qualifications of each non-MBE/WBE joint venturer.

5. Nature of joint venture's business \_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide a copy of the joint venture agreement.

7. Ownership: What percentage of the joint venture is claimed to be owned by MBE/WBE? \_\_\_\_\_ %

8. Specify as to:

A. Profit and loss sharing \_\_\_\_\_ %

B. Capital contributions, including equipment \_\_\_\_\_ %

C. Other applicable ownership interests, including ownership options or other agreements which restrict ownership or control.

D. Describe any loan agreements between joint venturers, and identify the terms thereof.

### SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (2 of 3)

9. Control of and participation in this Contract: Identify by name, race, sex, and "firm" those individuals (and their titles) who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision making, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for:

A. Financial decisions

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Management decisions such as:

1) Estimating

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2) Marketing and Sales

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3) Hiring and firing of management personnel

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4) Other

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C. Purchasing of major items or supplies

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D. Supervision of field operations

\_\_\_\_\_

E. Supervision of office personnel

\_\_\_\_\_

- F. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established; which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books; how will the expense therefor be reimbursed; the authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other. Describe the estimated contract cash flow for each joint venturer.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- G. State approximate number of operational personnel, their craft/role and positions, and whether they will be employees of the majority firm or the joint venture.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE B - Joint Venture Affidavit (3 of 3)**

10. Please state any material facts of additional information pertinent to the control and structure of this joint venture.

THE UNDERSIGNED SWEAR THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT AND INCLUDE ALL MATERIAL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE TERMS AND OPERATIONS OF OUR JOINT VENTURE AND THE INTENDED PARTICIPATION BY EACH JOINT VENTURER IN THE UNDERTAKING. FURTHER, THE UNDERSIGNED COVENANT AND AGREE TO PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO CURRENT, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING ACTUAL JOINT VENTURE WORK AND THE PAYMENT THEREFOR AND ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN ANY OF THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS AND TO PERMIT THE AUDIT AND EXAMINATION OF THE BOOKS, RECORDS, AND FILES OF THE JOINT VENTURE, OR THOSE OF EACH JOINT VENTURER RELEVANT TO THE JOINT VENTURE, BY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION. ANY MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION WILL BE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING ANY CONTRACT WHICH MAY BE AWARDED AND FOR INITIATING ACTION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS CONCERNING FALSE STATEMENTS.

Note: If, after filing this Schedule B and before the completion of the joint venture's work on this Contract, there is any significant change in the information submitted, the joint venture must inform the Public Building Commission of Chicago, either directly or through the Consultant if the joint venture is a sub-consultant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Joint Venturer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Joint Venturer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
before me appeared (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
before me appeared (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
to me personally known, who, being duly sworn,  
did execute the foregoing affidavit, and did state  
that he or she was properly authorized by  
(Name of Joint Venture)

\_\_\_\_\_  
to me personally known, who, being duly sworn,  
did execute the foregoing affidavit, and did state  
that he or she was properly authorized by  
(Name of Joint Venture)

\_\_\_\_\_  
to execute the affidavit and did so as his or her  
free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
to execute the affidavit and did so as his or her  
free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Commission expires:  
(SEAL)

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(SEAL)

**SCHEDULE C - Letter of Intent from MBE/WBE**

**To Perform As**

**Subcontractor, Subconsultant, and/or Material Supplier (1 of 2)**

**SCHEDULE C AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL**

Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM:

\_\_\_\_\_ MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of MBE or WBE)

TO:

\_\_\_\_\_ and Public Building Commission of Chicago  
(Name of Professional Service Provider)

The undersigned intends to perform work in connection with the above-referenced project as (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ a Sole Proprietor  
\_\_\_\_\_ a Partnership

\_\_\_\_\_ a Corporation  
\_\_\_\_\_ a Joint Venture

The MBE/WBE status of the undersigned is confirmed by the attached Letter of Certification, dated \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, in the case where the undersigned is a Joint Venture with a non-MBE/WBE firm, a Schedule B, Joint Venture Affidavit, is provided.

The undersigned is prepared to provide the following described services or supply the following described goods in connection with the above-named project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The above-described services or goods are offered for the following price, with terms of payment as stipulated in the Contract Documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE C - Letter of Intent from MBE/WBE**

**To Perform As**

**Subcontractor, Subconsultant, and/or Material Supplier (2 of 2)**

**PARTIAL PAY ITEMS**

For any of the above items that are partial pay items, specifically describe the work and subcontract dollar amount:

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If more space is needed to fully describe the MBE/WBE firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheet(s).

**SUB-SUBCONTRACTING LEVELS**

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the dollar value of the MBE/WBE subcontract will be sublet to non-MBE/WBE contractors.

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the dollar value of the MBE/WBE subcontract will be sublet to MBE/WBE contractors.

If MBE/WBE subcontractor will not be sub-subcontracting any of the work described in this Schedule, a zero (0) must be filled in each blank above. If more than 10% percent of the value of the MBE/WBE subcontractor's scope of work will be sublet, a brief explanation and description of the work to be sublet must be provided.

The undersigned will enter into a formal agreement for the above work with the General Bidder, conditioned upon its execution of a contract with the Public Building Commission of Chicago, and will do so within five (5) working days of receipt of a notice of Contract award from the Commission.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of MBE/WBE Firm (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

IF APPLICABLE:

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joint Venture Partner (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

MBE \_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_ Non-MBE/WBE \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**SCHEDULE D - Affidavit of Professional Service Provider Regarding MBE/WBE Participation**  
(1 of 2)

Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS        }  
  } SS  
COUNTY OF COOK        }

In connection with the above-captioned contract, I HEREBY DECLARE AND AFFIRM that I am the

PRESIDENT

Title

and duly authorized representative of

THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC.

Name of Professional Service Provider

whose address is 5130 N. ELSTON AVE

in the City of CHICAGO, State of ILL 60630.

and that I have personally reviewed the material and facts submitted with the attached Schedules of MBE/WBE participation in the above-referenced Contract, including Schedule C and Schedule B (if applicable), and the following is a statement of the extent to which MBE/WBE firms will participate in this Contract if awarded to this firm as the Contractor for the Project.

Name of MBE/WBE Contractor	Type of Work to be Done in Accordance with Schedule C	Dollar Credit Toward MBE/WBE Goals	
		MBE	WBE
THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC	SIGN MANUFACTURING & INSTALLATION	\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
Total Net MBE/WBE Credit		\$	\$
Percent of Total Base Bid		%	%

The Professional Service Provider may count toward its MBE/WBE goal a portion of the total dollar value of a contract with a joint venture equal to the percentage of the ownership and control of the MBE/WBE partner.



STATUS REPORT OF MBE/WBE (SUB) CONTRACT PAYMENTS  
(1 of 2)

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS       }  
                                      } SS

COUNTY OF COOK       }

In connection with the above-captioned contract:

I DECLARE AND AFFIRM that I

GUSTAVO CAICEDO.

(Name of Affiant)

am the

PRESIDENT. and duly authorized representative of

(Title)

THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC.

(Name of Company)

whose address is

5130 N. ELSTON AVE CHI ILL 60630.

and that the following Minority and Women Business Enterprises have been contracted with, and have furnished, or are furnishing and preparing materials for, and have done or are doing labor on the above-captioned contract; that there is due and to become due them, respectively, the amounts set opposite their names for materials or labor as stated; and that this is a full, true, and complete statement of all such MBEs/WBEs and of the amounts paid, due, and to become due to them:

MBE/WBE Name	Contract For	Amount of Contract	Total Previous Requests	Amount This Request	Balance to Complete
TOTALS					

STATUS REPORT OF MBE/WBE (SUB) CONTRACT PAYMENTS (2 of 2)

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT I AM AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE FIRM, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT.

Gustavo Caicedo  
(Affiant)

2-5-09.  
(Date)

On this 4th day of February 20 09,

before me, Tammi Nava, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Gustavo Caicedo, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledged that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purposes therein contained.

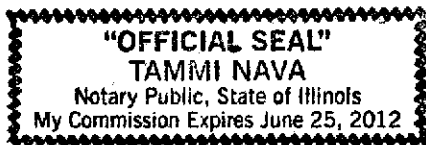
In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Tammi Nava

Notary Public

Commission Expires June 25, 2012

(Seal)



**EXHIBIT D**

**W-9 FORM**

**CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE SERVICES  
FOR VARIOUS PROJECT SITES – PS1447**

**(COMMISSION'S W-9 FORM EXECUTED BY CONTRACTOR FOLLOWS THIS PAGE.)**

**ACORD. CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

2/4/2009

<b>PRODUCER</b> MARK HOLIHAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC 814 Busse Hwy Park Ridge, IL 60068 (847) 823-6800		THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.	
<b>INSURED</b> BLUEPRINT SHOP  5130 N. ELSTON CHICAGO, IL 60630 (847) 853-1808		<b>INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE</b> INSURER A <b>Truck Insurance Exchange</b> INSURER D <b>Farmers Insurance Exchange</b> INSURER C INSURER D INSURER E	<b>NAIC#</b>

**COVERAGES**

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

TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GENL. AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC.	085980335	02/07/08	02/07/10	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Per occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 1,000,000
<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS	085980335	02/07/08	02/07/10	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Per accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
<b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN EA ACC \$ AUTO ONLY - AGG \$
<b>EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE DEDUCTIBLE \$ RETENTION \$				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ \$
<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below	A08096009	06/28/08	06/28/10	WORKERS COMP. - LTD. BENEFIT \$ LTD. BENEFIT \$ E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000
<b>OTHER</b> <b>Professional Liability</b>	085980335	02/07/08	02/07/10	1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Certificate holder is also named as additional insured.

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

Public Building Commission  
 Procurement Department,  
 Richard J. Daley Center, Room 200  
 Chicago, IL 60602

**CANCELLATION**

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT. BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

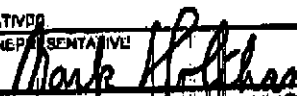


Exhibit D

Form **W-9**  
(Rev. October 2007)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type  
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)  
**THE BLUEPRINT SHOPPE INC.**

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: ☐ Individual/Sole proprietor ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership  
☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ ..... ☐ Exempt payee  
☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**5130 N. ELSTON AVE**

City, state, and ZIP code  
**CHI-ILL 60630**

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number

or

Employer identification number

**3613286027**

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

## Part II Certification

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 as a result 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 (defined below).

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Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *[Signature]*

Date ▶ **2-4-09**

## General Instructions

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### Purpose of Form

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- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

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**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

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☐ Exempt  
payee

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**36 3286 027**

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Signature of  
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*[Signature]*

Date ▶

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The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.** Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** Check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification ("D" for disregarded entity, "C" for corporation, "P" for partnership) in the space provided.

For a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line.

For an LLC classified as a partnership or a corporation, enter the LLC's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

### Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),

2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,

3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,

4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or

5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,

7. A foreign central bank of issue,

8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,

9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,

10. A real estate investment trust,

11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,

12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),

13. A financial institution,

14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or

15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

### What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>3</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>3</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

### Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 if you think your identity has been used inappropriately for tax purposes.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

#### Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS personal property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT(438-4338).

Visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

### Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.