



Proposal Submitted By:

Contractor's Name

Morton Salt, Inc.

Contractor's Address

444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900

City

Chicago

State

IL

Zip Code

60606

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Local Public Agency

County of DuPage

County

DuPage

Section Number

24-0SALT-01-MS

Street Name/Road Name

2024 Salt Purchase

Type of Funds

MFT and other funds

☒ Material proposal ☐ Deliver and Install Proposal ☐ Plans

For a County and Road District Project

Submitted/Approved

Highway Commissioner Signature & Date

Submitted/Approved

County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways Signature & Date

*William C. Edison* 4/18/2024

For a Municipal Project

Submitted/Approved/Passed

Signature & Date

Official Title

Department of Transportation

Released for bid based on limited review

Regional Engineer Signature & Date

Note: All proposal documents, including Proposal Guaranty Checks or Proposal Bid Bonds, should be stapled together to prevent loss when bids are processed.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of the DuPage County Division of Transportation  
421 N. County Farm Road, 2nd Floor, Wheaton, IL 60187 Name of Office  
until 2:00 PM on 05/14/24  
Address Time Date

1. Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of

online at  
[https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/transportation/doing\\_business/bids\\_and\\_lettings.php](https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/transportation/doing_business/bids_and_lettings.php)

2. ☐ Prequalification

If checked, the 2 low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in duplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and one original with the IDOT District Office.

3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material/Deliver and Install Proposals.
4. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in the BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material/Deliver and Install Proposals, will be required. See the attached Special Provisions for specific instructions for proposal guaranty for this proposal packet.
5. The successful bidder at the time of execution of the contract will be required to deposit a contract bond or proposal guaranty as provided for in the special provisions. Failure on the part of the contractor to deliver the material within the time specified or to do the work specified herein will be considered just cause to forfeit his surety as provided in Article 108.10 of the Standard Specifications.
6. Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Awarding Authority and shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Material Proposal, Section 24-0SALT-01-MS".

By Order of

Awarding Authority

County of DuPage

County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways/

Municipal Clerk

William C. Eidson

Date

04/05/24

### Material Proposal or Deliver & Install Proposal

To

Awarding Authority

County of DuPage

Awarding Authority Address

421 N. County Farm Road

City

Wheaton

State

IL

Zip Code

60187

If this bid is accepted within 45 days from the date of opening, the undersigned agrees to furnish or to deliver & install any or all of the materials, at the quoted unit prices, subject to the following:

1. It is understood and agreed that the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction", adopted 01/01/22 and the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions", adopted 01/01/24, prepared by the Department of Transportation, shall govern insofar as they may be applied and insofar as they do not conflict with the special provision and supplemental specifications attached hereto.
2. It is understood that quantities listed are approximate only and that they may be increased or decrease as may be needed to properly complete the improvement within its present limits or extensions thereto, at the unit prices stated and that bids will be compared on the basis of total price bid for each group.
3. Delivery in total or partial shipments as ordered shall be made within the time specified in the special provisions or by the acceptance at the point and in the manner specified in the "Schedule of Prices". If delivery on the job site is specified, it shall mean any place or paces on the road designed by the awarding authority or its authorized representative.
4. The contractor and/or local public agency performing the actual material placement operations shall be responsible for providing work zone traffic control, unless otherwise specified in this proposal. Such devices shall meet the requirements of and be installed in accordance with applicable provisions of the "Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and any referenced Illinois Highway Standards.

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5. Each pay item should have a unit price and a total price. If no total price is shown or if there is a discrepancy between the product of the unit price multiplied by the quantity, the unit price shall govern. If a unit price is omitted, the total price will be divided by the quantity in order to establish a unit price. A bid will be declared unacceptable if neither a unit price nor a total price is shown.
6. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Contract Proposals, will be required. The proposal guaranty as specified in the special provisions is attached.

If a bid bond is allowed or required, Department form BLR 12230 or a proposal guaranty check, complying with the specifications, made payable to: County Treasurer of DuPage

The amount of the check is \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_).

**Attach Cashier's Check or Certified Check Here**

In the event that one proposal guaranty check is intended to cover two or more bid proposals, the amount must be equal to the sum of the proposal guaranties which would be required for each individual bid proposal. If the proposal guaranty check is placed in another bid proposal, state below where it may be found.

The proposal guaranty check will be found in the bid proposal for: Section Number \_\_\_\_\_).

Discounts will be allowed for payment as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days

Discounts will not be considered in determining the low bidder

Bidder

By

Title

Address

City

State

Zip Code



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WE, Morton Salt, Inc. of 444 W. Lake Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60606 as PRINCIPAL, and  
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116 as SURETY, are held jointly,  
severally and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (hereafter referred to as "LPA") in the penal sum of 5% of the total bid  
price, or for the amount specified in the proposal documents in effect on the date of invitation for bids, whichever is the lesser sum. We  
bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this  
instrument.

WHEREAS THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the said PRINCIPAL is submitting a written  
proposal to the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of the work designated as the above section.

THEREFORE if the proposal is accepted and a contract awarded to the PRINCIPAL by the LPA for the above designated section  
and the PRINCIPAL shall within fifteen (15) days after award enter into a formal contract, furnish surety guaranteeing the faithful  
performance of the work, and furnish evidence of the required insurance coverage, all as provided in the "Standard Specifications for Road  
and Bridge Construction" and applicable Supplemental Specifications, then this obligation shall become void; otherwise it shall remain in  
full force and effect.

IN THE EVENT the LPA determines the PRINCIPAL has failed to enter into a formal contract in compliance with any  
requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph, then the LPA acting through its awarding authority shall immediately be entitled to  
recover the full penal sum set out above, together with all court costs, all attorney fees, and any other expense of recovery.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their  
respective officers this 7th of May, 2024  
Day Month and Year

**Principal**

Company Name

Morton Salt, Inc.

Signature & Date

By:

*Anthony T. Patton*  
Anthony T. Patton 5-9-2024

Title

Director Bulk Deicing US Government Sales

Company Name

Signature & Date

By:

Title

(If Principal is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names, and authorized signatures of each contractor must be  
affixed.)

**Surety**

Name of Surety

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

See Attached Surety Acknowledgment

Signature of Attorney-in-Fact Signature & Date

By:

*Tamara Bowser*

Tamara Bowser, Attorney-in-Fact

May 7, 2024

STATE OF IL

COUNTY OF

I Mariola Cruz, a Notary Public in and for said county do hereby certify that

*Anthony T. Patton*

(Insert names of individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL & SURETY)

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of  
PRINCIPAL and SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that they signed and delivered said  
instruments as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

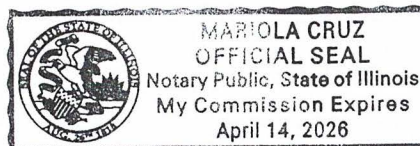
Given under my hand and notarial seal this 9th day of May 2024  
Day Month and Year

Notary Public Signature & Date

*Mariola Cruz*

Date commission expires 4-14-2026

(SEAL, if required by the LPA)



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**ELECTRONIC BID BOND**

☐ **Electronic bid bond is allowed (box must be checked by LPA if electronic bid bond is allowed)**

The Principal may submit an electronic bid bond, in lieu of completing the above section of the Proposal Bid Bond Form. By providing an electronic bid bond ID code and signing below, the Principal is ensuring the identified electronic bid bond has been executed and the Principal and Surety are firmly bound unto the LPA under the conditions of the bid bond as shown above. (If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, an electronic bid bond ID code, company/Bidder name title and date must be affixed for each contractor in the venture.)

Electronic Bid Bond ID Code

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Company/Bidder Name

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Signature & Date

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Title

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF St. Charles

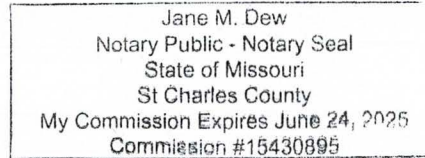
On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 before me, Jane M. Dew a Notary Public, residing within and for said County and State, personally appeared Tamara Bowser to me personally known to be the Attorney-In-Fact of and for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and acknowledged that he/she executed the said instrument as the free act and deed of said Company.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

BY:



Jane M. Dew, Notary Public





This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: **8211563- 905051**

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

**KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:** That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Roxanne Avila, Lauren Blair, Tamara Bowser, Jane M. Dew, Anne M. Gileedt, Stephanie L. Klearman, DeAnna M. Maurer, Kevin E. McDaniel, Meredith McMillen, Nancy Singleton

all of the city of St. Louis state of MO each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 29th day of March, 2024.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company  
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company  
West American Insurance Company

By:

David M. Carey  
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss  
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 29th day of March, 2024 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public  
Montgomery County  
My commission expires March 28, 2025  
Commission number 1126044  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By:

Teresa Pastella  
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

### ARTICLE XIII – Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

**Certificate of Designation** – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

**Authorization** – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 7th day of May, 2024.



By:

Renee C. Llewellyn  
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary



## Material Proposal Schedule of Prices

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## Material Proposal Schedule of Prices

Group No.	Item(s)	Delivery	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
1	ROCK SALT	FOB	TON	15000	\$73.90	\$1,108,500.00
1	ROCK SALT (130% to 150%)	FOB	TON		\$93.90	
Bidder's Total Proposal for Group 1						<b>\$1,108,500.00</b>

2	ROCK SALT	FOB	TON	47970	\$73.90	\$3,544,983.00
2	ROCK SALT, EARLY DELIVERY	FOB	TON	3800	\$73.90	\$ 280,820.00
2	ROCK SALT (130% to 150%)	FOB	TON		\$93.90	
Bidder's Total Proposal for Group 2						<b>\$3,825,803.00</b>

The undersigned firm certifies that it has not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois, nor has the firm made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, or employee of the firm committed bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the firm. The undersigned firm further certifies that it is not barred from contracting with any unit of State or local government as a result of a violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.

## Bidder Signature and Date

Anthony T. Patton, Director Bulk Deicing US Government Sales

Address	City	State	Zip Code
444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900	Chicago	IL	60606





## Apprenticeship and Training Program Certification

RETURN WITH BID

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**All contractors are required to complete the following certification**

- ☐ For this contract proposal or for all bidding groups in this deliver and install proposal.
- ☒ For the following deliver and install bidding groups in this material proposal.

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The County of DuPage policy, adopted in accordance with DuPage County, Illinois County Code, requires this contract to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The award decision is subject to approval by the Department. In addition to all other responsibility factors, this contract or deliver and install proposal requires all bidders and all bidder's subcontractors to disclose participation in apprenticeship or training programs that are (1) approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and (2) applicable to the work of the above indicated proposals or groups. Therefore, all bidders are required to complete the following certification:

1. Except as provided in paragraph 4 below, the undersigned bidder certifies that it is a participant, either as an individual or as part of a group program, in an approved apprenticeship or training program applicable to each type of work or craft that the bidder will perform with its own employees.
2. The undersigned bidder further certifies, for work to be performed by subcontract, that each of its subcontractors either (A) is, at the time of such bid, participating in an approved, applicable apprenticeship or training program; or (B) will, prior to commencement of performance of work pursuant to this contract, establish participation in an approved apprenticeship or training program applicable to the work of the subcontract.
3. The undersigned bidder, by inclusion in the list in the space below, certifies the official name of each program sponsor holding the Certificate of Registration for all of the types of work or crafts in which the bidder is a participant and that will be performed with the bidder's employees. Types of work or craft that will be subcontracted shall be included and listed as subcontract work.

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4. Except for any work identified above, if any bidder or subcontractor shall perform all or part of the work of the contract or deliver and install proposal solely by individual owners, partners or members and not by employees to whom the payment of prevailing rates of wages would be required, check the following box, and identify the owner/operator workforces and positions of ownership. ☐

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The requirements of this certification and disclosure are a material part of the contract, and the contractor shall require this certification provision to be included in all approved subcontracts. The bidder is responsible for making a complete report and shall make certain that each type of work or craft job category that will be utilized on the project is accounted for and listed. The Department at any time before or afterward may require the production of a copy of each applicable Certificate of Registration issued by the United States Department of Labor evidencing such participation by the contractor and any or all of its subcontractors. In order to fulfill the participation requirement, it shall not be necessary that any applicable program sponsor be currently taking or that it will take applications for apprenticeship, training or employment during the performance of the work of this contract or deliver and install proposal.

Bidder	Signature	Date	
Morton Salt, Inc.	Not required per addendum		
Title			
Director Bulk Deicing US Government Sales			
Address	City	State	Zip Code
444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900	Chicago	IL	60606



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I, Anthony T. Patton of Chicago, Illinois,  
Name of Affiant City of Affiant State of Affiant

being first duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. That I am the Director Bulk Deicing  
US Government Sales of Morton Salt, Inc.  
Officer or Position Bidder
2. That I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated.
3. That, if selected under the proposal described above, Morton Salt, Inc., will maintain a business office in the  
Bidder  
State of Illinois, which will be located in Cook County, Illinois.  
County
4. That this business office will serve as the primary place of employment for any persons employed in the construction contemplated by this proposal.
5. That this Affidavit is given as a requirement of state law as provided in Section 30-22(8) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

Signature	Date
Not required per addendum	

Print Name of Affiant
Anthony T. Patton, Director Bulk Deicing US Government Sales

**Notary Public**

State of IL

County Cook

Signed (or subscribed or attested) before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by  
(date)

Anthony T. Patton, authorized agent(s) of  
(name/s of person/s)

Morton Salt, Inc.  
Bidder

Signature of Notary Public

(SEAL)

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



## Required Vendor Ethics Disclosure Statement

Failure to complete and return this form may result in delay or cancellation of the County's Contractual Obligation.

Date: 5-9-2024

Bid/Contract/PO #: 24-0SALT-01-MS

Company Name: <u>Morton Salt, Inc.</u>	Company Contact: <u>Anthony T. Patton</u>
Contact Phone: <u>855-665-4540</u>	Contact Email: <u>bids@morton.salt.com</u>

### The DuPage County Procurement Ordinance requires the following written disclosures prior to award:

1. Every contractor, union, or vendor that is seeking or has previously obtained a contract, change orders to one (1) or more contracts, or two (2) or more individual contracts with the county, shall provide to Procurement Services Division a written disclosure of all political campaign contributions made by such contractor, union, or vendor within the current and previous calendar year to any incumbent county board member, county board chairman, or countywide elected official whose office the contract to be awarded will benefit. The contractor, union or vendor shall update such disclosure annually during the term of a multi-year contract and prior to any change order or renewal requiring approval by the county board. For purposes of this disclosure requirement, "contractor or vendor" includes owners, officers, managers, lobbyists, agents, consultants, bond counsel and underwriters counsel, subcontractors and corporate entities under the control of the contracting person, and political action committees to which the contracting person has made contributions.

☒ **NONE (check here) - If no contributions have been made**

Recipient	Donor	Description (e.g. cash, type of item, in-kind services, etc.)	Amount/Value	Date Made

2. All contractors and vendors who have obtained or are seeking contracts with the county shall disclose the names and contact information of their lobbyists, agents and representatives and all individuals who are or will be having contact with county officers or employees in relation to the contractor bid and shall update such disclosure with any changes that may occur.

☐ **NONE (check here) - If no contacts have been made**

Lobbyists, Agents and Representatives and all individuals who are or will be having contact with county officers or employees in relation to the contract or bid	Telephone	Email

A contractor or vendor that knowingly violates these disclosure requirements is subject to penalties which may include, but are not limited to, the immediate cancellation of the contract and possible disbarment from future county contracts.

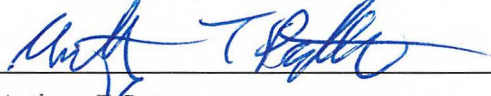
### Continuing disclosure is required, and I agree to update this disclosure form as follows:

- If information changes, within five (5) days of change, or prior to county action, whichever is sooner
- 30 days prior to the optional renewal of any contract
- Annual disclosure for multi-year contracts on the anniversary of said contract
- With any request for change order except those issued by the county for administrative adjustments

### The full text for the county's ethics and procurement policies and ordinances are available at:

[http://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/county\\_board/ethics\\_at\\_the\\_county/](http://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/county_board/ethics_at_the_county/)

### I hereby acknowledge that I have received, have read, and understand these requirements.

Authorized Signature   
Printed Name Anthony T. Patton  
Title Director, Bulk Operations, US Government Sales  
Date 5-9-2024

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Sign each sheet and number each page. Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (total number of pages)

## REFERENCES

All bidders must provide three (3) projects of a similar nature as being performed in the immediate past five (5) years with the name, address and telephone number of the contact person having knowledge of the project or three (3) references (name, address, and telephone number) with knowledge of the integrity and business practices of the contractor.

PROJECT	Not required per addendum
FIRM	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT	
TELEPHONE	

PROJECT	
FIRM	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT	
TELEPHONE	

PROJECT	
FIRM	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT	
TELEPHONE	

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

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

**Before you begin.** For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>1</b> Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)	
	<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above. Morton Salt, Inc.	
	<b>3a</b> Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____ <b>Note:</b> Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) _____	<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____  (Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)
	<b>3b</b> If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions. <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions. 444 West Lake Street, Suite 2900	Requester's name and address (optional)
<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code Chicago, IL 60606		
<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (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 generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

<b>Social security number</b>									
				-			-		
or									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
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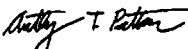
**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. 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
2. 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
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

**Sign Here** Signature of U.S. person 

Date **5/9/2024**

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

**What's New**

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they