LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PREQUALIFICATION FOR SPECIFIED PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS <u>PREOUALIFICATION APPEALS PROCESS</u>

[Contractors who are determined not to be prequalified may appeal the decision according to the District's Prequalification Appeals Process.]

<u>Appeal</u>

A Contractor may appeal the District's decision. If a Contractor decides to appeal the District's prequalification decision, it must follow the following procedure:

- 1. Contractor shall submit, in writing, within five (5) working days from District's determination, a request for a written response from the District to explain the District's determination.
- 2. Within five (5) working days from receipt of the District's written response to the Contractor's request, Contractor may submit, in writing, a request for a meeting with the District's staff. Contractor may submit with the request any and all information that it believes supports a finding that District's determination should be changed.
- 3. Within five (5) working days from receipt of the District's written response to the Contractor's submittal of information, Contractor may submit, in writing, a request for a meeting with the District's Assistant Superintendent or equivalent at which time Contractor may discuss information that it believes supports a finding that District's determination should be changed.
- 4. Within five (5) working days from receipt of the District's written response to the Contractor's request, Contractor may submit, in writing, a request that the District's finding be submitted to the District's Governing Board ("Board"), at which time the Contractor may address the Board pursuant to the Board's procedures for public inquiry.

5. FAILURE OF A CONTRACTOR TO TIMELY FOLLOW ALL APPEAL STEPS SHALL BE A WAIVER OF THE CONTRACTOR'S RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DISTRICT'S DECISION.

Public Records

Although the names of Contractors seeking prequalification may be public information, pursuant to, without limitation, Public Contract Code sections 20111.5(a) and 2011.6 (b), each Contractor's questionnaire and financial statements "shall not be public records and shall not be open to public inspection." However, the contents of Contractor's prequalification questionnaires and financial statements may be disclosed to third parties for purposes of clarification or investigation of material allegations <u>or in any appeal process</u>.